

From the President's Desk

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Hello everyone

I'm not going to talk about the weather it's just so good and I trust you are all enjoying it. I hope everyone had a great Xmas. Now we are already 3 months into the year!

What's been happening?

The members that went to the film night, all had a great time and the meal was top class. I can recommend the Gas Monkey Bar & Grill at the Palms. As you know we shut down over the December period, but we still ran on the Sundays with some members choosing to play trains and plenty of public turning up. Thanks to those who turned up to help. Since then the Sundays have been very busy, with good crowds, and we are back into the routine once again. The fire ban is still in place. The pond level this year is down a bit, due to the lack of rain and weir leakage. We may have to build a new one at some point, but we have fixed the leak for the



moment. We are still waiting for the people to re-lay the grass although the ducks don't seem too bad just now. The Wednesday team are all back with plenty of jobs being done. You will notice we have built a new pick-up trolley for all the gear needed to be put out each time we run. But because of its size and the wind we get in Halswell it is providing some 'entertainment' for the members; it's best described as 'a work in progress.' Our tunnel project is still with the CCC and last month a notice was placed in the Press regarding the consent process.

Some members went to the Tauranga convention, and it seems there were a few issues, despite which a good time was had, overall. The

MEANZ meeting produced some interesting changes in boiler construction. The contentious issue of Duplex Boilers was addressed by Mr Stuart Wright from Work Safe who reiterated that Boiler Certificates made from Duplex material are not valid.

The signals at each end of our station are working well. I think we have more trouble with the public crossing over while the bells are still going!! What's next? Barrier arms? The track gang is working on the tree roots and making good progress, although it's a never-ending iob. Thanks to Dave. Jim and Rob and also to the Wednesday guys who keep up with the maintenance,

which has to be done every week in order to keep the high standards. Well done.

Reminder: When putting away the trolleys at the end of the day, please put those with sponsors' names on the sides on the bottom tracks in the trolley shed, and the plain trolleys on the top. This means the sponsors' trolleys go out first. Welcome to new members Tony Gorman, Stephen Jull and Scott Amies.

If anyone has any yellow and black signs (the show weekend ones) please return to the engine shed for updating.

Thanks to Mike Harrison for looking after our Go Guide in the Press every week. Russell has assumed the role of Club Historian. He is looking around for anyone with information on the old days so, if you think you can help, ring Russell on 358 3365. This is going to be an important document in years to come. You will see our year calendar attached in this Bulletin. The Annual General Meeting is in May. If you would like to be involved in the running of your club please get a nomination form and put your name on it.

If you know anyone who would be a good speaker for our general meetings please let Russell or John Begg know.

Feet draggers: There are still some people insisting on hanging their feet over the trolley foot rest! We do our best to warn them at the station but after that it's up to the passengers to behave appropriately. If you do happen see this behaviour please act and if you are able to stop the train do so. Or report it to the station person or day manager. We need to crack down on offenders. Trolley storage: It has been suggested that we consider extending the engine shed on the left hand side, the same as the trolley shed. This idea has met with favourable comments.

Notice to drivers: The 3km/ hr will be enforced and signs will be put up at the incoming end. We have noticed some public are going across, ahead of the train, when the bells are ringing. By going slowly there is less chance of hitting someone.

At last we have purchased 60 new chairs for the clubrooms and they will be arriving soon. This leaves us with around 50-60 old chairs, so if anyone knows of someone - possibly a group, who are looking for chairs in good condition, ask them to make an offer.

REMINDER ABOUT SE-

CURITY: Please check that all doors, bars and padlocks are locked, chargers are plugged in, and alarms set! It is a public park used by lots of people!

Easter Sunday running:

1.00pm to 4.00pm, then a night run, starting 7.00pm.

That's all from me. Keep on Training

John Howie

CSMEE Committee Meetings

[1]

<u>Tuesday 15 December</u> 2015

Matters arising

The gates from Andrews Crescent have arrived along with a number of photos of the old clubrooms.

