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CSME NEWSLETTER March 2018

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Membership Fees 2018 are unchanged

2018 SUBS R300 FOR ORDINARY MEMBERS

R200 FOR SENIORS & STUDENTS

AGM have fixed the fees at the same level until end of 2018 for 2019.

Subs are now due for review at 2018 AGM

Bank details for any payments to CSME.

For any payments please email details of payment to Ballot Marx at csmetrains@gmail.com or 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 2018 (or what payment is for).**

Note the account number change in red

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

Next running day will be Sunday 18th March 2018.

Next committee meeting will be at the clubhouse on Sunday 18th March 12.30

OBITUARY

The editor, committee and members of our club wish to offer our sincere condolences to Rudy Du Preez and family on the sad loss of his Mother.

Forthcoming events to diarise

- 1) Sat. 17th March visit to Hannes Paling leaving CSME at 10h00 sharp.
Bring your own food and drinks plates, knives, and forks etc. for a braai afterwards, fires will be provided by Hannes.
- 2) Sat 19th May visit to Daan Du Plessis.

SA-CNC Meeting THURSDAY 15th March 2018

February Track Day.

February Track day was well attended, and what a pleasure 3 steam locos running. The stalwart Garratt with Leon driving, Henk's German loco driven by Michael and Hannes Paling's UVE2 driven by himself and Gideon. Also doing a great hauling job Alex and diesel "Tim" Pine Pienaar also brought his diesel for a run.

The AGM went smoothly with amendments to the constitution discussed, amended and approved. Roko stood down from committee due to commitments- many thanks Roko- and was replaced by Bill Williams –welcome Bill- other committee members were re-elected.

The engines and drivers for the day



Chairman's Report – Leon Kamffer 2018

On the administration side the club started a drive to consolidate all records under the auspices of Jon Shaw and the secretary, Imogene. This included historic minutes, membership info, driver's licenses, boiler certificates and every other piece of historic and current information. Thanks to Jon and Imogene for taking on this mammoth task. It is so important that every aspect of the club's business is conducted properly as we have access to a prime piece of property and interact heavily with large groups of the public. Imogene also manages the email address and party booking via email. We are a tax entity and have legal liabilities.

Mike, our treasurer for years, got a well-deserved rest when Ballot stepped in to take over as treasurer. It is one of the key positions in the club that is critical for smooth operation and continuity. We also obtained Sage One accounting to ease the bookkeeping. The club is not in the income tax bracket, and due to the erroneous requirements for NPO registration it was not pursued further.

We completed the track extension, although we do want to rearrange the crossing at the loop. Both the Saturday and Monday gangs fixed areas of track identified as substandard. Various members came and assisted.

Abland came with proposals to develop the greater park. The committee do have their concerns regarding Abland's intent, but it may be the vehicle to obtain long term tenure. Their proposals did not take our activities into consideration, after engagement they still want to encroach on our area as we have access to services and ablutions. We need to continuously engage and be aware of the larger agendas out there and may have to participate in one or other way. We are currently paying a yearly fee to the council but with no formal long term lease. Our primary goal is and must always be to maintain full control over our park, and secure long term tenure.

During this year we also introduced a Saturday club activity where the premises are available for members' use. Public Sundays tend to be busier and busier, and require more members to be actively involved in running the public hauling. A few Saturdays were well used by a few members, and it is hoped that this can grow more into the day when members interact without public present and pursue actively other interesting aspects of the hobby. The CNC club also had some activities during these times. We need to encourage more events and encourage members to propose, organize and participate in visits, workshop days and other model engineering activities.

During the year Jon has continued to diligently issue our newsletter. It is an important aspect to share info and keep our members informed. We ask for and look forward to more contributions from our members.

The club website got a makeover thanks to David Shaw. Keeping up with modern trends a number of party bookings happen via the website and email.

The September weekend was hard work, well planned by the subcommittee under the leadership of John O'Mahony, assisted by Ballot, Jon, Norman, Bill and Imogene. They delivered a well-organized and well attended event with every model locomotive gauge presented. It is definitely an event that we need to continue with and will definitely take the feedback into account and improve.

The Monday and Saturday gangs continued with their valued contributions, doing general repairs, service locomotives and rolling stock. If we look at the work list they will never retire. It is also an area where members are encouraged to come forward and become regular participants. One of our club's oldest locos was given a rebuild and new engine. Barry was upgraded with a complete new frame. Trompie received a new hydraulic gearbox and change in gear ratio. The club also started building electric locos with generous assistance and contributions from members.

