

The Whistle Blower -

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

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What's been Going On

WORK ACTIVITIES

Work is progressing with the Wednesday work crew presently concentrating on completing the footings for the containers and toilet block as it is hoped that the containers and toilet block will be in their final locations by the new year. However this will depend a lot on the weather.

Things are progressing at the CMR with a number of tasks in progress. However there is always a requirement for volunteers to perform some tasks.

Work at KMR is now concentrated on the production of track for CMR. The track welding jig has been set up in the covered steaming bay.

However the grass still needs mowing and there are always little jobs to be done.

There was a mowing working bee at CMR on Saturday 20th November. To all accounts there was a good turn out of members and quite a lot of mowing was done. We are hoping to borrow a tractor and slasher to get the majority of the block mowed.

Please remember, if you have time to spare on a Wednesday or on weekends, you are more than welcome to come along and join the working group. There will always be something that you can do.

MONTHLY MEETING

Attendance at the November Member's meeting was slightly up on the previous month with 21 members turning out for the night. There were 2 apologies received and 0 visitors on the night.

The meeting was opened by the president who gave a overview on the progress at the CMR site as well as what work has been performed at KMR.

The advertised entertainment for the night was to be a presentation of engineering web sites by John Oliver. However this was postponed to the January meeting. Entertainment was provided by Mick Richardson who presented a video he took of the Invitation run at Wagga.

Dick Whitfield was the lucky door prize winner at the monthly meeting in September. Because Dick was not present to collect, the door prize has jackpotted to \$50.00 at the next monthly meeting.

The monthly members meeting has been combined with the CSMEE Christmas party to be held on Saturday 11th December. Please come along and join in.

COMING EVENTS

Monthly meeting 20th January 2011

The topic for the next meeting will be a demonstration of Engineering Web sites by John Oliver

MONTHLY RUNNING DAYS

The mid month running day for November saw 2 parties booked for the day. The day turned out to be fairly average with a chance of showers. The weather was true to form with some showers coming through in the afternoon. This did not deter the parties and approximately \$300.00 has taken in the afternoon run.

There were 10 parties booked for the end of month running day. However the day started off badly with pouring rain at 6:00AM. The outlook did not get any better and it was decided to postpone the day until Sunday 5th December.

The parties were contacted by Bob Hesse and all were given the option to attend on the 5th December. To date only one party has taken up the option.

DECEMBER 2010

Wed 1st Working Bee at the KMR/CMR
Wed 1st CSMEE Committee Meeting
Wed 8th Working Bee at the KMR/CMR
Wed 8th CMR sub committee meeting
Thu 9th Wattle Child Care Centre
Sat 11th Mowing and cleanup prior to running day
Sun 12th Public Running Day at the KMR
Wed 15th Working Bee at the KMR/CMR
Wed 22nd Working Bee at the KMR/CMR

**Sat 25th Christmas Day
Merry Christmas and a Happy
New Year to All.**

JANUARY 2011

Wed 5th Working Bee at the KMR/CMR
Wed 5th CMR sub committee meeting
Sun 9th Club running day and afternoon public run
Mon 10th CSMEE Committee meeting
Wed 12th Working bee at the KMR/CMR
Sun 16th Private Run Bob Hesse
Wed 19th Working Bee at the KMR/CMR
Thu 20th Monthly members meeting
Sat 29th Mowing and cleanup prior to running day
Sun 30th Public Running Day at the KMR

KMR CLEAN UP ROSTER

December Saturday 11th 2010

The cleanup of the KMR site for the December run is an all hands affair. Please do your best to come along and give the committee a hand to get KMR presentable for the CSMEE Xmas party due to start at 4.00PM and the Public running day on Sunday 12th.

January Saturday 29th 2011

Greg Peters	0412 179899 (Team Leader)
Michael Richardson	6254 1996
Geoffrey Ross	6281 1785
Lloyd Sawyer	6254 7958

If you cannot attend your designated place in the clean up roster, please find another member to take your place. Do not leave it up to your committee.

