

CLUB CONTACTS:

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Loco Foreman's Report:

This month's I would like to thank Neale Craighead for his on-going electrical work.

I would also like to thank Trevor Gage for repairs to my Galloping Goose.

From the President's desk:

It's halfway through the year already, not long

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until summer. We have just had around 75mm of rain in the last day or two and it sure filled our pond. The clubroom is coming along nicely and the veranda roof will be done in the next week or two. Thanks to the boys who were doing the painting between showers! The concrete out the front is about to be started and the garden plots are ready to be planted. The raised track tipping rail is well on the way and the concrete work at the station area is all done! It looks great BUT no thanks goes to the person walking on the wet concrete plus the dog leaving their footprints! So keep a lookout for a dog with concrete feet! John is about to submit plans for the engine shed to the CCC for a building permit. We are getting prices for the vinyl and carpet for the clubroom. Canmod 2 is going to be a big event for the club. Remember the 3rd Tuesday in the month is the time to chat and bring new or tried ideas forward. We need more people to help Graeme and his team, even though it's early days yet. Please don't forget: The last one out of our area at the Domain after run days or any other time must make sure that all 3 chains are back on the gates BUT please make sure that there are no cars in the car park. Notice to all members: please let us know what you are working on in your work shop and send some photos for the Bulletin. Don't be shy as we all would like to know what you are building. Could someone come down and prune the roses at the station? It's that time of the year and all you need is your hedge trimmers! There are a number of members going overseas on holidays! Lucky people but don't stay away too long. We need you to have a great time and enjoy it as you all will make good guest speakers at our General meeting nights. Our main ticket seller is going away for a few weeks. Can you help with selling tickets on Sundays from 1-4pm? Finally come down on a Wednesday or Saturday 9am to 2pm to do little work and a lot of fun. Keep on Training



From the August Committee Meeting:

HALSWELL GLT: There is on-going progress with the veranda roof. Two additional pipes will support the down pipes and each carry a symbolic signal arm. The roofing iron and spouting is on hand. The kitchen fitout is almost complete. There are a number of options to be explored re: installing the Clubrooms alarm system, install a 'kit' system initially, then revise the installation for the complete complex or use the existing phone cable or operate a wireless link. (The requirements of a future EFTPOS installation also needs to considered.)

WEBSITE: Dean offered his assistance with maintaining the site.

LIBRARY: Dave provided details of some missing issues of M.E. This information is to be circulated via the Bulletin. A door is to be installed connecting the Eng. Shed Ext. to the Trolley Shed. The possibility of modifying the western end of the trolley shed for the possible inclusion of a future door was also discussed. Paving the area between the clubhouse and the station. The quotation for concreting is to be accepted with a request for advice for a recommended surface finish.

CANMOD: Thanks to those who have attended recent meetings. Once sufficient figures are on hand it will be possible to set the Registration Fee. The Marquee has been booked. To be erected by the Hire Company on 31st Dec. The CCC Domain booking needs to be finalised. Preparation of Invitation Packs is progressing. Fri, Sat, & Sun evening meals will be catered. McLean's Island have welcomed Convention participants on Tues 7th Jan. An invitation is expected from Ashburton.

Two layout options have been submitted for the installation of the library at the new club rooms for consideration by the Committee.







Commodore's Corner

Once again our June sailing day was fine and mild for this time of the year. However there were ONLY two of us present with boats. We have a great facility at Halswell Domain with our pond and dock area. So please let's make use of it.

of The incidents the public, especially children, getting in the way and interfering with our boats are continuing. The committee is considering our options to deal with this.

We had an interesting boat night, with lain Begg coming along and glassing a yacht mould. We look forward to seeing a number of these models on the pond.

Hoping to see you at the pond.

LIBRARY AMNESTY

I have started to see what was needed for our move to the new club rooms at Halswell. One of the issues was the yearly volumes that are missing from the shelves. To keep a good library going we need to have all our members follow a few rules, the main one being: If you want to borrow a book or a volume, it has to be booked out in the register! Please bring it back after one month and book it back in. If you damage or lose a book or volume, let me know.

The new current issue magazines in coloured binders are for everyone to see the latest ones. These do NOT leave the club rooms. They can be photocopied for you own use. If you have a book or volume sitting around at home bring it back in to the old clubrooms or give it to a committee member.

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Kb at Original Blenheim Track

REMINDER: SUBS

Discount valid until awards night. Full Price Discount Subs Town \$100.00 \$90.00 \$ 70.00 \$60.00 Associate \$ 100.00 Retired \$70.00 Junior \$ 25.00 \$25.00 Family \$105.00 \$95.00 Subs can be paid Online: Westpac 031703:0032951=00. Cheque: CSMEE PO Box 37307 Christchurch 8245. Year Ending 31/3/2013

"They Walked This Way"

Jim Harrison worked as a draughtsman for the City Council in the 1950's. Jock has described Jim's own track set up in his backvard. I don't have any knowledge of Jims workshop set up but he did produce a finely detailed, very free running Kb in 2.5 inch gauge. He was one of the team of Christchurch club members who travelled up to Blenheim to support the club there in its early Show Day events.

Jim died in the late 50's but his Kb, for a time, kept turning up in local shop windows. I remember seeing it in a camping goods shop in Manchester St and later in Whitcoulls window in Cashel Mall amidst a display of railway books.

It is now owned by Sir Gil Simpson.

photo This (left), taken bv Winston Holdaway, shows the Kb at the original Blenheim track in 1958 or 1959 with Ken McLennan tootling along with club Juliet (still in the models cupboard) doing his bit to introduce 'live steam' to Blenheim's Show Dav crowd. - Russell Gifford.

Any suggestions, comments or items for inclusion in the bulletin can be sent directly to that whill is lot 6@kinect.co.nz