



THE CENTURION SMOKEBOX

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

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Membership Fees for 2019 were raised as per the 2018 AGM

2019 SUBS R400 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 or 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 2019 (or what payment is for).**

Note the account number change in red

Official correspondence and newsletter

If you read a hard copy and are not receiving email from the CSME you should contact the secretary Imogene Groothuijzen or editor Jon Shaw to update your details. Please ensure we are notified of any change of email address. 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 17th February 2019.

Next committee meeting will be at the clubhouse on Saturday 16th February 2019

THE CSME AGM will be held at 14h00 Sunday 17th February 2019 in the CSME clubhouse

Forthcoming events to diarise



INTERNATIONAL
Stars of Sandstone 2019

INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED
Interactive Heritage & Steam Festival
Steam Trains, Vintage Cars & Aircraft
and so much more!
Full details can be found at
www.starsofsandstone.com

Near Ficksburg: Eastern Free State SOUTH AFRICA
Fly in to S28 50' 36" E028 00' 18"

January Track day

January track day was well supported with Drivers as well as a reasonable amount of public bearing in mind the financial pressures of Christmas and New Year festivities. Steam was provided by the Garratt driven by Norman and Derick. Aleck with No 73, Michael with his SAR, and Roko with Tannie. The electrics were out but not used much as steam was coping with the passenger load.



Derick driving Garratt Worcester



Alex with #73 in service



Roko & Tannie



Geoff with Super Claude

Track and grounds

The area adjacent to the compressor house is progressing well, earth is still being removed.

The extended track has been temporarily closed for maybe 3 months as we have dug a much larger & lower culvert underneath the far end of the horseshoe adjacent to the existing culvert and the track is now suspended in mid-air supported by the generous use of reinforcement in the concrete.

The recent rain has eased the task of digging holes to plant the Keiapple bushes. This is progressing well and by the February track day the bushes should be planted around the track up to the far side of bridge number two apart from a couple of gaps to be completed when other works are finished. If the rain continues nicely plants put out should recover the shock easily and really start to move. We have a couple of dead trees to be cut down and replaced as well as others to be trimmed as Monday gang time permits. The council have no funds to cut grass so plants can easily be lost in the long Grass



Camouflaged Keiapples!



Earlier plantings progressing well

Monday and Saturday Gangs

The gangs have been working on electric loco wiring and fitting of accessories. The vaaljapie looks less and less each Monday as bits are disappearing for refurbishment. The Dynamo is undergoing overhaul.

2 inner tubes for the front wheels size 19" x 400 are still needed so if anyone has one or two that are still in a condition of holding air even if not new or even patched, we could use them.

The Monday gang have been doing repairs to the buildings amongst other things, due to lack of council funds again. The gutters on the station building have been removed as they have overflowed due to filling with leaves, and the overflow has rotted some of the roof timber and cover boards which are being replaced.

The Saturday gang have been and will continue putting finishing touches to the electric locos, but laser cut parts for DZ bogies arrived to be trimmed so new riding cars are being started.

Pietermaritzburg model stationary engines

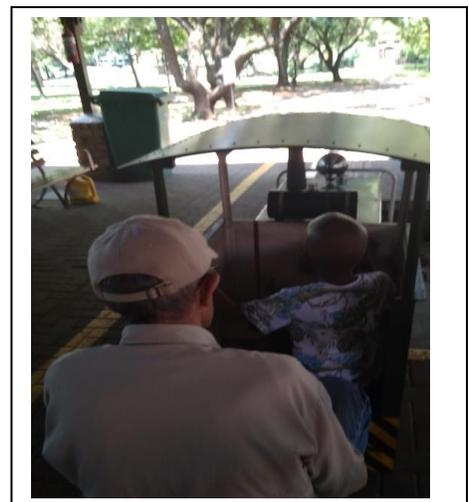
New stock of the PMB engines, & conversion kits, have arrived but new stocks of boilers were not yet ready for collection, so will be delivered later and announced in the newsletter. Prices are: B engines R330.00 each, 2 cylinder conversion kits both A & B R110.00, type 1 & 2 boilers now out of stock were R660.00 each. A new waiting list Has been started for those requiring Boiler kits. New stock of boilers will hopefully be delivered shortly. Prices will only be amended if our costs increase. Email jonsamshaw@gmail.com or john.o@telkomsa.net with your requirements and you will be given first refusal on new stocks.

Secretary/librarian's titbit

This month CSME hosted an outing to the club for the children, caregivers and some staff members of CHOC (Childhood Cancer Foundation). Alex did duty with Tim and some of the boys even had the opportunity to "drive" the train – quite an event! We hope to do this again later in the year.



We must also give thanks to Peter Kruger for donating some magazines to the library, amongst others *Live*



Steam, and *The Home Machinist*. This is something new for our members so please come and have a look.

In the birthday corner: Carl Rosenstrauch, Michael Kidson and Hannes Paling. Happy birthday and good modelling for this year.
Imogene Groothuijzen

Donation received

Thanks to Johan Maritz for his donation of books for the Library. Model engine builder mainly focusing on small IC engines, Elmer Verburg engines, work holding in the lathe.

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

Michael Eykelhof is looking for a 5" or 7¼" Mechanical lubricator 072 1074988

The two welders below are surplus to club requirements, so if you wish to make an offer on one or both please approach a committee member.



Welder only not including trolley



Welder with trolley and accessories



A wife got so mad at her husband she packed his bags and told him to get the hell out. As he walked to the door she yelled, "And I hope you die a long, slow, and very painful death." He turned around and said, "So, you want me to stay?"

A Senior's Version of FACEBOOK

For those of my generation who do not, and cannot, comprehend why Facebook exists: I am trying to make friends outside of Facebook while applying the same principles. Therefore, every day I walk down the street and tell passers-by what I have eaten, how I feel at the moment, what I have done the night before, what I will do later and with whom. I give them pictures of my family, my dog and of me gardening, taking things apart in the garage, watering the lawn, standing in front of landmarks, driving around town, having lunch, and doing what anybody and everybody does every day. I also listen to their conversations, give them "thumbs up" and tell them I "like" them. And it works just like Facebook. I already have 4 people following me: 2 police officers, a private investigator and a psychiatrist.