



THE CENTURION SMOKEBOX

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

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CSME NEWSLETTER September 2018

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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.

Next Club Meetings

Next running day will be Sunday 16th September 2018.

Next committee meeting will be at the clubhouse on Saturday 15th September 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



Model Engineering Fair

22 – 24 September 2018

Sat 22nd & Sun 23rd 09:00 to 16:00

Mon 24th Sept 09:00 to 13:00

Join the Centurion Society of Model Engineers for a fun day out with family and friends



Meerpark Station

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Model train rides

Exhibition of steam engines

Hobbies and crafts

Model boats

Picnic & braai facilities

Food and cool-drinks on sale

Entrance : R 10 per person (includes one free train ride)

Train rides : R 10 per person (over 2y)

SEPTEMBER FAIR:

"We are finalising arrangements for the Model Engineering Fair and we are really trying to make it a special event for both members and visitors. So, we again appeal to members to please bring items of interest for display. We plan to have an "Odds & Sods" table which Liz Popich has kindly agreed to manage. So, if you have any redundant small tools or even old books that would be of interest please let Imogene know so we know what we might expect.

We really hope to make this a memorable event - to the point it becomes a permanent feature in peoples calendars. Wouldn't it be great if we could get to a point where "Meerpark Station" becomes a household word and a landmark!. As opposed to the Meerpark? huh? what? where's that?

So far we expect, over and above our own displays, the G gauge guys again with their impressive layout, James Leenders with his O-gauge live steam, Stationary engines of all types, an Austin A7 cut-away engine (this is for you Peter), Farm engines, Model truck and crawlers, face painting, sand art, quilting, woodwork, CNC machines, 3D printersthe list goes on. Oh and food of course.

This event is as much an exercise to increase our visibility as it is a fundraiser. We appreciate all the help have been offered so far and encourage participation by all members.

John O'Mahony"

This year's CSME September hobbies fair is on 22nd – 24th. We would be most grateful if you would display our poster and distribute flyers where possible. Printed copies and flyers are available from the club premises by arrangement with John O'Mahony.

We need members to approach local schools and other locations and request the staff to put up our adverts. The hobbies fair committee of CSME would appreciate involvement and assistance prior to and over the weekend by all members who can possibly assist and attend, especially members that we do not often see here.

For any members who can attend for the whole weekend and wish to stay on site, there will be limited Tent and caravan camping spaces available if booked prior to the event. You are welcome to arrive earlier and we are arranging for security personnel on Friday Saturday and Sunday nights. There will be food stalls available Saturday and Sunday. Showers will be available for both ladies and gents in the respective ablution facilities.

If you wish to have a display or stall or camping space Please book via centuriontrains@gmail.com Stall holders are requested to bring their own chairs tables and gazebos etc.

Members are respectfully requested to register so that we have a record of attendees. (Registration is FREE). Steam locos are required to have a valid boiler certificate and all drivers should have a current driver's licence for the type of loco being driven. (I.e all drivers – not just those hauling passengers).

Members wishing to run their own locos over the weekend are advised to bring their own riding cars as we may not have spare trucks to loan out. All CSME wagons are primarily allocated to passenger hauling. As the outer track will most likely be busy, members are requested to use the inner track for their own pleasure and stress levels.

We require items for display like small engines, projects under construction or items of any hobby including Ladies hobbies. This is a hobbies fair not just a steam event. Any radio hams out there who would set up a working demo radio link?

We intend having a table for bits and pieces for sale by members. (There is an opportunity for a member to assist with a stint on that!)

Those attending are requested to fill in the registration form sent under separate cover. All drivers must please wear a drivers tag.

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

A banner for the 'Stars of Sandstone 2019' event. It features a collage of images including steam trains, vintage cars, and aircraft. The text 'Stars of Sandstone 2019' is written in a large, elegant script font. To the right of the banner, there is a text box with event details.

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"

August Track Day.

Sunday was rather a pleasant day with no cold wind this time, attendance of public was better than last month and the trains were kept busy. Apart from Leon Michael and Alex providing steam Hannes brought his E1 electric from Witbank and the yet to be finished CSME electric made its debut and was brought out for a test run but ended up hauling passengers. Hannes took pictures and these can be viewed at

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/alfav8/albums/72157700387741765>

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 watered to soften the ground ready for excavation which will start shortly. It is imperative that the new storage facilities are completed before the flood season so that the new electric locos can be stored above flood level. The rest of the grounds are now waiting for our first rains.

