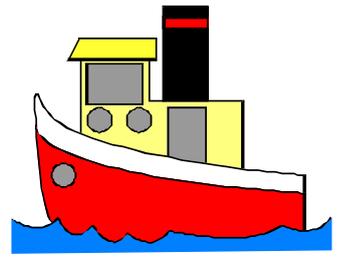




# Wheels and Floats



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## TAURANGA MODEL MARINE AND ENGINEERING CLUB

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Palmerville Station Phone 07 578 7293

Rail Track Memorial Park  
Open to Public weather permitting.  
Sundays 10.00am to 4.00pm  
Website: [www.tmmecc.org.nz](http://www.tmmecc.org.nz)

### NOTICE OF MEETING

The next general meeting will be on  
Tuesday Oct 6<sup>th</sup> at 7pm  
At Palmerville Station

The next Committee Meeting will be on  
Thursday 8 October at 7pm  
At Palmerville Station

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<b>Conveners:</b>	Malcolm George, John Nicol
<b>Workshop:</b>	Bruce Harvey, John Stent, Russell Prout
<b>Track:</b>	Warren Belk
<b>Marine:</b>	John Nicol
<b>Librarian:</b>	Clive Goodley, Mike Webber
<b>Rolling Stock:</b>	Murray De Lues
<b>Website by:</b>	Clive Goodley, Mike Webber
<b>Driver Training</b>	Bruce McKerras
<b>Club Captain</b>	

### Operators Oct / Nov

11-10-15	N. Bush
18-10-15	R. Salisbury
25-10-15	O. Bennett
01-11-15	E. Evans
08-11-15	B. Fitzpatrick
14-11-15	C. Goodley
15-11-15	B. Harvey
22-11-15	P. Jones
29-11-15	W. Karlsson

**Presidents Points**

**Greetings Members**

Time is ticking down to the convention and it will all be happening very shortly. As members you will receive a letter shortly followed by a phone call asking where in the event you wish to help, we need this information so that we can make sure the various activities are covered. Our convention committee has been working really hard, there is certainly lots to do.

However before the convention our open weekend is on the 14th and 15th of November. The format will be similar to previous years and Bev will be enlisting for the kitchen duties, if your wife/partner/girlfriend can help please give her a call.

Two major projects are nearing completion, the steaming bays and trackwork to the tunnel. The traverser is in the commissioning stage, John Stent and Russell Prout have been working hard on this, John Nicol has been working away on the stands, and the rest of the team have been beavering away at the numerous working B's. Excavations for the additional trackwork are completed and we are waiting for Curb and Concrete to place the foundations, wet weather and their workload on the Te Puke bypass have hampered progress, but we should see the foundation in place by the end of the first week in October. Thank you all for your fine efforts.

The hard work has been tempered by our training days which have been well attended. Meanwhile back at the coal face the trains have been running Sundays as weather permits, and as you all know this winter has been long and cold so there has been a couple of days that play has been rained off. To compensate additional days running have been organised over the school holidays, thank you to those that have given their time to help.

Our mate Eddie Evans has been unwell lately, wish you a speedy recovery Eddie and looking forward to seeing you smiling face back at the track.

Happy modelling.  
Peter Jones.

"The convention committee has been working hard in organising the 2016 National Model Engineering Convention and Hobby Expo being held from Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan to Monday 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 2016. Registration forms are available on our website ([www.tmmec.org.nz](http://www.tmmec.org.nz)) for downloading and printing or at our club rooms. Registrations are starting to flow in including some from Australia and one from Scotland. We are also expecting some registrations from USA and Canada. The committee encourages club members to register as soon as possible. There are no discounts to club members as the expenses have been passed on at cost. Please forward your completed forms and your cheque (or you can pay by internet banking) as soon as possible to: The Secretary, TMMEC, P.O. Box 15589, Tauranga 3112. or hand to Clive Goodley".

### **Nothing.**

Just had my water bill of £175 drop on my mat. That's a lot. Oxfam can supply a whole African village for just £2 a month: time to change supplier I think.

Two women called at my door and asked what bread I ate, when I said white they gave me a lecture on the benefits of brown bread for 30 minutes. I think they were those Hovis Witnesses.

