

The Whistle Blower -

News of the Canberra Society of Model and Experimental Engineers April 2012

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What's been Going On

CMR WORK ACTIVITIES

Well things are starting to come together at long last. Work is progressing well in spite of the weather. During the month several things have been progressed to completion or near completion.

The workshop is almost completed with the insulation installed in the end walls. One end wall has been clad and it is expected that the roller door end will be completed soon. Lighting for the workshop has been completed and power is well on the way to being completed.



Wall insulation in workshop

Poles have been erected between the signal box and the workshop and in the steaming bay area to provide lighting and to allow cameras to be mounted to cover these areas.



Lighting pole for Steaming bays

The next big job to complete will be the signal box. There is no indication as to when the Signal box will be delivered. The landing to the signal box has been erected in preparation for when the building arrives.



Work has started on preparing the base for 7¼" track. The first to be prepared will be the oval of track around the workshop. The 5" oval at the station has been marked out in readiness for track preparation.

The second ride on mower is now operational.

Mowing is still a problem and takes up time which can be used more productively elsewhere. So if you have some time and can come and sit on a ride-on mower, please contact John Oliver on 0406 206 113 or the Secretary on 0412 179 899 or by email if you would like to help out.

The track making equipment has been moved from KMR to CMR thanks to Mike Cammell and his son Ricky.

While the main thrust of the Wednesday work party is at CMR there is still work to be performed at the KMR site. The grass still needs mowing and there are always small jobs to be done at the KMR site.

MONTHLY MEETING

The March Member's meeting saw a decrease in numbers on the previous month. There were 15 members in attendance with no visitors and 11 apologies for the night.

The formal part of the evening was dealt with quickly with the President giving a report on the progress of the Club. John Oliver gave a summary of the work at CMR while the need for volunteers at KMR was also discussed.

Bits and pieces this month were provided by the following members.

Chris Grallelis bought the whistle for his Kraus. Paul Gurger showed drawings he had done on a package from Google called Sketch Up. He also showed the union link he was making for the Britannia.

Peter Hateley bought along the manual for the RepRapPro Huxley Printing machine he is assembling. He has stated that once the machine is complete he will bring it along and demonstrate how it works. He also bought drawings of a QLD diesel rail unit 2000 class passenger car.

There was no formal entertainment for the night so the rest of the night was taken up with the raffles and refreshments.

The Members badge draw was won by John Crocker who unfortunately was not present on the night.

COMING EVENTS

Monthly meeting 19th April 2012

Location and entertainment

To be advised.

MONTHLY RUNNING DAYS

Both mid month and end of month running days started out fine with the promise of a great day ahead. Both days were slow to start however the day soon picked up. Also both days saw patrons stay longer than usual which is encouraging. The end of month running day saw all locomotives in use at some stage with no problems.

Events Calendar 2012

Attached to the Whistleblower is a printable calendar for those of you, like me who cannot remember what is going on from one week to the next.

KMR CLEAN UP ROSTER

April Saturday 28th 2012

Matt McGregor	0425 312 837
Les Mouat	6241 5388
Peter Hateley	6254 7229 (Team Leader)
Greg Peters	0412 179899

May Saturday 26th 2012

Mick Richardson	6254 1996
Luke Roberts	62612126
Ian Smith	0412 152213 (Team Leader)
Reg Smith	6241 3181

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 have been no boiler matters reported for the month.

MONEY MATTERS

The weather has continued to be kind, so much so that the mid-month run saw just over \$1,000 in ticket sales and the end of the month was just over \$2,000. In both cases we had a good mix of party people and walk in train riders.

Although we were not intending to start our all day tickets until the beginning of May, under pressure from the public we started selling them at the end of month March run, selling a total of 17 tickets at \$15 each.

Bob Hesse was active again seeking donations from the public for landscaping at the new site and collecting just over \$200. In addition the National Servicemen's Association donated \$100.

Expenses for the month were mostly as budgeted with some unexpected items relating to the web site. However, with the good income result we were able to again improve on our budget position.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The March committee meeting saw the meeting held in the new workshop. Discussions centred on the good running days for March and the introduction of all day tickets for the end of month run. Party bookings for April are down on previous months but there is plenty of time for them to pick up. There is a private party booked in for Sunday 22nd April. The committee approved an application for membership from Mr Patrick Kennedy from Goulburn.

A competition for members to come up with a name for the new Signal Box is now on. So put on your thinking caps because there will be a prize of two bottles of wine for the best entry. The competition will close at the general meeting in May. Send in your entry by email (csmee@grapevine.com.au), letter or come along to the Members meeting in May.

The club has received several donations which the committee would like to acknowledge.

Mike and Ricky Cammell for moving the track making jigs from KMR to CMR.

David Foote for the table in the workshop.

John Cameron for two extension leads.

Also to the National Serviceman's association for their generous donations.

The committee would also like to thank all members those donations of time and equipment is much appreciated.

NASHO's ANSWER THE CALL.



Kevin Olds, John Oliver and President Peter Hateley from the Canberra Society of Model and Experimental Engineers accept a cheque from President Garry Hand and Treasurer Brian Harry of the ACT Branch of the National Servicemen's Association.

When former National Serviceman Robin Parker read the article 'Great Miniature Train Robbery' (published in The Chronicle on 21 February), he was shocked. Robin read how thieves had stolen equipment and vandalised the area in Symonston where members of the Canberra Society of Model and Experimental Engineers (CSMEE) are building a new home for the miniature railway currently operating in Kingston.

"I had enjoyed a number of visits to the Miniature Railway in Kingston and I know how much work these fellows put into providing a great time for big and little kids. So I couldn't believe that anyone would be low enough to steal from a group like this" Robin said. But in keeping with the Nashos tradition of supporting the community, Robin jumped up at the next meeting of the ACT branch of the National Servicemen's Association and proposed that the Nashos help out. Members of the Association fully supported Robin's idea. Not only did the ACT branch decide to make a donation to the Canberra Society of Model and Experimental Engineers (CSMEE) which operates the Kingston Miniature Railway, but a number of members also sorted through their sheds and came up with equipment they no longer needed. Nashos member Bob Hesse, who is also Vice-President of CSMEE, couldn't believe their generosity. "I was blown away when Nashos started contacting me with offers of tools and equipment they no longer needed. In addition to a personal cash donation from one of the

