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From the President's Desk

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CSMEE President's Report to the 2015/16 AGM.

Once again another year has come and gone, and it seems like only a month ago that I gave my last report.

I must say this year has been one of the busiest we have had. We are getting so used to large numbers of people coming along every Sunday.

I congratulate all who give their time and energy, not only on Sundays and Wednesdays but the countless hours outside those two days, picking up materials, making sure the paperwork is done, not to mention the hundreds of hours that go into planning, so our club can function at such a high level of success.

In fact, the club just would not be able to operate if those people didn't put their heart and soul into the hobby that we enjoy. In my opinion, we have one of the best facilities in NZ, and I'm amazed at the number of people who say "what a great place to come, and so reasonable!". Where in Christchurch can you take the family for \$2.00 a ride, have a picnic, a play in the playgrounds, and be entertained with boats on the pond – (not forgetting the ducks to be fed...)?

Our awards night was well-supported, with an excellent

display of models. Show Weekend as usual went off well, with large numbers of the public and many members and visitors turning out to enjoy the fun and fellowship.

The club put on a night run in April - a lovely mild night, which kept everyone on their toes. The public turned out in their hundreds, mainly due to the Facebook promotion, thereby showing us the power of social media. A warning to everyone: our behaviour is being watched, and any slip-ups could end up going viral, so please be careful, as you could be on someone's camera at any time.

The Sunday run-days are becoming more popular with the public. Every Sunday our rolling stock is

working at maximum, and our trolley shed is full, even after double-stacking. The engine shed is very close to being maxed out. That's something the new committee will be faced with. The committee is already talking about an extension on the carpark side of the building, subject to CCC approval. Alternatively we just stop adding and our public and members will just have to wait in line a little longer. We have had to increase our staff in both the ticket-box and the station, in an effort to think of ways of putting through more people. Even our resident coffee-cart has noticed an increase in custom over the last 3 or 4 months. It may





Project Manager, Boiler Committee, Archivist, Canterbury Tales Editor, Visiting Speakers, Facebook, Publicity Manager and all who contribute to make this club the success it is today.

I said in last year's report that future plans would include:

- A tunnel.
- A traction engine roadway
- The car-parking development.
- The stage 3 track development

These are all on the agenda for the coming year.

Finally, I would like especially to thank all the hardworking Committee members, who make my job so enjoyable.

John Howie

be just the good weather but it sure is keeping us busy.

The raised track is not getting as much use as I would like and there must be a lot of 5" locos sitting in sheds ready to go. We have even laid an extra steel line in the raised track to be able run G gauge, which is all good, adding another dimension in model engineering.

The traction-engine boys have also been busy on their open days, and had a great time on the night run, as they disappeared into the darkness. This will be even better when the new roadway goes down from the carpark to the engine shed.

The water level in the pond this year has been low due to the long hot summer, but the boys have done their best to provide lots of interest and entertainment for the public. The club's boating section has been growing steadily throughout the year with a good number of new members and boats, thanks to Andrew and the crew who keep us afloat!

The Wednesday team averages around 12 to 15 or more members and with this number we are getting through a tremendous amount of work. You will all notice that the grounds, tracks and buildings are looking so good. Thanks to all those people who come every week to help. There is no doubt it's a real MEN's shed. The junior members have stuck with us for another year, and I am happy to say there is a steady number joining up. We need the young ones as one day they will fill our shoes. Their work does not go unnoticed as they get the trains set up for the 1pm start and they are always willing to lend a hand with driving and other duties.

I thank all the members who come down on the run days, not just to play but give up their time to work on the station, in the engine shed, on the points and in the ticket box. Without your commitment and help the whole operation would grind to a halt. Thanks to those members who take responsibility for all duties that have to be attended to, such as: Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Loco Foreman, Commodore, Librarian,

Subs Reminder 2016/2017

Town \$100/ \$50*

Associate \$70/ \$35*

Retired \$100/\$40*

Junior \$25/\$20*

Family \$105/\$55*

*** Discounted rate if paid
by**

**Awards Night,
6 October 2016**

CSMEE Committee Meeting

Tuesday 26 April 2016

Reports

Loco Foreman

Rob reported that there have been some instances of unacceptable verbal comment from members. Courtesy and respect for others must override the inevitable frustrations which are part and parcel of operating in the public arena.