Seven wheelchair athletes have been banned from the Paralympics after they tested positive for WD40.

A mummy covered in chocolate and nuts has been discovered in Egypt.. Archaeologists believe it may be Pharaoh Roche...

Just A Reminder to those who stole Electrical Goods in Last Year's Riots...Your One Year Manufacturer's Warranty Runs Out Soon.

IT'S A BOY" I shouted "A BOY, I DON'T BELIEVE IT, IT'S A BOY"  
And with tears streaming down my face I swore I'd never visit another Thai Brothel!!!

Two Indian junkies accidentally snorted curry powder instead of cocaine. Both in hospital...one's in a korma.. The other's got a dodgy tikka!

In the first few days of the Olympics the Romanians took gold, silver, bronze, copper & lead.

Sailing results are in, GB took gold, USA took silver and Somalia took a Middle aged couple from Weymouth. The following montage of fourteen photos were shot by our resident shutterbug, Cos Ray. Cos paid us a visit on a recent Saturday working B and 'Training and trialling day.' Mike Treloar brought his just finished phantom for trialling, and it went quite well. His previous trial involved a borrowed tender. Mike is the driver in these shots.



Paul Newton takes a load of passengers



Below, Owen Bennett on his phantom.



Serious work was also ongoing while Trialing and training was in progress, Warren Belk features in three photos. Russell Prout is operating the cutter and John Stent is trying to lift the wheelbarrow.





Paddy McCoy, an elderly farmer, received a letter from the Department for Work & Pensions stating that they suspected he was not paying his employees the statutory minimum wage and they would send an inspector to interview them. On the appointed day, the inspector turned up. "Tell me about your staff," he asked Paddy.

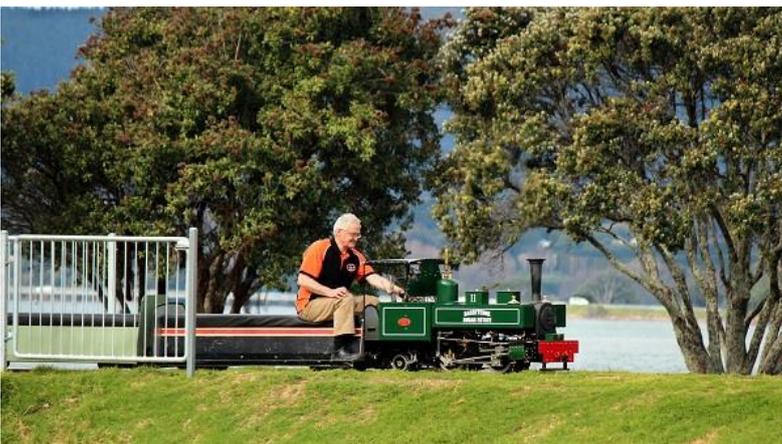
"Well," said Paddy, "there's the farm hand, I pay him \$240 a week, and he has a free cottage. Then there's the housekeeper. She gets \$190 a week, along with free board and lodging. There's also the half-wit. He works a 16 hour day, does 90% of the work, earns about \$25 a week along with a bottle of whisky and, as a special treat, occasionally gets to sleep with my wife."

"That's disgraceful" said the inspector, "I need to interview the half-wit."

"That'll be me then," said Paddy

John Heald brought his engine for members to try their hand at operating. Bruce McKerras must have liked it, for he could not be prised off. I did manage to get him off eventually so I could have a wee drive,

that's me, bottom right. Malcolm George has a welcome break from selling ticket sales goes for a spin with John Heald at top left.



Little Billy asks his dad for a telly in his room. Dad reluctantly agrees. Next day Billy comes downstairs and asks, 'Dad, what's love juice?' Dad looks horrified and tells Billy all about sex. Billy just sat there with his mouth open in amazement. Dad says, 'So what were you watching?' Billy says, ' Wimbledon ..'

**A date to remember. As mentioned in Presidents Points, our 'Open Weekend' is the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> November**

ARAPROSDOKIANS... (Winston Churchill loved them) are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected; frequently humorous.

