

The Whistle Blower -

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

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Presidents Report December 2012

The end of another year is close and I would like to thank you all for your participation in all our activities during the last year. This year has seen continuing developments at the new track, some new members and a year in which our income (much needed) is tracking ahead of budget.

I will apologise now for not being at the last couple of running days and our Christmas get together as I will be enjoying the sea air of the South China Sea, with Rosemary and I celebrating our 40th wedding anniversary. I would urge anyone who hasn't seen the developments at CMR Symonston to attend the Christmas function on 15th of December to catch up on the excellent work the team has carried out.

Finally Rosemary and I would like to wish all of you a safe, Happy Christmas and New Year and we look forward to seeing you all again after the holiday break

Peter Hateley
President

The month has seen two Club members hospitalized. Ian Smith underwent a heart valve operation and is recovering nicely after being rushed back to hospital the day after coming home.

Len Tate was also was in hospital and is now on the road to recovery.

It is hoped to see both back on their feet soon and the Club wishes them a speedy recovery.

CMR WORK ACTIVITIES

Work is slowly progressing at CMR. Most of the core infrastructure is now in place and tasks associated with the completion of this infrastructure are being completed.

Mowing remains the main priority at CMR with the warmer weather upon us. The committee approved the purchase of a new mower to a

value of \$4000.00 at the October meeting. The club has now purchased a zero turn ride on mower. This will help with the mowing and to complement the three ride-on mowers. The tractor has also been out with the slasher to combat the grass.

Work has continued on the design and marking out of the 5" track. The station loop has been pegged and the position of the two bridges required to cross the watercourse have been marked in preparation for drilling the footings. The design of the bridges has been finalized ready for drawing.

The 71/4 " station loop will be marked out next and construction of the track bed will be started soon.

We are still waiting on advice from the contractors as to when the work on the construction of the basic road works and drainage works will commence. As stated previously, there will be a working bee of club members required to assist with the fine trimming around sheds and obstacles

Work on the signal box has progressed to the point where the signal box is almost up to lockup stage. The roof is completed and the windows have been fitted. Work on the cladding of the walls is progressing and will be completed when Les Mouat returns from holidays.



Signal Box ready for the roof



Roof on ready for cladding



Cladding going on

MONTHLY MEETING

The November Member's meeting was a quiet affair with 13 members attending and three apologies on the night. We had no visitors for the night.

There were no bits and pieces for the night and the entertainment for the night was provided by David Foote with a slide show of his recent trip to UK.

The door prize was not claimed for the second month and will jackpot to the final meeting in December where it will be drawn until we have a winner.

COMING EVENTS

Monthly meeting 20th December 2012

Meeting to be held at Symonston.

Entertainment for the December meeting will be drinks and nibbles.

MONTHLY RUNNING DAYS

November saw the return of warmer weather and with this the numbers visiting the KMR on the mid month and end of month days increased. Party bookings for both days were fully booked out which has helped raise the days takings.

Thank you to all those members who attended the days and helped to made the month the success that it was.

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

December Saturday 8th 2012

Malcolm Southwell	0409 170 858
Mark White	0434 660738
John Wood	6288 7209
David Foote	6292 3778
	(Team Leader)

A new mowing roster is being formulated for the New Year and will be in the January whistleblower. Please take note of when your turn is and please ensure you are able to attend or arrange for a replacement.

Thanks to Graeme Belcher for keeping the grass mown at KMR, however there are always things to be done at KMR along with the monthly clean up.

BOILER MATTERS

There were no reported boiler matters from the Boiler Inspectors for the month.

MONEY MATTERS

Fine weather and a good number of parties resulted in record takings for the month. The mid month run yielded almost \$1,800 while the end of the month takings were \$3,130. All day ride tickets were very popular at the end of the

month run with 120 being sold. This good result, together with our careful monitoring of expenditure, means that we continue to do better than our budget, while being able to set aside funds for the new site. Our provision for the relocation now stands at over \$38,500. With two private runs and the Christmas run in December, we should continue to track well against our budget as long as the weather remains kind. December is a month of high expenses with our AALS Insurance and quarterly Land Rent Payments due, about \$6,000 in total, but being part of budget we have accumulated the cash needed to pay them.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Upcoming Party Bookings.

