



Canterbury Tales

From the President's Desk

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Hello everyone.

We have had some good winter Sundays over the last five months. Unfortunately, that did not last and it's now official that this has been a very wet winter and spring. Consequently, the bad weather has knocked out about five Sundays so far. This has been particularly tough on our track team, who have had to re-ballast parts of the line that were under water in places. The good news is that the grass is growing fast, so let's hope the summer is a hot one.

What's been happening?

Our track extension and engine shed plans are lodged with the council and are progressing slowly. I guess they are still another year away. The tunnel doors, built by Graeme, have now been fitted, which should prevent people and birds nesting inside.

You will know by now that we have a new Commodore: Robin Shand. He is busy with keeping the boat boys happy. We have plans for a boat lifter at the pond edge, and the Rutter family has kindly donated \$367.00 to this project. Robin has also outlined plans for an "Americas Cup" race, using identical boats.

The ticket box was broken into recently, and although nothing was taken, quite a bit of damage was done to the door and walls. The culprits were seen but could not be identified clearly. We are looking forward to a new ticket box, which is being built off-site and should arrive soon. The extension to the traverser is well under way, thanks to Ian, Richard and team. We are testing an electronic buzzer which



April, 2017. Still, there's always July... (see p. 6)

will be used when a guard is needed on the fourth carriage.

Our new 3D printer is working successfully and some members have taken advantage of the machine, which is ideal for making small items. The skate park is still in the pipeline at the moment. Dave Markham is doing a great job keeping up with new entries in the Library. Have a look around as there is something new every week.

Party enquiries are starting to come in. We will endeavour to restrict them to Sundays, but there may be the odd one on a weekday. Our club shirts have been ordered, so anyone wanting shirts, please place the order with Dave Markham. (There are order forms on our Web site). There are long sleeves and short sleeves available. He will re-order whenever there are sufficient numbers. We also have a small number of badges available.

With regards to the use of our track beyond the steaming bay, please call Dave Campbell (326 5585). Dave is **solely** responsible for giving permission to use the main track. Thanks again to the 15-22 people now making up the Wednesday work party; the club is so lucky to have such a large group of weekly volunteers. If you have the time to help out you will be made very welcome. Painting, woodwork, engineering, steelwork and welding, building, cleaning, gardening, lawn mowing, pond work, tree planting, gutter-cleaning, water-blasting windows and walls, and more. As they say, "many hands make light work".

A warm welcome to our new members since the last newsletter: John Smith, Sam Mackwell, Mark Collins, Karen Grant, John Wiremu, Alexander family members, and Colin Barnett. We hope to see

you all at the track soon. Thank you to our Membership Secretary, Dave Holland for keeping us up to date on membership lists.

Our thanks to Russell, who organised a display at the Little Big Train Show. The club also had a stand at the Horncastle Arena over a couple of days. Many thanks to the people who helped out. The new carpark is open if you come through the Halswell Road end, but please replace the chain after you. Boaties going to the pond can now use the small entrance way on the right-hand side looking at the shed.

Show Weekend, 17-19 November, is big event for us, running from 10am to 4pm over the three days. The food truck will be there and some food will also be provided by us. A BBQ will be held on the Saturday evening, with a night run starting around 7pm, all welcome.

Last month 45 members had an enjoyable dinner evening at the Hornby club. Please put a note on your calendar: the end of year BBQ is on 5 December.

Sunday run days. Please, if you have some spare time, come to the club and have a look around at what's been going on! There is always something new to see! And while you are there you can have a go at helping out on the station, driving, working the points, or just have a cuppa and a chat with the members. The library is open and there will be a film on the TV screen, so plenty to do. Check our Website - it's well worth a look, - if only to be amazed at the updates that have been done. Back issues of the club newsletters are available **only** on the members' page. Special Sundays: 1st G scale, 2nd Boats, 3rd Traction Engines. 4th Raised Track.

That's all from me

Keep on Training

John

CSMEE Committee Meeting

Tuesday, 27 June 2017

LOCO FOREMAN

Dave Campbell read his report and highlighted the future need for guards on trains.