Reports

Loco Foreman

Rob summarised the considerable achievements of the year noting the completion of the trolley shed, improvements to crossings and the signal box.

Thanks, also, to the Wednesday team for track work and to Ian for points work, those who maintain rolling-stock and to John for his overall leadership.

Commodore

Malcolm reported that the pond has been sprayed and noted that there may be a 'root killing' spray available in the future.

MEANZ

Rob summarised the work attended to by the executive and noted that they work against some negative (but anonymous) comment on social media. There continues to be some club resistance to the documentation required to be fully compliant.

Worksafe NZ continues to disappoint with its slow approval of ADR Registrations.

In response to Rob's explanation that there may be some divided opinions expressed at Tauranga, our committee wishes to assure Rob that he has our firm backing as he makes himself available for the position of South Island Rep.

Moved Malcolm,/John

Hamilton "that CSMEE fully supports Rob Wilson's nomination as South Island Rep. on the MEANZ Executive Committee". Carried.

Secondly CSMEE wishes to nominate Graeme Chisnall as our Club Rep. at the MEANZ meeting.

Rob continued with some explanations relating to boiler construction in Duplex material, covering the constraints that apply both to construction and operation.

Halswell GLT.

John Hamilton reported :

The tunnel project sits with the CCC. John will remind them in February

The work trolley project is progressing.

Exterior steelwork painting will be done next year.

Ewan is replacing warped sleepers in the Siberia area.

There will be 6 interchangeable crossing signals.

Ian is working on the points into the steaming bay.

We are waiting on Chubb to progress the fire warning sensors in the engine shed.

John also reported that the Andrews Crescent site has been cleared. The presence of asbestos greatly increased the demolition fee.

Membership

Tony Gorman and Stephen Jull have been accepted as full members. Welcome gentlemen.

Website

New photos have been supplied for updating the site.

Librarian

2015 magazines are on hand

A new DVD has been donated (Alan Oliver) "Just another Sunday at Halswell."

Current magazines are being bound in mid-January

Archivist

Russell reported that he is to send draft copies of the

'History' progress thus far to John Moody and possibly John Beauchamp for editing. He appealed to members for further content.

Publicity

John requested members to return their signboards for checking and audit.

General Business

John raised the matter of the storage capacity of our sheds. The need for a 'fairness policy' remains although the situation is manageable at this stage.

Rob suggested that in an effort to encourage members to take their locos home some changes are needed with respect to parking and possibly traverser modifications.

A suggestion was made to have all (?) locos fitted with battery isolating switches.

Members were alerted to the possible dangers associated with battery chargers.

The 5" storage area is the next to be addressed.

CCC Fire Ban.

John Hamilton referred to the exemption letter issued in April 2015. It is debatable whether this is an ongoing exemption.

It was decided to apply for an exemption again, this time being specific regarding the precautions we would take and the equipment that would be on hand to respond instantly to a fire.

It was agreed that on high danger days the decision would be made not to run steam locos.

Run Days with 11.00am starts.

It was agreed that lunches will be provided on such days.

Printed Versions of Club Newsletters

There is real doubt as to the value of such publications. Rob is to raise the issue at Tauranga.

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Tuesday 23 February 2016

Reports

Loco Foreman

Rob reported that we have had a good month.

The bogey trolley step may have to be covered to keep children's feet clear.

The station gate needs a 'locking pin'

Items of clothing found trackside need to be kept at the ticket box.

Stationmaster routines at times of heavy traffic need to be revised. The new pickup wagon is unstable above 8km per hour.

Trains entering and leaving the station are limited to 3km/hr.

Unlicensed drivers must not be controlling trains on running days.

Commodore

Dave Pringle reported good sailing days but there are some issues with water levels.

MEANZ

The BGM Minutes will be included in next "MEANZ Update"

An auditor has been found to audit the MEANZ Accounts.

Halswell GLT

No Report but it was suggested that the locking bolt on the trolley shed extension door be checked for security.

