

The Whistle Blower -

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What's been Going On

CMR WORK ACTIVITIES

Well another year has come and gone and now is a good time to reflect on the progress at CMR for 2012.

Work on the workshop continued throughout the year. The workshop is mostly completed with the kitchen being completed late in the year. There are a few small tasks left to complete the workshop.

ACTEW completed the power reticulation to the boundary and power was switched on in late March.

The base to the signal box was completed in February with the concrete floor being completed. The frames for the signal box were obtained from Wagga in May/June and then completed and erected on the base in November. The signal box is now 90% complete and will be completed early in 2013.

CMR has its share of break ins during the year. The first one was in February where the workshop container and workshop were vandalised. The thieves caused damage to the back door and roller door to the workshop and damage to the doors of the container. They stole some \$2800.00 in tools and equipment. The toilet block has been targeted three times during the year with toilet bowls, cisterns and the metal ramp being targeted. There was also an act of vandalism with a car being driven through the double gates to the block.

June saw the first members meeting held at CMR. All meetings are now being held in the workshop at CMR. The Club has moved the library from KMR to CMR and have received donations of magazines from several members.

The wet weather during winter and early spring has ensured that the grass would pose a problem later on. The wet weather also presented a few problems for those who ventured too close. The first victim was a delivery truck who took a short cut and found itself up to the axles in mud. It is rumored that the tractor got too close on a couple of occasions and had to be assisted.

Meanwhile the grass grew and grew and grew. It was soon apparent that the current mowing capacity of the club was inadequate and the committee made a decision to investigate purchasing a new ride-on mower. A mower was purchased late November and delivered to CMR of 12th December and was quickly put into service.





hoped to have the work on the entry and car park completed during the year. The committee has approved the expenditure to replace the single phase cable from the meter box to the signal box with a 3 phase cable. Completion of the 5" and 7 ¼" station loops.

Once this work is completed, limited running could then take place at CMR.

MONTHLY MEETING

The December Member's meeting saw an increase in numbers on the previous month. There were 13 members in attendance with no visitors and 3 apologies for the night.

Due to the large number of absentees there was no formal part for the evening.

Bits and pieces for the night were provided by the following people:

- Paul Gugger showed a jib he has made to drill holes in clevis pins and the vacuum brakes and brake shoes for the Britannia.
- Chris Gralleis brought along one of the side frames for the super simplex he is building. The frame was water jet cut by PTR Waterjet Cutting at Hume.
- Geoff Ross had a copy of the Railcraft catalogue.

The rest of the night was taken up with drinks and nibbles.

There was no Members "badge draw" as the raffle master was absent on the night.

COMING EVENTS

Monthly meeting 17th January 2013

To be advised.



KMR continues to be looked after by Graeme Belcher and the mowing roster crews. There was a concerted effort made to have KMR looking its best for the Invitation run and several members took it upon themselves to complete the task.

I would like to pass on my thanks and the thanks of the club to the usual Wednesday work crew and to all those who have given their time or donated materials and equipment to CMR and KMR over the last 12 months.

The next 12 months are shaping up to be challenging with several tasks scheduled. It is

MONTHLY RUNNING DAYS

The end of month Xmas run turned out to be fine and warm which was a change on the previous year. There was a full party list for the day and to all indications it was going to be a very busy day.

Around midday a message was received that there would be a visit from a special visitor and he would be arriving at approximately 12:30. Santa duly arrived much to the amazement of the children present and soon got down to the task of handing out lolly bags to all the kids.



The rest of the day went without incident and wrapped up at 3:30pm. All club loco's and Bunyip were in use on the day which helped to shift the large number of passengers. All in all it was a very successful day.

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

January 26th 2013

Peter Armstrong	6241 4919
John Cameron	6297 5062
Wally Cameron	6297 5062
Mike Cammell	6249 7605
	(Team Leader)

February 23rd 2013

John Clare	02 6494 0162
Rex McDonald	02 6494 0162
John Crocker	6251 2430
Col Fuller	6251 1779
	Team Leader)

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 the other members on the roster.

BOILER MATTERS

There were no boiler matters reported for the month.

MONEY MATTERS

As I write this, December is only half over, but as our major income and expenditure for the month have already happened, our position is fairly clear. Good weather and solid party bookings made for an excellent result at our Santa Run. Just over \$3,300 was taken with all day ride tickets being very popular, over 110 sold. Two private runs further boosted the coffers.

However, as expected, we made a loss for the month as this is the month we pay our insurance. Fortunately the bill was less than expected, which meant that our loss was less than budgeted. Overall for the year we are still tracking well ahead of our budget. It is these good results that allowed us this month to spend \$4,099 on a new, larger mower for use at the new site, and still put aside funds for completion of works at Symonston.

COMMITTEE REPORT

The December meeting saw 5 committee members in attendance.

John Oliver presented a brief report on the progress at CMR for the month of November and the expected work for December. There will be no scheduled Wednesday work days on the 19th and 26th December.

There were no new applications for membership this month.

General Business consisted of discussions around the Xmas party, 3 phase power cabling from meter box to Signal Box and the purchase of replacement tables for KMR.

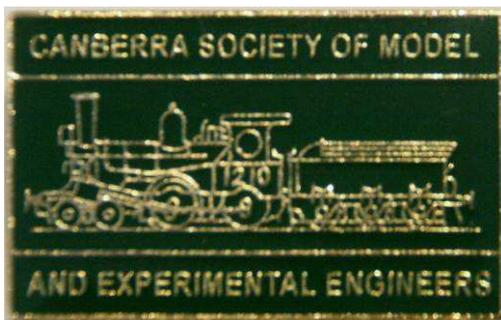
CSMEE Xmas Party

The CSMEE Xmas party was held on Saturday 15th December. The party was well attended by members despite the forecast of rain for the evening. The party was to be held at CMR however it was moved to KMR due to the predicted storms for the afternoon. This proved to be a good move as a storm went through late afternoon. The weather cleared up after the storm and the party went ahead. From all reports every one enjoyed themselves.

NOTICES

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

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Club badges are now available from the Canteen on running days or by requesting then through the secretary by email or letter.

Cost is \$5.00 each

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Some memorable photos of 2012



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 Servicemens' Association.



First Meeting



The lid goes on



Well it looked solid enough.