

TMMEC NEWSLETTER

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President's Report - September

Hi TMMEC

I trust you are all well after the lockdown. Not a lot of activity for the TMMEC due to the restrictions but I hope you have all made good use of the time in your sheds.

Chris Pattison has taken a few goodies from the club's Facebook page and they should be included in this issue. If you have any photos or info of your build that hasn't made it to the club's Facebook page, then please send them to Chris for next month's edition.

Firstly, there is a playdate Saturday the 18th of September. If you can, please also bring down any bits you have been making so all can see.

As we are in level 2 please remember, no public rides, no exceptions. If you have your own guests attending, please make sure their names are in the book. It is young Ben's birthday and there should be cake I am told.

We also plan to have a working bee Saturday the 25th of September to get the pedestrian crossing completed, if you can attend then please come along. It would be good to get the last few items done and dusted.

October we will again have our Tuesday monthly meetings if we are still at level 2, hopefully rather at level 1 of course.

We are only half a dozen weeks away from our next night run, two more weeks after that and then it's our open weekend. If you are able to help these two events it would be great as they are always pretty busy.

Thanks, and see you soon down at the track.

Jason

Editorial

Dear Ferroequinologists

Unfortunately, Covid Delta has caused us once again to be under house arrest, or nearly that. I suspect that a number of our members have been taking advantage of the hiatus to progress on their projects. I certainly have.

Thinking about our hobby, it occurs to me that by choosing model engineering as a vocation to follow, gives us a big advantage over many other people who are living under the Covid yoke.

So many people out there are finding it quite difficult to live with themselves. Many people are going slightly stir crazy, once they have walked

the dog and watched all the Netflix programs of interest. Being winter, the garden is still dormant so there is little to do there and you can only wash and wax the car once or twice.

Whereas, us model engineers now have all the spare time without distraction to get on with our pet projects. Of course, providing we have the necessary materials and tools to hand.

It is also worth considering the health aspect of our hobby. As we grow older, there is a strong temptation to take life easy and go into cruise mode. That is exactly what leads to the "rusting out" symptom, whereas we really need is to exercise both our minds and bodies. And our hobby does both of these – it gives us the everyday mental challenge of how to tackle every small component that we are making, additionally we are being physically active working on our machines, filing and sawing parts, etc. Not exactly marathon stuff, but it is varied and involves most of our bodies.

Unfortunately, Murphy's Law came to play in my case. My mill motor has been intermittently tripping out my RCD, which then affects the internet router and my bedside clock. A damn nuisance. So, I disconnected the motor and took it to the rewinders for them to look at. And that was the morning of our lockdown announcement. So, yours truly has had no mill to do operations with. So I was stuck just with lathe jobs and benchwork.

Not all model engineering uses metals. See this FB site for a working engine and gearbox made entirely from wood:

<https://www.facebook.com/diystore2022/videos/4229470927107467>

There is also an all stations call for photos to be submitted for inclusion in the 2022 NZ Model Engineering Calendar. Have a dig through all your photos and submit the best to them. Who knows, your photo might be printed! It does not have to be a current one. We have one photo from the club in the 2021 Calendar, so let's keep the ball rolling.

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Classic Flyers are owners of an impressive collection of miniature aero engines. They have kindly offered to host a group of our members one Saturday to inspect these and also their museum and restoration facilities.

At our Tuesday meeting last month, it was suggested that a suitable Saturday in September would be convenient. Clearly, with our current lockdown this will not be possible until we get to level 2 or 1. However, this serves as a forewarning to you of a future gathering, date still to be decided depending on circumstances.

This clip will give you the cringes:

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=4314660231916787>.

Enough from me for the moment.

Editor (Cotter Pin)

CLUB MEMBER PROJECTS

Ollie has posted on our FB site how he has been busy machining the hornblocks of Juliet.

Max has also been busy converting the Sweet Pea from a quadricycle to a sexticycle by adding a pony truck to it in an effort towards better stability.

Our esteemed President Jason has also been active making the bogies for his AY wagon, and having fun machining aluminium in the process.

Marty Rickard reports that he has been fitting a DRO to his mill and also working on his tender.

Regan has been making a tool grinding setup on what appears to be a flash new bench grinder.

Last but not least, Russell has been showing how he has been doing a tricky bit of machining using his boring head. Clever stuff and worth remembering for future applications.

Share your problems and solutions here. A problem shared is a problem halved. I have found that if I sleep on a problem, often it gets solved overnight.

FAVOURED SUPPLIERS & RECOMMENDATIONS

I have had good service from Roger at Silverstream Foundry (027 408 1235) in Hall Road. I stuffed up a bronze casting and, instead of ordering another from the UK, I decided to explore having it done locally. The pattern was simple to make and Roger was happy to tackle the job. He is clearly keen on what he does. One word

of warning – he is happy to chat away for yonks on any subject under the sun.

