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Loco Foreman's Report:

Thanks to Ian and George who have successfully installed the second point set.

The total fire ban in the Canterbury area has limited the use of steam engines.

In recent weeks we have been "double heading" with the 2 F7's. If we do this again, we should have a guard (complete with whistle).

There is very little activity on the raised tracks at present. Is there a reason for this?

Patrick, through no fault of his own, suffered a broken wheel on the Goose from a stone being placed between the rails. This highlights the need to be continually vigilant when driving.

The weed issue on the tracks seems to have been addressed but vegetation clearance and levelling at a couple of places need to be completed.

The Track Inspectors on running days and LF must sign off the Track Inspection Sheet prior to hauling passengers. Also, the Train Check sheet must be signed off.

Last week I stood at the incoming points for nearly 2 hours and was pressed into driving for the rest of the day, not allowing a break.

A thanks to Dave Dunk for donating 2 x new hi-vis vests.

As always thanks to all the members who give of their time on every weekend.

From the President's desk:

Easter has come and gone. We had a bunny at the engine shed on Sunday and he had a ride on the ICE train from the shed to the station but got off when he had to pay! The weather has brought the public out to the domain. We are using all of our carriages to try and keep up with the demand and have ordered a batch of new trolleys but they will have to wait until the new shed is up. Dave Markham is making good progress with the library at Halswell and also cleaning up at Andrews Crescent. If you have some spare time I am sure he would appreciate a hand. The Wednesday working team is back in action. A tin shed from Andrews Crescent is now in the yard and is going to be used for all the water hoses, thanks to Alan Barlow and Richard Scoon. Ian and George are working hard on the changing over the points. We ran Easter Sunday and Monday with great crowds and the weather was good. Thanks to our junior members: Patrick, Jayden and Martin for turning up early and getting things ready and running. The club house-keeping has improved, thanks to everyone finding the dishwasher at last. If you have a computer, have a look at our website! John Begg is doing a great job and while you are there, check out the Cammod 2 site. The general meeting night was a visit to the Auto Restoration with around 35 members. Thanks to Alan Wylie who showed us this amazing place and John Begg for organizing the night out. Well worth a visit. The letter terminating the lease on Andrews Crescent has been sent. It's a bit sad after 65 years of hard work but also a lot fun and memories will stay in the minds of a great many of our members. The actual date to leave is undecided at the moment. It was great to see Phil Rich down from Auckland during the weekend. I did ask him if he had brought his broom with him but he said NO. We gave him one of ours just for old times. Things ahead: we are working on the display area in the clubrooms and getting ready for the shelves to go up so that we can start displaying our models. We had a great display of model boats on the pond last weekend too. The public love it and the ducks don't! Lastly if anyone is wanting banana boxes there are some at the clubrooms so help yourself.

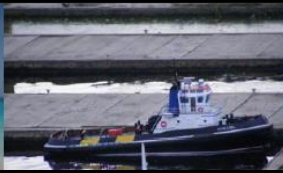


From the March Committee Meeting:

Meanz: The Otago Club have exercised their right to call a Special General Meeting of MEANZ Exec. and club delegates on April 13th.

Halswell GLT: The Clubrooms have been signed off by the Council. The Code of Compliance is awaited. A site meeting has been arranged to resolve issues re the documentation associated with the Station Bridge and roof. The Train Shed Consent has been issued. Flaxmill have been asked to quote firstly for the slab and then the building shell. If prices are acceptable then Flaxmill could start in early April. CSME as main contractor will have to arrange insurance and fencing. The current work list will include installation of the Hose Shed in the steaming bay and concreting the pond end public crossing.

General Business: The TV has been installed and speakers will be fitted. A meeting has been held at Andrews Cres with CCC. A letter is being composed outlining the history of CSME at Andrews Cres. and the issues to be resolved before the lease is terminated. There is need for further bogies. After discussion it was decided that 8 new trolleys are needed. Peter Grounds offered to lend components for 6 bogies meaning that 10 new bogies are needed. Robin McDonald, Rob Wilson, and Dave Markham were suggested as members willing to take responsibility. The meeting approved Russell's suggestion that an Invitation to the Mayor of Christchurch would be an appropriate gesture.



The Dock Side



Commodore's Corner

The issues surrounding the introduction of exotic fish continue. Gray Jamieson of NZ Waterways Restoration has offered his support.

The dock gates are working well. Vegetation trimming will need regular attention.

Thanks to John Howie for supplying shelving in the 'boat cupboard'.



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Junior	\$ 25.00
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Scratch built copy of a "drifter" fishing boat used in the North Sea around 1890.

This model is 1200mm long – 300mm beam. The hull is fully fibreglassed with 2 pot reaction lacquer paint. The deck is finished with oak planking.

The engine is a V twin oscillating model steam engine. Bore: half inch. Stroke: ¾ inch x 2.

This unique engine has forward, reverse and speed control capabilities using a single lever which can be servo operated by radio control.

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Every part of this model is BRAND NEW.

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Easter Weekend at the Pond



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