MEANZ

Rob reported to the MEANZ fraternity on the possible addition of a new track in Waimate, and outlined some issues that may arise.

COMMODORE

Robin Shand reported on a continuing good attendance at boating days. He presented the roster for attendees at the Boat Show in Horncastle Arena.

Robin also outlined plans for local "Americas Cup" using identical boats. Hulls, sails and lead weights will be available through the club.

A boat "launching device" was also discussed.

CLERK OF WORKS

John Hamilton's report was read by the Secretary. He noted successful repairs to the club 3D printer, work on the traverser track extension, progress on the engine shed, and track extension plans lodged with CCC.

John Howie queried future plans, raising the question: are we being too ambitious? The meeting agreed that the facility does need continually to improve.

Russell Gifford queried "how are we going to handle the ever increasing volume of passengers in the future?"

LIBRARIAN

Dave reported current 2107 magazines are in the library. Four books have been donated to the library by Peter Grounds.

SAFETY

Foot-dragging was again raised. Also the possible need for an automated message for the station. New radio sender for guard brake control system ready for testing.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Signals at Tunnels. Neale Craighead is handling the making of track switches.

Tunnel doors. Graeme Chisnall has these in hand. Delivery in 6 weeks.

Ticket Box Drawing. The new ticket box drawing was displayed and discussed. Various

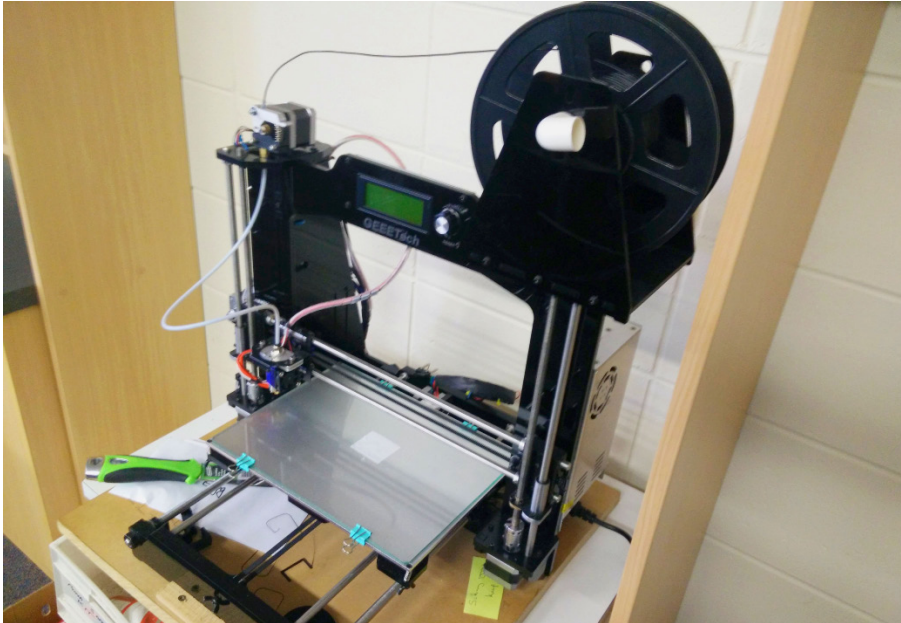
placements for the box were considered.

Halswell Skate Park. Dave Markham presented the latest information on the extended skate park proposal and on the action being taken by the local opposing group. Jock Miller moved, Barrie Doublesin seconded that the club provide \$500 dollars to this action group. All but one in favour.

Innovation Award. Dave Markham has made the base for the award.

Mike spoke again about the provision of petrol vouchers to members who use their private vehicles for club matters. Left on table for future discussion.

Russel Gifford asked about the possibility of having a small lathe available for exhibition attendees to try out at this years Model Train Show. It was thought that an experienced operator demonstrating behind a protective screen may be a better idea.



