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Membership Fees 2017

2017 SUBS

R300 FOR ORDINARY MEMBERS
R200 FOR SENIORS & STUDENTS

Bank details for any payments to CSME.
For any payments please email details of payment to Mike at csmetrains@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 2017.

Note the account number change in red

Members are reminded that to obtain a CSME boiler certificate, the builder must consult our boiler inspector prior to commencing any work. This is to ensure the envisaged boiler is of an acceptable design and to ensure the boiler is built to current regulations and to plan the interim stages at which inspection is required. Our inspector is Leon Kamffer.
CSME have now adopted the Pietermaritzburg boiler code which will be published on the member's page of the website. **ALL members are requested to ensure that CSME have copies of the boiler certificates for all their locos.** Copies can be scanned and sent by email to jonsamshaw@gmail.com or imogenegroothuizen@gmail.com or alternatively, bring your certificate to either Jon Shaw or Imogene Groothuizen on club day to be copied or scanned. We then have a record should there be any insurance or Health & safety queries.

AGM have fixed the fees at the same level until end of 2018
Subs are now due for review at 2018 AGM for 2019.

According to our constitution those in arrears of subs for 2017 as at 1st May 2017 have automatically and voluntarily terminated their membership, and should contact the committee if they require being re-instated.

If you are intending to drive a loco on our track you must either have subs paid up to date as at the time of driving, or be a bona fide paid up member of another model engineering society to be covered by our public liability insurance.

Official correspondence and newsletter

If you are not receiving mail from the CSME you should contact the secretary or editor to update your details.
Those members without email can collect a copy of the newsletter from the clubhouse on track day.

Next Club Meetings

Saturday 18th March @ 14.30 at the clubhouse

Next running day will be Sunday 19th March 2017.

Next Committee meeting will be . Friday 17th March 6.30pm at 794 De Beer street Wonderboom south

Important Notices

1. **CHANGE OF CSME EMAIL ADDRESS.** NEW ADDRESS: csmetrains@gmail.com
2. **Subs for 2017 are now due**

The following items are for sale at the kiosk

- 1 Steam cylinder oil Engen Gencyl 460 available in 2L @ R120, 1L, 500mL and 250mL sizes are while stocks last. Smaller quantity prices Pro rata. Pack sizes will not be replaced until entire stock is sold.
- 2 CSME coffee mugs, hats, and also 2016 national badges both cloth and metal.
- 3 Charcoal in 5Kg bags and firelighters.

Centurion Society Track Standards.

Please note the Centurion track standards have been published on the member page of our website.

Thanks

Our thanks go to the retiring committee members Rudy Du Preez and Eddie Lloyd for their services over the past year. Thanks also to David Shaw for going to the rescue of passengers waiting on the train without a loco and driver and quickly bringing the diesel into service.

February Track Day

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting of the Centurion Society of Model Engineers held at the CSME clubhouse on 19 February 2017 at 14h00.

1. The Chairman Rudy du Preez opened the AGM by welcoming all who were present.
2. The following apologies were noted:
 - a. Albert Venter
 - b. Daan du Plessis
 - c. Hannes Paling
3. An attendance register was circulated. 21 members were in attendance, the list is attached to these minutes.
4. Edward read the minutes of the 2016 AGM, they were accepted as a true reflection of the proceedings of that meeting.
5. Rudy read his 2016 Chairman's report.
6. Mike Venter read his 2016 Treasurer's report.
7. Rudy thanked Mike for his report and conservative financial management.
8. Annual subscriptions are to remain unchanged and remain an insignificant contributor to club finances.
9. Honorary Life Membership was proposed for four members of the club and presented at the AGM for approval, there was unanimity. The members on whom Honorary Life Membership is conferred are:
 - a. Leon Kamffer
 - b. Ballot Marx
 - c. Roko Popich
 - d. Imogene Groothuijzen
10. Affiliation agreements with the Centurion Model Yacht Club and Centurion Model Boat Club were concluded.
11. Lourens and Celeste Erasmus gave notice that it was their intention to stop catering at open days.
12. The following members were elected to the 2017 committee:
 - a. Chairman: Leon Kamffer
 - b. Vice chairman: John O' Mahony
 - c. Treasurer: Mike Venter
 - d. Secretary: Imogene Groothuijzen
 - e. Additional members: Ballot Marx, Jon Shaw and Roko Popich who is welcomed back onto the committee.
13. Nick Popich asked the newly elected committee what their plan is with respect to the proposed raised track. When previously tabled, this track had a 75% vote of support. Bill Williams asked what revenue such a capital project would earn for the club. Nick asked if revenue earning was the main consideration in all decisions. Leon said that he was broadly in favour of such a capital project but that

a proper decision could only be made once design, location, and cost estimates have been completed, these could proceed whilst club finances are recovering.

14. Alex Groothuijzen expressed concern for the safety of ladies in the kiosk as it will be apparent to anybody with criminal intent that potentially large sums of cash might be accumulating in the tills. David Gough suggested a panic button.
15. Rudy thanked all those present and adjourned the AGM at 15h05.

Edward Lloyd
Secretary: Centurion Society of Model Engineers

Unfortunately the chairman's report was not to hand at the time of publication.

We had good weather and both the CSME & CMBC turned out to entertain the public. The public attendance was better than the previous Sundays in the month which have been poorly attended

We had 4 engines running, Leon's Garratt, Roko with "Tannie" as usual, and The Du Preez brothers double heading a long train with their two German narrow Gauge "veltbaan" locos. The AGM was conducted with decorum (parliament take note). Changes to the committee are as above in the minutes. Our web developer Kevin Kennard and his wife Linda visited the venue to take some new high quality photos & video for our website. It is up and running but also is work in progress for a while so if any members can suggest improvements or provide new material to be included please contact Jon or David Shaw whose contact details are at the head of the newsletter.