1. Where there's a will, I want to be in it.
2. The last thing I want to do is hurt you, but it's still on my list.
3. Since light travels faster than sound, some people appear bright until you hear them speak.
4. If I agreed with you, we'd both be wrong.
5. We never really grow up, we only learn how to act in public.
6. War does not determine who is right - only who is left.
7. Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
8. They begin the evening news with 'Good Evening,' then proceed to tell you why it isn't.
9. To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
10. Buses stop in bus stations. Trains stop in train stations. On my desk is a work station.
11. I thought I wanted a career. Turns out I just wanted paychecks.
12. In filling out an application, where it says, 'In case of emergency, notify:' I put 'DOCTOR.'
13. I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
14. Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.
15. Behind every successful man is his woman. Behind the fall of a successful man is usually another woman.
16. A clear conscience is the sign of a fuzzy memory.
17. You do not need a parachute to skydive. You only need a parachute to skydive twice.
18. Money can't buy happiness, but it sure makes misery easier to live with.
19. There's a fine line between cuddling and holding someone down so they can't get away.
20. I used to be indecisive. Now I'm not so sure.
21. You're never too old to learn something stupid.
22. To be sure of hitting the target, shoot first and call whatever you hit the target.
23. Nostalgia isn't what it used to be.
24. Change is inevitable, except from a vending machine.
25. Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.
26. Where there's a will, there are relatives.





**Tauranga Model Marine and Engineering Club Inc.**  
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**TAURANGA MODEL AND MARINE ENGINEERING CLUB CONVENTION**

**Road Run**

The TMMEC convention committee cordially invite MEANZ affiliated club members attending the 2016 convention with steam road vehicles of 3 inch scale and above to participate in a lunchtime road run.

Please note that:

1. We require participants to have a steam licence for miniature road vehicles issued by their MEANZ affiliated Model Engineering Club. If your engine has a boiler capacity in excess of 50 litres, then a full size TE licence will be required.
2. The roads will not be closed and the rules of the road must be obeyed at all times by each participant.
3. The organisers do not have insurance cover for this event and we suggest that all participants arrange their own insurance cover.
4. The engine must have a certificate of registration from NZTA and display at least one licence plate (at the rear) on the engine (see additional information below).
5. Only one trailer is permitted to be towed on the open road and if so it must have a certificate of registration form NZTA and a current WOF.
6. The engine must have a current boiler certificate issued by a MEANZ affiliated club (if safe operating pressure is under 100 psi) or professional New Zealand test/inspection body (if safe operating pressure over 100 psi).
7. Spark arrester to be used.

The idea behind the road run is firstly to promote the convention to the general public, but most of all, to allow model owners to give their particular engine a decent run out and a convivial lunch break at one of the CBD's bar/restaurants.

The route chosen, with permission of the Tauranga City Council, is straight forward with a couple of small hills to give the engines something to work at. The total road distance is no longer than 5 km. There will be a choice of three days, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, or all three if you are so inclined.

If you would like to participate in this little adventure then please let the convention committee know as soon as possible as numbers travelling on the road could result in the local authority making changes to traffic control to allow slow moving vehicles to pass through traffic lights safely.

A service vehicle will be placed at the stopping point in the CBD (at 2.5 km) with water, fuel, and tools. The vehicles will be parked up and on display to the public during the lunch break stopover, so a rota of drivers will be required to engage the public and prevent injury to onlookers during this time.

This invitation is also extended to any participating registered visitor who has a non-steam vehicle of special interest who would like to show off their pride and joy on the road.

## **Vehicle Registration Information**

This has proved to be a straight forward task, and below you will find suggested details to fill out the form required.

Form MR2B Application for registration of a VIN exempt motor Vehicle.

- (a) Vehicle type – 06
- (b) Vehicle usage – EB. Exempt class B
- (c) Chassis number - use boiler identification number
- (d) Make – (Burrell, Fowler, Foden, etc.) Traction Engine
- (e) Year – when model completed or boiler certificate issue
- (f) Model – engine type Agricultural, Showman’s, Roller etc
- (g) Body type – MM
- (h) Engine number – use boiler identification number
- (i) Engine type – 6. Other
- (j) Vehicle is – S. Scratch built
- (k) Assembly type – 2. NZ assembled/built or 1 if imported build up
- (l) Country of origin – state where the majority of parts/casting/boiler originate from
- (m) RUC vehicle type – U/A

Pay your licence fee and a plate should be issued.