Drivers approaching the station need to gauge whether other trains will dictate where passengers are best set down.

A 5km/hr train speed must be observed at the station and at crossings.

Rob questioned the wisdom of being open every Sunday during winter.

It would be helpful if steam locos were ready before 1.00pm

Commodore

Andrew reported that Sunday 27 March (Easter) saw plenty of boating activity. John Begg's 'S' Boat and Aaron Pringle's trawler impressed. The focus for Boat Night was on two steam-powered boats under construction.

Pond maintenance was also discussed.

MEANZ

Rob reported that he and Jock completed the Ashburton Club Audit on 24 April.

Halswell GLT

John Hamilton reported :

That the 'buy back' of bogie parts from Peter Grounds has commenced.

Moved John Hamilton/Dave Markham: "that \$1989.00 be paid to Peter Grounds". Carried.

Painting the Stations and repairs to the clubhouse cladding is underway.

Ian is willing to undertake a spring points modification within the steaming bay as time allows.

A gravity water system utilising a tank on the roof of the coal shed is proposed.

Chubb have examined the security issues in the train shed and proposed switches and sensors at a cost of \$1551.00.

Moved John Hamilton /Alex Cowdell: 'That approval be given to Chubb to carry out this work at \$1551.00'. Carried.

There are usually 17 members working in a number of teams on a Wednesday.

The Tunnel Project is awaiting full CC Council approval which should be granted in early May.

Website

A new "Feature model" is sought.

Newsletter

Next issue to follow AGM..

Librarian

2016 Magazines are available for viewing. 2015 Magazines are on the shelves. 8 books have been added to the Boating section. (Donated by Derek Gillie)

Boiler Committee

- A new cabinet for test gear has been installed.

- Mike is preparing a Boiler drawing check list.
- Ian will scan the old Record book.
- Peter Grounds has agreed to join the Boiler Committee.
- Dave Campbell will be the next Chairman. (and therefore a member of the next Executive Committee)
- Published designs need to be checked against the Codes.
- Boiler Committee members are required to complete personal CV's
- The next meeting will be on 30 August 2016

Safety

There have been minimal cases of non-compliant shoes.

The "herring bone" points will be changed to blade points when workload permits.

The operating toggles are to be painted orange to improve visibility in the meantime.

Station platform 'safety lines' to be repainted. Barrie may be able to offer equipment.

Parties

There is an 11.00 am Party on Thursday, 29 April.

General Business

Skate Park.

The Survey agency has replied that there is a 59% vote in favour of Halswell Domain.

There was widespread graffiti on our site recently. It was all

remedied by CCC within 24 hrs.

The new chairs are to be delivered on Wednesday, 27 April. Finding a suitable destination for the old chairs is proving elusive.

The Driver training DVD project is progressing.

There was lengthy discussion on the respective roles of the Day Manager and Loco Foreman.

The new Health and Safety Legislation will need to be considered.

Communication is all-important. Key cell phone numbers must be 'posted'. Radios are a possible solution. The Loco Foreman must have deputies to assist him.

The new Ticket Box management structure is working well with a new Roster of Assistants published.

There will be a Halswell Domain Users' Meeting on 7 June.

CCC are making a number of changes in the Domain which will affect us. The car park "in the trees" will be closed and become a picnic area. A new drive will be constructed adjacent to the clubrooms and running to the engine shed.

The appropriate placing of CSMEE street signs was discussed but no conclusion reached.

Members running on "non run" days.

This proved to be a vexed discussion. Issues include: an agreed level of trust in the standard of responsibility by those seeking permission.

All of the compliance issues would apply (Paperwork etc)

There will always be members of

the public seeking to be

participants.

Would an executive Committee member have to be present? It was agreed that for the moment an executive member would have to be advised.

