



THE CENTURION SMOKEBOX

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

Centurion Society of Model Engineers

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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, 16 September 2023, and club track day on 17 September 2023, with the Model Engineering Fair 2023 on 23, 24 and 25 September 2023.

Members are welcome any other time by arrangement with Swannie 061 586 3490. 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

Things are happening fast in the countdown to the September fair. Carel is spearheading quite a lot of improvements to the 45mm section. The Tuesday gang restored power to the boat club and truckers area as well.

Most Sundays were busy, good weather, steam out every weekend and good support from the public.

We are making stellar progress on the raised track, the steaming bay tracks were completed, and we tack welded and drilled all the pole caps. First concrete bases were delivered as well. We started with some of the stone walls as well.

We plan to have a members year end day on Saturday the 16th of December. We will ask to confirm attendance so we can plan the catering. Please confirm attendance when we send notice out.

Secretary's Bit

As September is here, it is once again time for our Annual Model Engineering Fair. This year the fair will run from 23 to 25 September 2023. An appeal is made to members to please make themselves available for driver duties, crowd control in the station and whatever else needs doing on the days. As convenor of the Fair, Carel Janse van Rensburg can be contacted to find out what else he needs assistance with during the course of the Fair. Please note that the Fair is open to the public on **all 3 days**.

From the Editor

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

Again, all the activities at the club and by club members, makes it easy to compile the news letter. Please send any activities you see, or are busy with on your computer/drawingboard in planning, workshop in machining and assembling, or testing at the club. We need contributions every month!

The **Model Engineering Fair** on 23, 24 and 25 September 2023 is here. Roko is coordinating the static displays on platform 6 and 8 with locomotives and builds, as well as the very popular static engines running on air. Please contact him at 078 401 2927 if you have items to contribute to the displays. Please forward any other participation ideas or detail to me, also other hobbies or interesting activities you might be able to share during the **ME FAIR 2023**!

The club selling/swop table is always interesting, so if you have anything, from books to tools, any material, parts, projects, to train memorabilia for sale, please arrange with me or just bring it along and we can get new homes for it, and money in your pocket!

Please continue to send any contributions and/or suggestions to Carel at 076 7749 221 by whatsapp or mail to kgtmodelbouery@gmail.com.

Farewell to the Shaws



The farewell of our most senior member, Jon Shaw and his wife Christine who will be relocating to the UK.

With family from New Zealand joining the afternoon unveiling of Jon's Oak. The little oak was grown from an acorn by Jon, and has a special place at the club.

Appropriately, the family was driven to Jon's Oak by Teresa under supervision of Neil Webb.



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**CSME 32-45mm Group
Centurion Mini Truckers**



Model Engineering Fair

**23, 24 & 25
September 2023**

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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CSME Raised Track



We are fortunate to have the services of Wireless Wilson Lebepe who knows the art of rock building! With various cuttings around the track, it makes for interesting landscaping of the CSME Raised Track

Various jobs in progress at the CSME RT:
Prep work in Leon's workshop.
Neil at work applying etch primer.
Cement slabs delivered.
The first 2,5 locomotive (any locomotive), a Black 5 of Neil, on the RT.



Who's doing what?



The station lights are all converted to LEDs. A great improvement in power saving as well as aesthetically with removal of the old cabling and fluorescent lamp covers.



The gas geyser installed in the clubhouse kitchen



Stationary kierries, also known as hand rails installed en-route to the solar system.

Not always that a toilet features in a ME Society's news letter. The one shower in the men's ablution converted to a toilet as we only had one men's toilet for visitors.



Who's doing what?



Francois and his 2 IC took on a momentous project of removing the various layers of paint and rust, and repainting the Roy Wocke bridge.

“Lukas se Laaiplek” coming along very nicely at the inner track. If your car hits the yellow pole, you parked too close to the loading ramp!



Who's doing what?

From L&P copper boiler locomotive works, boiler for Edward Lloyd's locomotive Aquilla 5 inch gauge, 8 inch copper boiler, 15mm tubes and 28 super heater flues 110psi working pressure, silver soldering at Roko's workshop.



CSME 32 - 45mm G Scale Track



The bridges from the 45mm station platform to the tunnel are being replaced with solid in-situ concrete castings. The project is aimed to simulate the Gautrain bridges at the Jean Avenue crossing, and to make them strong enough to withstand the might of the Hennops in flood! We are also installing 'permanent' aluminium track from the tunnel to the northern side up to the small bridge.

A small palisade fence was also erected around 1/3 of the track. This will eventually be extended to enclose to complete layout.

With a larger section of 'permanent' track, we should be able to operate the large layout on every club weekend.



Real Funnies



Michelangelo would have given his left ear to have access to this picture as inspiration for another ceiling painting; the tension, concentration, balance and gymnastic capability of the two surface treatment specialist, Leon and Neil can be felt in the air! (And no one ended up in the water!)



This bilingual sign sparked lot's of debate over morning coffee!