

The Whistle Blower -

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

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What's been Going On

CMR WORK ACTIVITIES

Work has progressed steadily during the month of April. The weather still poses a problem to progress but overall during the month it has not caused too much of a problem.

Work on the workshop will be completed during the month with gap filling, painting and the kitchen drain still to be completed.

We have received a quote for the construction of the basic road works and drainage works. The quote is very reasonable and the end result will be a very good foundation to a more permanent road when funds are available. The roadway has been pegged out with blue pegs. Please take care when entering and leaving the area as to not damage or remove pegs.

One of the conditions of the quote is that there will be a requirement for a working bee of club members to assist with the fine trimming around sheds and obstacles.

The framing for the signal box has now been constructed. This work was completed by Les Mouat and Peter Hateley on one of the Wednesday work days. The frames were cut from materials donated Dennis Scutt of Lloyds Homes in Wagga and was transported to Canberra by Les Mouat.

Ian Smith and Greg Peters assisted Les with the preparation and transportation of framing materials.

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.

While the main thrust of the Wednesday work party is at CMR there is still work to be performed at the KMR site. Thanks to Graeme Belcher for keeping the grass mown however

there are always small jobs to be done at the KMR site.

MONTHLY MEETING

The May Member's meeting was the first members meeting to be held in the newly completed workshop. The night was well attended with 18 members turning out for the inaugural meeting. There were two apologies for the night and we had one visitor who has since joined the club.

Bits and Pieces for the night were provided by Les Mouat who bought along his 5" bogie for his Blowfly riding truck. Paul Gugger bought along a diamond hone he obtained from Aldi. He also bought along the knife edge and gimbal for the clock he is making.

The Members badge draw was won by Wally Cameron who was present on the night. Wally picked up the accumulated prize of \$60.00



COMING EVENTS

Monthly meeting 21st June 2012

Meeting will be held at Symonston.

Entertainment to be advised.

MONTHLY RUNNING DAYS

May's mid-month run coincided with Mothers Day and coupled with a fairly miserably day and only one party, the prospects for a good day was not great. Takings for the day amounted to \$300.00 which was down on other mid-month running days. Staffing levels were also down so a big thank you to all those who were able to attend and make the day enjoyable for the public.

The end of month running day started off as a typical May day. The morning started out cool and the forecast was not good. However the day turned out to be quite pleasant and with a total of 9 parties, prospects for a good running day looked good. Only 1 of the parties failed to show and the day turned out fine. The end of month running day saw demand for all day tickets increase with a total of 53 sold for the 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

June Saturday 26th 2012

Geoff Ross	6254 1996 (Team Leader)
Malcolm Southwell	0409 170858
Ivan Treloggen	6238 2356
Mark White	0434 660738

July Saturday 28th 2012

John Wood	6288 7209
John Cameron	0418 203950
Mike Cammell	6249 7605
David Foote	6292 3778 (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 your committee.

BOILER MATTERS

There have been no boiler matters reported for the month.

MONEY MATTERS

With the Treasurer away from the 13th April until 5th June there is no money matters report for this month.

However I can report that the club had another good month with the income for the month of approximately \$2,500.00

COMMITTEE REPORT

The May committee meeting saw the meeting held in the new workshop. Discussions centred on the good running days for April and the introduction of all day tickets for the end of month run. Party bookings for May are down on previous months but there is plenty of time for them to pick up.

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. Judging of the signal box name will be held after the AGM in August.

The competition will close at the Annual General Meeting in August. Send in your entry by email (csmee@grapevine.com.au), letter or come along to the AGM in August.

There will be a training day held at KMR in June. The most likely date will be Sunday 17th June.

Members Play Day

From all reports the play day at the beginning of each month remains popular. Each month see a good attendance of members and their locomotives.

Visit by Staff from Tourist Bureau

The club has received a request from the Tourist Bureau for a visit to the KMR site. The visit has been planned for Thursday 31st May.

From all reports the day was a very successful one with a number of permanent and volunteer staff turning up for the day.

Bob's train was used for the day while the clubs locomotives along with Bunyip and Charlie were on display in front of the containers.



C17 report by Gerardus Mol

It all started back in September 1995 when I brought the Queensland Railways C17 from a chap called Peter Jones in Queensland. He before me brought the loco from the builder Eric Williams who built the loco in 1994. So it was a very new locomotive with low mileage and only driven on Sundays!!

So on the 4th of October it made its first run on the CSMEE's track. Over the next 2-½ years it ran on 10 different occasions then it blew a recirculating tube in the firebox. It was a simple job, so I thought, but 14 years later with most of the original parts either scrapped or rebuilt it finally took to the tracks at Canberra after its boiler inspection, thanks to Ian Smith on behalf of Bill Gillespie. A couple of weeks later it was off to Queensland for the All Queensland Scale Model Weekend held in Grandchester.



C17 966 and left over parts



Two C17's together



Gerardus Mol and Ian Smith with new boiler certificate



End of a successful day



QR Workshop Manager presenting the prize for the best Loco

NOTICES

If you have photos and/or articles you would like put into the Whistleblower please send them to the secretary at the following email address csmee@grapevine.com.au

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Don't forget Members Fun Day on the first Sunday of each month and the Mid month running day 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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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 after that.

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Malkara 4th and 5th August

Don't forget Malkara is coming up at the beginning of August. It is now time to get out your projects completed or not or models, dust them off and enter then for the exhibition.

We will need volunteer's for the following duties over the weekend:

Ticket sellers for Saturday and Sunday
Volunteers to help with the running of the raised level track on both days.

Volunteers to help with the manning of the indoor display on both days

Don't forget that exhibits will be judged and awards given for the two categories:
Best item of rolling stock
Best non railway model engineering

PLEASE SPARE A FEW HOURS TO HELP.

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