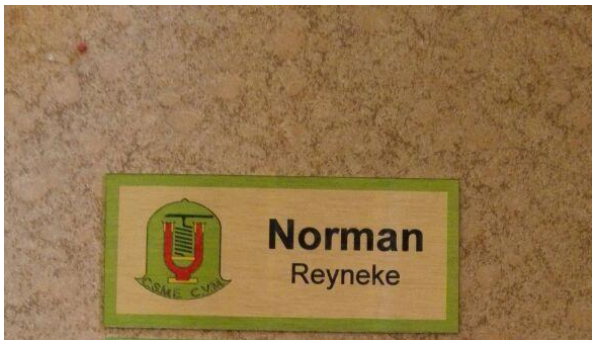
Monday and Saturday Gangs

Again the Monday gang has been continuing with ongoing electrical maintenance, more passenger control railings on the station, surveillance and alarm upgrades. Now the Monday gang are busy with preparations for the September hobbies fair. The Ferguson tractor has not yet undergone the investigation into whether it is restorable to running condition or not. *We still require 2 inner tubes for the front wheels size 19" x 400. if anyone has one two that are still in a condition of holding air even if not new or patched we could use them.*

Electric locos

The 3 electric locos have now reached the stage of moving under their own power, and the Saturday gang started fitting the bodywork on the red and green ones. The green one although being under test ended up passenger hauling on track day.





Club Name Badges will be made available to members at a subsidized cost of R 20.00 per badge. Please refer to picture example. Members are requested to get their orders into the Secretary as soon as possible as the badges will be made in batches.



The infrastructure and installation has been completed and we have a beautiful fountain.

This installation is all due to cooperation between donors, the Model Boat Club and CSME, most of the hard labour being done by the usual stalwarts of the Model Boat Club.

Secretary/librarian's titbit

SEPTEMBER FAIR:

Arrangements are progressing, but I would appreciate if you could let me know if anyone needs braaipacks for the Saturday evening braai. No takers so far!

Bumper crop of birthdays – September must be a good month: Norman Reyneke, DAM Wessels, Carel Janse v Rensburg and Ballot Marx. 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. Still R10 per badge.



Pietermaritzburg model stationary engines

The last 2 of the Pietermaritzburg kits both A and B models are still available for sale. All conversion kits have been sold. Both A&B kits are priced at R311.55 each. Any Kits remaining will be sold at the September fair. Thereafter pre-paid orders for any kits or conversion kits will be taken at the fair. Orders & pre-payment will be taken at registration.

PMES have now designed a boiler kit for their engines approx R650 (due to high cost of copper tube & Transport) orders and payment will be accepted at the September fair.

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

“Wanted: a small quality milling machine - John O'Mahony 082 809 3595”

Michael Eykelhof has 4 passenger couches for sale in 5 " gauge R1000.00 each contact him Michael Eykelhof [michaelsteam321@gmail.com] or 076 376 2611



Brian Simpson of PE has 2 x SAR 25 cylinders and 2 x 19D cylinders both in 3 ½" gauge if anyone is possibly interested. Both cast iron. These castings look good. Any offers?????? He can be contacted at 041 3656678 or 082 7104503 or Email simlang@telkomsa.net

Ivan Wortley ivanwortley@gmail.com 076 564 7386 would like to own a live steam loco in the near future. Do you perhaps know of any locos for sale or someone that can help him build one?