Any recommendations from you?

LIBRARY CORNER

I am still on the lookout for missing issues of Model Engineer. If you have ME magazines lying around gathering dust, or know of somebody who has and wants to rid themselves of them, we can provide a good home.

SMALLS – FOR SALE/ WANTED:

This is for members wanting to sell, or purchase workshop items.



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.

Any clever workarounds that you have come up with? Please share.

CLUB NEWS:

Further to our new decoration on the one side of the container, we now proudly have the other side decorated with facsimile posters with a rail theme. So much better than the graffiti that had been put there a short while back.



Here is our newest member, Ross Campbell being given a rundown of the Tamar.

Further improvements to our site are being undertaken. Here we have the new level crossing being installed. I heard that there were some timber supply problems, so it should be finished after lockdown.



Last but not least, the viaduct is going to receive new signals, courtesy of Russel Prout and Warren Karlsson.



ODD ITEMS OF INTEREST:

Warren Karlsson sent the following:

Photograph of Port Melbourne dock with a steam locomotive operating in 1871.

Note the broad gauge, and the early locomotive, but more intriguing are the traversers placed at regular intervals along the dock, it seems they were used to allow manual movement of single wagons from the sidings to the main shunt line, and vice versa, while allowing the locomotive and consist to pass over when locked in place.

The spectators look decidedly fascinated, but more than likely are posing for the photographer! *(These old photographs needed long exposures, hence the posing. – Ed.)*

Maybe that the steam boiler is for manual winching of wagons along the track, as it appears there is another chimney further down the dock, and regular spaced bollards for belay?

Must comment on the tidy workspace, maybe it had just been opened as the wharf looks pristine!



Tuesday Evening Meeting (7th)

No Tuesday meeting this month, so no report this time.

Ipswich Rail Museum – 2009



OPERATORS ROSTER 2021

05/09/2021 12/09/2021
B.HARVEY P.JONES

19/09/2021 26/09/2021
W.KARLSSON B.McKERRAS

03/10/2021 10/10/2021
R.PROUT M. de LUES

17/10/2021 24/10/2021 31/10/2021
B.FITZPATRICK J.FLANNERY B.HARVEY

07/11/2021 13/11/2021
P.JONES W.KARLSSON

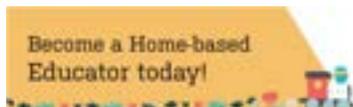
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B.HARVEY Boxing day

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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.

**Tauranga Model Marine & Engineering Club List -
All Responsibilities 2021-2022 – Keep for Reference**

Committee Members

President: Jason Flannery
Vice President: Bruce McKerras
Treasurer: Joanne Knights
Club Captain: Max Donnelly
Secretary: Warren Belk
Bruce Harvey
Warren Karlsson
Regan Olivecrona
Russell Prout
Ash Thomas

Accountants - reviews

Grace Team

Bookkeeper

Raewyn Tanner

ADR

Warren Karlsson – paperwork and audit
Every two years - Expiry: 22 Sep 2022.
Audit date: - 14/21 June 2022

Advertising

Peter Davies
Jason Flannery
Joanne Knights

Boiler Inspectors

Peter Jones
Bruce McKerras

Club Calendar

Max Donnelly

Driver License Database

Warren Karlsson

Driver License issuing

Jason Flannery - Exp 31/8/21

Duty Operators

Peter Jones

Front door entry codes

Warren Karlsson

Incorporated Societies

Jason Flannery - cut off date 30/6/21

Insurance provider

Crombie Lockwood - renewal 28/6/22

Librarian

Chris Pattison

Locomotive WOF register – club locos

Bruce Harvey

Locomotive WOF – members locomotives

Bruce Harvey
- WOF require two members to sign off, Bruce Harvey to arrange for an extra person when required.

MEANZ Rep

Peter Jones

Member Register

Jason Flannery

Newsletter Editor

Chris Pattison - Subs notice May edition

PO Box

Jason Flannery

Ride car WOF register – club and members

Bruce Harvey

Safety Committee- first aid and fire extinguishers

Jason Flannery
Peter Jones
Warren Karlsson
Ext test dates

Tamar Boiler Certificate – yearly, expiry 31/9/2021

Bruce Harvey – controller
Warren Belk – operator
Joanne Knights - operator

Tauranga City Council - Park Managers

Megan Cleverly
Phill Everett 027 836 2707

- **Lease Manager**
Conor McEvoy

Test gauges – yearly, expiry: 31/07/2021

Peter Jones

Track Managers

Bruce Harvey
John Stent
Russell Prout
Max Donnelly – Raised track

Ticket seller roster

Jason Flannery

Website Provider

Openhost

Website Editor

Max Donnelly

Workshop

John Nicol
Brian Marriner



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