

# The Whistle Blower -

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

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## What's been Going On

### Work Activities

The Wednesday working crew has been busy making up the form work for the container foundations for CMR, They have also been welding reo bars to metal plates which will be positioned on top of the foundations to secure the containers.

Another security door and frame work has been finished and is ready to be attached to the canteen building .

Grahame Belcher spent his time spraying all the weeds around the KMR site whilst Dennis McAlister has been busy spraying the serrated tussock at CMR.

### Monthly Meeting

Attendance at the May Member's meeting was down on the April meeting with 14 members braving the cool weather and turning out for the night. There were 7 apologies received and there was 1 visitor on the night.

The meeting was opened by the president who gave an brief overview the of progress on the new site as well as what work had been performed at KMR.

Bits and Pieces have been improving with each meeting with various items of interest being displayed.

Chris Grallelis presented the meeting with an variety of CNC cut pieces he obtained from a Trade Show in Sydney. Lindsay Drabsch showed a section of track he has completed and John Oliver showed the completed reversing gear for the 12 Class and some rods which have been waterjet cut. Thanks to all those who contributed items for display at the meeting.

Jenny Nicolson was the lucky door prize winner at the monthly meeting in April. As Jenny was not present to collect, the door prize will jackpot at the next monthly meeting.

For those members chasing back issues of Model Engineer and Engineering in Miniature I have been informed that they are available at the bookshop in Curtin Shops.

### Monthly Running Days

The mid month running day held on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> May saw another good turnout of members and

their locomotives and rolling stock. The public run was also well attended with three parties booked for the day. The day took \$602.00 in ticket sales. Thanks to all those involved, well done.

The end of month running day held on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May was a total washout due the weather. The rain started on the Friday night and continued through Saturday and on to Sunday.

The Saturday cleanup was held over to the Sunday morning with the notion of having a quick clean up before running started. This did not eventuate as the Sunday was just as bad as Saturday. Public running was postponed until the June Mid Month running day to be held on 13<sup>th</sup> June. Of the nine parties booked for May there have been two parties who have taken up the offer to transfer to the 13<sup>th</sup> June.

## COMING EVENTS

### Monthly meeting 17<sup>th</sup> June 2010

The topic for the next meeting will be a presentation by David Foote on his recent trip to China.

## JUNE

Tue 1 <sup>st</sup>	CSMEE Committee Meeting
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Working Bee at the KMR/CMR
Tue 8 <sup>th</sup>	CSMEE Sub Committee Meeting
Wed 9 <sup>th</sup>	Working Bee at the KMR/CMR
Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>	Club running day and afternoon public run
Wed 16 <sup>th</sup>	Working Bee at the KMR/CMR
Thur 17 <sup>th</sup>	CSME Monthly Meeting
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Working Bee at the KMR/CMR
Sat 26 <sup>th</sup>	Mowing and cleanup prior to running day
Sun 27 <sup>th</sup>	Public Running Day at the KMR
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup>	Working Bee at the KMR/CMR

## JULY

Tue 6 <sup>th</sup>	CSMEE Committee Meeting
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup>	Working Bee at the KMR/CMR
Tue 11 <sup>th</sup>	Club running day and afternoon public run
Wed 14 <sup>th</sup>	Working Bee at the KMR/CMR
Thu 15 <sup>th</sup>	CSMEE Monthly Meeting
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup>	Working Bee at the KMR/CMR
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup>	Mowing and cleanup prior to running day
Sun 25 <sup>th</sup>	Public Running Day at the KMR
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup>	Working Bee at the KMR/CMR

## **BOILER MATTERS**

Peter Cole and Chris Grallellis have been getting on with their boilers.

Peter is busy forming the back head and throat plates for his Blowfly boiler ready for assembly.

Chris has his inner fire box and tube assembly completed and his outer wrapper and throat plate assembly have been silver soldered together.

It is pleasing to see that Ian Smith recently inspected the boiler of Col Jones' traction engine and whilst Col is unable to operate it at least it is being kept in running order.

## **KMR CLEAN UP ROSTER**

### **June Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> 2010**

Lloyd Sawyer	6254 7958 (Team Leader)
John Cameron	6297 5062
Mike Cammell	6249 7605
Phil Cobden	6353 9557

### **July Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 2010**

Ian Smith	0412 152213
Reg Smith	6241 3181
Malcolm Southwell	0409 170858 (Team Leader)
Ivan Tregoggen	6238 2356

**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.**

## **NEW SITE**

Whilst there is a whole lot of work we can do at the new block we are still waiting for the lease to be registered. Once the lease has been registered then the plans approved by the ACT Government can be stamped. Once we have a set of stamped plans, these can be inspected and approved by the Certifier. The Committee has appointed a Certifier to perform the tasks required by the ACT Government.

Once all of the above processes have been performed then and only then can we start work on the new site. Once the processes imposed on us by the ACT Government are complete then we will be calling for volunteers so "watch this space".

Meanwhile we have purchased seven containers - two 40 foot high cubes and five 40 foot standard containers. These will be delivered over the next few weeks. This will give us storage space building tools, equipment etc.

Preliminary work is still being done marking out areas where infrastructure is to be located and the placement of the track layout.

## **MONEY MATTERS**

May ticket sales were again down on the previous month with the mid month run producing \$602.00

while the postponement of the end of month run due to inclement weather produced \$0.00 in ticket sales.

Final results for May are still not good with a loss of \$1200.00 for the month. This was mainly due to the replacement of the windows in the toilet block which cost \$940.00. This amount still has to be claimed back through insurance. However the Club is still ahead. Low level of ticket sales continues to be a concern. By keeping the expenses at the KMR under control we should still have a favourable outcome at the end of the year.

## **COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Committee meetings held in June saw discussions mainly concentrated on the CMR site and the expenditure of the first of the Grant monies. Once the first grant amount has been spent and reconciled then we can receive the second instalment from the ACT Government. Expenditure of this money includes the Toilet block, containers, track steel and electronic components for signalling and control.

## **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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**Please Note Membership fees are due by the Annual General Meeting in August. Remember you must be financial to be able to vote. Avoid the rush and get in early.**

**Fees remain at \$70.00 for an Individual, \$90.00 for Family (2 Members) + \$20.00 each additional member.**

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**Malkara 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> August**

**All those who will be displaying items, please contact David Foote on 62923778.**

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**Wanted**

Copy or lend of Engineer in Miniature March 1991. Please contact Chris Grallellis on 0414230189 or by email at [cgrallellis@home.mail.com.au](mailto:cgrallellis@home.mail.com.au)

This month's photo is from John Oliver. The photo shows the ingenious trailer built by Ian Hahn to transport his locomotive.

