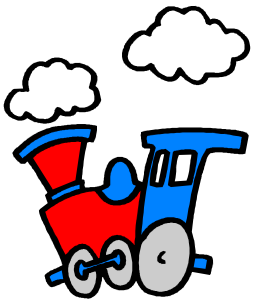

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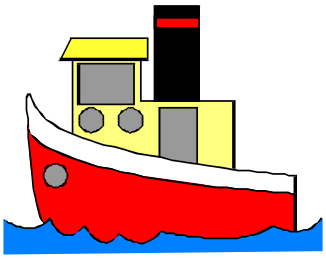


Newsletter May 2017

TAURANGA MODEL MARINE AND ENGINEERING CLUB INC.

The Secretary
PO Box 15589
Tauranga 3112

Palmerville Station Phone 578 7293

Miniature Railway Memorial Park
Open to Public, weather permitting
Sundays in Summer: 10am to 4pm approximately
Winter. 10am to 3pm approximately
Website: www.tmmec.org.nz

MEETINGS
General Members Meeting every first Tuesday 7pm.
Committee Meeting every second Thursday at 7pm.
Maintenance Tuesday mornings from 9am.
Engineering discussions Tuesday evenings 7.30pm.

COMMITTEE

President:	Peter Jones	543 2528
Vice President:	Bruce Harvey	548 0804
Club Captain	Bruce McKerras	5770134
Secretary:	Murray de Lues	027 3020930
Treasurer:	Owen Bennett	544 9807
Committee:	Warren Belk, Shane Marshall, John Stent, Russell Prout, Clive Goodley.	
Boiler Committee:	Peter Jones, Bruce McKerras, John Heald, Paul Newton.	
Safety Committee:	Warren Karlsson, Bruce Harvey, Peter Jones, Malcolm George, Marty Rickard.	
EDITOR:	Roy Robinson 07 5491182 royrobkk@gmail.com NOTE new email address	

CONVENERS

Workshop:	John Nicol
Track :	Bruce Harvey, John Stent, Russell Prout
Marine:	Warren Belk
Librarian:	John Nicol
Rolling Stock:	Clive Goodley
Website:	Murray de Lues
Driver Training:	Clive Goodley
Club Captain:	Bruce McKerras

OPERATORS 2017

4 June	N Bush
11 June	M De Lues
18 June	M Duncan
25 June	B Fitzpatrick
2 July	B Harvey
9 July	P Jones
16 July	W Karlsson
23 July	B McKerras
30 July	R Salisbury
6 August	G Barnes
13 August	N Bush

President's Points

Greetings Members.

Several of our members have been on the unwell list lately, I wish Owen, Clive and Mike a speedy recovery.

It took a long time for me to get to a Keirunga Park Railway open weekend, but Easter this year was the opportunity. Bev and I had an enjoyable couple of days, with Russell and Bruce also representing Tauranga. It is a very interesting track well supported by the local public and their club members. It would have been a real challenge to build 25 years ago, happy birthday Keirunga Park Railway and thank you for your hospitality. Havelock had

taken a beating from Cyclone Cooke, lots of trees down and road closures, but our two days were brilliantly fine, most of the time.

It was great to see the progress of our clubs Rob Roy at our last club night, it's progressing really well.

A new vehicle on the track is the permanent way service wagon built by John Heald using one of our surplus ride cars. Painted the right yellow, it is built to Johns usual high standard and will be an asset to our club during working B's

Well it's May again and AGM time, our meeting will be held on Saturday the 20th May at 2.00pm. Nomination forms for committee positions will be on the desk at Palmerville for members to fill in and pass onto our Secretary, all positions are open for nomination. I would like to thank the out going committee for a job well done and wish the incoming committee all the best for the fresh challengers of 2017-2018.

Happy modelling

Peter Jones.

Take that!!!!!

A small Australian man was sitting at a bar in Kingoonya when a big burly American guy walks in. As he passes the Aussie he hits him on the neck knocking him to the floor. The American says, "That's a karate chop from Korea".

The Aussie gets back on his stool and resumes drinking. The burly American walks past the Aussie again and hits him on the other side of his neck and knocks him to the floor again. "That's a judo chop from Japan", he says.

The Aussie decides enough is enough and leaves. Half an hour later he returns, walks up behind the American and smacks him on the head knocking him out cold.

The Aussie turns to the barman and says, "When he wakes up tell him that was a crowbar from Bunnings!!!"