Mike mentioned that "The Press" has published a notification of the tunnel proposals.

Jock has donated a retracting hose reel which might be able to be fitted to the Terminator.

Membership

Applications have been received from Dave Holland and Adam Buller (Jnr). These will be 'posted' for one month.

Librarian

Current magazines are available.

4 new books have been donated by Marilyn Williams.

A DVD donated by Neale. Tauranga coverage.

A DVD has been downloaded by Dave. "Building a Burrell" (from a kit)

The 2015 Magazines are at bindery.

The screen is now being 'driven' by a laptop. (Loaned by Alex)

Safety

Signs are required for the station area reminding drivers of the 3km/hr limit.

Suggested that a brake switch be fitted to F7.

The Work-trolley stability issue will be examined.

General Business

Until a notice is published we assume the fire ban still applies.

Speakers for meetings

Athol Carr and Scott Amies to be contacted.

Engine Shed storage needs

A general discussion evolved which ranged from extending the shed to the left to re-arranging the tracking within the shed. Double stacking was suggested along with herringbone arrangements.

Station arrangements

Suggested that the unloading platform concrete could be extended and that the 'yellowline' marking tape needs to be replaced or the lines repainted.

EQC claim for Clubrooms cracking

The cracking which occurred on 14^t February is minor and our Insurance options will be explored first.

Home Visit

Graeme invited the membership to his home on Saturday 19^t March. Club would provide meat for barbecue. There is a small pond, provision for a 'G' gauge layout. Further details on notice board. An RSVP is requested.

New Chairs

Graeme suggested we consider the purchase of 50—60 new stacking chairs at RPP of \$89.00 ea.

The specifications for the chairs appeared very acceptable, and Graeme was asked to explore any discounting possibilities.

Russell outlined a proposal to invite groups of retirees on an outing to our club facilities on a once a month basis. There are issues of visitor mobility, cost of morning tea, and the need for 2-3 volunteers to assist.

Mr Peter Gwynne of Age Concern will be invited to the clubrooms to discuss with Russell the feasibility of such a scheme.

Russell tabled the latest version of the Club History and requested that members take the copy and edit, correcting and/or adding information as appropriate.

A "technical information sheet" re: the locos would be useful whenever visitors ask. Russell to collate.

Rob raised the issue of redefining the role of 'Day Manager'.

Of first importance is a person designated as "In Charge of all club activities on a Running Day."

Clarity is needed on the demarcation of the roles of the Loco Foreman and Day Manager.

The cell phone numbers of key personnel are to be posted on the day Manager Board.

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<u>Tuesday 26 January</u> 2016

Matters Arising

Vest storage in the clubrooms—undecided

Suggested one circuit of the water sprayer at beginning of each run day during Fire Ban.

Loco Foreman

Rob reminded members of the importance of completing paperwork for train operations. The date and name of person in charge are all important.

Rob suggests that the track inspection sheet be separated and attached to the 'works wagon'.

Commodore

Malcolm reported on low pond level, the need for weir renovation and a successful weed spray.

MEANZ

Rob reported on the Tauranga Convention. The contentious issue of Duplex Boilers was addressed by Mr Stuart Wright from Worksafe who reiterated that Boiler Certificates made from Duplex material are not valid.

All of the National Executive members were re-elected. Rob will stand down at the 2018 (Nelson) Convention.

The meeting concluded that minimum standards for footwear worn by passengers statements cannot go beyond "highly recommended" re: enclosed shoes.

Noel Wilson (OMRRS) was accepted as an MEANZ Auditor.

Halswell GLT

John Hamilton reported

The sound system has been enhanced via a computer loaned by Bulk Freight, thanks to Alex.

Posts will replace Waratahs on Wednesday 27 March.

The alarm system may be able to be upgraded to Firewarning via a spare telephone line. Door-bar sensors would be a helpful addition.

Road Crossing Bells are to be updated with 6 new units.

