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From the President's Desk

Hello everyone. I must say Show weekend went well

The weather held good, Friday was quiet as a lot of people were at the show. Saturday and Sunday were very busy, with a steady flow of public, but not too rushed and this made our job very pleasant. We had a BBQ and a night run so a great weekend had by all! The boats put on a very good show, a great crowd-stopper with good variety. Thanks to all the visitors. The Wednesday team has been busy with track and the pond work. We have removed the timber decking from the north end of the pond as it was becoming unsafe and a duck feeding area. If you have any time, come and join the team on Wednesday 9am to 2pm, lunches are provided. Our future plans are still in the melting pot and will take some time to work through. Ideas for the raised track in the engine shed are being looked at. Any members with locos etc in that area will have to move them while the work is carried out. Our small engine display in the clubrooms is very interesting; they all run on compressed air. If you have anything you would like displayed please contact Russell Gifford.

With the warmer weather, more customers will come on Sundays. So please if you have time to help out on a Sunday come down, to give the drivers and station staff a break sometimes.

The New Year's Day picnic begins at 10 am. BYO.

Well folks another year gone, how fast they go.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

December 2014 Edition

From the November Committee Meeting:

MEANZ: Clubs are urged to continue sending applications for Registration. Clubs are to continue to implement COP's and BPG's and await arrival of revised MAP's. Individuals who write to MBIE/Work safe NZ do so without the support or approval of MEANZ.

Halswell GLT: Wednesday teams have continued with track levelling. Peter King has constructed and donated a 'Track leveller'. New bogie springs have been fitted.

Librarian: Current Magazines are available. A new DVD has arrived from "Model Ships". There are 9 new DVD's relating to British Steam. 15 Boat drawings have been added. (278 total drawings). Ships in Scale have not arrived, assumed lost in post. A replacement copy is being sent. It has been decided to continue with the 3 yr sub. to "Digital Machinist"

Safety: A "spark danger" sign needs to be available when traction engines are operating. There was considerable discussion on the need/desirability of having a guard with a train pulling more than 3 trolleys. Devising an efficient means of communication between guard and driver is proving elusive.

General Business: Awards night was considered to be the most successful for a number of years. Track Extensions: Some possibilities suggested for funding a tunnel. There would be 3 possible track lengths available to drivers on the GLT. A grant is to be made from club funds to a deserving group in the near future.



Recent Playgroup Party



Time Out on a Sunday



Christmas Party

From the December Committee Meeting:

MEANZ: A S.I. club has sought advice re: Boiler Inspectors by acting outside MEANZ Protocol and caused confusion. Member clubs are reminded that AMBSC Code 4 for Duplex boilers has **not** been accepted by Worksafe NZ. MEANZ are to meet with MBIE/Work safe NZ officials in 2015.

Halswell GLT: General maintenance will continue.

Membership: Welcome to Jim Staton (Hokitika)

Librarian: Current Mags are on hand. A new DVD (donated by Rob Wilson) Hythe---Dymchurch Rlw. Ships in Scale have arrived.

Boiler: Boiler Committee list has been expanded to include Dave Campbell.

Safety: A large amount of foot traffic traverses the turntable area, a hinged gate is being considered to limit this. The need for an Eyewash Station considered. Future Plans: It is recognised that the membership structure of CSMEE has changed over decades. Before further exploration the concept will need to be discussed with CCC. Following the decision of the Oct meeting, and there being a totally positive attitude displayed by all involved with the "Light Party", the donation should proceed. The Secretary is to write explaining our decision to have a 'Charity Weekend' and that this year our chosen charity is the South West Baptist Church.



The Dock Side



Recent Activity on the Pond



Model Engineer's Schools Prize for Excellence in Engineering Workshop Skills. Sam Apps of Christchurch Boy's High School with his almost completed model Traction engine.



Show Weekend Boats



The track will not be open for public running on:

December 28th
January 4th
January 11th

If members wish to run trains on these days it will be on an informal basis with the option of a donation box.

Member's Day Picnic:
January 1st

January General Meeting
January 20th

January Committee Meeting
January 27th



Watching and Working

Recent Activity on the Pond



REMINDER: SUBS

Subs	Full Price
Town	\$100.00
Associate	\$ 70.00
Retired	\$ 100.00
Junior	\$ 25.00
Family	\$105.00

Subs can be paid

Online:

Westpac 031703 0032951
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Cheque:

CSMEE

PO Box 37307

Christchurch 8245.

Year Ending 31/3/2014

Newly Built Loco by Peter Jackson



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