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Loco Foreman's Report

Activity increased over the month with near record returns from rides, especially over the Easter break. Using 3 cars per loco proved a great way to move a lot of passengers especially when the demand grew. Alex easily handled 4 or more cars at times. A word to all drivers, especially steam loco operators, you may need to get to our venue earlier as

some days it is after 1.00pm when the first steamer appears at the station. Work is continuing with the new ride-on wagons as an issue with their springing has arisen. We now are registered with WorksafeNZ as an Amusement Device # 1218. We also have a years Permit to Operate from CCC for which we will be inspected this Sunday. This completes our paperwork for what should have been 2 years however the certificate is back dated to start from when we first made the application! I have lodged an appeal.

From the President's Desk

This is my last Bulletin report for the CSMEE year.

That's right folks; the AGM is coming up next month on May the 6th. We welcome any member who would like to help out on the committee or with the volunteer positions. Some positions are becoming available so please ask any of the committee for a nomination form. Ray Lawrence is standing down from the Suppers duty. Ray, you have made countless cups of tea and coffee for the general meetings and social events the club has held over the years. Well done, you deserve your retirement. Kelvin Lewis, our Archivist is also standing down this year. Many thanks Kelvin, you have put countless hours into looking after the clubs records and sorting out many boxes of paperwork. I am sure he is happy to give his experience and guidance to a newcomer.

Sadly Clive Robertson died recently. He was a quiet chap who worked in the ticket box on a number of occasions and was a member for many years. Our condolences go to his family. The weather has broken and it is not like last year when the summer went through to the end of April. We have been rained out on three Sundays so far and they predict a wet winter, but we will see! **Alarm reminder!!** Please remember if you are the last one to leave the complex, to look around you and make sure that all padlocks, door locks and alarms are secure **before you go!** Talking about alarms, if by chance you set the alarm off by mistake you have **two minutes** to reset it. After that time you have to ring the security firm, the 0800 number is on the paper work above the alarm box. Inform them that a callout is not necessary, because if you do not do this, we get charged a callout fee. The Wednesday team are working through the job list. The ramp at the rear door of the engine shed is boxed and ready for concrete. The shed is looking better everyday, thanks to Alan. The new trolleys are coming on stream. I am pleased to see that the dishwasher is getting a workout! Thanks chaps. Over the winter we will doing maintaince work on the grounds and track so there are always things to do. We have a number of new junior members joining, please encourage and support them. Without the younger ones coming in, the older ones can't retire! Welcome to Nicky Tily, Glen Batchelor, Paul Baily, Barry Saunders, Paul Dune and Alex Hunter.

April 2014 Edition

From the April Committee Meeting:

Librarian: Dave Markham reported that the current 2014 magazines are available for viewing. We will subscribe to the American journal "Digital Machinist" for one year. General reading magazines will be located in a small 3-shelf bookcase at the far end of the clubrooms.

Halswell GLT: A representative from the Council will visit our site on Sunday 27th April regarding building signoff. Chubb have issued our annual building warrant of fitness certificate. Train shed is almost complete - just need concrete at workshop entry, an exit sign and paint brushed onto mortar to prevent moisture ingress. Dave Markham and Robin McDonald are fine-tuning springing on the new compensated bogies. We need two more equipment trays to transport set-up equipment. The end of the traverser pit needs more work. We need two more sets of crossing signals

Membership: Welcome to Samuel Ward, Albert Salter and Paul Bailey (member of Sydney Society of Model Engineering).

Safety: The former Safety Committee has now merged with the Executive Committee.

Drivers always need to exercise care, especially in the station area, speed limit 3km/h.

Our safety sign needs to be rewritten to make it more comprehensive, and if printed on canvas, it could be rolled up and stored with the set-up equipment when not in use.

General Business: The subs remain unchanged. We can no longer buy char. Welsh coal is now available at \$1600 a ton (compared with \$2500/ton for char and \$500/ton for local coal). 100kg of Welsh coal for driver/fireman familiarization.



For Sale: See John Howie



The Dock Side



Commodore's Corner

The "Liquid Fence" appears to be a lost cause. We are considering a variety of grass that is "duck unfriendly".

A Lincoln cub group visited us at our March boat night. This was before daylight saving ended, and we had a fine, but overcast evening. There was a reasonable turn out of club boats, and the cubs sailed their own creations as well. A good time was had by all, with a number of questions being asked.

Mike Harrison and I recently visited Hillview Christian School, and entertained four classes of children in two sessions, at their swimming pool. Once again, a number of questions were answered. We were shown some boats that the children had been building as a class project.

Who knows what future members might result from such activities.



Visit to Hillview Christian School



AN INVITATION
For all members of CSMEE
To the



Annual General Meeting 2014

Of the
Canterbury Society of Model and experimental Engineers Inc.
To be held on Tuesday May 6, 2014
Halswell Domain Clubhouse at 7.30 pm.

For Sale: See John Howie



Lincoln Cub Group Visits the Pond



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