Tauranga Model Marine and Engineering Club Inc

2017 Annual General Meeting will be held at

Palmerville Station

Saturday the 20th of May at 2.00pm
following the Annual operators meeting at 11.30am

Agenda

Members Present

Apologies

Minutes of the 2016 AGM

Matters arising

President's Report

Treasurer's Report

Safety Committee Report

Election of Officers

- **President**
- **Vice President**
- **Secretary**
- **Treasurer**
- **Club Captain**
- **Committee**
  - **Appointment of Accountant**
  - **Appointment of Librarian**
  - **Appointment of Boiler Inspectors**
  - **Appointment of Track Manager(s)**
  - **Appointment of Workshop Manager**
  - **Set Subscriptions**

General Business

- **Safety Committee**

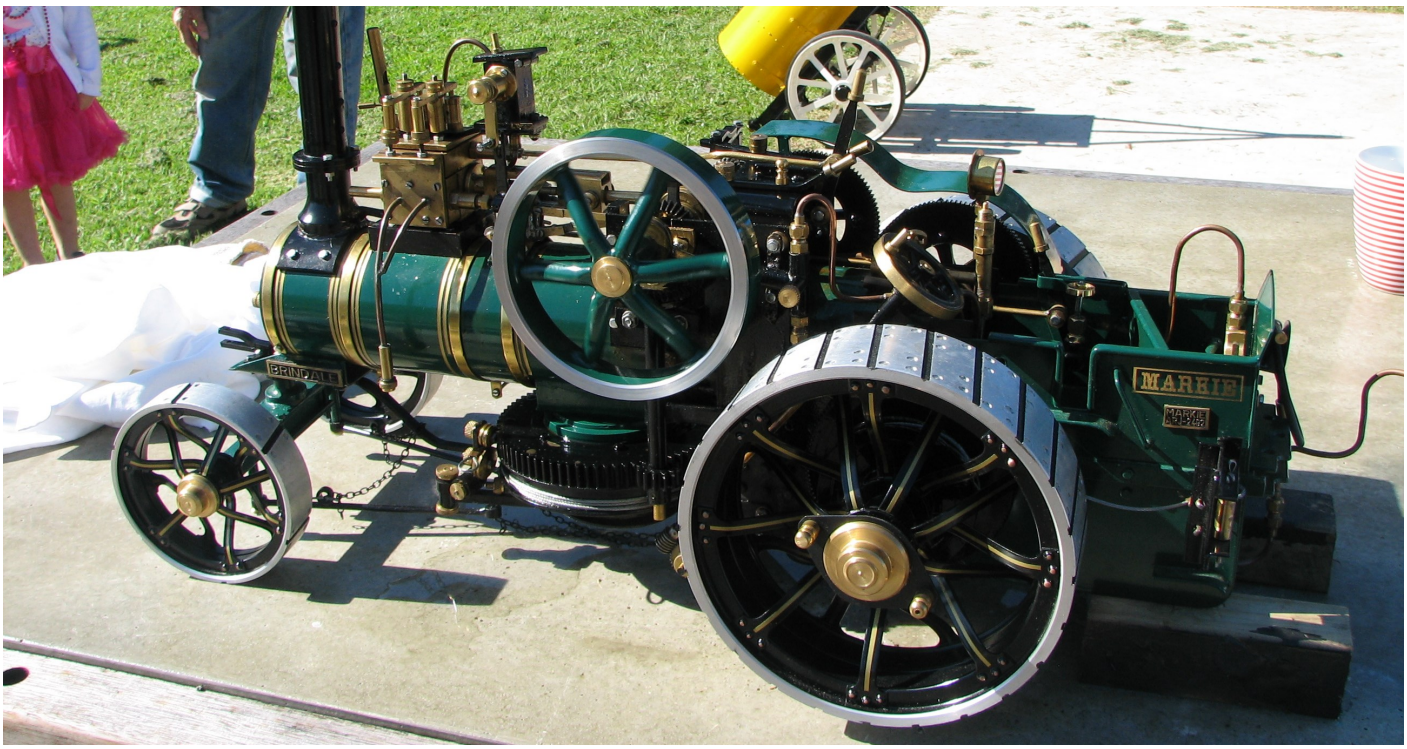
Murray de Lues **Secretary**

Play Day 22nd April 2017

Well I have to admit I had never attended a Club “Play Day”. By the time I arrived 10-15ish Mike Treloar and Dave Watts from Rotorua were just about ready to put there loco’s on the main line. Phil Allan was “encouraging” the fire in his traction engine. Peter Davis was having no problems with his LPG fired traction engine and soon had the safety lifting. Russell and Bruce M went and collected a large diesel loco from Burns Clark for display. It is quite impressive and it’s shear size demands a second look. Jason Flannery had many parts of his under construction South African loco. Jason has access to and the knowledge to use modern technology which includes CAD computer programs and 3D printing. The use of 3D printing was an outstanding advantage for producing patterns for the wheels which he had on show. Whilst some may consider this not true model engineering I can only admire the skills and knowledge Jason has used to integrate with his passion of model engineering. I can’t wait to see this model when Jason has completed it. Others had Club locos out and soon there was a “tribe” of people wanting rides with. All in all a very successful Play Day.