The interaction and support from the affiliated clubs is much appreciated and continued during the year. Thanks to both the boat clubs for their continued support, and also drawing the public.

We also allowed two food stalls to operate on club Sundays after Lourens indicated last year that they wanted a rest from preparing food. These are well supported by the public and members alike.

The year-end function on the 16th of December was well attended and is also an opportunity for the members to interact without public present. It is a yearly event that we need to continue in the future. Thanks to Roko and our sponsors that arranged a few prizes and thank you gifts.

The club's income continued to support its activities. It is an important aspect to manage and control as the club has a large property and infrastructure that needs to be secured and maintained. The club is slowly spending more on security. At this stage we still get assistance from the council to maintain and do grass cutting. It is always a debate if the club is not too commercial, but it is the part of our activities that fund our enjoyment of our lovely premises. We sold 31 671 tickets and hosted 108 parties. Surplus funds were invested in track upgrades, locomotive repairs and tools for property maintenance. The club has some surplus funds at this stage and is in a position to start investigating and initiating projects, like additional locomotives, rolling stock, loco storage and a raised track.

It was with great sadness we had to deal with the sickness of our caretaker Louw late last year. Many members came forward during these difficult times to assist. Our appreciation goes to all who assisted with the running of the club affairs and helped Louw and Antoinette during his operation and recovery.

Thanks:

Committee members for their contribution. Each person brings a different perspective and fills a much needed gap. It is hard work to run the affairs of the club, we appreciate it. Special thanks to Imogene for the effort to get the clubs affairs in order.

Louw and Antoinette for their efforts, from maintaining the premises, running the parties and Sundays. We get many favourable comments on the way they look after our premises.

The City council for entrusting us with this great property to enjoy what we love and assisting with the upkeep.

Ladies in the ticket office and kitchen, they again excelled in the way they man the kiosk and keep us nourished with tea and cake.

Every club member for being part of this great club. A special thanks to those members that do a lot in the background, machining and donating parts for locos and maintenance, helping on non-club Sundays, and also those that assisted while Louw was sick.

Lastly to the public for their support and rewarding us with their enjoyment.
Let's continue to build and improve our club to the enjoyment of our members and public alike.

Martin Roediger has summited Mount Kilimanjaro.

Pietermaritzburg model stationary engines

As one who attended the last session and enjoyed the progress and company, the editor is awaiting news of the next session. Please contact Leon lkamffer@mweb.co.za if you are interested to continue.

Jon Shaw is having some wood bases made for his engines by Christopher Pletschke, So if you want some as well email Jon for information and prices.

Track and grounds

The track and grounds are much better for the recent rain but the grass had not been cut by the council before our track day. An urgent item on the forthcoming Monday Gang agenda is the re-arrangement of the outer track extension to eliminate the diamond crossing before the horseshoe. Production of Kei-Apple plants is going well with twenty-four delivered at each visit to the track. The plants delivered last year 200 or so, should be large enough to plant out soon, and this year's delivery for planting next year is expected to be around 500, more if all goes well.

There are more seedlings than potting medium and nursery bags on hand!

Our thanks go to Christine a long suffering nursery assistant.



Hundreds of Kei apple seedlings



Kei- apple plants to be planted out when large enough.

Monday and Saturday Gangs

Electric locos

While waiting for the motors we are working on the bodywork. On the Saturday work party we separated all the stainless steel body trim parts and other bodywork items, some of which are cleaned and awaiting paint. Some larger body parts will be bent and rolled by Roko.



Secretary/librarian's titbit

Our library needs some sorting out. If anyone has the time (and inclination!) to assist, please let me know. It does not necessarily have to be on club Sundays.

In our birthday corner for February are Deon Zeelie, Martin Roediger and John O'Mahony. As usual – happy birthday and lots of success with current/old/new projects!

Imogene Groothuijzen

Malcolm Bailie.(sequel to last month)

Geoff went down to George the weekend of 10/12 Feb and they ran Virginia "New York" on Monday 12 Jan. "New York" fired wonderfully and they ran her for about an hour and a half at the Strawberry Farm. She was a little stiff as all new trains are and needs to be worked in to free her up. They both had a wonderful time. New York will now need to go through her once over, tightening all the loose bolts and she should be ready to go for another run.



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Here is a photo and a video of her first moments on the track.

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

Urgent position wanted.

