

The Whistle Blower -

News of the Canberra Society of Model and Experimental Engineers January 2010

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What's been Going On

Work Activities

It was a quiet month over the Christmas period. Some more track work has been completed and there was a continuing effort to keep the site clean.

An application was forwarded to ACTEWAGL for an exemption to stage three water restrictions. This has been granted and the Club is allowed to use the sprinkler system on Wednesday and Sunday evenings. It is hoped that this will encourage the grass to re-establish.

Work is progressing on the club riding cars with brakes being fitted to one of the bogies. The wheel flanges for the bogie have been re-machined to the new AALS standard. The brakes on the bogie have been tested and appear to be working to an acceptable standard.

Due to the lack of interest in the Wednesday mornings, the only alternative may be to abandon the Wednesday mornings and revert to the all day Saturday Working Bee where all active club members would be expected to attend.

Monthly Meeting

Members attending the monthly meeting were entertained by photos supplied by Paul Gugger on Lake Goldsmith Steam Preservation Society in Victoria.

Unfortunately there has been a drop off in the Bits and Pieces department and members are encouraged to bring along any items of interest they may have. It also provides members a forum to display their projects in their various phases of construction.

There were 18 members present at the meeting with 4 apologies received. There were no visitors at the meeting.

End of Month Running Day and Club Christmas Party

The last running day for the year turned out to be fine and warm with no sign of the miserable weather we have been experiencing. There were a number of parties booked with everyone looking forward to lunchtime when a special event was rumored to occur.

The Santa train arrived at 12:30 to the excitement of the party children and after a brief stop to hand out lolly bags he was soon on his way again.

The Club Christmas party followed the running day. Santa made a brief appearance after the evening barbeque and an enjoyable evening was had by members and their families.

COMING EVENTS

Monthly meeting 21st January 2010

The topic for the next meeting will be

Building a model from scratch

JANUARY

Wed 6 th	Working bee at the KMR
Sun 10 th	Club running day and afternoon public run
Tue 12 th	CSME Committee Meeting
Wed 13 th	Working Bee at the KMR
Wed 20 th	Working Bee at the KMR
Thur 21 st	C.S.M.E.E. Monthly Meeting
Sun 24th	Club Muster Day
Wed 27 th	Working Bee at the KMR
Sat 30th	Mowing and cleanup prior to running day
Sun 31 st	Public Running Day at the KMR

FEBRUARY

Tue 2 nd	CSMEE Committee Meeting
Wed 3 rd	Working bee at the KMR/CMR
Tue 9 th	CSMEE Sub Committee Meeting
Wed 10 th	Working Bee at the KMR/CMR
Sun 14 th	Club running day and afternoon public run
Wed 17 th	Working Bee at the KMR/CMR
Thur 18 th	C.S.M.E.E. Monthly Meeting
Wed 24 th	Working Bee at the KMR/CMR
Sat 27th	Mowing and cleanup prior to running day
Sun 28 th	Public Running Day at the KMR

KMR CLEAN UP ROSTER

January Saturday 30th 2010

Ward Gainey	6241 2334 Team Leader
Paul Gugger	6281 1849
Ian Hahn	6288 8126
Peter Hateley	6254 7229

February Saturday 27th 2010

Bob Hesse 6288 2025 Team Leader
Mark Hogan 6231 3249
Dennis Maurer 02 4464 2395
Jason Maurer 02 4464 2395

Please contact the Team Leader if you are unable to attend.

BOILERS

There were no boiler inspections carried out during the month.

Canteen Matters

Rosemary still needs help in the Canteen with the cooking on the end of month running days. Anybody who would like to volunteer, please see Rosemary or John Oliver

Draft Code of Practice

A draft revised Code of Practice (AALS) is available for download from the AALS web site. Members are encouraged to become conversant with the requirements of the Code of Practice as it is the basis for safe operation of our miniature railway and our Insurance is based on our compliance.

New Site

A Development Application has been lodged with ACTPLA and has been advertised (can be viewed on the ACTPLA web site - look under the option 'Comment on a DA'). There is a statutory time frame for processing which expires on or about 10 February (some doubt as to what is a working day over the break).

A draft lease is expected in the next week or so.

In the meantime work continues on marking out the site and other preparatory tasks.

Promotions Manager

The Society urgently needs the services of a willing person to take on the task of promoting the Society and its activities. This need not be a member but does need to be a person with knowledge of our activities and willing to explore all of the possibilities for promotion.

In particular, we are keen to take advantage of any milestone (anniversary, signing a lease etc) to gain access to local newspapers. We need to put together a program for, say, twelve months so that expenditure can be included in our budgeting

process. Enquiries and suggestions to John Oliver (62921938).

MONEY MATTERS

The December running day produced a fair result with \$1,317.55 being taken for the day. Overall income is down on previous years and due to this expenditure has also been reduced. The Club is still on track to meet the budget for the year but we still need some good running days.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The committee met on Tuesday 12th January The meeting was well attended with two members away. The main topic for discussion has centered on the AALS Code of Practice and how it affects the running of the Club.

A motion that John Oliver be authorized to purchase a compressor for 81 was tabled and passed by the Committee. The Committee also discussed and agreed that wooden sleepers would be used in the construction of the 5" and 7¼" tracks.

Don't forget Club and Mid month running days on the second Sunday of each month. All welcome. Please come along and join in.

Club muster

Don't forget the C.S.M.E.E. Club muster to be held on the 24th January 2010. Bring along your projects (completed or otherwise) and locomotives (completed or otherwise) and have a run either on the raised or ground level tracks. There are approximately 40 locos on the Club registry and the Committee would like to see them all.

A sausage sizzle will be provided for lunch.



John Oliver entertaining a possible new member (and its not Len Tate)