Top : The Burns Clark diesel loco

Bottom : Peter Davis lpg powered traction engine



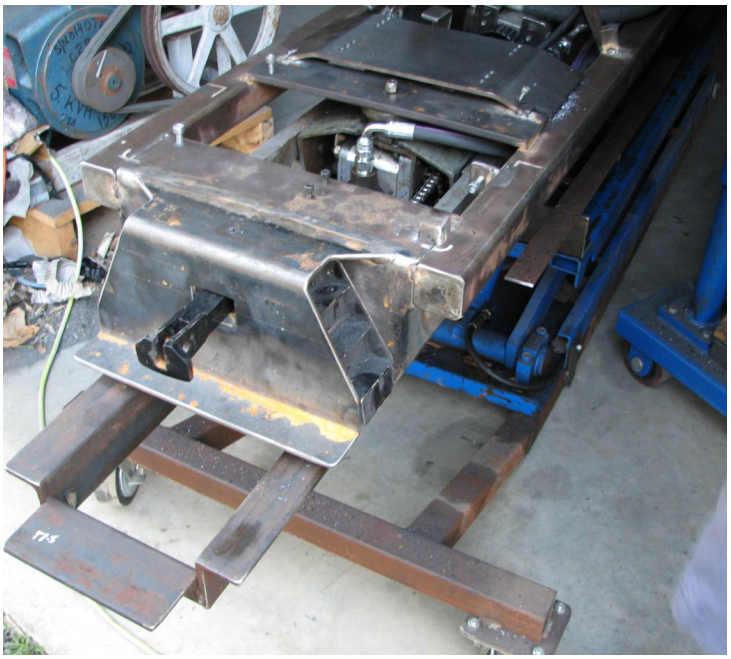
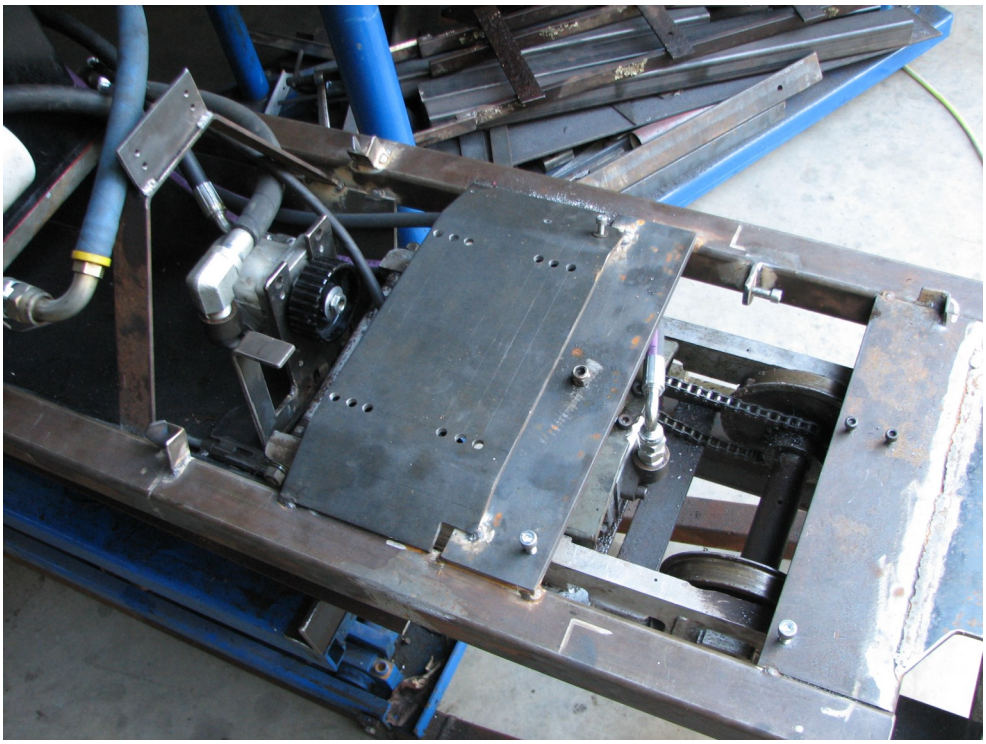
Above : Mike Treloar on Southern Belle.

Below : The “bones” of Jason Flannery’s loco and tender.

Above : Jason’s 3D printed patterns

Below : David Watts loco complete with a rake of wagons

R & M

I guess some of us wonder just where Club Funds which are largely raised by the Sunday Rides go to. Russell Prout has been giving Black Magic “a birthday”. Now Black Magic has been the back-bone of the Club’s locos for our Sunday Runs and it is I’m told some 25+years since it hit the tracks. Over the years it has had repairs and mainte-nance to keep it up to the job which we expect of it. Russell has spent over 140hours just on the chassis. Other upgrades include relocating the pump and motors so that they are more accessi-ble for future maintenance, replacing all hydraulic hoses, remounting controls to be more stable, new couplings and the list goes on. All of this costs money but if one amortizes the costs over 25 years it’s not a huge sum per year. I’m sure when finished it will be good for another 25 years. The top photo shows the discarded chassis with the other 2 photos display the new sturdy chassis in place.

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