3D Printer, our latest acquisition



Wednesday maintenance: preparing for re-painting



Traverser track extension

CSMEE Committee Meeting

Tuesday, 25 July 2017

LOCO FOREMAN

Dave Campbell reported that we have had a slow winter-condition month with one cancellation due to surface flooding.

MEANZ

Rob Wilson reported again on the ADR. He also noted progress on MEANZ activities at the Nelson Convention.

PROJECTS MANAGER

John Hamilton's report was read, indicating that there will be more work on the tunnels on the Wednesday workday, together with further concrete work on the main traverser.

COMMODORE

Robin Shand reported on the recent Boat Show at Horncastle Arena. He said there were more RV's and caravans than boats with no facility to operate the model boats on display. Robin also spoke of the boat section's desire to have a "boat lifter" to assist older members launch boats into the pond. Suggestions for such a device to follow.

LIBRARIAN

Dave Markham reported the following:

Current 2017 magazines placed into the library as they arrive.

The Iron Road book has been donated to the library.

BOILER COMMITTEE

Dave Campbell reported, on behalf of Ian Fanshawe, that there were no issues. Boiler Committee meeting early next month.

SAFETY (CSMEE Committee)

The tunnel signal lights will have a red and a yellow/orange lens for a "Stop" and "Caution" indication. Barry Doublesin noted in his email that some members were driving with arms folded! Hands to be kept on controls at all times.

PARTIES

John Crampton detailed 4 parties confirmed. Wednesday 2 August, Sunday 3 September, (11.00-1.00pm), Wednesday 6 December (9.30 – 1.00pm) Nannies, and Saturday 20 January (hours to be confirmed) for a wedding party.

Nicky Tily noted some confusion for the Facebook page custodians who tell potential customers when asked, that they cannot book parties (Open Domain plus club policy change). However they have then contacted John Crampton and parties have been accepted. After discussion club policy was explained and implemented.

Nicky also offered her home phone number for the Facebook page contact. It is: 03 318 4785.

PUBLICITY

Russel Gifford to look into producing a new handout/ pamphlet for the club's use.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Tunnel Doors: Graeme Chisnall reported that the doors are finished and will be fitted this Wednesday. All four doors will be locked open when in use.

Ticket Box drawing: Graeme expressed his concern at the paint colour. Further discussion will ensue over the box internal layout and position at the grounds.

Show Weekend: Signage required? A check of the number of

road signs to be undertaken. Discussion over catering for visitors. Food truck will be there; however, we usually provide rolls, drinks etc for participants.

Stay over request: In response to Nicky's request for permission to stay in the clubrooms (with other younger members) over Show Weekend, the committee agreed that they could, but that the usual conditions applied.

Innovations Award: Dave Markham and Jock Miller reported on progress on the production of the award. Jocks engraver is currently out of commission. However, the trophy is nearly completed.

Flooding Remediation: Do we need to apprise the Council re the flooding potential from the new car park into the "dead-end" swale?

Ride Car Upgrade: Dave Campbell reported that a programme to upgrade/ refurbish our ride cars is underway.

Mike James raised the matter of remuneration of members. This is tabled for further discussion and consideration.

Russell Gifford requested the club obtain a suitable 6v charger.

Graeme Chisnall and Dave Markham spoke about and showed samples of clothing and logos for club shirts. A shirt design with logo was decided on and Graeme will order 50 assorted shirts. The Committee also agreed the club will subsidise each shirt to the value of \$10.00.

CSMEE Committee Meeting

Tuesday, 25 September 2017

LOCO FOREMAN

Dave Campbell read his detailed report.

He noted only 3 running days in a 5 week period.

Dave also raised a problem with our electric point control system that required manual operation. It is seen as a priority to maintain our systems in good order.

Dave also outlined his actions over the activities of some of our younger members that resulted in Dave asking for the members' locos to be removed from the facility. This issue was discussed and a sub-committee of Dave Campbell, John Howie and Rob Wilson will have a meeting with the members to resolve the issue.

