

The Whistle Blower -

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

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What's been Going On

WORK ACTIVITIES

The Wednesday work crew presently is concentrating on the development of CMR. There are a number of tasks in progress and things are progressing well. However there is always things which need volunteers to perform.

At KMR the grass still needs mowing and there are always little jobs to be done. If you can help please see a member of the Committee for work allocation.

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 October Member's meeting was slightly up on the previous month with 21 members turning out for the night. There were 3 apologies received and 0 visitors on the night.

As the president was unavailable, the meeting was opened by the vice president who gave a brief overview of the progress at the new site as well as what work has been performed at KMR.

Bits and Pieces for the night was provided by Chris Grellelis who had his boiler and John Oliver explained how to use a tile cutter to score brass sheet.

The entertainment for the night was provided by Peter Cole in the form of a video of the Model Submarine Regatta.

Tim O'Connor was the lucky door prize winner at the monthly meeting in September. Because Tim was not present to collect, the door prize has jackpotted to \$40.00 at the next monthly meeting.

COMING EVENTS

Monthly meeting 18th November 2010

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 October saw 6 parties booked for the day. However due to the late running (12:30PM – 3:30PM) one party cancelled. The day turned out to be sunny with no sign of rain. After a slow start the afternoon got quite busy with \$988.00 taken on the day.

There were 10 parties booked for the end of month running day. The day started off bad with pouring rain at 6:00AM. The outlook started to improve and by 10:00AM all was clear and sunny. The day started off slow and by 11:00AM had picked considerably. The rest of the day saw us pulling passengers right up to 3:30PM. Takings for the day came to \$2137.00 which is an improvement of past running days.

Rosemary, Christine and Chris spent the day in the canteen working hard and on all reports had sold out of all their goodies adding to the total takings for the day.

NOVEMBER 2010

Tue 2 nd	CSMEE Committee Meeting
Wed 3 rd	Working Bee at the KMR/CMR
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	CSMEE Monthly Meeting
Sat 20 th	Private Run
Wed 26 th	Working Bee at the KMR/CMR
Wed 17 th	Working Bee at the KMR/CMR
Sat 27 th	Mowing and cleanup prior to running day
Sun 28 th	Public Running Day at the KMR

DECEMBER 2010

Wed 1st Working Bee at the KMR/CMR
Tue 7th CSMEE Committee Meeting
Wed 8th Working Bee at the KMR/CMR
Sat 11th Mowing and cleanup prior to running day
Sun 12th Club running day and afternoon public run
Wed 15th Working Bee at the KMR/CMR
Thur 16th CSMEE Monthly Meeting
Wed 22nd Working Bee at the KMR/CMR
Wed 29th Working Bee at the KMR/CMR

KMR CLEAN UP ROSTER

November Saturday 27th 2010

Rodney MacKintosh	0447 439378
Denis Maurer	02 44642395
Kevin Olds	6254 7129 (Team Leader)
Greg Peters	0412 179899

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.

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

One of the challenges facing the Committee is the uneven nature of our expenditure. Some 25% of our annual expenditure occurs in just ONE month, February, when our insurance is due.

When the time comes, we have to have the funds available to pay the bill. That is one of the reasons we have a budget. It lays out our expected outlays and income across the year and helps the Committee to ensure that funds

will be available as and when bills fall due for payment.

With this budget to guide us, we can ensure that we are making sufficient profit, and hence cash flow, early in the financial year to allow us to meet the big spike in February and still end the year with a small surplus.

In October we have had two successful running days, \$988 mid month and \$2137 end of month, which have ensured that we are still on track with our budget, in fact a little ahead, which is a satisfying position at this time.

Further good running days are still needed.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The Committee meetings held in November saw discussions mainly concentrated on progress at the CMR site. Several matters were added to new business. These were Post convention run 2011, possible hosting of Convention in 2013 and the reversal of running days in April. A motion tabled at the last Committee meeting from Bob Hesse to hold an Annual Birthday Party Cake Competition was voted on and passed. The matter of an All Day Ticket is still being investigated. The Committee decided to survey the public over the next three monthly running days to gauge public support on the matter.

CMR

Work is progressing on the new site – the marking out of the remainder of the footings has been completed with the digging of the footings to start on Wednesday 10th November.

Peter Mottram is working on the water reticulation plan for CMR. The plan will be submitted at the next sub-committee meeting for review and will be circulated to all committee members before the next committee meeting.

Bob Hesse has been approached and is willing to do the concreting of the station floor.

Construction of the track to be embedded in concrete will start within the next two weeks week. It is hoped to have the track for both sides of the station completed before the working bee on the 20th November.

Initial lengths of track are 3 x 6m lengths of 7.25' and 3 x 6m lengths of 5'. These are required for the station and will be concreted in.

Malkara 29th October

The president would like to extend the Clubs thanks to all those who took part in the 40th anniversary run at Malkara on Friday 29th October 2010.

The night went extremely well with the portable track being set up and dismantled without fuss. Running on the night was trouble free with Greg Peters and John Oliver driving the club locomotive.

The night went without incident and everyone who attended the Malkara 40th Anniversary had a great time.

Well done everyone who attended for all your efforts..

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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There will be a mowing working bee at CMR on the 20th November.

All welcome to come along and help.

Members are requested that where possible could they bring along a mower or whipper snipper on the day.

Petrol will be provided.



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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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