

# THE CENTURION SMOKEBOX



*"Providing smoking news and steaming interests to members and friends"*

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## CSME NEWSLETTER April 2018

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### Membership Fees 2018 are unchanged

**2018 SUBS R300 FOR ORDINARY MEMBERS R200 FOR SENIORS & STUDENTS**

Bank details for any payments to CSME.

For any payments please email details of payment to Ballot Marx at [csmetrains@gmail.com](mailto:csmetrains@gmail.com) or [ballotmarx@gmail.com](mailto:ballotmarx@gmail.com)

Bank Details are as follows:

Bank: First National

Branch: Centurion, code 26-15-50

Account Name: Centurion Society of Model Engineers

Account No: **62060752906**

Reference: Your Full Name/ subs 2018 (or what payment is for).

**Note the account number change in red**

### Official correspondence and newsletter

If you are not receiving mail from the CSME you should contact the secretary or editor to update your details.

Those members without email can collect a copy of the newsletter from the clubhouse on track day.

### Next Club Meetings

**Next running day will be Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2018.**

**Next committee meeting will be at the clubhouse on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April 12.30**

**SA-CNC Meeting Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

## Forthcoming events to diarise

East London have their Agricultural Show from the 27th April. We will be running flat out for the 5 days. If you have any members who are interested to join us, they are welcome. Our track is 224 metres and we have all 3 gauges.

Sat **26<sup>th</sup> May** visit to Daan Du Plessis. **Note the date change**

## March Track Day.

March Track day was fairly busy, and what was forecast to be cool and possibly wet turned out to be a pleasant day. Our committee meeting was held in the morning as the Saturday was a visit to Hannes Paling and his workshop.

## Visit to Hannes Paling and his workshop.

Roko Popich arranged for members to visit Hannes on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> March. We left Pretoria in the rain and arrived in Witbank in warmer dry weather. On arrival Hannes had arranged snacks coffee and tea for us so we started off with the refreshments and a natter session. We moved over to his workshop/factory to see the machines and locomotives and extensive layout of HO & G gauges. Hannes and his son Jan had programmed the machine on the right of picture 3 to produce a brass quick coupler tap hose fitting as a demonstration for us to operate, so some of us operated the machine. Press the green button and a few minutes later out came the product, a brass quick coupler for water taps in the bin below, not quite finished as Jan de-burred and fitted the o-rings. The CNC members amongst us had discussions with Jan & Hannes and those not into CNC learnt quite a bit about the subject. Many thanks go to Hannes & Jan for hosting the visit.



## Track and grounds

On 23<sup>rd</sup> March we were struck again by a flood as high as the previous floods. The caretaker flat was again knee high in water and Louw and Antoinette were woken in the night by the water. We were extremely fortunate and grateful for the help of the local CPF, Many Thanks! See their fantastic efforts in their insert below.



It would appear that the 50 year flood line is now 4-6 year! Due to run off from development upstream caused by loss of open ground to soak up the much needed rain.

Our photographic records of floods go back to 2006/01/01 then 2010/12/16, 2011/01/17, and now 2018/03/23 does anyone have flood photos of other years, if so please let Jon shaw have copies for club records.



### **Monday and Saturday Gangs**

Monday and Saturday gang efforts were focused on cleaning up and repairing flood damage mainly of items left at floor level. All the locos and rolling stock had to be moved to the steaming bay to be cleaned and lubricated.





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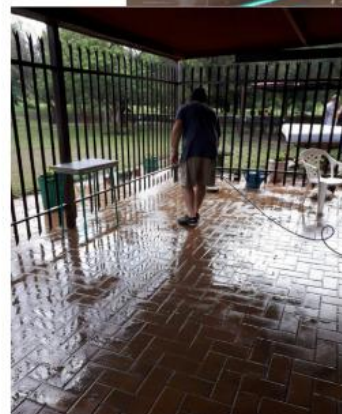
## GOOD NEWS

### Flood Rescue & Cleanup

During the recent flooding in Centurion, LS1, LS7 rescued elderly people from the Mini Trains in Kwikkie Crescent (Centurion Society Of Model Engineers).