Subscriptions

Agreed to leave subs at current levels.

Sound system

In order to assist visiting speakers Robin has investigated updates for a sound system. An amplifier is available for \$1050, a lapel mic. for \$473, a mic. stand for \$500.

Moved Robin,/Neale "that a sum of \$2029 + GST be approved". Carried.

Kitchen Sink

Occasional leaks from the boiler in the kitchen, resulting in minor flooding, have prompted the move to install an additional sink.

Ewan to purchase, Malcolm to install.

3D Printer.

John Hamilton suggested that a 3D Printer would be an appropriate purchase for the club. Members could see merit in the suggestion and asked John to price suitable printers.

Russell reported that a photographic record of the Display Models has turned up. There are some deficits (now resolved) and a number of models not included. Russell will add these to the record and scan the contents for safekeeping.

Graeme suggested that CSMEE repay the CCC loan. John Hamilton advised that we wait until CCC car- park developments

are completed in November.

First-Aid cabinets

Graeme pointed out that our First-Aid supplies are inadequate. The meeting approved the purchase of a new cabinet.

Moved Graeme/Neale: "that a new first-aid cabinet be purchased" Carried.

Jock promoted the suggestion that our members consider visiting the Ashburton Club. They have a small but enthusiastic membership who would be greatly encouraged.

Mike Harrison has been advised that an effective technique for reducing the duck problem is to feed ducks ground-treated seed with bread.

The AGM is next week, Tuesday, 3 May. Nomination forms are on the desk.

The Alarm and Defibrillator were checked at 10.05pm

The Defibrillator needs replacement pads in Feb 2017 and a battery replacement in 2020.

The meeting closed at 10.08pm

Things that go bump in the night....



Night Run, April 2016





CSMEE Committee Meeting

Tuesday 24 May 2016

Apologies

Russell Gifford.

Welcome

New committee members John Crampton and Dave Pringle.

Minutes Of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the April meeting were confirmed and accepted.

Matters Arising

Chubb Security work underway (J. Hamilton)

Tunnel has CCC approval, paperwork & an account for around \$250 to come, then we can start work. We won't be able to deviate from the submitted plans.

Station platform lines. B. Double-sin trying to find the line painter.

Rob Wilson has the First Aid cabinet in hand.

Reports

Loco Foreman

Rob offered thanks to those who assisted and covered for him while he was away. Reminder to keep documents up to date. There has been a rear-end collision incident involving the ICE train.

MEANZ

The use of Duplex boiler boilers in some clubs is still causing problems. No other incidents.

Clerk Of Works

John Hamilton is assisting Peter Grounds in taking over this position.

Tunnel progressing slowly as previously mentioned.

Lot of painting underway.

Bags of shingle being positioned at lake edge behind timber for erosion protection.

Gas struts to be fitted to the F7.

Suspected fuel problem on the 08 to be investigated.

Gardening and cleaning underway.

Old Andrews Crescent gates being prepared for permanent mounting on engine shed wall.

Commodore

Boat moulds have been stored.

New woodwork to be installed at pond.

Invitation to attend Christchurch Boat Club display at Horncastle arena 8-10 July.

Membership

A few late subs are being chased. Non-payment may result in some termination of memberships.

Website

A few routine updates are being carried out and a new 'featured' model is to be added.

Newsletter

Latest edition due out soon. Articles and material urgently required by the editor, John Pattinson, who is willing to interview or even 'ghost-write' for those too busy to write their own stuff!

Library

2016 magazines are available for viewing. 2015 bound volumes are on the shelves for borrowing. Drawings for a 3.5" gauge "Doris" added to the collection. New book "Tiny Trains" added to the library.

Boiler Committee

Several existing boilers have been re-tested. Test gauge currently away for calibration.

Safety Issues

A driver seen talking on cell-phone while operating loco with passengers, has been spoken to.

Reversing speed when passing clubroom to turntable to be kept down to slow 'walking pace'.

Issue with public using the bridge as a walkway.

