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Membership Fees 2018 are unchanged

2018 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 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.

Apology from the editor

The editor wishes to tender his sincere apologies for the omissions and mess up of the October issue of the newsletter. Although it is no excuse the errors and omissions are a result of late compilation due to personal issues. I also tender my heartfelt condolences & apologies to the family and friends of David Gough for the omission of his obituary.

David Gough

It is with great sadness that I have to announce the sudden passing of David who was a great personal friend and helped me on many occasions. David was one of the very regular attendees at the club taking on many tasks that others may have baulked at.

He was always there when there was work to be done and was responsible for the main installation and commissioning of the alarm system its radio linking for response and responding to the many callouts as a result of the alarms. He also spent many hours driving and hauling passengers. On club days he usually made sure braai fires were lit at lunchtime and busied himself with various errands and helping the public. He will be remembered for his willingness to help anyone and especially his service with the New York Fire department during the 9/11 disaster and later his service to the CPF in his local sector.

Next Club Meetings

Next running day will be Sunday 21th October 2018.

Next committee meeting will be at the clubhouse on Saturday 20th October 2018

The club require a flat screen TV to replace the old CRT TV which is no longer working, and a flat screen monitor for the library computer so if you are disposing of either we can use them!!

Forthcoming events to diarise

National live steam meet this year will be at **Secunda Live Steamers** on 27th & 28th October.

Secunda Steamers need to know if any of our members are going to the Nationals.

Pleeeeeease advise Secunda if you intend going, and if you know of someone else attending, please add to the list and notify,

email: leonora.lacante@gmail.com 073 207 3658

Face book - Secunda Steamers live steam

 <p>INTERNATIONAL <i>Stars of Sandstone</i> 2019 HERITAGE TRAIL</p>	<p>DATES: 4 to 14 April 2019 INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED Interactive Heritage & Steam Festival Steam Trains, Vintage Cars & Aircraft and so much more! Full details can be found at www.starsofsandstone.com Near Ficksburg: Eastern Free State SOUTH AFRICA Fly in to S28 50' 36" E028 00' 18"</p>
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SEPTEMBER FAIR:

Well the September Fair has come and gone. A big thank you from the editor to all involved who had even the smallest bit to do to make the event such a success. The response of the usual volunteers and their wives was very much appreciated to make it a special event for both

members and visitors. The displays put up by both CSME & CMBC were excellent. Thanks to Hannes Paling and others we have a good collection of Photos.

Thanks to David Shaw for doing his last driving stint prior to emigration to New Zealand. The two electric locos gave sterling service doing their bit with the several steam locos in service.



Part of the model boat display



Neville Thompson's Garrett



Leon Kamffer's latest project



Our electric loco doing it's bit

Report on 2018 September Fair – The Organising Committee.

The 2018 September Model Engineering Fair is now well behind us.

This event came hot on the heels of our normal 'club' day held the previous week. As a committee we have to admit to being a little concerned that the prospect of two fun-filled weekends in quick succession might prove a bit excessive. However, our fears were unfounded as the CSME members rallied to the occasion with more enthusiasm, more models to display and a healthy number of steam locomotives adding 'atmosphere' in the station.



The 'Ticket Office' opened promptly at about 9am on Saturday.

The two electrics very nearly missed out on the action. Thankfully the problems were resolved at the 11th hour and No 6 and No 8 literally pulled their weight over the weekend (and they are quite heavy). Thanks to Leon, Norman and the Saturday gang for hanging in there through some tense moments as the big day approached. The joy they brought can be seen written on the faces of drivers and public alike.



A primary focus of the Fair is to increase public awareness and appreciation for the service and facilities provided by CSME. To this end we can report that (as compared to last year) we managed to attract twice as many people, we gave twice as many rides and doubled the funds raised (R40k after expenses).

Most of people attending the event were either regulars or had heard of the event through word of mouth so we can reasonably expect the numbers to steadily rise as more people share with their friends and mark-up the famous 'September ME Fair' in their calendars as an annual event not to be missed.



