

The Whistle Blower -

News of the Canberra Society of Model and Experimental Engineers May 2013

President Peter Hateley 62547229 Secretary Greg Peters 0412 179899. Email: csmee@grapevine.com.au

Website: www.canberramodelengineers.org.au

What's been Going On

CMR WORK ACTIVITIES

Work activities at CMR have centered on two activities over the last month. These have been the building of the bridge abutments for the 5' bridges and maximizing the use of the bobcat while we still have it.

One bridge has the abutments completed while the second bridge will be completed this month.



Completed bridge and abutments

The bobcat has been busy with leveling the steaming bay area and leveling and building the bridge approaches for the two 5" bridges.



Bridge approach earthworks.



Bridge approach earthworks

The initial 5" loop has been leveled and prepared for the next phase. Before any track base can be laid there is a lot of consolidation which needs to be carried out on the bridge approaches. Once the consolidation work is complete then the rail bed and track can be laid.



Earthworks around second bridge.

The 7 ¼" loop is now ready for the track bed to be laid. Once the track bed is down and compacted then track will start to be laid.

Other events for the month included the completion of the electrical work and the issue of both electrical and plumbing final approval certificates. This now allows the Building Certifier to apply for the final building inspection. Once this is issued then the D.A will be completed

April saw the return of those people who are incapable of going to the shops and purchasing what they need. They would sooner relieve someone else of the materials they require. This time they have removed 6 sheets of roofing material from the station. Once again we have had to submit a claim for the theft.



Station showing roofing sheets removed by thieves.



Station showing roofing sheets removed by thieves.

The bobcat has now been returned to its owner. During the six weeks we had the use of the bobcat approximately 45 hours work has been performed. So far some of the tasks completed are the leveling of the dirt in front of the 7 ¼" containers, work on leveling the steaming bay area and the 5" loop and bridge approaches.

The question was what to do once the bobcat went back. For a while it looked like it was back to the original proposal of either hiring a contractor to perform some of the work or to try to get the Kubota belonging to John Nicolson running. However due to the prowess of John Oliver and Darryl Webb the opportunity arose to purchase a tractor they had come across in their travels. A deal was struck and Darryl purchased the tractor. The club now has the use of it for as long as it is needed.

The tractor was picked up and bought back to CMR. A new battery was installed and the tractor started successfully. It runs quite well and there does not appear to be too much wrong with it.

A couple of things like oil, a new seat and an air cleaner have been purchased so far.



The tractor has forks and can have a bucket attached to it so this should take care of our dirt moving capabilities for a while.

The mowing roster at KMR remains a problem with many of the available members who are able to perform the task decreasing every month. If your name appears on the roster for the clean-up at KMR, please make an effort to attend. It only takes a couple of hours and if there are enough members who participate then it is possibly once a year

MONTHLY MEETING

The April Member's meeting saw a good turnout for the meeting. There were 17 members in attendance and 4 apologies for the night.

The meeting was opened by the President who gave a summary of the progress at CMR and problems being experienced at KMR.

Bits and pieces for the night were provided by the following people, Les Mouat, Paul Gugger, Chris Grallelis, David Foote and John Oliver. A big thanks to all those who participated in Bits and Pieces.

The advertised entertainment for the night was to be a DVD on the workings of the San Francisco tram system. However due to unforeseen circumstances (the secretary was in New Delhi) it was not able to be shown.

To fill in an overview of the work yet to be completed was shown to the members present with discussions on what was proposed.

The DVD will be rescheduled for the May meeting.

COMING EVENTS

Monthly meeting 16th May 2013

We will try again for the DVD. There will be a DVD of the San Francisco tram system.

MONTHLY RUNNING DAYS

April saw the continuation of good weather for both monthly running days. Both days were well patronized. The all-day tickets remain popular however the end of month run saw an increase in the sales of single ride tickets.

There were 5 parties booked in for the mid-month run and 9 parties booked in for the end of month run. Once again the running days saw parties which held booking not turn up. To alleviate this, a \$30.00 non-refundable deposit will be introduced on the 1st May. Bunyip handled most of the traffic on both days with the Club's Diesel locomotives backing up when necessary.

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

May 25th 2013

Matt McGregor	0425 312837 (Team Leader)
John Jervis	6281 0028
Ian Kummerow	6236 8600
Edwin Lowery	6298 39929

June 29th 2013

Kevin Olds	6254 7129 (Team Leader)
Les Mouat	6241 5358
John Nicolson	6247 7182
Mick Richardson	6254 1996

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.

From now on all grass clippings, leaves, branches etc are to be placed in the box trailer at the back gate. The trailer is to be taken to the recycling centre at the Mugga lane tip at the end of the clean-up. Under no circumstances is the trailer to be left full of rubbish as this will cause the floor to rust out.

BOILER MATTERS

There was no boiler matters reported this month.

MONEY MATTERS

April was fine and sunny which brought the people out to both our Running Days. Over \$1,700 was taken mid-month and \$2,400 at the end of the month. In addition, we received \$700 from Marymead for use of the track and canteen for their Family Day.

With good crowds in attendance, Bob Hesse was out with his bucket collecting for trees for the CMR. His efforts have raised just over \$1,500 so far this financial year, a great effort. For the month we maintained our budget position and overall are tracking well for the end of the financial year.

0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0

As long as the weather and the crowds hold up, we should be in a position to put extra money aside for the relocation to Symonston.

Don't forget Club running day on the first Sunday of each month. All welcome. Please come along and join in.

COMMITTEE REPORT

-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-

The April committee meeting held on Monday 1st April saw all members present with the exception of P Hatley and M McGregor.

Upcoming party bookings for May stand at 1 parties/40 people for the 12th May and 7 parties/200 people for the 26st May.

There were no new applications for membership this month.

In March the committee raised the question on the availability and number of 5" riding cars. There was a motion passed some years ago to limit to passenger hauling to 7 ¼". At the April meeting this decision was rescinded. This allows 5" to haul passengers on public running days provided they do not hold up the 7 ¼" passenger trains.

Nominations for the sub-committee were tabled at the April meeting and the nominations were accepted by the committee. The committee then discussed the guidelines under which the sub-committee would operate under.

The sub-committee is to be made up of members

- Greg Peters
- John Oliver
- Ian Smith
- Les Mouat
- Darryl Webb
- Peter Mottram

If you wish to have a matter raised by the sub-committee, please address it in writing or by email to the Secretary at csmee@grapevine.com.au or mail to P.O. Box 4462, Kingston, 2604.



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

0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0

The Marymead fund raising run in April was a huge success for Marymead. They took approximately \$6000.00 for the day. They liked it so much that I hear they are going to do the same next year.

Well done and Thank You to all who attended and made the day a success for them.