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President's Report

Hi TMMEC.

So, the new lease has been signed and returned to the TCC. A month of advertising in the local news papers and that should be another 5 years at the park sorted.

For those who have not seen it there is now a layout of the proposed re-development of the QEYC and swimming pool. This shows the clubrooms relocated inside the raised track, how workable this may turn out to be remains to be seen. It's not impossible, but there may be several issues with the proposal, the raised track may become redundant, how push chairs will work over the two proposed bridges is something we will have to iron out with the TCC.

In saying that, it has been suggested we start considering a counter proposal, another part of the park that suits a bigger station and enables the raised track to be retained etc. So please all put your thinking caps on and start discussing this amongst yourselves. If we approach the TCC with a proposal that we would like to see, you never know they may support the idea.

We have decided to add a new level crossing at the carpark end of the station, and this is to hopefully keep the public from trying cross the station area, currently they have nowhere to go. We are in the process of sourcing the various bits and will need several working bees to sort this out.

There is a playdate coming up on the 3rd of July which is then followed by our mid-year night run from 4pm to 8pm. An early dinner will be put on by the club thanks once again to Roy and Barb, please come on down and support your club. It doesn't matter if you are not into running the railway as the day's activities should have something for all.

There is plenty of the pea grade coal now in the container and we have already had several visiting engines say they will be coming over etc. The raised track should have a couple of steamers on it plus battery powered locos for any youngsters who want to have a go.

Queens' birthday weekend several of the TMMEC members went to Manukau for their open weekend and night run, this weekend also

included the club celebrating 40 years, a well-deserved congratulations on their anniversary. We were well looked after and I'd like to say thank you to the Manukau club for their hospitality, we all had a great time and expect we will be back next year.

Thanks

Jason

Editorial

Dear Ferroequinologists (Iron Horse enthusiasts for the uninformed),

As you may be aware, Roy has decided to step down from the position of Newsletter Editor, and for my sins, I have stuck up my hand to fill this position. To some extent, as club librarian, there is a synergy between the two functions.

Having edited a newsletter with another organisation in the past, I do have some experience in this area. At the same time, I also have some ideas which I will ventilate here.

As Roy was using a different system to what I am, I face a fairly steep learning curve designing my own layout of the newsletter and knocking it into shape, so please bear with me. At the same time, I welcome any input and suggestions as to what goes into this Newsletter. It is really for you and by you.

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Our club name is the Tauranga Model Marine and Engineering Club.

Think about it. How many club members are involved with Model Marine activities? And if so, where would these club members go to enjoy their passion with marine activities? We do not have a pond where any member's boats can be sailed.

And engineering? How involved with engineering are we? At present the club workshop tends to revolve entirely around servicing and repairing our locomotives.

We need to encompass all aspects of engineering, be it marine, rail or land.

Yes, we provide a very valuable service to the local community by offering rides to local patrons.

But, surely, from a club point of view, there must be more than that.

We need to attract people of all ages to our hobby, especially the young, to being involved with all aspects of engineering on a miniature, or macro scale.

It is not wise for me to go too deeply into this subject at present. I would like to meantime get some feedback from club members regarding our role in our local society.

The TCC plan for the Memorial Park is quite ambitious. The plan for the area is noted in this newsletter, and our activities will be inevitably affected. However, we as club members should not take a passive approach to these changes. How can we work within these plans and turn them to our benefit and advantage. Change is inevitable, so then, once again the club needs input from you, which can then be discussed internally and be presented to the TCC.

Jason has already alluded to the raised track and how it can be rejigged to fall within the TCC proposal. How then can this be done? Over to you.

Seeing that we call ourselves a Model Marine club, would it be possible to create a pond where member's boats can be operated? I personally would like to see a steam powered paddle wheel boat in action. This would incorporate most of our disciplines in one.

The future is in your hands club members. If you are not part of the solution, then you must be part of the problem.

Editor (Cotter Pin)

CLUB MEMBER PROJECTS

In this section, I would invite a listing of club members who are busy with specific projects.

I would also invite those club members with projects on the go, to give us all a run down on where they are in their projects, and tell us about the small successes that they have had with their projects. Share with us so that we all get encouragement with what we are individually doing.

