

TMMEC NEWSLETTER

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Up and Coming Events.

May 21st – Playday and BBQ

June 4th/5th/6th - Manukau Open Weekend

June 24th (Friday) - Matariki Night Run

October 14th -18th
Weekend - Keirunga Park Labour

President's Report – May

Well, here we go.. In a way I can't believe I am here doing the President's role! In taking on this role I have suddenly found myself thinking hard about the path ahead for the club (what path?)..

Clearly after Covid we need to get our club back up and running again. The old problem of the same few members turning upon Sundays is on my mind, how do we attract more helpers? I think Jason's idea to run 'Have a go' days in combination with the Playdays is definitely worth a shot. Also reviving the website is another avenue that we can go down to promote the club to a wider audience (and plead for volunteers on the front page). Here I see Joanne and Max as ideal, at least they are computer savvy and we need to use all the tools at our disposal to attract new members to the hobby.

Another area that has been on my mind is health and safety. Our hobby and operations are attracting the attention of WorkSafe nationwide and we absolutely need to 'Safety Up' things to bring our operation into the year 2022. Interestingly, I was at Keirunga Park with Phantom in tow and they have upped their game. Engines have to have designated drivers only and consists are constantly checked throughout the day. Any change of ride car set up or double heading of engines, etc., attracts the attention of a man with a clipboard and all the safety checks are signed off again. I was surprised, however, that they only brake one in three of their ride cars – wow, I bet that will have changed by the next time I visit. I also heard rumblings that they are replacing all of their sit in gondola ride cars.

In news concerning the proposed council development, Jason, Bruce H and I went along to a meeting earlier this month. Up until now I have thought that the proposed pool complex would be well and truly vetoed by the 'Don't Increase the Rates Lobby' at the next round of council elections. However, I must confess that after this meeting I left thinking that we are about to lose a lump of our track and possibly our clubrooms too. I think down the track we are going to be looking at the re-siting of our clubrooms.

One thing I am keen to get going again is Tuesday night get togethers. At this point the 'F Project' is getting some input from Peter Jones and Owen to get that moving forward. Owen and I will get the F boiler underway down at the clubrooms so, if you are contemplating building a boiler come down and see the progress. Ash Thomas has also started a project with Trent to build a new 5" engine. Team – If you can think of anything to liven up a Tuesday night, please let me know. Better still, come on down and have a cuppa, a cake and a chat, it has only been Jason and I of late and that is sad! 😞

I would also like to see some club outings organized. One place really worth the trip is a visit to an NZR signals boffin. A gang of us went out there last year and we were all amazed, this bloke's passion for signals has to be seen to be believed! Another potential visit in the pipeline is a trip to Water Cutting services, this is an amazing shop and there are add-ons of models, motorbikes and vintage cars. Regan has tentatively got this guy on our side so watch this space for a date.

One date we do have locked in is a speaker for the next Club Night (June 7th). Dean Clarke from Cre8tionworx who makes amazing IC engines is coming along and it is really worth making an effort to come down and see this guy. Check out cre8tionworx.co.nz for a taste of what he can do.

Last thing is Playday – Next on is Saturday 21st May. Peter J and I will be getting any out-of-date boilers up to test. We will be set up in the steaming bay so dust off your engines and let's get them running again. We are putting on a BBQ too so let's make a day of it. Covid has kept us all in hiding for so long it would be great to have a catch up.

Well team, that is my thoughts at this point – I hope I will survive this!

Cheers, Bruce.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

At the AGM it was agreed to keep subs as per the past year, i.e. Ordinary members \$30, Country members \$18 and Junior members \$6.

New membership year starts the 1st of June. The cutoff date for paying subs is the 1st of August, so you may wish to start paying them now.

Invoices are no longer sent, being deemed unnecessary, just another admin. task. If you do need one for your specific situation, kindly let me know and I will organize it.

The preferred payment option is online: Wespac account, number 03-0435-0461711-000, with your name. If no online banking then pay by Eftpos or cash at the clubrooms.

Any questions please let me know and I will be happy to help.

Jason Flannery, Club Secretary

Club Captain's report

Well, another year has been and gone and we're almost already halfway into 2022. Since our last AGM, it's been a struggle about what to write this year as not much has been happening in the club but here goes...