BOILER MATTERS

There were no boiler matters for the last month.

MONEY MATTERS

November was not a good month in terms of ticket sales, due to the weather and the subsequent postponement of the end of month running day. Our biggest income item for the month was the interest on our accounts - \$442, with the total income being only \$724. Budgeted income for the month was \$2,600 so we fell well short. However, the continued control on our expenditure and the good results so far this year mean that on a year to date basis we are still doing better than our budget. However, if the rain continues to disrupt running days, that situation will rapidly change.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee meeting held in December saw discussions concentrated on organisation of the CSMEE Christmas party to be held on 11th December.

Other matters discussed were the CMR progress report, Party bookings and the Wattle Child Care Centre run to be held on the 9th December.

A motion was raised to purchase a tractor for the CMR site. The purchase of the tractor is subject to the tractor suiting out requirements. The tractor along with a slasher will be lent to the Club for evaluation purposes however the slasher is not included in the price.

CMR

Work is progressing with the construction of the site at Symonston. All footings have been poured except those for the Clubhouse and Canteen. These will be completed shortly.

The water plan has been completed by Peter Mottram and has been passed by the committee. A brief has been prepared for the work and will be sent to plumbers for quoting.

The concreting of the station floor will commence once the ground has had a chance to dry out after the recent rains.

Construction of track has commenced with the two lengths of 7 1/4" track for the station nearing completion. Next to be completed will be the two lengths of 5".

A big thanks to all those who attended the mowing bee on Saturday 20th November. The turnout of members was excellent and quite a lot was achieved on the day. A special thanks to the Ladies who attended. It was good to see so many getting involved.

A sub committee meeting is to be held on Wednesday 8th December to discuss and plan progress at CMR.

NOTICES

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

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Due to the CSMEE Christmas party being held on the 11th December, there will not be a members meeting held on the third Thursday in December.

The next members meeting will be held on the third Thursday in January.

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The 55th AALS Convention will be held at Edgeworth by the Lake Macquarie Live Steam Locomotive Co-operative Society Limited over Easter weekend (Friday 22nd to Monday 25th April 2011.

Registration forms will be sent to those members upon request or is available @ www.lakemacquarielivesteam.org.au.

A special members meeting will be held on Thursday 17th February to discuss changes to the Objects and Rules. A letter will be sent to all members in early January 2011.

**DON'T FORGET
The CSMEE Christmas party**



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CSMEE Xmas Party

The CSMEE Xmas party will now be held at the Kingston Miniature Railway on

Saturday 11th December

starting at 4.00 pm.

Drinks and a BBQ will be provided.

Please notify Greg Peters on 0412 179899 if you wish to attend.

RSVP by 8th December.

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Photos from the year just gone.



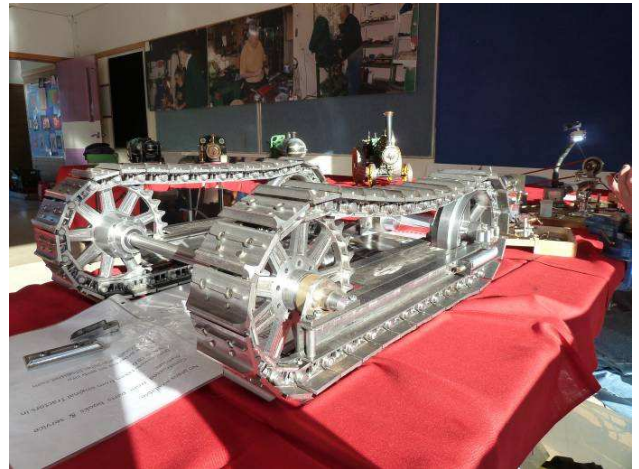
John Oliver entertaining a possible new member (and its not Len Tate)



Three 422 class locomotives. 71/4" Bob Hesse, 5" John Cameron and a HO scale Locomotive held by Bob.



John Cameron's NSW loco on the steaming bay 14/03/2010



The gates are up at CMR.



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**Merry Christmas and
to you**

**a Happy New Year
all**