As always, the Model Boat Club excelled with their exhibit of interesting models. These not only included detailed seaworthy sailing ships, battleships, tugs and submarines but extended to 'sinkables' like tanks, canon and even a volksie engine...seriously what were they sinking. Of course the new fountain deserves special mention even if some may have thought it to be a burst pipe... can you believe?



Meanwhile, Model Mania were having fun up and down the koppie behind the Boat Club. One wonders whether they could possibly be tasked to help with the new tunnels before the rains come.



The traditional Saturday night bonfire and braai came as a welcome relief after many days of hard work. And so too the time came to move the smoke from platforms 1&2 to platform 8, to sit back, relax, and to re-charge (or to blow-down depending on your preference).



Having spent the whole of Friday setting up their track and Saturday running trains the G-Scale guys also felt the need to sit back and enjoy the evening.



What is perhaps noteworthy is the fact that we managed to do all this with less complaints and more compliments from those who had enjoyed their day out. Our crowd control on the station is greatly improved by the barriers - and of course our 'no-nonsense' Station Masters. The queues for food may have gotten a bit long at times but weren't as bad as last year. We had planned to have a third food stall to take up some of the slack but that did not happen unfortunately.

Of course no track day would be complete without the occasional mishap to add to the excitement of the day. As always, our competent wrecking crew were ever close at hand to sort out these little niggles. (Nothing a koevoet and big hammer can't resolve)

The Organising Committee would like to thank all those who helped to make the weekend a success. The long list of contributors precludes individual mention here. We know that it does take effort but trust you would have felt it worthwhile and know that your contributions were appreciated.

Secretary/librarian's titbit

SEPTEMBER FAIR:

I am sure everyone by now knows that the Fair was a great success. Once again thank you, especially to our ladies for keeping the cake table stocked and for the salads for the braai.

My apologies for not having any new magazines available in the library. Due to the lack of service on the part of the Post Office, we are not receiving our Model Engineers and Model Engineering Workshops (despite having paid for them!). The committee has, however, decided to purchase these on a monthly basis and I am glad to say that I have a few new ones available.



We only have Bruce Murray in our birthday corner this month. Happy birthday and we hope to share many more with you!

Please come and check with me if you had ordered a club badge. Hope to have most of them by open day. The price is still R20 per badge.

September Track Day.

As the editor was unable to attend and no report has been received ---no comment!

Thank you ladies once again for providing the members tea table with various goodies.

Track and grounds

The 3 trees have now been removed from the area adjacent to the compressor house, The area is being excavated but very slowly and unfortunately, so the rains will beat the electric loco storage! As this is being written we are having good rain with +/- 100mm over the weekend in Waverley. Now excavations for the tunnels will be a mud plugging exercise.

With the rain the ground should be soft enough to start digging holes for the Kei-apple barrier! What will happen with the grass and the council problems with cutting who knows?

Last week looking around the track some of the bushes were looking half dead so by next week the rain should have coaxed so life into them.

Monday and Saturday Gangs

The Monday gang have been working on track and point maintenance after the Hobbies Fair. The two running electric locos are still being fitted with finishing touches, and the third should be fitted with body work soon now the pressure of the fair is off. The Ferguson tractor has had the engine running so it may be put into working condition. *2 inner tubes for the front wheels size 19" x 400 are still needed so if anyone has one or two that are still in a condition of holding air even if not new or patched we could use them.*

Pietermaritzburg model stationary engines

New stock of the PMB engines, conversion kits, and boilers have been ordered. Prices and availability will be published next month. We may get delivery for club day.

WWW at Pietermaritzburg

The annual event went off well and although the editor could not make it this year CSME & RSME were well represented. Thanks to Paul Fisher I have some photos.



Woodworkers guild

CSME held a stall at the guild but the review will be in the November issue as the report did not arrive on my email!

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

No Adverts this month so if you have any sales or wants let the editor have them.