I am a qualified Fitter and Turner looking for work, and I am available for interviews.

I have a young family to support while my wife is on maternity leave, and I am a hard worker and learn quickly. I am willing to travel for work and would work overtime as needed by your company.

Please contact me: 084 011 0881 or renierpalmer@gmail.com

Kindest Regards, Renier Palmer

Wanted Jon Shaw still needs 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.

For Sale QTY 21 copper tube 17¼" long, o/d ½", i/d 7/16" (thick wall) what offers?
jonsamshaw@gmail.com or phone 0123320814 cell 0724370710.

Joe Magill was a member of the Knysna Society of Model Engineers and **Barbara Magill** has **FOR SALE:** his hobby contents.

The Myford complete with stand, is a ML7 and is with a 3 jaw chuck, a 4 jaw chuck, a face plate, a dog drive, Chuck keys and a set of gears. I am asking R18, 000 or nearest offer.

There is a Unimat3 with a large motor, does work but needs a belt, which I am going to get. What offers?

There is also a Unimat1, for beginners maybe? I was offered R2, 500 for it, but not bought yet, what offers? Slight repair needs doing to the wiring.

A Ryobi Router Table with accessories.R4, 000 also Mitre saw R1, 500.or nearest offer.

I have included a photo of the narrow gauge locomotive 5 inch (Talylynn) and includes stand plus booklet which I am told is worth R60, 000 so what offers?

Belt Sander with instruction book R4000 or nearest offer.

There are also two drill presses available

I have done what I can with the help of an engineer who told me what prices I should ask, but open to offers.



Jim Somers has a Myford super seven asking price R 25,000.00.

Contact him on 084 972 1512 or email
jim@emworks.co.za

Now the fun bits

Ol' Paddy

Paddy phones an ambulance because his mate's been hit by a car.
Paddy:" Get an ambulance here quick, he's bleeding from his nose and ears and I think both his legs are broken."

Operator: "What is your location sir?"

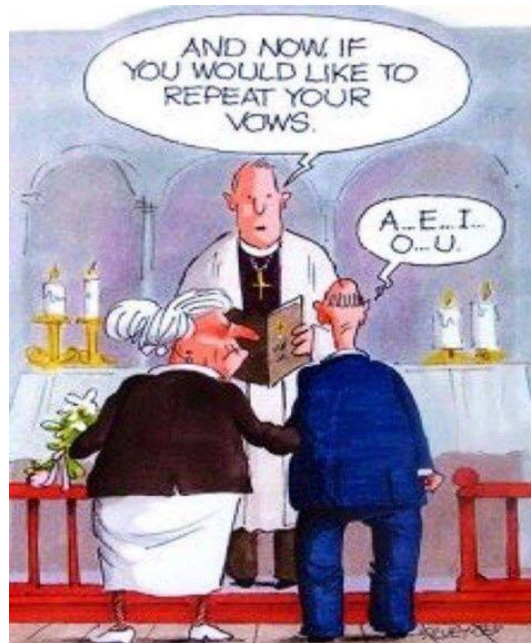
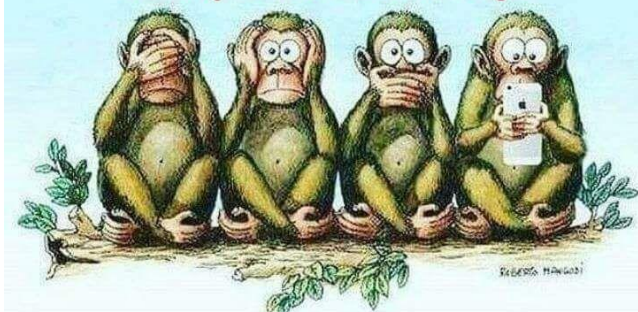
Paddy: "Outside number 28 Eucalyptus Street."

Operator: "How do you spell that sir?"

Silence... (Heavy breathing) and after a minute,
Operator: "Are you there sir?"
More heavy breathing and another minute later,
Operator: "Sir, can you hear me?"
This goes on for another few minutes until....
Operator: "Sir, please answer me. Can you still hear me?"
Paddy: "Yes, sorry bout dat... I couldn't spell eucalyptus,
so I just dragged him round to number 3 Oak Street."

The Whatsape

Finally the fourth ape! He is the
sum of the first three:
He sees nobody, hears nobody
and speaks to nobody.



**After about 2 hrs watching
the supermoon, I sobered
up and realised it was the
neighbour's satellite dish!**