A NEW LOOK TO OUR SATURDAYS OF THE TRACK DAY WEEKENDS

Saturday Club Days – Watch this space

The committee decided to reserve the club premises on the Saturday afternoon preceding the 3rd Sunday Club day. We stopped all party bookings for the afternoons so we have the club premises from around 12:30 on these Saturdays available for club activities without any public present. Some Sundays are very busy, and do not leave a lot of opportunity to spend time and to interact on the engineering aspects of the hobby.

The CNC club also plans to have club meetings on these Saturday afternoons.

The plan is to arrange activities where members can interact purely with each other, learning and sharing topics that are relevant to model Engineering. When the CNC club have a Saturday meeting, CSME club members can also attend their activities if they are interested.

The idea is to have specific topics on these Saturdays. The format is a typical show and tell, giving members an opportunity to share and learn from other members. Plans so far are some workshop visits, project show and tell, and external presentations on topics of interest. Please discuss your needs and ideas with any committee member.

This Saturday Nick Popich will share some interesting facts of his life in model engineering, his experiences as a fitter from 1945 and show some of the parts for his latest project, an American switcher.

This Saturday 18th March we will only start from 14h30.

This will be followed at 16h00 with a braai – Bring your own meat and drinks.

See you Saturday.

LOOKING FORWARD INTO 2017 FORTHCOMING EVENTS

The 2017 National

2017 National Steam Meet – WESTERN PROVINCE LIVE STEAMERS - CAPE TOWN

We are pleased to confirm that the 2017 Steam Meet will be held from

Friday, 24 March 2017 to Sunday, 26 March 2017.

For the gathering that will be held at WPLS site in Bertie Granade Street, Parow (behind Ajax Soccer Field) we will accept locomotives et al from early on Friday morning and those who wish to leave on Monday morning 27/03/2017 will be permitted to stay one extra night on site.

Details of accommodation available - be it hire of caravans and/or camping facilities on our site, (as well as nearby B&B places) will be issued on our entry forms to be sent to all clubs in January 2017. This will also detail booking arrangements, programme of events and on site food/beverages/meals available, etc.

In order to enable us to hire caravans and organise on site food, etc. entry Forms must be returned to us as soon as possible but no later than 18 February 2017.

Ian Dorrat, Chairman WPLS

The CSME will be holding an event again over the 2017 September 23rd 24th 25th weekend. Watch this space for camping weekends in 2017. You do not have to wait for an official weekend you can camp at any time by arrangement with our caretaker.

Next Stars of Sandstone will take place from 30th March to 9th April 2017.

Have a look at http://www.ameng.com.au/model_engineering_downloads.htm for some interesting ME topics. Not a magazine, but an interesting American site to peruse. www.discoverlivesteam.com/forsale/index.html

Monday Gang

6th Feb. Some members were looking at the top Diamond crossing which has proved to be a hazard and mulling over ideas of changing the track layout to remove it. Work was continued on assembling the trailer from a donated set of parts, which has entailed some frustrating fitting work and improvisation. A start was also made on dismantling the awkward and unused set of steps adjacent to the coal bins. 3 shrubs were planted across the space at the top.

13th Feb. Work continued on the steps and trailer whilst measuring was done to see how we could change the track layout to remove the top diamond. The Monday gang and some of the other 3 gangs had a braai with some of the meat obtained with the voucher presented to "the 4 gangs" at the Christmas party.

20th Feb. Due to rain a few minor odd jobs were done out of the rain.

27th Feb. Work continued on removal of the steps and transporting the rubble and soil to the trackside adjacent to the upper diamond crossing to build up the width of the embankment.

Saturday Gang

The Saturday gang did their stint again on the 18th February and corrected two more imperfections in the new track. As concrete breakers were onsite another attack was made on the steps. More members of the "4 gangs" had a braai with the remainder of the meat. The next workday is 18th March, start at 9AM. Leon is scheduled for steam party duty but other members will be busy working, and at lunch time we will have a wors roll lunch and natter so if you want to join us we will find a job for you. Don't forget to bring your wors, roll & coke.

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

Jon Shaw is looking for a workshop manual for a 2005 Opel Corsa 1.7DTI Bakkie to either buy or loan for a few days. Haynes manual number 5577 is the nearest to my requirement unless you have genuine Opel documentation. He also has **Haynes manuals for sale** for Mazda 626, MX6, Ford probe (# 61042), VW Passat, Dasher & diesel versions 1973-82 (# OWM 843), **Genuine** Toyota Corolla manuals for *Chassis and body* AE80.82, CE80 series April 83, *Engine* 2A, 3A, 3A-C, 4A 4A-C, & 4A-GE Aug 1983. & Toyota manuals for the Cressida Engine body and electrical systems.

Email jonsamshaw@gmail.com or phone 0123320814 cell 0724370710 and make an offer.

Ian Dewsbury is interested in the hobby and is contemplating constructing a loco, so he needs some means with which to proceed, so if you have a lathe for sale such as a Myford ML7 or similar in reasonable condition contact him at dewsburyian@gmail.com , alternatively if you can offer advice on which would be good Chinese lathes please contact him.

For Sale a set of Reeves bronze castings, frames, copper boiler material, some boiler fittings and misc bits for a 3½" narrow gauge 0-4-0 "Conway" a typical Welsh slate railway engine. Because this engine is a 2' NG it is more the size of a 5" SG loco. Drawings and write up on this loco from Model Engineer is also available. Contact Jon Shaw jonsamshaw@gmail.com reasonable offers considered. To buy this lot from Reeves will cost around £1500 today! Make an offer.