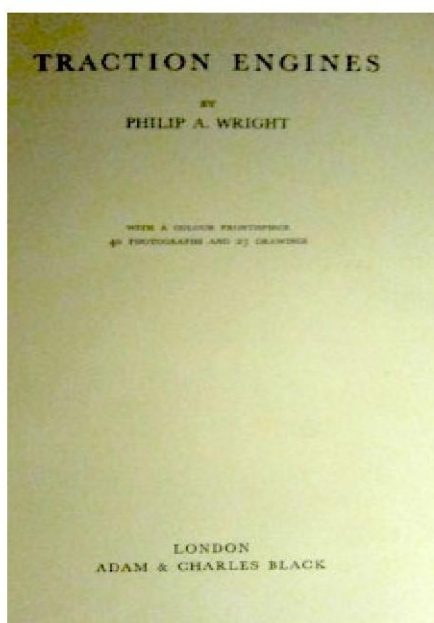
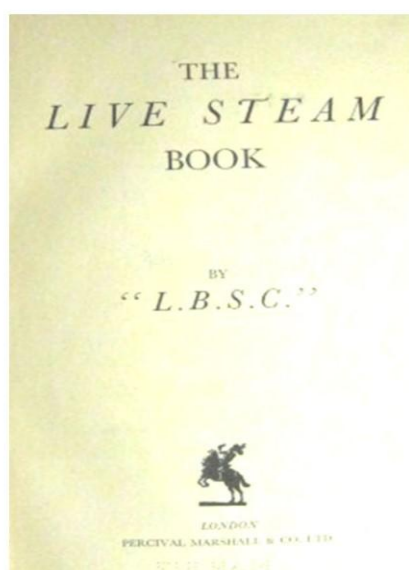
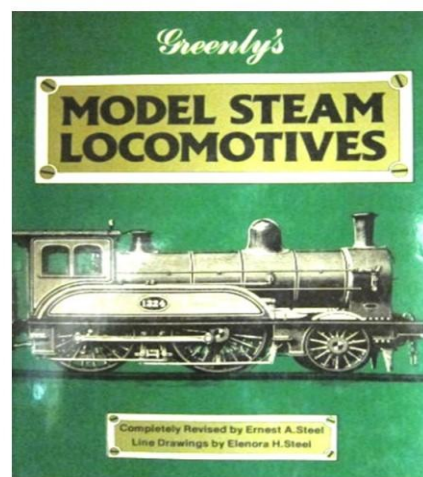
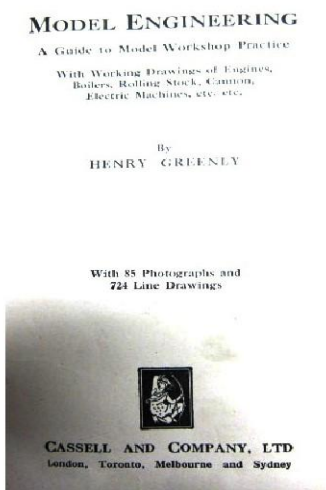
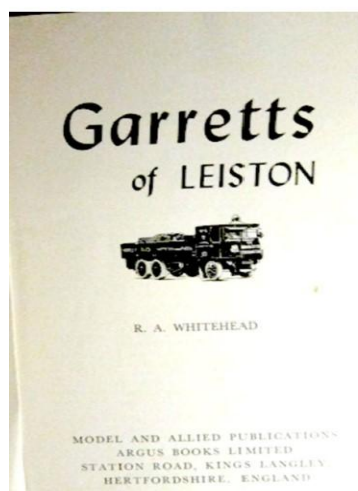
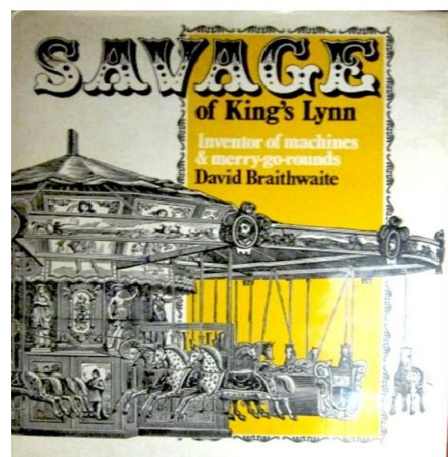
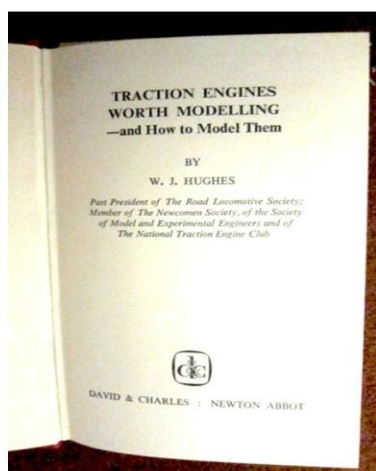
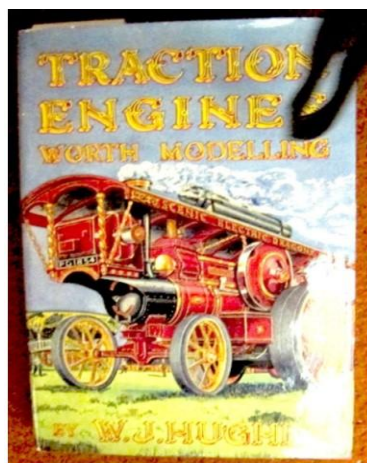
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Myford ML7 te koop - R 6,500.00