A number of trolleys need repairing.

A rust kill preparation will be applied when exterior painting is underway.

The CCC tunnels processing is proving protracted. Changes to our lease arrangement are complex but CCC staff are working toward a successful conclusion.

Membership

Scott Amies' application was

approved, effective immediately.

Welcome Scott.

Librarian

Current Issues are available.

The 3-year Inventory was completed on 21 January.

New Indices purchased, soon to be available on Members Page.

Magazine binding is underway

Russell moved a vote of thanks to Dave for his exemplary management of the Library.

"We have the best Model Engineering Library in Australasia."

Safety

Decided to attach the "Warning Notice" (sparks etc) to the ticket box.

Publicity

John repeated his request that signs be returned for maintenance.

Mike Harrison reported that the Go Guide section of the Press is being re-arranged to appear in the Thursday "Mail" inclusion.

Archivist

Russell is seeking further detail for the "Andrews Crescent" section of the history. Syd Blake (Wellington) was mentioned as a valuable resource.

General Business

Engine Shed Storage

There were a number of track re-arrangement suggestions and a view expressed that new members should be informed that storage of their rolling stock is not guaranteed.

Fire Ban.

The documentation is on hand relating to our exemption.

The Weir reconstruction is urgent. The Committee approved expenditure to deal with this.

Speakers for General Meetings

Russell has two contacts at the Engineering School who may be willing to assist. Barrie Doublesin, Graeme Chisnall and Rob Wilson will contribute to the meeting on 2 February

Some confusion as to who takes down the Halswell Rd sign. Not resolved.

A request that we consider a large scale Garden Railway set up in the club rooms did not meet with approval.

Events Calendar

Russell distributed a draft version of the 2016 calendar. The Exhibition date was moved to Show Weekend and a number of 3-day weekends were denoted as "donation" run days.

The issue of managing difficult behaviour among young passengers was raised. Rob is to modify the wording of our "Safety Statement" which will then be attached to the ticket box. Rob agreed to revise the wording of our statement for our further consideration. It was also suggested we have a nominated legal advisor.

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**

Rob remarked on the favourable impression created by the Tauranga personnel wearing uniform shirts. Suggested that we might follow this example.

John Hamilton suggested that we consider applying for permission to add a lefthand bay to the engine shed prior to seeking approval for a track extension.



FROM THE ENGINE SHED

Railcar Classroom

In the late 50's NZ Rail introduced a training programme that was to help its drivers transition from steam to diesel. In this case the move was from driving steam locomotives to the new Fiat Railcars. Uniforms didn't change, at least at the training stage;

grubby overalls and a driver's cap sufficed. I imagine the change in motive power presented a huge challenge to the railway man. Pressures, cut-offs, firing challenges, water supply and allowable tonnages gave way to engine temperatures,

voltage and current indications, and the altogether more complex issues that arose when managing a diesel power unit. A part of this exercise happened to coincide with our annual sports exchange. Our sports teams from Marlborough College were off to challenge Papanui High School in Christchurch.

So our Fiat railcar was loaded with sports teams. (Boys and girls in those 50's days Co Ed at Marlborough College.) If the guard was not being too officious it was possible for 2-3 passengers to drift up toward the driving compartment. There may have been a door but this day it was latched back enabling a clear view of what was happening up front. We then observed a remarkable example of the teacher /learner relationship. The railcar driver was assigned a couple of loco drivers to teach. They all climbed aboard at dang complicated pieces of machinery!

The two loco guys took respite as we meandered through Parnassus and they launched into an animated discussion as to the precise date of the re-boilering of a steam loco snoozing in the yard.





Kaikoura.

There was plenty of verbal instruction to begin with but when the railcar halted briefly the training exercise became more challenging. The driver would disappear for a minute or two and then hop aboard and we would be underway again.

