



# THE CENTURION SMOKEBOX

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

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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 19<sup>th</sup> August 2018.

Next committee meeting will be at the clubhouse on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August 12.30

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!!

### Forthcoming events to diarise



## Model Engineering Fair

**22 – 24 September 2018**

Sat 22<sup>nd</sup> & Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> 09:00 to 16:00

Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Sept 09:00 to 13:00

Join the Centurion Society of Model Engineers for a fun  
day out with family and friends



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Model train rides

Exhibition of steam engines

Hobbies and crafts

Model boats

Picnic & braai facilities

Food and cool-drinks on sale

Entrance : R 10 per person (includes one free train ride)

Train rides : R 10 per person (over 2y)

This year's CSME September hobbies fair is on 22<sup>nd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>. We would be most grateful if you would display our poster and distribute flyers where possible. Printed copies and flyers are available from the club premises by arrangement with John O'Mahony.

**We need members** to approach local schools and other locations and request the staff to put up our adverts. The hobbies fair committee of CSME would appreciate involvement and assistance prior to and over the weekend by all members who can possibly assist and attend, especially members that we do not often see here.

For any members who can attend for the whole weekend and wish to stay on site, there will be limited Tent and caravan camping spaces available if booked prior to the event. You are welcome to arrive earlier and we are arranging for security personnel on Friday Saturday and Sunday nights. There will be food stalls available Saturday and Sunday. Showers will be available for both ladies and gents in the respective ablution facilities.

If you wish to have a display or stall or camping space Please book via [centuriontrains@gmail.com](mailto:centuriontrains@gmail.com) Stall holders are requested to bring their own chairs tables and gazebos etc.

Members are respectfully requested to register so that we have a record of attendees. (Registration is FREE). Steam locos are required to have a valid boiler certificate and all drivers should have a current driver's licence for the type of loco being driven. (I.e all drivers – not just those hauling passengers).

Members wishing to run their own locos over the weekend are advised to bring their own riding cars as we may not have spare trucks to loan out. All CSME wagons are primarily allocated to passenger hauling. As the outer track will most likely be busy, members are requested to use the inner track for their own pleasure and stress levels.

We require items for display like small engines, projects under construction or items of any hobby including Ladies hobbies. This is a hobbies fair not just a steam event. Any radio hams out there who would set up a working demo radio link?

We intend having a table for bits and pieces for sale by members. (There is an opportunity for a member to assist with a stint on that!)

**Those attending are requested to fill in the registration form sent under separate cover. All drivers must please wear a drivers tag.**

**National live steam meet** this year will be at **Secunda Live Steamers** on 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> October.





### July Track Day.

Considering Sunday was rather a cold day with a cold wind the attendance of public was reasonable and kept our usual drivers busy. Other locos seen in steam were two 5" Hunslets of Paul and Carel. We celebrated the 88<sup>th</sup> birthday of Nic Popich who is still going strong and is still building new locos. Passenger hauling was again with our stalwarts Leon, Alex, Rocco and Michael. Once again the Ladies provided a table laden with goodies, and those members who did not attend really missed out. **Thank you ladies once again.**

### Track and grounds

Plans are afoot to build new storage tunnels for our new electric locos & rolling stock above previous flood levels and adjacent to the compressor house, so you will see changes shortly as trees are removed (Replacements will be planted elsewhere) and earthworks started. Keiapple plants are doing well and we have some ready to plant out at the first rains

### **Monday and Saturday Gangs**

The Monday gang has been busy with ongoing electrical maintenance, new passenger control railings on the station, surveillance and alarm upgrades, wiring, making battery clamping frames for the electric locos, plant nursery maintenance, and other numerous odd jobs.

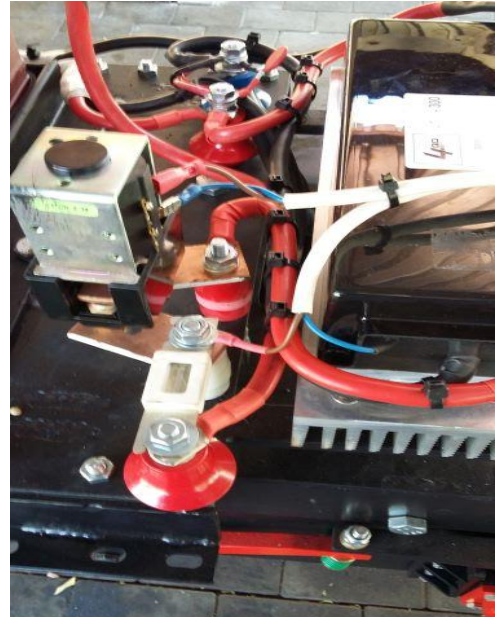
The Saturday gang again advanced the electric loco building with wiring and fitting of controllers and the wiring and fitting of motor suppression kits. the Monday gang continued with wiring the motors to the controllers, testing the direction of motor operation so that all motors operated in the same direction at the same time despite mounting orientation, fitting of rubber mats for the battery trays, fitting batteries and clamps, making the clamp bolts, and linking the batteries. Then we got to the stage where we could not resist firing up for a test run on the first loco to reach this stage! The other two locos should be at the same stage before the august track day.

