

# The Whistle Blower -

News of the Canberra Society of Model and Experimental Engineers October 2010  
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## What's been Going On

### WORK ACTIVITIES

The Wednesday work crew has been busy yet again. Over the last month they have been busy at CMR. There are various tasks in progress and things are progressing well.

At KMR the grass still needs mowing and there are always little jobs to be done. If you can help please see a member of the Committee for work allocation.

This month saw the Invitation Run come and go. The grounds at KMR were in good condition for the Invitation Run, thanks to those who turned up for the cleanup day held on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup>.

There has been some maintenance carried out on the points with one of the point motors being removed and rebuilt. Over the coming weeks there will be two more motors removed and rebuilt.

Please remember, if you have time to spare on a Wednesday or on weekends, you are more than welcome to come along and join the working group. There will always be something that you can do.

### MONTHLY MEETING

Attendance at the September Member's meeting was down on the previous month with 20 members turning out for the night. There was 1 apology received and 1 visitor on the night.

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

Bits and Pieces for the night was provided by Graeme Coronel Boring bar, John Oliver Cross Heads and Slide Bars for his 36 class

and an example of disastrous climb milling by Ian Smith.

Unfortunately the advertised entertainment was not available. However Reg Smith came to the rescue with a cd of photos from the Sugarcane Convention from 2010.

Colin Fuller was the lucky door prize winner at the monthly meeting in September. Because Colin was not present to collect, the door prize has jackpotted to \$30.00 at the next monthly meeting.

### **COMING EVENTS**

#### **Monthly meeting 21<sup>st</sup> October 2010**

The topic for the next meeting will be a video supplied by Peter Cole of the Model Submarine Regatta

### MONTHLY RUNNING DAYS

The Mid month running day for September saw 4 parties booked for the day. The day turned out to be sunny with no sign of rain. It was quite busy with \$653.00 taken on the day.

There were 10 parties booked for the end of month running day and with a sunny day, it looked like we were back in business. Takings for the day of \$1485.00 was a little less than expected.

Rosemary, Christine and Chris spent the day in the canteen working hard and on all reports had practically sold out of all their goodies adding to the total takings for the day.

### **OCTOBER 2010**

Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	CSMEE Committee Meeting
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>	Working Bee at the KMR/CMR
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	Club running day and afternoon Public run
Wed 13 <sup>th</sup>	Working Bee at the KMR/CMR
<b>Sat 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Working Bee at CMR</b>

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> Working Bee at the KMR/CMR  
 Thur 21<sup>st</sup> CSMEE Monthly Meeting  
 Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Working Bee at the KMR/CMR  
 Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Portable track to Malkara's 40<sup>th</sup>.  
 Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Dismantle portable track  
**Sat 30<sup>th</sup> Mowing and cleanup prior to**  
**running day**  
 Sun 31<sup>st</sup> Public Running Day at the KMR

## **NOVEMBER 2010**

Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> CSMEE Committee Meeting  
 Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Working Bee at the KMR/CMR  
 Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Working Bee at the KMR/CMR  
 Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Club running day and afternoon public run  
 Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Working Bee at the KMR/CMR  
 Thur 18<sup>th</sup> CSMEE Monthly Meeting  
 Wed 26<sup>th</sup> Working Bee at the KMR/CMR  
 Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Working Bee at the KMR/CMR  
**Sat 27<sup>th</sup> Mowing and cleanup prior to**  
**running day**  
 Sun 28<sup>th</sup> Public Running Day at the KMR

## **KMR CLEAN UP ROSTER**

### **October Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> 2010**

Bob Hesse	6288 2025 (team leader)
Eric Hines	6258 0329
Mark Hogan	6231 3249
Ian Kummerow	6236 8600

### **November Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> 2010**

Rodney MacKintosh	0447 439378
Arthur Martin	6231 6386
Denis Maurer	02 44642395
Kevin Olds	6254 7129 (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 were no boiler matters for the last month.

## **MONEY MATTERS**

Again the weather has been kind to us and September saw two good days for our running. The mid month day was very successful with

\$653 in takings while the end of month run below average with \$1485 taken. Party goers were present in numbers, but walk-in visitors were down in number - Floriade and/or the ACT long weekend to blame? Despite this, we continue to track well against the year's budget. Expenditure continues to be well controlled, and the income is holding up at present. Things continue to look good for the end of the financial year.

## **COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Committee meetings held in October saw discussions mainly concentrated on progress at the CMR site. The method of construction of the 7.25" track was discussed and agreed. A motion was tabled to be dealt with at the next Committee meeting. The motion from Bob Hesse is to hold an Annual Birthday Party Cake Competition. A motion was raised to investigate the re-introduction of an All Day Ticket. The Committee decided to survey the public over the next three monthly running days to gauge public support on the matter. Two new members were admitted to the Club. They are James Wellham and Joe Petre.

## **CMR**

John Oliver has met with Ray Brown from ACTPLA to discuss signage on the CMR block. The outcome of the meeting was that CMR could have a 600mm x 600mm sign on the gate across the old Jerrabomberra Avenue.

John Oliver has suggested that the station end facing the car park has a sign which states "Canberra Miniature Railway – Station entrance". The lettering should be of a size which can be read from the furthest part of the car park.

Work is progressing on the new site – to date 5 of the container footings have been poured. The remainder of the footings along with the toilet block footings should be completed in October.

40+ trees have been planted and are doing well. The only problem so far appears to be some very large rabbits nibbling on some of

the trees. These will need to be wrapped in hessian to prevent further damage.

The station has been erected during the month as planned.

Ian Smith has volunteered to start building the 7.25' track and has requested the Committee decide on the method of construction

Initial lengths of track are 3 x 6m lengths of 7.25' and 3 x 6m lengths of 5'. These are required for the station and will be concreted in.

Peter Mottram is progressing with water retention at CMR.



Len Tate's new loco.

### Club Muster Day

The club muster day set down for the 17<sup>th</sup> October has been cancelled. The next Club muster day will be held in early 2011.



Paul Gurger's Stirling.

## 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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### **Malkara 29<sup>th</sup> October**

Malkara is celebrating its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2010. They have approached CSMEE and have enquired whether CSMEE would operate the portable track for this event. We have not responded as yet and are seeking volunteers to set up and operate the track on the Friday night. If you can help please contact Greg Peters on 0412 179899 or Peter Hateley on 62547229 as soon as possible.

### **Photos from The Invitation Run**



The Lake Macquarie club's Britannia being driven by Ian Roberts





Mick Richards on Bunyip



Greg .... with his 620



Frank Lloyd drives his Simplex



Big and Small



Cliff Kirby's Bulldog