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From the President's Desk

December 2013 Edition

December already; the year has gone so fast!

Our Show weekend takings this year were down a little mainly because of the weather being cooler, but the members and visitors all had a great time. Many thanks to everyone who helped with running the station, engine shed, kitchen, drivers, points and looking after our visitors, so that everyone could play trains. A lot of work goes into the infrastructure to keep the trains on track. **CANMOD Registrations:** Please register now if you are intending to come on these days. Remember that the CANMOD committee is running the event so you will not be able to just come down and run your loco without registering. You can pick up a form from the clubrooms on the day or go to our website, if in doubt ring Neil Craighead: Ph 960 8796. Welcome new members: Vicky Rollinson, Gary Coburn and Ken Staite. **Around the club:** the trolleys are being worked on and wheels, bogies and brakes need assembling. Cleaning out the engine shed is still in progress, the lights are to be fitted in the new shed and most of the point work has been completed and tested. Thanks to Stewart Ward the rubbish from Andrews Crescent will be removed soon. The Wednesday team are doing a great job on getting all the other jobs completed. The raised track is all working well with just a couple of jobs to finish. The two side lines are finished and ready to use. Some of the steaming bay rails have been extended to cater for more locos. **Notice to all Loco drivers** since the points and track work have been completed on the outgoing line from the shed to the mainline, we are recommending that the first couple of trains should use line 2 or 4 after which the rest can go out on 5 to the turntable. There is no changing of the points, as it is all automatic and leads you to track 4 and the station. This works well on busy days and a good habit to get into. Check with the loco foreman if you are unsure. The 80th Birthday Celebration went off well with our youngest member Antony blowing out the candles. Around 60 members turned up for the BBQ and cake. With CANMOD is coming up fast if you can spare some time to help, please come and have fun over the 5 days. Finally big thanks to all the workers who have helped over the year, we have achieved so much. **WISHING YOU AN ENJOYABLE CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR.**

Loco Foreman's Report

Thanks to all those who took part in Show Weekend.

The new developments, points, incoming control, and the herring bone yard layout all worked well. There is a need for further coupling bars, chains, and attention to traverser bridging pieces.

Visitors are encouraged to bring own 'brake cars'.

Drivers are reminded of speed limits. The documentation task needs to be shared. Steaming Bay facilities need to be extended. Fire hose needed in 'trees' area. Station Master to be identified via orange Hi Vis Vest. Duty Manager, Station Master, and Dockyard Manager use orange vests and Ticket sellers and train drivers be encouraged to wear yellow vests.



Recent Run Day



Clubroom During Show Weekend

From the November Committee Meeting:

Halswell GLT: Construction of new trolleys is well advanced. New stands are to be set up in the steaming bay. Fencing has been installed between engine shed and fuel hut. Lighting for engine shed has been ordered. The lifting gantry is almost ready.

Membership: Welcome to Vicky Rollinson, Gary Coburn and Ken Staite.

Librarian: Surplus ME mags to be sold off at Canmod from a stand in the marquee.

Publicity: A new 'banner' for display at the entrance to Halswell Domain was discussed. Agreed that a new yellow PVC sign be ordered.

General Business: Approx 90 registrations to date. Shirt orders need to be confirmed. Recommended time limit for those on duty during Canmod is 2hrs. Alex has offered to run the station. Goughs have donated a model crawler tractor to be awarded to the winner of the 'Road Tractor' competition. Peter Grounds advised the meeting that after serving as "Parties Organiser" since the late 90's he would like to take a break. Peter was thanked for his very considerable contribution. Cameron Bishop offered to take up the role. The meeting acknowledged that providing a 'train ride experience' for special needs groups would remain an important focus for CSMEE. Alex Cowdell may be able to assist with transport of models if difficulties arise due to the restricted Cook Strait ferry service. All members need to accept responsibility for tidiness/ cleanliness of the clubrooms. Standards in the kitchen and toilets particularly have slipped below what is acceptable.



Cookie Time Express



Commodore's Corner

Dean reported a very satisfactory boating weekend albeit somewhat at the mercy of variable weather.

An application of 'Liquid Fence' did not appear to be effective. The supplier has been contacted regarding application rates.

Dean suggests two tents will be needed for Canmod. One adjacent to the clubrooms for 'charging', the other at the dockyard for storage and shelter.



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Year Ending 31/3/2014



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Dates to Remember

1 January: Set up for CANMOD 14 (9am – 12 noon)

26 January: First 2014 Sunday Run Day

28 January: First 2014 Committee Meeting

4 February: Next General Meeting



Working on the Trolleys



Cookie Time Party



Cost a Lot Boat



Templeton School Visit

Any suggestions, comments or items for inclusion in the bulletin can be sent directly to thatwhillslot6@kinect.co.nz