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Official correspondence and newsletter

If you read this and are not receiving mail from the CSME you should contact the secretary or editor 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 on request from the clubhouse on track day.

Future Planning

The following dates have been reserved specifically for member days at the track site. These are public holiday weekends. Please diarise these and attend as we do not plan to open to the public (except the Sundays), just members, family, and guests, **so please support us to make the reservations worthwhile. August 6th to 9th inclusive, September 24th & 25th.** Aug 6th & 8th will be an opportunity for children to drive if accompanied by a licenced member. members wishing to camp on site August 6th to 9th arrange with Swannie if you also wish to camp.

Next Club Meetings

This month the 16th & 17th of July will be the member's weekend. Members are welcome any other time by arrangement with Swannie 064 520 8572. The gates are operational for members by cellphone, members contact Norman Reyneke to be added to the gate motor list.

Chairman's Chatter

It has been an exciting month for the club, we planted quite a few poles for our raised track, and we started finally to raise the caretakers flat. A lot of preparation was done, like relocating the main power cable and removing the carport roof. This is all possible due to the good support from the public, hard work from our regular drivers to keep the passengers happy, and our Tuesday gang that keep the locos and rolling stock in shape. We can fund these critical activities, but more important we have a group of active members and drivers.

We also had good support during our camping weekend, despite the cold weather. Quite a few members braved the weather and camped for the weekend. We need to arrange more of these. We also saw quite a few new drivers getting the hang of it during the members only days.

Our younger supporters favorite loco Trompie picked up some issues and the hydraulic drive needed some attention. We cannot disappoint them and had to replace the hydraulic drive.

Raised track progress

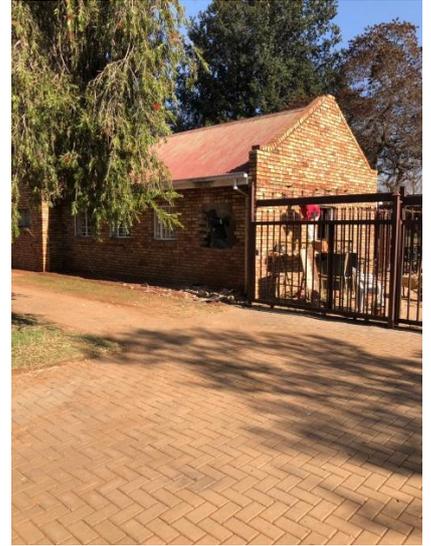


Tuesday and Saturday Gangs

The repairing of the flood damaged caretakers flat is in progress. The storage containers interior lights have been installed and new shelving added to allow for storage of items being removed from the workshop.

Progress on the raised track can be seen from the above photos, with the supports manufactured on Tuesdays being planted and concreted in. The above photo left shows ground being removed ready for supports and the right photo shows how many of the supports have been planted already. Progress is speeding up so the support posts will not be that long before they are ready for the track support bed.

Tree trimming and clearing around the keiapple bushes and planting of new keiapples and trees have dropped on the priority list.



Photos of flood damage repairs

Who is doing what?
Leon's progress with bagnall Teresa



stainless steel water tank for Teresa



drilling for washout plugs



Tube plate welded nicely



nameplate for lizzie's sister loco

Funnies

Patient: Doctor, I accidentally swallowed a bunch of Scrabble tiles!

Doctor: Your next visit to the bathroom could spell disaster!!!

Doctor: You have Tom Jones syndrome.

Patient: Is it rare?

Doctor: It's not unusual...

Puns about the body are corny.

But puns about the eyes are even cornea.

pearls of wisdom

Foreign aid might be defined as a transfer of money from poor people in rich countries to rich people in poor countries.

Douglas Casey, Classmate of Bill Clinton at Georgetown University

Giving money and power to government is like giving whiskey and car keys to teenage boys.

P.J. O'Rourke, Civil Libertarian

Government is the great fiction, through which everybody endeavours to live at the expense of everybody else.

Frederic Bastiat, French economist(1801-1850)

I don't make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts.

Will Rogers