



Canterbury Tales

From the President's Desk

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Hello everyone.

The weather up to now has been great and the long-range forecast looks good. They say a long, hot summer is on its way and no doubt the fire ban will be next. We will apply for an exemption.

What's been happening? Show weekend this year was a little below par. I think the weather had a lot to do with it. Friday was cool, Saturday was cloudy and windy and for the night-run it was too cold! Sunday was overcast with a little rain in the morning but it improved in the afternoon. Overall the weekend was still enjoyable as we had time to talk and socialise, play trains and have some fun. Thanks to the visitors that turned up from Gore, Dunedin, Ashburton, Blenheim, and Nelson, who all had to catch up with the chat. It was good to see lots of steamers! Our thanks must go to the boat boys who entertained the public. And let's not forget the staff on the station, engine shed, ticket box and the points people, who sat there all alone. Well done! Thanks to Anneke and helpers for making the lunches for the weekend. And thanks to the loco drivers who took a turn at the wheel. The BBQ on Saturday evening went well with the cooks doing a great job feeding all. The parties are starting again and we are trying to arrange to have them on our Sunday run days. However, there are some outside our usual times and there will be a party list in this Bulletin.

The Wednesday teams are working well and getting through a lot of jobs. The incoming and outgoing signals are now working thanks to the team. That job has had its moments and once this is completed we are going to take a break and have a review. Many thanks to everyone who have worked so hard over the year, we have achieved so much to make our club so successful.

The F7, with its new livery and new driver's trolley, and the 10 year makeover, looks very smart indeed. Thanks to all those people who spent so much time on the job.

The Christmas general meeting went with a bang and everyone enjoyed the night. 60+ members enjoyed the BBQ tea with perfectly cooked sausages and patties by Ewan and Dave P. and the onlookers helping. Russell and Lois came with pavlovas in hand, which added a touch of class to the night! Everyone stayed for a bit and chatted, and the Wednesday workers enjoyed the left overs!

Welcome to two new members this month: Mark Holdaway and Brian Rollinson.

You will notice in the minutes that the subject of Loco storage was discussed. We need to be aware that our shed has a limited amount of room. Our ability to store locos will come to an end once the shed is full as there is only so much space available. Even our new trolley shed is nearly full and we thought this would have accommodated trolley storage for at least five years. It's great that we are growing but it's at a faster rate than expected and the CCC will not allow us to build more sheds. We are going to have to set up some sort of management plan for the future. **REMINDER ABOUT SECURITY:** Please check that all doors, bars and padlocks are locked, chargers are plugged in and lastly, set the alarms! It is a public park used by lots of people!

Finally I would like to thank everyone who has helped maintain our club in one way or another throughout the year. This commitment makes for a happy club!



We invite all Members and families and friends to the BYO New Year's day picnic, from 11am, to play trains and have some have fun. Look forward to seeing you there.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year for 2016.

John Howie



Meetings & Run Days

First Sunday of the Month
Gauge 1 (45mm) mainly
First Tuesday of the Month
General Meeting
Second Sunday of the Month
Boats mainly
Second Tuesday of the Month
Boat Meeting
Third Sunday of the Month
Raised-track mainly
Third Tuesday of the Month
Chat Night
Fourth Sunday of the Month
Traction Engines mainly
Fourth Tuesday of the Month
Committee Meeting



CSMEE Committee Meeting

Tuesday 24th November, 2015

Matters Arising

Russell commented on his reciprocal visit to the Model Aircraft Club. Mention was made of the demolition of Andrews Crescent site. Retrieval of the "wrought iron" gates remains uncertain. Time pressures have delayed the Saturday Working Bee.

Reports

Loco Foreman

Rob listed a number of 'votes of thanks' to those members whose efforts made Show Weekend such a successful event. These include Dave and team for track maintenance, the ladies who worked preparing lunches, Robin for his work in the sheds, and the team who delivered a refurbished F7 in "as new" condition.

A glitch is currently disrupting communication between the guard and driver of F7. An earlier malfunction regarding the kill-switch has been rectified. Drivers are reminded that hands must be on controls all times.

Commodore

Malcolm reported on the state of the annual weed problem. Spray treatment will be needed in coming weeks.

MEANZ

Rob reported that a WorksafeNZ Technical Leader, Mr Stuart Wright, will speak to the BGM at Tauranga giving his view on Duplex Boilers. He has requested that each club have a Boiler Inspector at the meeting. All members of the MEANZ Executive are willing to continue in the task but normal voting procedures will be followed.

Halswell GLT

John Hamilton reported: Cleaning up steaming bay is a priority before Christmas. A number of trolleys need 'tidy up' repairs. John's clarification to CCC seeking permission for the tunnels has been well received. Coal supplies are to be supplemented

by orders for 10 bags of beans and 5 bags of nuts.

There have been 3 new orders for trolley advertising and 2 renewals.

Membership

Stephen Jull's application has been posted.

Moved Malcolm/Peter "that Mark Holdaway and Brian Rollinson be accepted as full members immediately"

General Business

Signals

Robin explained his search for the ideal delay period for trains leaving the station (currently 22 sec.) John thanked Robin for work over recent months and suggested we take a break from signals installation once current work is complete.



Carried.

Librarian

Current magazines are on hand. Donated books: *Building the New Shay*, *Top Steam Railways of the World*, and *The Complete Book of Locomotives*. 4 new DVDs: *Steam on the Midland*, *Glenbrook Vintage Railway*, *Combat Strategies*, and *Power of the Garratts*. Our thanks to Wayne Anderson and Tony Cairns for the above.

Safety

It was suggested that it is time for a new Driver Education Session.

Archives

Russell distributed 5 copies (draft version) of the progress he has made thus far with the Club History. The success of this venture depends on members contributing anecdotes and recollections. Thank you to those who have already contributed.

Loco Storage

We are in need of a management policy re storage of locos and rolling stock. The situation is not yet critical but in the near future the sheds will be at full capacity. There was considerable discussion referring to frequency of use, and size, of train units but no conclusion reached.

Dates

Next Committee Meeting:	15 th Dec.
Last run day 2015:	20 th Dec.
First run day 2016:	17 th Jan.
First Committee Mtg 2016:	26 th Jan.
First General Mtg 2016:	2 nd Feb.
New Year's Day BYO Lunch :	1 st Jan., (11am start). All welcome.

FROM THE ENGINE SHED

F7 Rides Again!



I. to r: Dave Markham (seated), John Howie, Robin Macdonald, Alan Barlow, Peter Grounds, Trevor Gage, John Hamilton

After 10 years of working hard at Halswell, the F7 has had a major makeover. Motors and electrics have been refurbished and a new instrument panel fitted. Work has been done on the radiator, and the bogies have been completely overhauled.. A new driving trolley with braking system completes the set, and the whole unit has been given a full paint job in the original livery. "The Magnificent Seven" (above) look justifiably proud of their handiwork.

Subscriptions are due!		
Subscriptions 2015 - 2016	Full Price	Discounted Price, (if paid by Awards Night, 2015)
Town	\$100.00	\$ 50.00
Associate	\$70.00	\$ 35.00
Retired	\$100.00	\$ 40.00
Junior	\$25.00	\$ 20.00
Family Member	\$105.00	\$ 55.00

Gallery



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- 1-2. *In Memoriam*: Andrews Crescent
- 3. Traction engines on parade
- 4. Win Holdaway's Burrell Showman's engine
- 5. Ducks show how it's done
- 6. Station departures
- 7. Glen Batchelor, Jayden Randall, Nicky Tily, Patrick Whillis



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Officers for 2015/16

Patron Glenn Martin

President	John Howie	328 7459
Vice President	Alex Cowdell	03 318 1908
Secretary	Russell Gifford	358 3365
Treasurer	Mike James	322 4588
Loco Foreman	Rob Wilson	960 4305
Commodore	Andrew Gorman	339 2456
Librarian	Dave Markham	322 7524
Boiler Committee	John Hamilton	338 2497
Safety	The Committee	
Clerk of Works	John Hamilton	338 2497

Committee

Graeme Chisnall	03 313 1781	Peter Grounds	343 1443
Robin Shand	338 2111	Malcolm Cowie	0274304784
Neale Craighead	960 8796	Barrie Doublesin	385 7327

Boiler Committee

Dave Campbell	326 5585
Ian Fanshawe	942 2937
Mike James	383 4985
John Hamilton	338 2497
George Johnson	338 5928
George Hodges	385 8928
Jock Miller	332 1614

Constitution and Rules Committee

Kelvin Lewis	358 5377
John Howie	328 7459
Sam Farr	326 6910

Volunteer Positions

Assistant Librarian	Jim Rosanowski	332 1370
Project Manager	John Hamilton	338 2497
Archivist	Vacant	
Webmaster	John Begg	339 8448
Publicity	Vacant	
Visiting Speakers	John Begg	339 8448
Assistant Visiting Speakers	Russell Gifford	358 3365
Membership	John Howie	328 7459
Bulletin /Canterbury Tales	John Pattinson	329 4441
Engine Shed Foreman	Alan Barlow	344 0244
Roster Reminder	George Maylam	324 3469
Facebook	Patrick Whillis	382 6452