General Business

Skate Park

J. Hamilton to act as CSMEE representative/spokesperson.

The CSMEE position on the proposed skate-park is:

We are not opposed to a skate-park in Halswell or in the Halswell domain. We are opposed to the current proposed location.

Our reasons for objecting to the current proposed location next to the playground entrance are:

We fear for the safety of our established assets in the domain insofar as they will likely be subject to damage (vandalism, tagging, litter).

Its existence may threaten the good relationship we have worked hard to build up with young families as a venue for family-orientated activities.

Some areas, primarily the station platform, are hidden from public view. As such we fear they will be used for nefarious activities.

These reasons have a slightly different basis to other objectors such as the Halswell Residents Action Group.

We must also be mindful of the fact that the CCC is our landlord. We may wish their support, and that of the Community Board, for future activities on the site.

The committee thanked John Hamilton for his work on this matter and his efforts on the tunnel planning to date.

Sound System

The system is up and running, thanks to Robin Shand.

3D Printer

John Hamilton is looking at options. A model costing around \$2,000 looks the most likely.

Membership Issues

A new sub-committee comprising Rob Wilson, Dave Markham, Robin MacDonald & John Hamilton has been set up to address various issues which are appearing as the result of increasing Junior and other Membership matters. This sub-committee may call on Kelvin Lewis for advice

if constitutional matters arise. The sub-committee is to report recommendations back to the main committee for consideration. The meeting raised several issues for the sub-committee to consider:

Vetting of prospective members (what do they expect from the club, what can they offer to support the club?).

A trial period for membership.

Guest badges.

The use of club facilities and equipment (locos) on non-run days.

Health & Safety implications.

New Members

The following applications which have been on the notice board for one month were accepted by the committee as new members: -

David Bissland.

Andrew Willis

Andrew Wilson.

Several other recently received applications were passed to the previously-mentioned new Membership Sub-Committee for investigation and consideration before further processing.

Lathe Donation

The offer of the donation of a small lathe by John Russell was accepted by the committee. John Howie to make contact and the necessary arrangements.

