



THE CENTURION SMOKEBOX

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

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2024 SUBS: R500 FOR ORDINARY MEMBERS R250 FOR SENIOR MEMBERS AND STUDENTS

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 Saturday, 15 June 2024, and club track day on Sunday, 16 June 2024, plus extra running day on 17 June 2024

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 month of regular running, even a cold day or two could not keep the passengers and drivers away.

Quite a few occasions our members made use of our premises to share their passion with others. Neil invited a large group of Scouts, they definitely enjoyed the outing. Just needed some welding repairs to points to keep them going.

Also a happy 80th birthday to Alex that used the opportunity to play trains with family and friends as well.

We are making progress on the raised track, with a section done weekly by the Tuesday gang. The tunnel roof is nearly complete and we move soil as labour allows. We plan again to work this coming Saturday club weekend on it.

The Tuesday gang converted the last driving car with the balancing bar arrangement. Good feedback received from the drivers after the conversion. We are planning to do a test conversion on one of the DZ type passenger cars as well.

We also did a bit of improvements to some track sections at the rerouted track where we had a few derailments of empty cars.

We have our club weekend with the extra public day on Monday, please join us for a long weekend of fun.

Leon

Secretary's Bit

Some members Subs for 2024 remain unpaid: Full members (Employed) R500.00, Retired and Junior Members: R250.00.



All Drivers are reminded, that the safety signs and colour light/semaphore signals around the track are not there for decorations. Our primary goal is the safety of our riding public and all safety signs, especially signals must be obeyed at all times. This will make the whole experience much safer and avoid unnecessary derailments or accidents.

Our June birthdays: We wish a Happy birthday to Pierre Jacobson, Hudson Taylor, John Shaw (far away in Wales), André Janse van Rensburg and a very special wish to Alex Groothuizen who turns 80 this month.

Norman

From the Editor

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

We have one **REPORT BACK FROM TRAVELLING MEMBERS** with me visiting Wonder Steam Trains in Pta West. Well worth a visit to get up and close to the 1:1 monsters!

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

If any one knows of a supplier or service an individual or business is supplying to be of interest to our hobby, please share with the community.

Contributions to the **SELL / SWOP / WANTED** is what assist to keep the hobby alive, and might just convince a potential new model engineer to get going!

Carel

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CSME 32-45mm Group
Centurion Mini Truckers



Model Engineering Fair 21 & 22 September 2024

Hobbies Crafts Food

Entrance: R30 per person 9:00 - 16:00

(includes one free ride on the mini trains per entrance ticket, R15 per additional ride)

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It is time to prepare for our yearly Model Engineering Fair.

This year, Heritage Day falls on the Tuesday, which makes it theoretically not a long weekend. We set out the activities for the various days over the period as follows:

Saturday, 21 September 2024 - Model Engineering Fair Day 1

Sunday, 22 September 2024 - Model Engineering Fair Day 2

Monday, 23 September 2024 - Members Only Day

Tuesday, 24 September 2024 - Heritage Day - "Normal Open Day to the Public"

We call on all members to plan their participation to make this year's ME Fair a successful and memorable event as per CSME tradition.

We also invite members of other model engineering societies to join us over this period. Camping is available and free for these members.

Campers are more than welcome to make it a long weekend as per normal CSME camp practice. Please give us an indication of your intent to camp in order to coordinate the areas and give every one opportunity to enjoy our excellent facility.

Any suggestions or proposals for activities, exhibitions and showcasing what we do, or other hobbies/clubs and crafts participation can be discussed with any of the committee members and/or directly with Carel Janse van Rensburg, 076 7749 221, the coordinator of the ME Fair 2024.

Special Club Member News

We wish Alex Groothuijzen a very happy 80th birthday this month. A regular driver on club Sundays and holidays with his weird and wonderful builds on the inner track.

The official club welder, as part of the Tuesday gang, as well as the Saturday gang. And Honorary Life Member of the CSME.



Report Back from Travelling Members

A short trip by the author to Wonder Steam Trains in Hermanstad for their recent first test run. A real gem so close to CSME. We wish them well for their upcoming commercial trips.



Report Back from Travelling Members

A model engineer's dream to have access in our region to various SAR/SAS engines and rolling stock, bogies and parts on display. Ensure your phone/camera is charged and memory cleaned when visiting their depo!



Who's doing what?

Leon working on his X20 water tanker, milling the frames to size from square tubing cut in half, plus the coupler parts:



Who's doing what?

Steve Headlands' latest build recently had its maiden run at RSME. Stunning build Steve!



Who's doing what?

G gauge is sometimes referred to as the scale where model railroading meets model engineering. Inspired by Johnny Sharpe and Leon Kamffer's work, the author and fellow G gauge builder, Lourens Sturgeon is migrating to a full metal chassis on this Cape Gauge 1, 1:24 guards van, #realtrainsaremadefrommetal:

