

The Whistle Blower

News of the Canberra Society of Model and Experimental Engineers July 2009

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Wednesday working bee activities

Progress has been steady for the month with the major activity being the preparation for the Malkara exhibition. The painting of the riding cars for Malkara was completed this month and the Club Locomotive was prepared for the Malkara weekend. The gates and panels were straightened in readiness and items were packed ready for Malkara. Other work carried out during the month was to Santa Fe where wiring repairs were made. Also the leaves were cleaned up from the steaming bay and around station area.

Boilers

There was one set of plans submitted for approval during the month. The plans were for the Blowfly boilers for Les Mouat and Peter Cole.

Monthly Meeting and New Site

The General Meeting called to consider the proposed track layout for the new site and the question of accepting an eventual offer of a lease, voted to accept the layout and authorized the Committee to proceed to accept an offer of a lease, relying on the judgment of the Committee as to the rent, conditions etc.

Some members would have preferred to call a General Meeting to decide on a lease offer, but it was pointed out that the legislation specifies a maximum of twenty days for acceptance once an offer is made - this would have been very difficult given our requirement for fourteen days notice for a meeting.

Progress has been at a standstill while the possibility of a different access to the block is sorted out. A change would mean a re-definition of the block boundary and a new site plan. All of the papers which have to have a plan cannot be completed.

There are still a couple of hurdles which could bring us down, hopefully there will be much better news next month.

Membership

Annual membership fees (\$70.00 for renewal) are now due. Please remember that to vote at the Annual General Meeting in August you must be financial and please - to help Kevin on the night, it

would help if all subs were paid by a week prior to this meeting.

Club muster

Don't forget the C.S.M.E.E. Club muster to be held on the 23rd August. Bring along your projects (completed or otherwise) and locomotives (completed or otherwise) and have a run either on the raised or ground level track. There are approximately 40 locos on the Club registry and the Committee would like to see them all.

There will be a sausage sizzle for lunch.

Club running day

10 members braved the cold to run their locos and a good turn up of members attended during the day.

The afternoon's public passenger hauling saw the clubs bank account increase by \$204.00

Monthly Running Day

This running day was a bit quiet with only 5 parties booked in for the day, however everybody seemed to enjoy themselves and the takings for the day totaled \$1112.10

Committee meeting held 07/07/2009

The July committee meeting was a quiet affair with no new business being brought to the table. The club accepted two new members from the June members meeting. They are Ms Jessica Brisbane whose interests are Railways, Stationary Steam Engines and Workshop Machinery and Mr Hayden Turner whose interests are Railways, Stationary Steam Engines and Traction engines. The committee extends a warm welcome to both new members. Bills for payment totalled \$2036.30, the major items being

\$401.41	CTM Insurance Canteen
\$330.00	Land Rent
\$133.00	Water/Sewerage
\$500.00	Deposit Toilet Block
\$151.00	Trailer Rego

Coming Events

August

August 1 & 2 Malkara Exhibition is on

Tuesday 4th committee meeting

Wednesday 5th working bee at track

Sunday 9th club running day

Tuesday 11th new site sub committee meeting

Wednesday 12th working bee at track

Wednesday 19th working bee at track

Thursday 20th Annual General Meeting

Sunday 23rd Club Muster Day

Wednesday 26th working bee at track

Sunday 30th public running day

September

Tuesday 1st Committee meeting

Wednesday 2nd Working bee at track all welcome

Tuesday 8th Sub Committee meeting

Wednesday 9th Working bee

Saturday 12th Major clean up day at track prior to Invitation run PLEASE ATTEND

Sunday 13th Club running day and half day K.M.R. public running.

Wednesday 16th Working bee at track clean up

Thursday 17th Club General Meeting at the A.R.H.S. club rooms

Friday 18th Invitation Run set up day PLEASE ATTEND

Saturday 19th Invitation Run

Sunday 20th Invitation Run

Wednesday 23rd Working bee at track

Sunday 27th Public running day at K.M.R.

Dates to remember

Club muster day 23rd August

Annual General Meeting 20th August.

INVITATION RUN Sept 18th, 19th, 20th September

Mowing and cleanup Roster

August 29th

Mick RICHARDSON 6254 1996

Jeff ROSS 6281 1785

Jonathan SHEEHEY 6299 1878

Ian SMITH 6241 5563

September Mowing Roster Please Note

The mowing roster for September includes all members on Saturday 12th prior to Invitation Run

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Members are reminded that the Annual General Meeting is to be held at the ARHS Rooms, Giejera Place Kingston on August 20th at 8.00PM sharp.

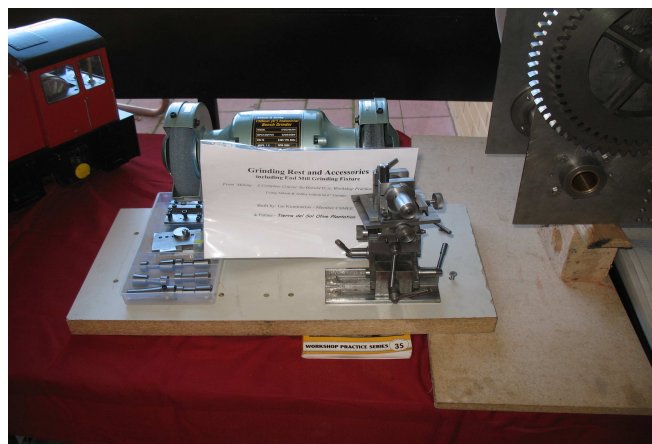
All nominations for Office bearers and Committee positions are to handed to the Secretary before that time. Nominations can be posted to the postal address or forwarded by email to csmee@grapevine.com.au.

Report on MALKARA weekend

Another Malkara weekend has been staged with a good participation from most members. A busy weekend was had by members manning the raised track with Cliff Kirby's and Dick Whitfield's locos doing sterling work, pulling full train loads all weekend and boosting the Clubs bank balance by approx \$3,880.00.

Those people manning the exhibit stands also had a busy weekend answering questions from the public Thanks go to David Proctor for judging the exhibits and congratulations to Cliff Kirby for winning the C.S.M.E.E. trophy for the best piece of rolling stock and Ian Kummerow for winning the C.S.M.E.E trophy for the best non railway model engineering exhibit.

Overall the weekend was very successful and my thanks to all those members who helped out.



Best non railway model engineering exhibit.- I Kummerow



Best piece of rolling stock – C Kirby