And we went back the next day together with Mon Ami Trauma Troops to help with the clean-up and moving them to alternative accommodation.

Take a peek



Many thanks to the CPF and those who came with them to rescue and assist Louw and Antoinette and help us with the cleanup of the flat and workshop. It is very much appreciated by the committee and members.

Many thanks also to the members who turned out to help with the rest of the cleanup of the rolling stock and premises.

## Electric locos

While still waiting for the motors, work continued on the loco and battery framework.

## Pietermaritzburg model stationary engines

As one who attended the last session and enjoyed the progress and company, Please contact Leon [lkamffer@mweb.co.za](mailto:lkamffer@mweb.co.za) if you are interested to continue.

Jon Shaw has had some wood bases made for his engines by Christopher Pletschke, So if you want some as well email Jon for information and prices.

The club require a flat screen TV to replace the old CRT tv which is no longer working, and a flat screen monitor for the library computer so if you are disposing of either we can use them!!

## Secretary/librarian's titbit



Luckily the water did not get into the library.

In response to our request for hands to help sort out the library, we had one volunteer! The society spends thousands of Rand per year to subscribe to magazines but I have noticed over the last year that hardly anyone even enters the library! I have three or four regulars and that is it. Maybe we do not need a library (or librarian) – space is needed for a toilet for handicapped persons and the Council cannot provide this due to lack of funds. Perhaps this area should rather be used for that? What is your opinion?

Our birthday corner for April is completely empty.  
Imogene Groothuijzen

## Commercials

**Use this newsletter to advertise your for sale and wanted (wish list) items.**

**If the editor is not informed as to when to delete adverts, these will be removed at the editor's discretion**

**Wanted** Jon Shaw still needs a workshop manual for a 2005 Opel Corsa 1.7DTI Bakkie to either buy or loan for a few days. Haynes manual number 5577 is the nearest to my requirement unless you have genuine Opel documentation.

**For Sale** QTY 21 copper tube 17¼" long, o/d ½", i/d 7/16" (thick wall) what offers?  
[jonsamshaw@gmail.com](mailto:jonsamshaw@gmail.com) or phone 012 332 0814 cell 072 437 0710.



**Jim Somers** has a Myford super seven asking price R 25,000.00.

Contact him on 084 972 1512 or email [jim@emworks.co.za](mailto:jim@emworks.co.za)



Paul Fisher is selling these bearing spindles from old computers for R50 each . Very smooth spinning. He will have them with him at club days. Contact Paul on 073 367 9760 or [kingfisher.sa7@gmail.com](mailto:kingfisher.sa7@gmail.com)

### Now the fun bits

A young woman brought her fiancé home to meet her parents. After dinner, her mother told her father to find out about the young man. The father invited the fiancé to his study for a talk.

"So, what are your plans?" the father asked the young man.

"I am a biblical scholar," he replied.

"A biblical scholar, hmmm?" the father said. "Admirable, but what will you do to provide a nice house for my daughter to live in?"

"I will study," the young man replied, "and God will provide for us."

"And how will you buy her a beautiful engagement ring, such as she deserves?" asked the father.

"I will concentrate on my studies," the young man replied, "God will provide for us."

"And children?" asked the father. "How will you support children?"

"Don't worry, sir, God will provide," replied the fiancé.

The conversation proceeded like this...and each time the father questioned, the young idealist insisted that God would provide.

Later, the mother asked, "How did your talk go, honey?"

The father answered, "He has no job, he has no plans, and he thinks I'm God."

**Wife:** What are your plans for Easter?

**Husband:** Same as Jesus..

**Wife:**What do you mean ??

**Husband:** I will disappear on Friday and reappear on Monday!

**Wife:**"That's AWESOME, if you do that, I'll also do like Mary.

**Husband:** what do you mean?

**Wife:** show up pregnant untouched by my husband."

Husband stayed home all Easter



**New tourist ad: come  
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