



THE CENTURION SMOKEBOX

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

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Official Correspondence & 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 and cell phone number. Those members without email can collect a copy of the newsletter on request from the clubhouse on track day. The news letters are also distributed via the official CSME Whatsapp group.

Next Club Meetings

The committee meeting is on **Friday**, 16 June 2023, with Friday also a public running day, and club track day on 18 June 2023.

Members are welcome any other time by arrangement with Swannie 064 520 8572. The gates are operational by cell phone for members. Members, please contact Norman Reyneke to be added to the gate motor list.

Chairman's Chatter

Another busy and enjoyable month with steam out every Sunday by our regular steam aficionados. In spite of the cooler weather, we had good public attendance every Sunday.

We have another long weekend of steaming, and as usual we reserved the Saturday for members activities. We are still open Saturday for members and guests only but will visit the workshop of Prof Rudy du Preez from 12:00.

We have quite a few members getting hands dirty working on the club loco Wren, diesel rebuild and blower. We also did some repairs to a piece of track at the steaming bay crossing. Work never stops as we also busy installing a gas geyser for the kitchen.

The raised track makes good progress at the pace of 2 to 4 poles a week. We did most of the excavations except the cutting next to the downhill track to the tunnel. One of these days we are going to hit the final spike!

We definitely have a lot of club projects that quite a few members work on. The work list never stops, all members are welcome to come and join the Tuesday and Saturday gang, come and share in the buzz, pick up a few extra skills, and leave your mark.

Secretary's Bit

Those members who have still not renewed their Subs for 2023. Will be receiving personal reminders shortly.

A lot of unclaimed name badges are with me. Please collect same on your next visit.

Our birthday members for June are **Pierre Jacobson, Hudson Taylor, Alex Groothuijzen, Jon Shaw, Geoff Timmins and André Janse van Rensburg**. We wish them all the best and many more.

From the Editor

Thank you very much for all the contributions for this edition of THE CENTURION SMOKEBOX.

Please support the first of a number of Open House / Workshop visits as per details details on following pages. Thank you very much to Roko who drives this great club activity!

I trust the following pages cover the major activities at the CSME, mostly behind the scenes, but vital as required maintenance and general improvements projects to ensure we operate in a world class facility.

I have received several requests for information regarding certain models, like drawing availability and construction details. Please continue to send any requests and I will try to get hold of the correct and relevant information. Very interesting models and projects have emerged.

If you have any tools, parts or projects for sale, please share and we will do our best to get parts used and projects revived.

Please continue to send any contributions and/or suggestions to Carel at 076 7749 221 by whatsapp or mail to kgtnmodelbouery@gmail.com.

CSME Member Open House / Workshop

The first of a number of planned CSME Member Open House / Workshop visits has been confirmed:

Member:
Prof Rudy du Preez
Date: Saturday, 17 June 2023
Time: 12h00

Constantia Park, Pretoria

(Address detail to be forwarded at attendance confirmation)

Promised to be very interesting. Prof Rudy is the founder and chairman of the SA-CNC-Club and a civil engineer. He started more than 30 years ago to acquire and rebuild quality Swiss and German metal working machinery. His interest branched off into the computer control and automation of machines.

Bring your meat and drinks, plate, cutlery and chair.

Fires will be provided for the braai at 13H30.

Invitation also for CNC club members.

Please confirm your attendance to:
Roko 078 4012 927 or Carel 076 774 9221
before 14 June 2023.

CSME Club Tradition



A special thank you to Imogene Groothuizen and all involved every club day creating a very welcoming atmosphere around the CSME club house at Meerpark Station. The cake table is always a wonderful site and great treat for drivers as well as visiting members. Keep up the good work, and let's keep the tradition going.

Who is doing what?



Little Morris Spaan was so disappointed that his loco would not be working for his 4th birthday (4 Jun) that John OM offered to take a look. After throwing out the suspected faulty speed controller and rewiring the entire system, load tests were carried out on CSME track on Sunday (28th May). Apart from one incident where John fell off the back (luckily no photos) all appeared to be in good shape for his upcoming birthday the following week. Picture shows level of concentration required to drive electric and the precarious passenger seating.

Who is doing what?



TERESA, the CSME club loco's firebox grate / cover / door by Leon Kamffer. Interesting to see the design improvement from TERESA's sister engine, LIZZIE on the left, to the tried and tested design above, and fitted below left.

Draincocks below right.



Who is doing what?



When you ask a model engineer to make an exhaust weather flap! Alex Groothuijzen in action, and take note, this was done by hand filing and saw.



The diesel rebuild, ROSIE back from the paint shop. Great job by the painters, Andre and Janene in the back ground.