08 th December	Private Party	150 people
09 th December	8 parties	296 people

There are two running days until the end of year. Saturday 8th December is a private party of approximately 150 people while the final running day for the year is on Sunday 9th. The Sunday is expected to be a very busy day with approximately 500 people booked in for parties. Please come along and help make the days a huge success.

The main topics for discussions on the night were the upcoming Christmas party, the upgrade of the power cable to three phase and the purchase of a new tables for KMR. The mower which was passed at the October meeting has been purchased at a cost of \$4099.00.

The Annual CSMEE Christmas party is to be held at CMR on Saturday 15th December starting at 2:00PM. Meat and refreshments will be supplied by the Club. Attendees to the Christmas party are requested to bring a plate. details will be forthcoming after the December Committee meeting.

There were no applications for membership during the month.

Wagga Invitation Run

CSMEE was well represented at this year's Wagga invitation run. The weather was fine and warm. Numbers were down from previous

years. There were four locomotives from Canberra in attendance. Ian Smith's Bunyip. John Cameron with his A class locomotive which took out the prize for best new locomotive and Brendon Hill with his 422 and 42 class locomotives. Bunyip was picked as the train for the Official party and is seen leaving the station in the bottom photo.

Bunyip earned its keep on Sunday by pulling passengers for the Wagga club. All in all it was quite a successful and enjoyable weekend.



John accepting award for best new locomotive



Bunyip leaving station with Official party on board

DNC Visit

On Saturday the 17th of November, a number of members from the club travelled to Wakeley (suburban Sydney) for a visit to DNC System Technologies. As there was not the number required to hire a bus, we car-pooled for the trip north. On arrival, we were a little surprised to find that the 'factory' many were expecting to see, was in fact a normal suburban home workshop.

Family members greeted us at the front gate to be signed in and to receive our lunch tickets. Then a walk to the back of the house which had a annex/pergola to view the goodies (read model engineering supplies) and a small number of model steam locomotives either completed or under construction. Paul Gugger was seen eyeing off a couple of Queensland 7- $\frac{1}{4}$ inch gauge BB18- $\frac{1}{4}$'s but then wondering if they would fit into the back of the car.



Paul Gugger pondering on which one to take

Not to be outdone, Les Mouat took an interest in the Tasmanian J class but was caught trying to remove it from the stand.



Les caught in the act.

In what used to be the standard two-car garage, was a 4 axis milling centre, which was fully machining a pair of bogie frames. For the more complicated items, eg ALCO axle box covers or builders plates, Ian would set the machine up in the evening and by next morning it was all done; a case of work when you are asleep. Also in the building was a lathe, a milling machine and a drill plus smaller workshop equipment. All in all, a very compact but productive workshop.



Observing the 4 axis machine



Setting up the next job

Lunch, which consisted of a sausage sandwich and a drink, was served under the pergola, it was a good time to chat with other model engineers, some of whom came over from New Zealand. After lunch, some members went to visit the running day at the Western Districts Model Engineers Club while others went over to the Hare & Forbs Machinery Sale held over the same weekend. There were a couple of large items delivered to Canberra the following week!!!

The Hornsby District Model Engineers had a nice display of model engineering items at the Machinery Sale, as they do every year. Overall, this was an interesting day's outing and a good insight to the manufacturing and retail sides of the hobby.



Hare & Forbes display



Nice 5" 12 class



Some of the small engines on display

Private Party

Last Sunday we had the Stepping Stones Child Minding Centre for their Christmas party which was a wonderful success. With a Santa Special Train (please see photos) and a new Santa stepping up at the last moment he held all the kids in the palm of his hand.



Santa arriving



Santa in full swing