Carel Janse van
Rensburg carel@angohygiene.com 076
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Peter Matthews has the books shown above for sale. If you are interested contact him via email at peter@miniaturehouse.co.za



Now the fun bits

John Bradford, a Dublin University student, was on the side of the road hitch-hiking on a very dark night and in the midst of a big storm. The night was rolling on and no car went by. The storm was so strong he could hardly see a few feet ahead of him.

Suddenly, he saw a car slowly coming towards him and stopped. John, desperate for shelter and without thinking about it, got into the car and closed the door ... only to realise there was nobody behind the wheel and the engine wasn't running.

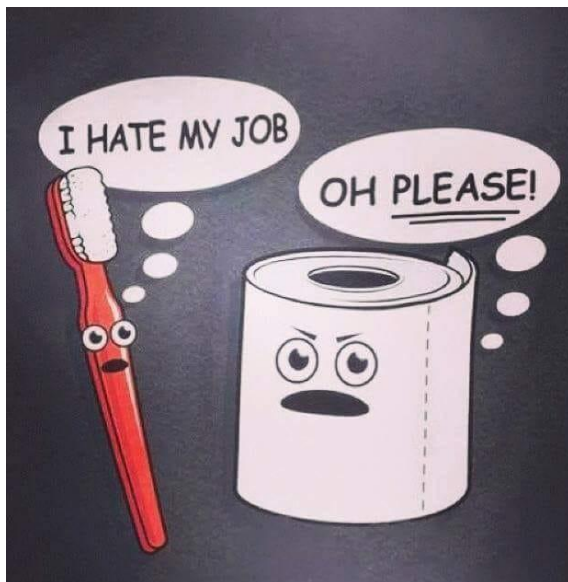
The car started moving slowly. John looked at the road ahead and saw a curve approaching. Scared, he started to pray, begging for his life. Then, just before the car hit the curve, a hand appeared out of nowhere through the window, and turned the wheel. John, paralysed with terror, watched as the hand came through the window, but never touched or harmed him.

Shortly thereafter, John saw the lights of a pub appear down the road, so, gathering strength, he jumped out of the car and ran to it... Wet and out of breath, he rushed inside and started telling everybody about the horrible experience he had just had.

A silence enveloped the pub when everybody realised he was crying ... and wasn't drunk.

Suddenly, the door opened, and two other people walked in from the dark and stormy night. They, like John, were also soaked and out of breath. Looking around, and seeing John Bradford sobbing at the bar, one said to the other..

'Look Paddy ... there's that idiot that got in the car while we were pushing it!'



A wife got so mad at her husband she packed his bags and told him to get the hell out. As he walked to the door she yelled, "And I hope you die a long, slow, and very painful death." He turned around and said, "So, you want me to stay?"

Charlie Chaplin told the audience a wonderful joke and all the people started laughing... Charlie repeated the same joke and only few people laughed..???? He again repeated the same joke but this time no one laughed...?????? Then he said these beautiful lines...

"when you cannot laugh on the same joke again and again...then why do you cry again and again on the same worry." So enjoy your every moment of life...!! Life is beautiful!

Today is Charlie Chaplin's 125th birthday - a good day to recollect his 3 heart touching statements:-

- (1) Nothing is permanent in this world, not even our troubles.
- (2) I like walking in the rain, because nobody can see my tears.
- (3) The most wasted day in life is the day in which we have not laughed.

☐Keep smiling and pass this message to everyone whom you would like to see smiling...☐☐

I just did...♥☐☐