Dave also expressed his opinion, (with general agreement) that he alone, as "the Person in Charge", should be responsible for permission for members to use the tracks out of normal running hours, rather than the present requirement of seeking permission from a committee member.

MEANZ

Rob reported that there were no new issues from the MEANZ Executive and that he had carried out a successful audit of the Timaru club.

COMMODORE

Robin Shand reported that the boats from a former member have all now got new homes. The "America's cup" hulls have arrived from Nelson.

The boat ramp / lifter plan is progressing and he noted that Keith

Robson had donated a hand winch suitable for this project. Robin also reported that the weeds are re-appearing.

CLERK OF WORKS

John Hamilton's report was read by the Secretary. John noted successful repairs to the club 3D printer, work on the traverser track extension, progress on the engine shed and track extension plans with CCC.

The raised track water tank has been straightened and the pond now has a fresh water tap.

The point-box roof is to be painted and the tunnel is ready for the conduit box. Phil Bellany continues to service the GLT trolleys, and the main station and main bridge are all being re-painted.

Finally, the edges etc. of the pond will require work once dry.

Dave Holland reported on the redesign of the club membership form

LIBRARIAN

Dave reported all current 2017 magazines are in the library. He has received the last copy of *Ships in Scale* and has now ordered *Marine Modelling*.

A book, *Vintage Steam*, has been donated by Russell Gifford. Technical Drawings of a 5" gauge BR Class 2 tank and tender loco kindly have been donated by Cyril Hedgcock. (Ashburton).

SAFETY

The track which is subject to flooding under the main bridge was discussed. There is a possibility of a concrete trough being poured to eliminate the sodden ballast.

MECHANICAL MAINTENANCE

No major issues were reported.

New radio sender for guard brake control system tested and ready for service.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Ticket Box Drawing. The new ticket box concept drawing was distributed and discussion ensued. The Committee accepted the design.

Wednesday Work Team. John Howie applauded the enormous amount of work achieved by the Wednesday group thereby ensuring the continued safe operation of the Halswell facility. Discussion ensued over "required work" perhaps not being finished as desired. It was discussed and determined that where possible more complete instructions/ information is needed to ensure work is not wasted.

Club Shirts. The issue of ordering numbers for the new club shirts was raised. After discussion the committee agreed that the present bulk ordering system through Dave Markham be retained.

Boiler Committee Liability. Mike James asked the committee whether we require Indemnity Insurance for our Boiler Committee. He will ask for a quotation from our Insurance Brokers. Rob Wilson reported he had enquired of the MEANZ Executive. They did not see the need for it but would not oppose it.

New Young Member ideas.

Nicky Tily gave a well-presented report on a possible "have a go" day. This would be targeted at 13 – 21yr old prospective members. The Committee endorsed Nicky's idea. Nicky, Glen, probably Patrick, and Rob Wilson will discuss format, ideas, and planning for

such an event.

Running Rules update: Dave Markham presented a possible update to a section of the Running Rules. After discussion, it

was agreed by the committee to include the new section.

Model Train Show. Efforts will be made this Sunday to establish exhibitors for the available spaces at this year's Model Train Show.

Winter Wonderland...

photos by Ben Sewell, July 2017

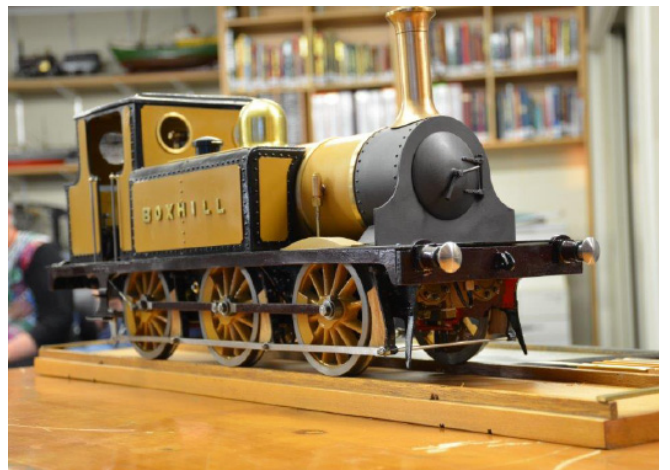


AWARDS NIGHT, 9 October, 2017



(clockwise, from above)

