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From the President's Desk

Summer is still with us and we have had some very nice Sundays. I hope everyone had a great time over the holiday period. The club is back in full swing. If you have any time to spare on Wednesday come on and join the team between 9am to 2pm with lunch provided. The fire ban is still in force and that means NO steamers! Thanks to our track team all the points are near completion. The grass, roses and trees etc are looking great which is a credit to all. Dean has been working on the pond area for weeks, keeping the ducks in order! A thankless job as they just don't get the hint we don't want them. We have built a couple seats at the pond edge so the boaties can rest. The Engine shed is a credit to Alan Barlow, all things have their own place so you will have to answer to Alan if you mess it up. We are short on ticket sellers on Sundays, talk to John Beauchamp or Jim Rosanowski if you are keen. The engine and trolley sheds are well stocked with locos and wagons. We are looking at double stacking wagons and plans are being drawn up. The raised track side of the shed is in line for a redesign so your input would be appreciated. Some club members went to the Blenheim weekend but unfortunately the fire ban was in force so no steamers allowed. The Blenheim club looked after us very well, many thanks to those members and organizers. We all had a good time! They have a great setup and there are lots of things to do and see. The building of a carpark at the back of our clubrooms by the CCC will accommodate 70 cars and will be accessed from William Britain Ave. The Halswell Rd entrance is still open and is available for our members to use. At our last Committee meeting Rob informed us he is stepping down from Loco foreman for a well earned rest. He has done this job for a number of years and the dedication he has put into this position is truly remarkable. Thanks Rob.

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From the January Committee Meeting:

MEANZ: Discussion with

Tauranga re suitable

braking systems for next convention. 10 clubs waiting for approved Registrations.

Halswell GLT: Wednesday team to: paint the steel work in station area, tidy grounds and dust models in the clubroom.

Librarian: Stats for 2015: 227 drawings, 10 Magazines, 225 Books, 147 DVD's (no more room). The 2014 Magazines being bound.

Safety: An adequate footwear warning sign to be set up at the ticket box. Trolleys used on the raised track to be checked for 'orange guards'. The new signalling system will address operation of the "banana"

General Business: Junior interest in 08 loco sparked suggestion to support investigation of a homebuilt electric loco. New trolleys present advertising opportunity. Peter King is thanked for "Guest Badges", available in the clubrooms. A Model Engineering Exhibition is suggested for late Feb every second year. Response to the 'fire ban' will be reviewed week by week. Considered initiative that would take the small models stand to schools. Discussion regarding number of Sunday issues: The Locomotive Foreman carries ultimate responsibility for all train running operations, There must be two deputies available if the Loco Foreman is not present or he requests relief from his supervisory role, The Day Manager's duties are set out but need a 'reminder' session, Any Committee member present on a Sunday can be called upon to take a position of responsibility. A whiteboard to be installed listing the availability of key personnel. The workload on club members was raised.



Recent Activity On the Pond

From the February Committee Meeting:

MEANZ: MEANZ leadership awaiting responses to MAPs and shortly to Standard Operating Procedures. 16 clubs are overdue for Audit.

Halswell GLT: The green chairs are to be replaced by stronger chairs. There is a length of temporary track in the train shed. The cleaner contract is working well. Two seats installed by the pond.

Membership: Welcome to John Phillipson.

Website: Changes to the site include the listed indexes of some magazines.

Librarian: Ships and Scales DVD's (2) are on hand. 3 DVD's of the Flying Scotsman have been donated by Rob.

Boiler: Meeting before the AGM.

Safety: Suggested that a lockable gate be installed at northern end of the over bridge.

General Business: There will be no steam running until the Fire ban is lifted. A detailed Future Plan proposal must be put to membership to assure expenditure. A Saturday work team would be necessary for any construction projects. A sketch of changes to turntable area enabling easier 'park up' of trains displayed. 70 new carparks being built behind clubroom. Double stacking of trolleys and locos was discussed. Several technical solutions offered to enable a guard riding on trolley to stop train, to be trialled on one train. Night Run: Provisionally set for April 5th combined with club Barbecue. Capacity of the Ice Train Batteries declining. Tauranga Modellers use vacuum operated brake system in contrast to most clubs in NZ. This presents difficulties for clubs visiting Tauranga in January. Library shelving to be increased.



The Dock Side



Commodore's Corner:

A sign warning of the toxic condition of the water has been set up. The pond level is now below the weir. It has been suggested that pond spraying is the cause of toxicity. Introduction of grass carp would resolve the issue. More fertiliser has been applied to the peninsular. Ducks appear to find the new grass acceptable. There has been an encouraging renewed interest in sailing vessels. There are doubts over the effectiveness of the Avonex grass. We will contact PGGW with a view to testing the levels of alkaloid present in the grass.



This Year's Important

Dates:

April 5:

Possible Night Run and BBQ

May 5:

AGM

October 3-4

Big Little Train Show

October 6

Awards Night

October 31

Light Party

November 11-13

Show Weekend

December 1

End of Year BBQ



FOR SALE:

7 1/4 INCH DIESEL LOCOMOTIVE

Built by Jim Rooney of Timaru. Completed late 2012 and has only three outings, all at CSMEE. Estimated travelled distance only 90k, with no problems. Powered by a 20HP 3cyl industrial diesel engine direct coupled to industrial hydraulic pump feeding through industrial FWD/REV control valve to two low speed "gear/rotor" motors. The motor chain drives to all axles of the 3 axle bogies. The power bogies are steel fabrications with individual axle springing and ball race bearings and brakes. An air compressor provides air for braking.

Built to North American loading gauge but slightly shorter than scale length, paintwork and external detail to the Santa Fe outline. Full low voltage electrics fitted for starting, brake compressor and lighting.

Additional to the loco are a short driving trolley and three heavy duty all steel passenger trolleys. Currently stored at CSMEE where they can be demonstrated. Equipment has been well engineered with almost all new components.

Only available because of Owner/Builders age.

Expressions of Interest to:

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CSMEE

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Year Ending 31/3/2014

Meetings and Run Days:

First Sunday of the Month:

Gauge 1 45mm focussed

First Tuesday of the Month:

General Meeting

Second Sunday of the Month:

Boats focussed

Second Tuesday of the Month:

Boat Meeting

Third Sunday of the Month:

Raised track focussed

Third Tuesday of the Month:

Chat Night

Fourth Sunday of the Month:

Traction Engine focussed

Any suggestions, comments or items for inclusion in the bulletin can be sent directly to anna@unionhomestead.com