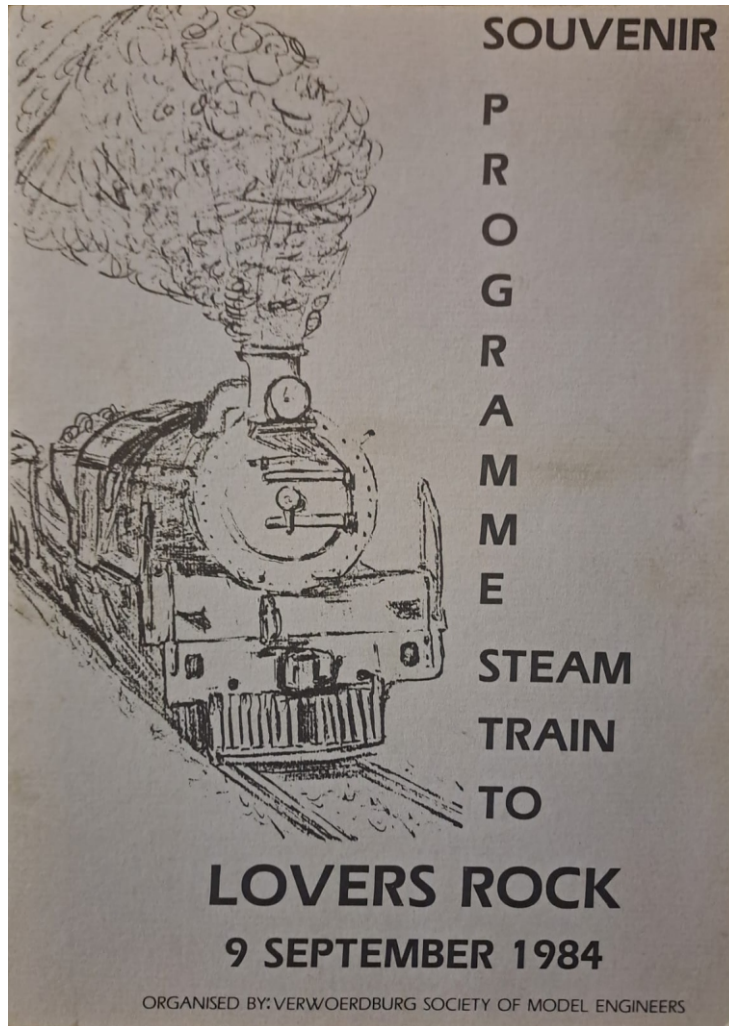


Some civil work done and in progress. Fixing a dip in a 3 gauge track is not as simple and straight forward as one would think, but job very well done.

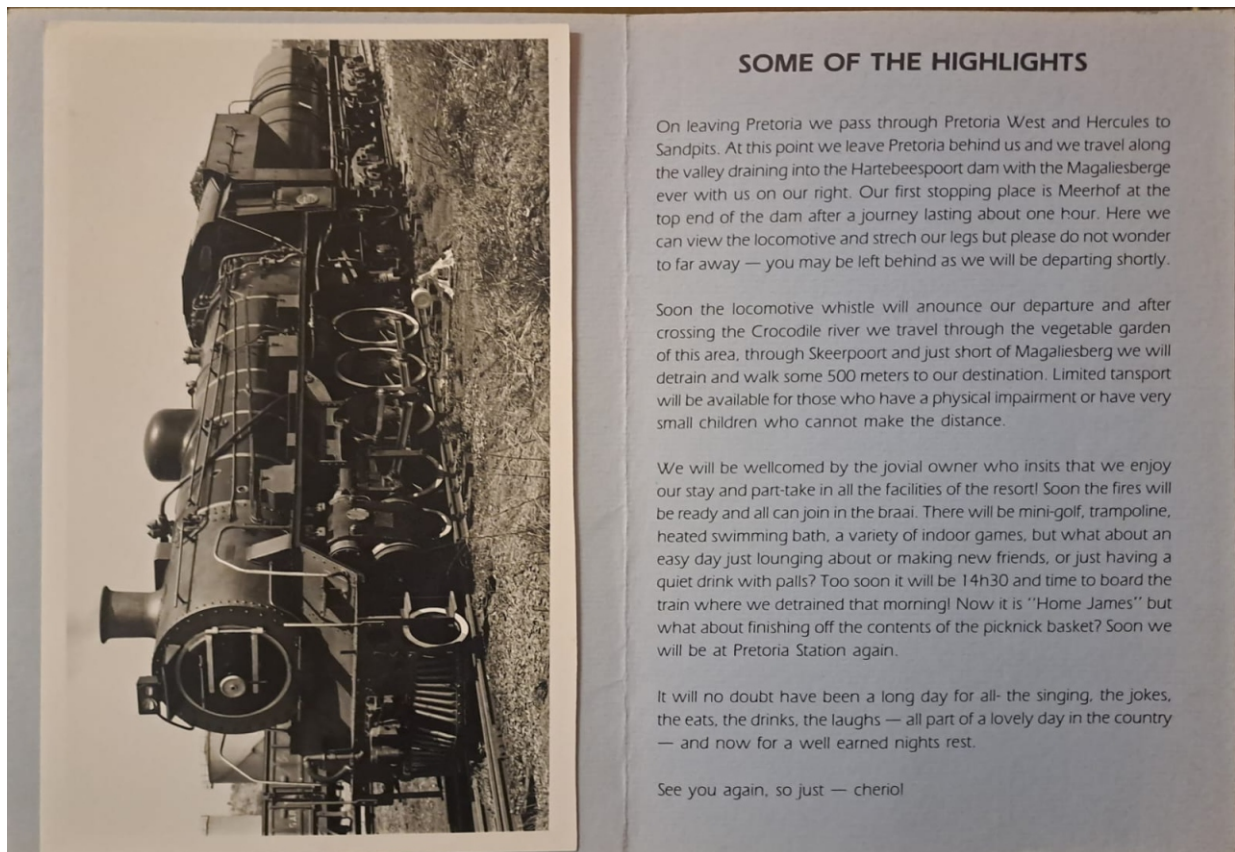
The coal bunker in progress, allows for bulk coal purchase and delivery by tipper truck.



CSME Memories and History



On a recent visit to Brian Hartland, I was given this program dating 1984 for a club activity organised by the Verwoerdburg Society of Model Engineers.



Real Funnies



When you build big locos, you need a big supply of fuel. At first glance we were convinced Johnny Sharpe brought his own coal to fire-up the LADY SHAY.



On a recent trip to Bratislava, Neil Webb sent us this picture of a free ranging train, as opposed to free ranging chickens.



Current CSME Builder of the Year giving model engineering tips to the bystander in the steam bay!



Dirk Boshoff setting the dress code standard for drivers. Very neat!