The **meeting closed at 9.31pm.**

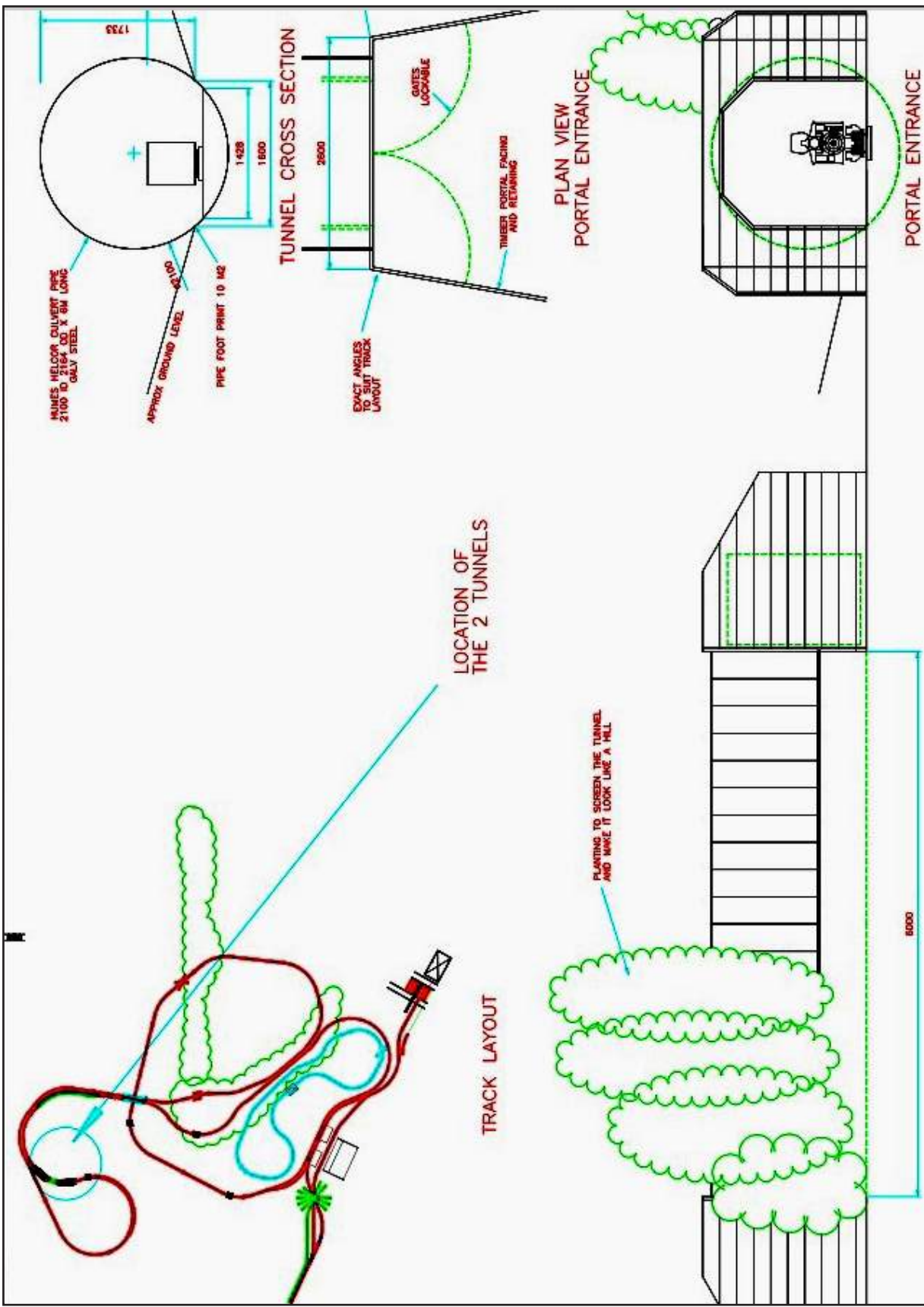


Not feeling well....

From the Engine Shed



Above: Preparations for Show Weekend
Overleaf: Design for the two tunnels



CSMEE		HALSWELL DOMAIN CHRISTCHURCH	
TWO TUNNEL		GENERAL ARRANGEMENT	
GROUND LEVEL TRACK		CHECKED	
DRAWN		JCH	

From the Dockside

Commodore's Corner

Commodore's Report, March 2016

Sunday 27th March (Easter Sunday to most). It was a great day with a slight wind, ideal for the yachties amongst us. Malcolm and Keith had "at it" over coastal water and land rights - I think Keith was the victor as he got on top of Malcolm fairly quickly and easily! David and Aaron were quite content to occupy the other end of the pond, whilst Tony continued fishing the Barren Strait! John Begg made an appearance with his lovely "S" boat, he entered the main pond, saw what Keith and Malcolm were up to and promptly turned around and headed for port!

Aaron eventually brought out his mine-sweeper from its

moorings in the harbour. This boat looked fantastic under power and drew much attention. Tony's trawler had some issues, blowing yet another fuse, which was replaced quickly and performed much better. The cause we think might be the motor. This will be replaced in due course.

The night run went well. David and Aaron being the only two with boats that had lights, and boy did they put on a great show! Unfortunately no one else stayed long enough to share the pond. Tony continued to sail but, with no lights, returned to port before night fell completely. All in all a great day down on the pond. Official boat night went well with a few boats turning up for all to

look at. David and John Hamilton brought along their current projects, - identical boat hulls built by David but finished differently. Both are steam-powered and should look great sailing beside each other once finished.

The pond edging was discussed and a conclusion reached, with the majority agreeing. More details will come to light once the smaller details have been worked out and visas for the immigrant workers cleared. This will be a pond to envy! In truth we are coming up with the finer details of how best to tackle this task.

The night ended with David showing some videos of the Lamborghini-engined Riva motor boat....very impressive considering all these boats were hand-made to order! This one had twin V12's inside!!!! The other video was a documentary-style show detailing one of the premiere boat builders in America.

A great night I must say.

Well, thats all for this month.....

