



# 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](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 2019 (or what payment is for).**

**Note the account number change in red**

### Official correspondence and newsletter

**The editor and committee wish all readers a happy and prosperous New Year.**

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 20<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

Next committee meeting will be at the clubhouse on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2019

## Forthcoming events to diarise

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



INTERNATIONAL  
*Stars of Sandstone 2019*

DATES: 4 to 14 April 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](http://www.starsofsandstone.com)

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

## The National meet

Will be held at Pietermaritzburg on the weekend of 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> August 2019.

## Thank you's

- 1) Thank you to Arnot Hepburn for the donation of a flat screen monitor for the library computer.
- 2) On behalf of the members of Centurion Model Boat Club, I would like to thank the committee and all members of the Centurion Society of Model Engineers for the extended invitation to participate in yesterday's year end event.

As co-sponsor for the catering, this note of appreciation extends to DR Daan du Plessis for providing the meal.

During the 2018 year, I have personally enjoyed the time spent with the Monday Gangers collectively for their mutual co-operation in the affairs of the Model Boat Club and their commitment in maintaining a sound relationship in the interests of both clubs.

The achievements of the above mentioned during 2018 under the leadership of Leon are commendable and trust that in 2019 we may all enjoy the recreational benefits that the CSME precinct provides.

We also take this opportunity to wish everyone the very best for Christmas and New Year.

Regards,  
Bill Williams

Commodore, Centurion Model Boat Club

## December Antics.

The December Christmas party was held on 15<sup>th</sup> December, and track day on 16<sup>th</sup> Dec. Both days were hot & sunny. On the 15<sup>th</sup> members and children had fun

driving various locos without Public. Track day was with steam by Alex on his #73 and Leon driving his Garratt. The new blue and the red electric locos were also on duty Driven mainly by Jon, Derek, Norman and James. We had a steady stream of visitors for rides with no queuing and trains being unloaded and loaded fairly quickly most of the day. Congratulations to James Leenders on being awarded his driving licence for the electric locos.

We had an extra running day on 23<sup>rd</sup> December which was hot and sunny with worthwhile attendance by the public and a good turnout of members to drive both steam and electric locos. Leon was given a rest from driving as Derick was running light with the Garratt to get used to it for future running! Steam passenger hauling was by our stalwarts, Alex with #73, Michael with the Feldbaan and Roko with Oompie (trying to wear out the whistle!) Hannes brought his excellent example of his E1, Norman and Jon were driving the CSME E1's. As usual a great thank you to the ladies who again provided a much appreciated and well spread cake and tea table on all our December running days.

### **Track and grounds**

The very stubborn tree stump has now been removed and the area adjacent to the compressor house is progressing well, a brick retaining wall of correct height has replaced the old stone wall and in front, the area for a concrete slab has been prepared. As the rains will beat the permanent electric loco storage and in case as previous years, we get floods, arrangements have been made to elevate one of the tunnel tracks above the expected flood line to house the 3 electric locos.

The recent rain had softened the ground along the tree line parallel to the long length of track descending from the horseshoe level to ease the task of digging holes to plant the Keiapple bushes. Later hot weather has hardened the ground again and wilted some of the planted saplings. Rain over the new year period should help with the plant growth and hole digging. Planting of the keiapples is slow, Mondays only, due to staff pressure. Some of the other bushes that looked almost dead have now perked up. 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.



Dare I say we now have a raised track!

## Monday and Saturday Gangs

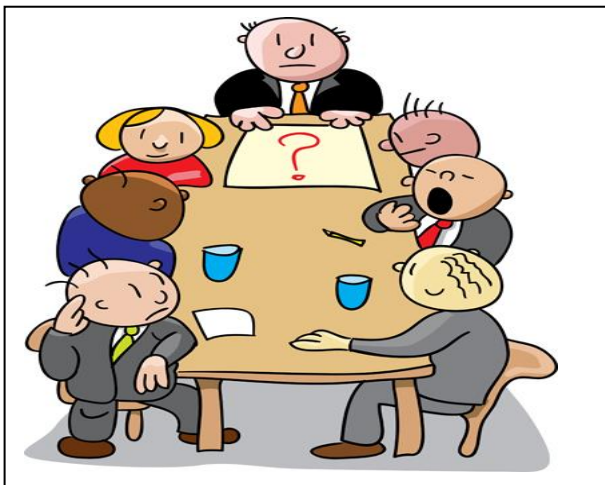
The gangs have been working on the afore mentioned temporary electric loco storage, continuing with electric loco wiring and fitting of accessories, and pruning of most of the trees on the premises. The trees have had the lower growth removed to encourage canopy growth and aid visibility across the site. The Blue electric loco is advancing rapidly and is in service although not totally complete yet. The vaaljapie looks less and less each Monday as bits are disappearing for refurbishment. Ballot seems to be enjoying the restoration.

*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 patched we could use them.*

The Saturday gang have been and will continue putting finishing touches to the electric locos – the finishing is always the longest bit!

## Secretary/librarian's titbit

I am starting early with a reminder to please attend the AGM. Every member of the club has the right and responsibility to elect a committee he feels would be the best. Any member may also be nominated to serve on the committee. Please give thought to this and attend the AGM.



Birthdays to be celebrated: Michael Eyckelhof and Pine Pienaar. Wishing you happy modelling for many years to come!

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**

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



NEVER LAUGH  
AT YOUR WIFE'S  
CHOICES.  
YOU ARE ONE  
OF THEM.... :)

***Be sure and cancel your credit cards before you die! This is so priceless and so easy to see happening - customer service, being what it is today!***

***A lady died last January, and ANZ bank billed her for February and March for their annual service charges on her credit card, and then added late fees and interest on the monthly charge The balance had been \$0.00, now is somewhere around \$60.00.***

***A family member placed a call to the ANZ Bank:***

**Family Member:**

***'I am calling to tell you that she died in January.'***

**ANZ:**

***'The account was never closed and the late fees and charges still apply.'***

**Family Member:**

***'Maybe, you should turn it over to collections.'***

**ANZ:**

***'Since it is two months past due, it already has been.'***

**Family Member:**

***'So, what will they do when they find out she is dead?'***

**ANZ:**

***'Either report her account to the frauds division or report her to the credit bureau, maybe both!'***

**Family Member:**

***'Do you think God will be mad at her?'***

**ANZ:**

***'Excuse me?'***

**Family Member:**

***'Did you just get what I was telling you . . . The part about her being dead?'***

**ANZ:**

***'Sir, you'll have to speak to my supervisor.'***

**Family Member:**

***'I'm calling to tell you, she died in January.'***

**ANZ:**

***'The account was never closed and the late fees and charges still apply.'***

**Family Member:**

***'You mean you want to collect from her estate?'***

**ANZ:**

***(Stammer) 'Are you her lawyer?'***

**Family Member:**

***'No, I'm her great nephew.'***

***(Lawyer info given)***

**ANZ:**

***'Could you fax us a certificate of death?'***

**Family Member:**

***'Sure.'***

***( fax number is given )***

***After they get the fax:***

**ANZ:**

***'Our system just isn't set up for death. I don't know what more I can do to help.'***

**Family Member:**

***'Well, if you figure it out, great! If not, you could just keep billing her. I don't think she will care..'***

**ANZ:**

***'Well, the late fees and charges do still apply.'***

**Family Member:**

**'Would you like her new billing address?'**

**ANZ:**

**'That might help.'**

**Family Member:**

**'Rookwood Memorial Cemetery, 1249 Centenary Rd, Sydney.'**