Then something would go wrong. A warning lamp would blink. What was it indicating? The trainees had to suggest a solution. So the process continued. It intrigued me that the driver could manipulate settings, pull fuses and tinker about for some time while the increasingly frustrated trainees began to regret the arrival of those doubt of the effectiveness of the 'hands on exercise" delivered on the job. Not a bad way to learn.

Russell Gifford

Re-Badging an NZR DSA, #234

The Oamaru Steam and Rail Restoration Society have just commissioned their ex-NZR DSA 0-6-0 diesel shunter. The 3'6" track goes from the south end of Oamaru main street (Historic Precinct) to the old port where, beside the wharves there is a penguin rookery. Also at the north end, near their loco shed are a number of salvaged steam loco parts which had been originally dumped in the sea to stop coastal erosion.

During a visit last year I was told that they didn't have the oval brass plates for the cab sides - they appeared to have "walked" (funny, that!)

Having access to a DSA plate number 258 (c/o CSMEE), I offered to organise a pair to be made by The Casting Shop (prop. Ian Close).

The procedure was, firstly, to cast an aluminium pattern.

Before using it as a mould for the bronze plaques, the numbers 5 & 8 were smoothed off.



Mike James photocopied the missing numbers from Lloyd's *Register of Locos*, then scanned them to produce new numbers at the requisite reduced size. Then new numbers ex 1/8" aluminium were cut out on a jig-saw, with an 8 degree slope on the cut, the photocopied numerals having been glued on to the aluminium to act as a guide. These were popriveted to the aluminium casting, from which The Casting Shop were able to make two plaques. As photographed, both the original and the two new units are in the process of polishing, painting (bright red) and drilling for fixing holes.



Soon they will be attached to the loco which they are now using for their tourist venture, according to General Manager, Mr. Harry Andrew.

Jock Miller

(Photographs: Peter King)

From the Dockside

Commodore's Corner

Commodore's Report

February 2016

So it came to pass that on the evening of Tuesday 9th February 2016 an option was given. Movies or an evening with the Commodore? It would appear that the movie was more inviting. I know who attended and emails will be sent shortly. Those that braved the odds, and probably some ridicule, spent an entertaining evening discussing items of interest.

Many boat plans were brought along for all to see and comment on, most of the discussion being about how many times the plan should be enlarged (a common topic amongst us boaties...). David and Chris both brought plans whilst Mike brought along his Braveswordsman again to show us his ever increasing drive for scale accuracy, - and he's getting there fast!

I fear that with all this building the pond is quickly going to get very crowded.....maybe we should increase the size of the pond??? On this note, discussion about the weir has begun - most notably putting in a new one and closing off the old one. The reason for this is that the old weir has reached its limits in age and is starting to get worse. Discussions will continue as we decide how best to go about this problem. Official Boat Day has come and gone. I was unable to attend due to my son having his first birthday.....for some reason it seemed appropriate I should be there. To celebrate this auspicious occasion we decided to have a 5.7 shake!

Well, thats all from me, so to quote the Two Ronnies, "its goodnight from me, and its goodnight from him..... goodnight."

Andrew

Commodore-ish











For Sale



RC model yacht "Monsoon". Very good order, complete with transmitter and receiver, ready to go.

\$300 o.n.o.

Spec: Length: 500mm Height: 1800mm Area of Sails: 0.38m2 Ballast weight: 1.0 kg. Draft from the waterline to bottom of keel: 360 mm

Don't be mistaken in thinking these boats are slow and boring.! In a stiff breeze they can be extremely fast and perform turns rapidly, proving to be very exciting.

Contact John Howie 328 7459

Commodore's Report

15 March 2016

Boat night went ahead without any dramas, and no fires that I am aware of. We had 13 members attend and our esteemed Past Commodore turned up to see what we had for the evening ahead. David brought in his latest build project, a very stunning Chris Craft Cobra. He mentioned that the hull was built by Steve Gibson. Also on show was his remarkable Steam Launch, looking every bit a museum quality model.