At the same time, if you have come across a problem, if you share it, possibly someone else may have a solution for you.

FAVOURED SUPPLIERS

Having moved to Tauranga about five years ago, I have found it a bit of a battle to find providers and suppliers to give me the tools and materials for the projects in hand.

I would like to see a listing in this newsletter of those people and companies who have provided you with special or exceptional service. After all, why should each of us individually invent the wheel when, by sharing the information, we can get on with our projects rather than scouring the internet for suppliers who are already known to others in our group.

At the same time, those favoured suppliers are rewarded for their good service to us.

DRAWING ERRORS:

This something that all of you builders can contribute.

It can be highly annoying to be building a complex project, just to find that the original designer has made a drawing error, usually dimensional, and you have made a part to the drawing, just to find that it does not fit where it should, and must be made again.

John Roberts (Pimlico Light Railway) in a letter in the latest (to NZ) Model Engineer has offered to start up a catalogue of drawing errors. The idea here is that these will be published so that engineering builders world-wide can access.

He is starting with the Simplex loco, but I am sure that other errors will be absorbed into the system.

John can be contacted at:

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SMALLS – FOR SALE/ WANTED:

Whilst some club members bring tools along to out Tuesday night gatherings, some stuff might be too big, or club members living further afield may not be able to attend the meetings.

For this reason, I would like to run a smalls section in the newsletter for members wanting to sell, or purchase workshop items.

I will kick this off by offering for free a shelving unit that I salvaged from a neighbour. It is fairly lightweight – one of the bolt-together ones that you can reconfigure to suit the height necessary. It has four shelves. I use the same in my workshop. It is surprising the weight it can hold. Contact the Editor.

SUGGESTIONS AND IDEAS:

I like to think that we Model Engineers tend to be an innovative lot. Given a problem, we tend to think ourselves out of it, and if we cannot find a solution, we discuss it with others of the same ilk, and someone else is bound to come up with a solution.

Just to kick the ball off, I have a few to pass on to readers:

Rusty Files: The rust bug affects us all. When I noticed that my collection of files was looking a bit brown, I wondered how to stop this problem.

My solution was to take a page out of the boating game and use a sacrificial anode. I have wrapped each file in aluminium foil. This means that the aluminium will degrade and protect the individual file. Additionally, it stops the files from knocking against each other, so making them blunt. And, if you are careful, you can slide the file out of its ally “sock” and back again after use.

Sandpaper “Files”: I think I picked these up at a woodworking show. Essentially, they are a plastic holder for strips of sandpaper of any sort. They are tapered to get into tight places, and I normally use strips cut from old sanding belts. Of course, with fine sandpaper, they will be great for finishing off parts for a project.



Anybody see anything wrong here?

LINKS TO OTHER CLUBS:

Auckland Society of Model Engineers - www.asme.org.nz

Cambridge Model Engineering Society Inc. www.cmes.org.nz/

Christchurch Live Steamers - www.clstrains.co.nz

Canterbury Society of Model Engineers - www.csmee.org.nz

Hamilton Model Engineers - www.hme.co.nz

Hutt Valley Model Engineering Society - www.hvmes.com

Kapiti Miniature Railway Association - www.kapitirail.org

Havelock North Live Steamers - www.keirungaparkrailway.org.nz

Manakau Live Steamers - www.manakaulivesteamers.co.nz

Marlborough Associated Modellers Society - www.mams.org.nz

Nelson Modellers - www.nelsonmodellers.org.nz

Otago Miniature Road and Rail Society - www.omrr.org.nz

Otago Model Engineers Society - www.omes.org.nz

Palmerston North Model Engineering Club - www.pnmec.org.nz

EBOP Society of Model Engineers, Whakatane - www.riveredgerailway.org.nz

South Canterbury Model Engineers Society - www.south-canterbury-model-engineers.org

Whangarei Model Engineering Club - www.wmec.org.nz

MEANZ: - www.meanz.org/ meanz.org/

If I have missed any out, kindly advise me of whom and their details.