- Alan Burney receives Curry Cup from patron Glen Martin
- Alan Burney's 3 1/2" Hysler
- Kevin Welsh Cup: Rex Walker's electric 4" Fowler
- Edsall Award/Canterbury Railway Award for Barrie Doublesin's RGS Goose No.6, 7 1/4" gauge.
- Moody Cup: Cyril Fifield's 5" gauge *Boxhill*
- President's Cup: John Hamilton's 3 1/2" gauge *Rob Roy*
- Andrew Sullivan's gas-fired 4" Burrell



Introducing

The Ross Fielden Innovation Award

This is a new award which differs from the trophies we present for individual achievement. The list of qualifying projects is quite open.

The award recognises the use of new technology, for example 3D printers, electronic devices, track or locomotive extension projects, quad-copter DVDs, new boat gadgets (a self-weeding pond?), a H&S video for use on CSMEE run-days....**Anything** which turns an idea into a solution that adds value to CSMEE.

The Committee welcomes your suggestions NOW!

2017 Committee members are:

Graeme Chisnall, Dave Pringle, Neale Craighead, Barrie Doublesin, John Crampton, Jock Miller



A Day in the Life of Marcus Johnson, Aged 7^{1/2}



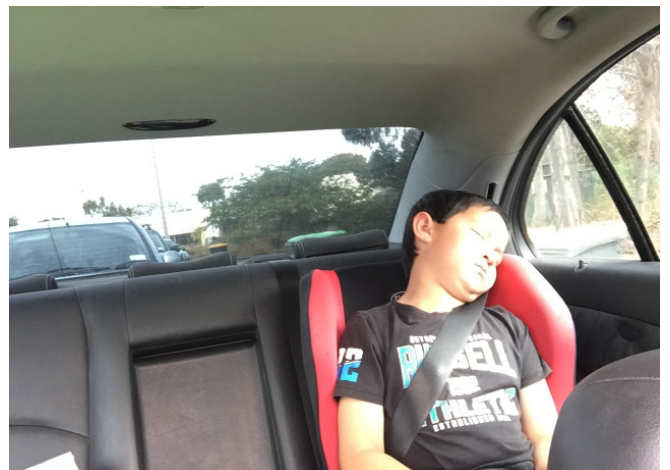
She's a pretty big job...

Nah, - piece of cake really...



Job done!

I'm done.....



From the Engine Shed

The Ab Trailing Frame, by Russell Gifford

The accompanying drawing is the only description of the Ab Trailing Frame.

I find this drawing something of a struggle. Having taught orthographic drawing for decades, it's all a bit embarrassing.

I can imagine the foreman in the plate shop at A&G Prices in Thames. He would be examining this drawing very carefully. Prices have received an order for a number

of Abs. Better get it right. The firm can't afford either wasted time or wasted plate if he should make a bit of a blue.