Andrew Sullivan brought along a very nice steam engine layout for a hull he is building. John Begg had a J class yacht that I believe our President now has in his collection. It should prove interesting against Keith's J class....maybe a hint of something to come? Only time will tell.

John also provided some video entertainment, in the form of 2 short clips of an RC Trimaran, and a collection of 1/72nd scale RNZN vessels from the 1/72nd Warship Group in Auckland. These are beautiful scale replicas of some of the Navy's past, and probably present, naval vessels.

Official Boat Day...Sunday 13th, Black Sunday. There I was sitting in the club rooms drinking my coffee and thinking to myself "*I wonder if anyone will turn up...*?" There was just enough water in the pond and only a light breeze. Suddenly I noticed movement at the pond (I had also just cleaned my glasses...), someone had turned up, but they weren't a member....yet! I went down to see who he was, and noticed he had some very lovely boats with him. He put them on the water and they performed just as well as they looked. Pretty soon the "locals" arrived and started putting on a show for the crowd that was gathering. I even put a boat on the water. After about 6 minutes the battery went dead and has yet to be replaced. I did borrow a small 12v from Keith, and promptly blew a fuse.....remember, turn boat off first THEN the transmitter ... luckily it was the fuse that got the brunt of it all and not the speed controller! Normally I run a 6v battery but I have to say the 12v looked a much better option. Anyway, Keith had his J class powering across the pond much to everyone's delight as this is a truly beautiful boat on the water. David had his Life Boat out again, and she performed splendidly as usual. He also had his yacht on the water and his "back up" sprint boat, a very lively performer. John Hamilton had his tug boat out in the deep waters of the main pond looking very nice indeed..... Earlier, he had arrived at the pond carrying a great big box and wearing an odd grin on his face (I took a photo so maybe someone could put a caption with it?).

The day ended with everyone having had a good day's sailing, showing off to the many spectators and answering endless questions at the same time.

I look forward to seeing more boaties at the next official boat day.

Andrew

Commodore....who actually sailed a boat that day!



Fast attack boat



'J' Class yacht



MTB



Needs a Caption....

CSN	IEE Eve	nts Cal	endar 2016
January	Committee	26 January	07-09 Tauranga
			17 First Run-Day
			21 Ashburton School
			(10.30-12.30)
February	General Meeting	02 February	14 Barrington Park
	Committee	23 February	06 Waitangi Day
		2	06 - 14 OMES Invitation
			Blenheim Invitation and Diesels' Run
March	General Meeting	01 MarchW	25 Good Friday
			27 Night Run
	Committee	22 March	28 'Donation Run'
April	General Meeting	05 April	03 Daylight Saving Ends
	Committee	26 April	16 School Holidays Start
	Committee	20 April	25 Anzac Day
May	Annual General Meeting 03 May		01 School Holidays End
	Committee	24 May	08 Mothers' Day
June	General Meeting	07 June	06 Queen's Birthday
	Committee	28 June	Night Run (Monday)
July	General Meeting	05 July	09 School Holidays Start
	Committee	26 July	13 Club Dinner
August	General Meeting	02 August	
	Committee	23 August	
September	General Meeting	06 September	Schools' Prize
			04 Fathers' Day
	Committee	27 September	24 School Holidays Start
		-	25 Daylight Saving Starts
October	Awards Night	04 October	01 -02 Little Big Train Show
	Committee	25 October	08 - 09 Ashburton 3 ^{1/2'} Gauge Rally
November	General Meeting	01 November	11 - 13 Show Weekend
	Committee	22 November	Exhibition (3 days)
December	Committee Meeting	13 December	06 End of Year Social Function
			18 Last Run Day

NOTICE

The replacement of the clubroom chairs with stackable chairs is part of the Halswell clubrooms development project, and the committee has authorised the purchase of 60 stackable chairs at a cost of \$4121.74 + GST. The price was a negotiated one and saved the club \$600 on the retail price. As this purchase is over \$3000 the committee is obliged to advise the membership. The existing chairs will be available for disposal.

Officers for 2015/16

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