

The Whistle Blower -

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What's been Going On

Work Activities

Work has continued on the train braking systems with both Santa-Fe and AN1 now having brakes fitted to their trains. Loco 81 will be fitted with full brakes when an air cylinder becomes available and we purchase a compressor. At the January committee meeting it was decided to have a log book for each loco, another for rolling stock and one for the track and points so that when any work is carried out on any of these items it will be entered into the books to give us some idea as to what maintenance is being carried out. Santa-Fe has had its front bogie overhauled and the engine tuned up and seems to be running quite well, but it must only be driven in 3rd gear at all times; that is of course unless you want to go backwards. In the coming weeks the rest of the 3 ½ gauge track will be lifted from the back straight ready to be straightened for use at the new site. Thanks to Chris, work will recommence on the canteen as he has volunteered to finish the painting of the doors and window framing etc. We are of course still looking for willing workers for the Wednesday work team so thanks to Graham Belcher for his work last week in helping to clean up the site.

Monthly Meeting

Members attending the January monthly meeting were entertained with a slide show of the recent trip to New Zealand Conventions by Les Mouat. The presentation included many fine photos of the New Zealand scenery along with photos of miniature railways, full size railways and other related railway topics. Thanks to Les for his efforts and presentation

More Bits and Pieces are still required for the meetings so bring along any items of interest you may have. It also provides members a forum to display their projects in their various phases of construction.

There were 22 members present at the meeting with 1 apology received. There was 1 visitor present at the meeting.

The door prize which has jackpotted to \$60.00 was finally won by Greg Peters. Door prize will be \$20.00 voucher from Fisher Discounts next meeting.

Monthly Running Days

Running day Sunday 31st Jan.
A quiet day with only three parties booked in however everyone enjoyed themselves with a steady stream of customers all day. It was great to see Bob Hesse's new loco on the track for its first official KMR public run and it performed faultlessly all day; well done Bob.

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

COMING EVENTS

Monthly meeting 18th February 2010

The topic for the next meeting will be

Building a model from scratch

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
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KMR CLEAN UP ROSTER

February Saturday 27th 2010

Greg Peters	0412 179899 Team Leader
Mark Hogan	6231 3249
Dennis Maurer	02 4464 2395
Jason Maurer	02 4464 2395

March Saturday 28th 2010

Dennis McALISTER	6241 8190
Peter MOTTRAM	6288 2988
Les MOUAT	6241 5388
Kevin OLDS	6254 7129 (team leader)

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

BOILERS

There were no boiler inspections carried out during the month.

New Site

An offer of a lease has been received - annual rent \$3300 (about \$1000 more than KMR), 25 yrs renewable, 3 years to complete construction.

There was unacceptable wording regarding provision of parking and this has been taken up with LDA. A revised offer is expected shortly. Despite the less than satisfactory income in the past twelve months the Committee has agreed to an amended lease offer subject to the DA being finalised in an acceptable form.

The time period for comments on the DA closed on Monday last and one submission was received. A meeting to discuss this and other matters is scheduled for Thursday 4 February. ACTPLA have queries about parking, landscaping and the use of containers as buildings.

Work (early, cool mornings) has continued on marking out the layout and there should be opportunity to walk members around within a few weeks. Preliminary survey indicates that the planned layout is feasible but challenging. Those who have been helping have been favorably impressed with the size of the site and layout.

Negotiations with a builder to take out the building permit are all but finalised. The builder will be responsible to Work Cover for compliance with the various OH&S requirements and CSMEE members and sub-contractors must toe the line.

The order of work will depend somewhat on soil moisture, but water connection, septic tank and completion of the toilet will be high on the list.

Promotions Manager

The advertised position for Promotions Manager has been taken up by Malcolm Southwell. The committee extends its thanks to Malcolm for volunteering for the position. Please email any promotional ideas you may have to Malcolm at malcolm.southwell@afma.gov.au or alternatively you can call Malcolm on 02 62598992.

MONEY MATTERS

January ticket sales were \$98 mid month and \$1,015 for the end of the month. Thanks to the efforts of Bob Hesse and his private run with the National Serviceman's Association, we received a donation of \$155.00.

Final result for January does not look good due to the low ticket sales and the purchase of the char. However, when we look at the year to date figures, we are still hanging in there, but low level of ticket sales continues to be a concern. By keeping the expenses at the KMR under control we should still have a favourable outcome at the end of the year.

COMMITTEE REPORT

February's Committee meeting was a low key affair with two members being absent. The main topic was the lease and the conditions attached to the lease. Two motions were put to the Committee and both were passed. The first is that the child whose birthday it is would receive free rides all day and the second is that CSMEE would pay up to 5 members to get their Construction Induction Card.

New Members

There was one new member admitted to the club. He is Mr Eric Hines whose interests are railways and Traction Engines. Eric has also been a member of Luddenham.

Members Muster 24/01/2010

The members Muster day held on the 24th January was fairly successful with approximately 15 members turning up for the day. All of the exhibits were locomotives with a couple I've not seen before. John Oliver found another problem with the 12 class locomotive. There was a sausage sizzle for lunch which was enjoyed by the members present. Next Members muster day will be held on 17th May.

Photo's of the day follows.

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Oh No not another problem with the 12 Class?



Peter Cole



Reg Smith



Dick Whitfield



Ivan Trellogen