Andy Gorman,
Commodore,
(still.....until someone better comes along that is :)



Above: John Begg's Fletcher

Commodores Report, May 2016

Boat Night, not like any other night, at all.

The members solemnly walked in, placed themselves in the chairs provided and proceeded to talk amongst themselves in low tones. As I brought the gavel down with a mighty bang, silence descended upon the gathering, and so the night began.....

John Begg brought in the club boat-moulds for storage. A few of the moulds have parts missing and have been put aside for later. John Howie brought sacks in to show us what he is planning for the repairs to the pond edging. This, in theory, should halt the erosion around the bank for quite a while. Some areas of the pond need new woodwork, but this will be tackled at another time.

Ewan brought along a couple of videos of his tug using a GoPro camera....only the camera was mounted ON the tug! This made for some very interesting videos. The GoPro camera is very small and light and can capture video in HiRes which means the videos are very crisp and smooth. Ewan is pursuing this and will report back with more videos.

The Christchurch Boat Show is upon us over the weekend of 8-10 July. We have been asked by the promoters of the show to provide an exhibit. Members have been asked if they would be able to display some of their creations. A few members have expressed interest in doing so and the finer details will be worked out over the next few weeks.

So far we have access to a 6x3m area for a static display of models, and there will be a pond supplied by the organisers. The pond is around 12 metres square

so should be ideal for the smaller electric boats that are lurking in the club. An area for displaying the working models outside is next to the pond, so anyone using the pond doesn't have far to go to rest their models once they have finished.

Please note that once you have sailed outside in the pond you cannot bring the models back inside the stadium, as the organisers won't react nicely to having pond water on the floor, hence the table outside.

We had a very special guest arrive at the pond on Sunday. A member from the Marlborough Club came down for a visit, bringing a selection of boats with him. However he left said boats behind where he was staying! Needless to say our very own club yacht came out and provided our guest with some entertainment. Most of the members already knew him and made him feel very much at home. He will be back down later in the year and promises to put his own boat on the pond this time.

Well, that about wraps another month of derring-do at the pond-side. As usual, it's good night from me, and it's good night from him. Goodnight!

Andy Gorman

Commodore

(because he was cajoled into it, I tell you!!!)



Jimmy the Digger and Lil' Scoop



Jimmy Wood and
John Howie at work on
the pond





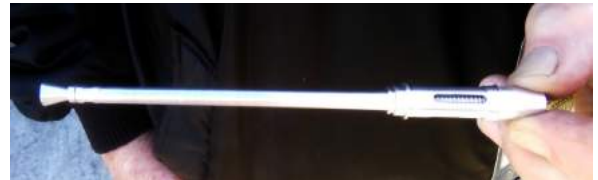
John Begg: Hydrofoil



Keith Schroder: Cabin cruiser nearing completion



Tony Gorman: Deep-Sea Trawler



Mike Harrison: Bofors barrel



John Begg: Fletcher detail



Ewan's Tug



John Begg: Fletcher detail



Aaron Pringle: Minesweeper



J' Class Yacht



Aaron Pringle: Lifeboat

CSMEE Officers for 2016-17

Patron: Glen Martin

President	John Howie	328 7459
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Commodore	Andrew Gorman	339 2456
Clerk of Works	Peter Grounds	343 1443
Librarian	Dave Markham	322 7524
Boiler Ctte. Chair	Dave Campbell	326 5585
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Robin Shand	021 217 3601	
John Crampton	322 4915	
Dave Pringle	384 5235	
Barrie Doublesin	385 7327	
John Begg	339 8448	
Neil Craighead	960 8796	

Boiler Committee		
Jock Miller	332 1614	
Ian Fanshawe	942 2937	
Mike James	383 4985	
John Hamilton	322 4574	
George Johnson	337 1137	
George Hodges	385 8928	
Dave Campbell	326 5585	
Peter Grounds	343 1443	

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Kelvin Lewis	358 5377
John Howie	328 7459
Sam Farr	325 7280

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Asst. Librarian	John Crampton	322 4915	Asst. Visiting Spkrs.	Russell Gifford	358 3365
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