



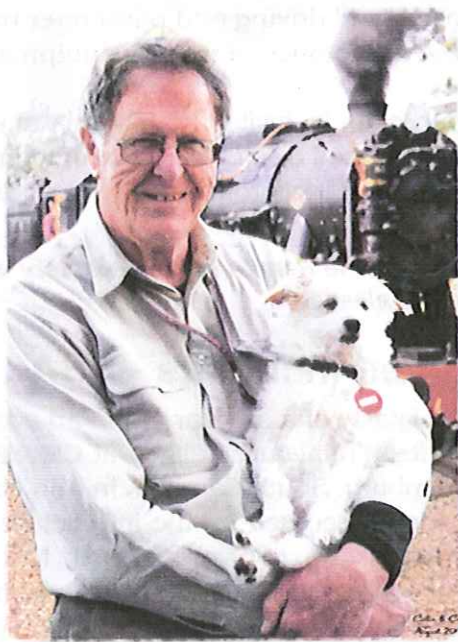
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MEANZ Update July 2011

Colin Burleigh 1939 - 2011



As this is our first Update since Colin's passing on 11 April we pay tribute to his service to our Association.

Colin has been President of MEANZ for the past ten years stemming from his professional expertise gained in the Electricity Industry and his intense involvement in the running, and project development on the Kapiti Miniature Railway. Many of us who have visited other tracks around the country will be aware of Colin being there too, appreciating the other club's activity, and enjoying operating Ec11 and more recently his E1.

He lead MEANZ into the safety self management era and although legislation changes are not yet accomplished he was given the satisfaction of knowing it was an assured result. He himself had done all he could over the whole period and

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in the last months had "got all the boxes ticked" to his satisfaction - including his Presidential Annual Report for MEANZ.

Amusement Device Regulation Amendments

We were advised by email on 7 July that the amendment was Gazetted on 30 June and will come into effect on 28th July.

There is still work for us to do to arrange the practicalities and to prepare the Competent Persons for the task. We will be arranging this as soon as possible after further meetings with those administering the Registration.

A copy of the Amendment is enclosed for your information as it is public material and available on the web.

(It is available on the Legislation website at <http://www.legislation.govt.nz/regulation/public/2011/0234/latest/DLM3822701.html>)

The more subtle part of the arrangement is the additional document, that will be made available later, that sets out how some of the contentious clauses in the ADR are to be interpreted for Model Engineering use. A lot of our consultation has centred around this but the final form has yet to be revealed.

New ME Groups

Many of you will be aware of new Societies that have been formed over the past year and it is to be expected that they will be applying for membership of MEANZ. In accord with our rules, once the groups have satisfied given criteria, all member clubs will be given a vote before membership is confirmed.

Mana Ariki Railway Inc.

This is a long established railway and they have decided to formalise a group to undertake the running and care of the railway.

This group had their Inaugural Meeting on Saturday 12th March 2011 and Dave Giles, their Chairman, has supplied documentation and requested that the Railway be accepted as a member of MEANZ. Subject to a satisfactory audit this will be voted on at our Annual General Meeting.

Cambridge and Rotorua Live Steamers Inc

This group is reforming from the Rotorua SME which has been disbanded and as a result removed from MEANZ membership. The new group is building a track in Cambridge but as yet we have not had an approach on membership.

Otago Miniature Road and Rail Society

This group has been initiated for the purpose of building a ground level 186mm G track which is presently lacking in the area. There is no site established and they are not yet Incorporated but have our documentation on requirements for membership.

AMBSC New Boiler Code

The waited for Duplex Steel Boiler Code has been produced and we have 9 copies available for anyone wanting to investigate the viability of building this type of boiler. Dave Giles has been involved in the building and testing of a boiler to the code to help AMBSC Committee accept the code. Australian State authorities have accepted the code.

MEANZ will now inform DoL that the code has been adopted alongside the other boiler codes produced by AMBSC.

AMBSC Code Part 4

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DUPLEX STEEL BOILERS

Cost through MEANZ -- \$28

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Executive Changes

You will be aware that your Executive have signalled that they are looking for replacement at the Convention in 2012.

As a result of the mention in the November Update Dennis Searle of Hamilton put his name forward as being willing to stand for the position of Secretary. Gary Bly of Kapiti is also willing to be Secretary and Richard Lockett of Palmerston North is willing to be President and they have sat in on an Exec meeting. Mark Newman is willing to be the NI Rep. In addition Rob Wilson is willing to follow Jock Miller as the SI Rep.

Please arrange for nominations to be forwarded to the Secretary with proposer and seconder, including a note on nominees experience that will suit them for the position so that these can be circulated prior to the AGM at the convention in January.

Remits for the AGM

In brief form the Exec would like to raise the following --

- Consider setting the minimum age for driving trains with public passengers at 15 years.
- Include a control clause to prevent drivers having small children riding in front of them when driving with public passengers.
- Make provision for a warrant of fitness system for locos, and driving and passenger trollies, to ease acceptance of visiting equipment to a club.

Your club is invited to submit any further matters that need discussion by putting in a remit. Include some background for wider circulation with the meeting agenda.

Nominations and Remits to the Secretary by October 28 please.

Reported Incidents - USA

The fatality of a six year old in an accident on an American 'miniature' railway at Cleveland Park in Spartanburg, South Carolina, in mid March has been widely discussed on the internet because of its emotive seriousness and the safety implications. The overturning was found to be operator error in that the speed was almost three times the authorised curve speed of 8 mph. It was also revealed that a signed up safety inspection had not been carried out and was nothing more than a paper entry.

Last year there was an overturning at 'Tiny Town' Colorado resulting in injuries. The finding from that also, was basically, excessive speed on a curve.

Both of these railways are of larger, gauge and scale of operation, than our tracks, leading to more serious consequences.

Never the less we should be ensuring that the safety precautions set down by our committees are in fact being observed. Speed needs to be controlled, and responsible people appointed to run events, and to drive the trains.

If safety rules are not being observed someone must take steps to 'put things right'.

Peter Anderson,

Sec/Treas. MEANZ 15 July 2011