The Monday gang have put up these barriers but the job is not finished and work is continuing.





## Electric locos



First one under own power!

Wiring nightmare!

## Secretary/librarian's titbit

**SEPTEMBER FAIR:** As usual we are appealing to our ladies to load the tables with delicious salads for our Braai evening on Saturday, 22 September 2018. In the same vein the cake table also needs sustenance for at least two days. In the past they have never failed us!



Elsewhere in the newsletter you will be requested to decide whether you would like to have a **braai pack** if you are attending the braai on Saturday evening. **Please let me know** as it is very difficult to guess how many to order – only to have too many over or too little to hand out.

We have had bumper crop of new members joining the CSME and we wish them all a very welcome and long association with us: Stephan du Preez, Willie Fourie, Ray Greyvenstein, Carel Janse van Rensburg, Derick Louw, Johan Maritz, Bruce Murray, and DAM Wessels.

In this month's birthday corner, we have Johan Maritz and Troy Bentley. Happy birthday and we hope to share many more with you!

**Imogene Groothuijzen**



Club Name Badges will be made available to members at a subsidized cost of R 20.00 per badge. Please refer to picture example. Members are requested to get their orders into the Secretary as soon as possible as the badges will be made in batches.

## More plans found in the library

1. Speedy: 5" gauge – drawing and manual
2. Wren: 7 1/4" gauge
3. Columbia: 3,5" gauge (Baldwin type)
4. Rainhill 3,5" gauge
5. Boxhill 3,5" gauge
6. Natal 3,5" gauge
7. Mastiff: 4 cylinder 4 stroke petrol engine
8. Mini traction engine: 1" : 12"
9. Mountaineer 3,5" gauge
10. Britannia 5" gauge
11. Milling attachment for milling valve gear curved links
12. Trolley for 5" locomotive

Miscellaneous SAR plans:

13. GMA/M garret plans 3" : 1'
14. 19D plans 1,5" : 1'
15. Burrell plans 4,5" : 1'

## Pietermaritzburg model stationary engines

There are still Pietermaritzburg kits available for sale both A and B models as well as twin cylinder conversion kits for both models. Kits at R311.55 conversion kits at R103.85

PMES have now designed a boiler kit for their engines approx R600 ( due to high cost of copper tube) contact Jon Shaw and if there is enough interest we can arrange to bring some here.

## 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**

**Still Wanted** Jon Shaw 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.

**Michael Eykelhof** has 4 passenger couches for sale in 5 " gauge R1000.00 each contact him Michael Eykelhof [michaelsteam321@gmail.com] or 076 376 2611





**Brian Simpson** of PE has 2 x SAR 25 cylinders and 2 x 19D cylinders both in 3 ½" gauge if anyone is possibly interested. Both cast iron. These castings look good. Any offers????? He can be contacted at 041 3656678 or 082 7104503 or Email [simlang@telkomsa.net](mailto:simlang@telkomsa.net)

**Ivan Wortley** [ivanwortley@gmail.com](mailto:ivanwortley@gmail.com) 076 564 7386 would like to own a live steam loco in the near future. Do you perhaps know of any locos for sale or someone that can help him build one?

### Now the fun bits



After 40 years of marriage..

A married couple in their early 60s are celebrating their 40th wedding anniversary in a quiet, romantic little restaurant.

Suddenly, a tiny yet beautiful fairy appeared on their table. She said, 'For being such an exemplary married couple and for being loving to each other for all this time, I will grant you each a wish.'

The wife answered, 'Oh, I want to travel around the world with my darling husband.'

The fairy waved her magic wand and - poof! - two tickets for the Queen Mary II appeared in her hands.

The husband thought for a moment:

'Well, this is all very romantic, but an opportunity like this will never come again. I'm sorry my love, but my wish is to have a wife 30 years younger than me.'

The wife, and the fairy, were deeply disappointed, but a wish is a wish.!

So the fairy waved her magic wand and poof!... The husband became 92 years old.

The moral of this story: Men who are ungrateful should remember fairies are female..