Matariki Night Run

There was a good turnout of members including drivers at our Matariki night run on the 3rd July. It all started out smoothly, the trains were running and the food was being cooked.

What could go wrong?

Somehow the power supply went out and there was a mad scramble to get things working. Generators appeared from nowhere and I believe that the donut van even helped out. We needed power for the lights and also to run the Eftpos machine. Thankfully we had quite a few LED lights that had been attached in various places and they did help somewhat.

Eventually, order was restored to a reasonable level for us to run for the rest of the evening.

The skies were clear and this resulted in a chilly evening. Everybody had learned their lesson from last year, so they were all rugged up and fortified by cups of coffee and hot soup.

The public were there in droves, although there was a puzzling lull around about 5:30pm. At one stage the queue was easily 25 metres long - stretching back past the steaming bay. Our timing was right, as the crowd eventually tapered off at about 7:45, in time for our cut-off time of 8pm.

The attendance is reported to be about 880 rides, a really good evening for four hours activity.

Thanks to all who attended and the drivers who braved the chill wind whilst fronting up the locos. Joanne drove the steam loco for a while, so had a nice hot water heater in front of her.

NOTE: Matariki is also known elsewhere as the Pliades or Seven Sisters. In Japan it is known as Subaru, and you will see the constellation on the front of Subaru cars.



Waiting for the first load of passengers.



Max on the run



Joanne at the helm.





A sample of the crowd who attended.

Tuesday Evening Meeting (6th)

Apart from the night run and the following Sunday, Jason had little to report due to bad weather on previous Sundays and no running.

The big blueprints for the container were also available to be seen, and they are really impressive.

However, there were some interesting items on display for members to see.

Bruce brought the frame of his motorcycle to show his progress and explain the difficulties of restoring these vintage motorcycles.



Roy brought a number of gears that he had cut and explained the fun that he had in generating gears that had a prime number of teeth.



Owen brought all his boiler bits, mostly shiny and ready to be soldered together. It will be good to see it all assembled together – quite a challenging job to do so.



John Bremner showed us parts of a pump he was building and explained the special challenges that he had reaching long distances to drill holes hidden behind casting protrusions.



Pump



Pump eccentric

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P.JONES W.KARLSSON

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B.McKERRAS R.PROUT

15/08/2021 22/08/2021 29/08/2021
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05/09/2021 12/09/2021
B.HARVEY P.JONES

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R.PROUT M. de LUES

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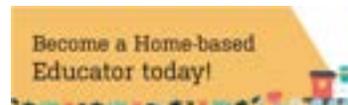
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MEMORIAL PARK CHANGES - PROPOSAL



What we see here is the proposed changes to be made by TCC at Memorial Park. You will note that the present car park will be entirely used up, as well as the present clubhouse. A new clubhouse is proposed to be built within our present track. But this poses problems of access, especially for the disabled.

The club invites members to offer their ideas regarding this development, and some alternative ideas regarding the new position of the clubhouse. What is not shown here is the full extent of our track system, and maybe there is a better compromise/ layout that will benefit both us and the TCC?

[As an aside, since this proposal was presented, there has been a new announcement by Bluehaven that a pool complex, including a 50m pool, is going to be built in the new Papamoa township. This may alter the plans for Memorial Park. Time will tell. – Ed.]



TMMEC 2021 CALENDAR

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- SUNDAY RUNNING DAY – 10am to 3pm
 - OFFICIAL CLUB PLAYDAY
 - COMMITTEE MEETING – 7pm START
 - GENERAL MEETING – 7pm START
 - ENGINEERING TUESDAY – 7:30pm START
 - OPEN WEEKEND
 - CANCELLED
 - AGM
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- CHR CHRISTMAS PARTY - 13 FEB
 - 20-21 MARCH HAMILTON OPEN WEEKEND
 - 29-30-31 MAY MAIURAU OPEN WEEKEND
 - 17-18 JULY ERGOP OPEN WEEKEND
 - 30 OCT HALLOWEEN NIGHT RUN
 - 11th APRIL KATIKATI VINTAGE MACHINERY CLUB SHOW
 - 3rd JULY NIGHT RUN