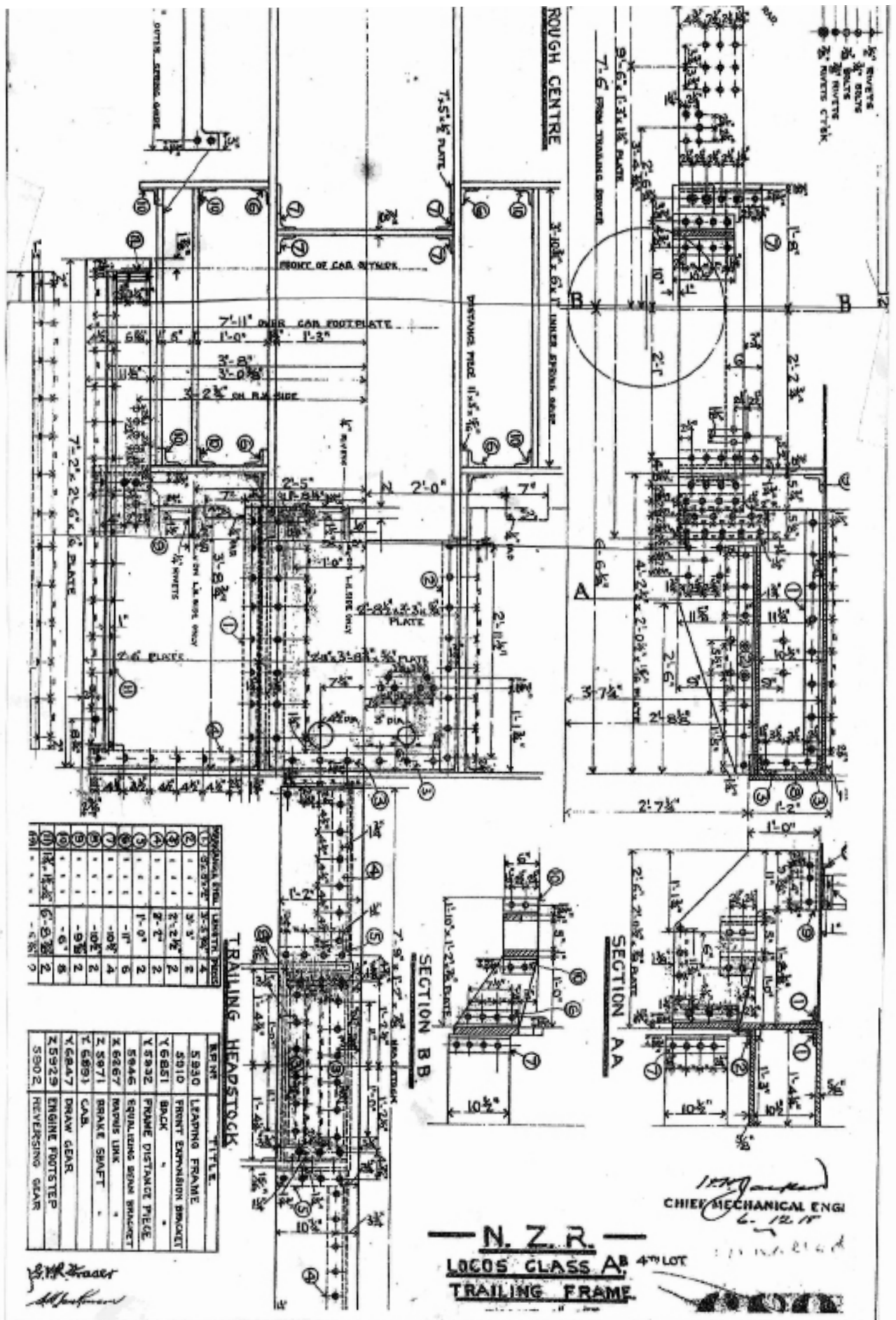
Spare a thought for his contemporary in Glasgow at the North British works. He might be coping with an order for 20 Abs. If only he had been living 100 years later he could have dashed off an email requesting clarification of the number of holes in Part 2 to be observed in Section AA. The draughtsman has taken a

few shortcuts. Because the frame is symmetrical it is reasonable to omit some of the RH side of the plan. He signed off this drawing in 1918, I imagine, in a drawing office somewhere in the Thorndon locality in Wellington.

So, if you feel like dashing off a detailed pictorial and sending it off to russelloisgifford@gmail.com, a chocolate fish will be on its way.



Ashburton Model Engineers' 3^{1/2}" gauge Steam Day, Saturday 14 October, 2017



CSMEE Officers for 2017-18

Patron: Glen Martin

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| Jock Miller | 332 1614 |
| John Crampton | 322 4915 |
| Dave Pringle | 384 5235 |
| Barrie Doublesin | 383 3827 |
| Neil Craighead | 960 8796 |

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| 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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| Sam Farr | 325 7280 |

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