This year, our first Sunday running back open to the public was an immediate success and we have seen growing ticket numbers climbing towards 1000+. Just one weekend after we opened, I headed to Keirunga Park Railway to enjoy a long Easter weekend with Bruce McKerras along with his engine. The Friday running involved testing a new grate design which proved to be a success, followed by over 20km of driving on the track over the next 2-3 days. Sunny and hot weather was our best friend on the weekend until Monday when the rain decided to come and play. For those who intend to visit this club, they should have another open weekend on Labour Weekend in October, which is subject to confirmation. The weekend after I paid a visit to the Mana Ariki Marae Railway in Taumarunui, courtesy of an invite from the Lipsey family. The railway is approximately 3km in length so this track will certainly test how you can drive a locomotive for 'long distance'. The club has decided to have their open weekend on the weekend of the Matariki public holiday which is 24-26 June. I shall be in contact to see if our club members can be invited. Outside of the club, I have been purchasing new race gear as I am set to make a return to Karting for the first time in 4 years. I have also obtained my Full driving licence on the 6th of May and have also secured a new job as a Parts Storeperson at Cal-Isuzu. Once again, thank you everyone and let's hope 2022 is a successful one!

Max Donnelly

Editorial

Dear Ferroequinologists,

Apologies for not creating a magazine last month. Firstly, there was little news to pass on to you and on top of that, my wife, son and I went for a deserved two week holiday down to Southland over Easter and ANZAC Day.

And, what with everything else, the creative juices have slowed down somewhat, so I need to get back up to speed. If you did not attend the AGM, you will notice from the cover page that there has been a changing of the guard and we have a new President and Committee. More strength to their arm and hopefully the club will be sailing into smoother waters no longer disturbed by Covid issues. Jason during his tenure has certainly showed dedication and tenacity in keeping the club on the rails, despite things slowing down to a crawl at times.

My thanks to Marty for printing out a "gear jammer" for my Myford on his 3D printer.

Unfortunately, my gear was not the right size, so it went up for grabs to other members at our April Tuesday meeting.

Cotter Pin.

FAVOURED SUPPLIERS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations are welcome.

LIBRARY CORNER

I am still on the lookout for missing issues of Model Engineer. The issues of EIM are steadily coming in, and it should not be too long before I will be binding these.

SMALLS – FOR SALE/ WANTED:

Any members wanting to sell, or purchase workshop items?

The Editor has an old Oxygen regulator for sale.



SUGGESTIONS AND IDEAS:

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

CLUB NEWS:

CANMOD 2022

Kindly note that, due to uncertainties with regard to Covid restrictions, CANMOD has been postponed until 2023.

MEMBER ACTIVITIES

A while back, I copied Ross into an article on silver soldering that I had scanned from recent ME issues. Ross tells me that this was immensely helpful in soldering his boiler together and he will be bringing it round to the meeting on the 21st.

If anybody else wants a copy of this, just drop me a line and I will forward it to you. I have found it a lot easier to understand and follow than the standard (only) book on boiler making by Alec Farmer.



ITEMS OF INTEREST:

EMEX Show is being held in Auckland Tuesday 31st May to the 2nd June, 09:00 – 18:00 each day. See: <https://www.emex.co.nz/>

From past experience, it is easily a 3-4 hour wander around seeing the machines on display and operated. Also the latest technology.

PUZZLE

Can anybody identify this object?



Answer next edition.



Here are some more extracts from Cambridge (UK) newspapers on the subject of traction engines:

1899 10 08 c

Richard Drake, machinist from Sutton, was summoned for permitting a locomotive to be used on the highway drawing more than three loaded wagons. P.S. Hodge said he saw a traction engine in Churchgate street, Soham drawing three wagons, a house van and a chaff cutter. The driver said that his master had expected they would be stopped. Fined 30s.

1902 07 31 c

The people of Old Cherry Hinton participated in festivities in celebration of the Coronation. They took the form of sports and a tea, besides various minor amusements, while music entered largely into the scheme of pleasure. 900 people availed themselves of the opportunity to take tea which took place in a large erection constructed of canvas under trees in a meadow. Beside this temporary tea-room stood a traction engine with steam up but it was not attached to any bread-cutting arrangement such as might have been necessary to cope with the extraordinary demand. It was used to boil water for the tea.

Tuesday Evening Meeting – April/ May

I brought around the front axle assembly for my Atkinson, surprisingly the only item at the meeting, apart from the 3D printed items by Marty.



Last meeting (May) was a bit more productive. Russell brought a small gauge needle remover that he made. Unfortunately, too small to get a decent photo.

And also, a brake lever in progress with a few oilers.



It certainly looks as if members need to start making swarf (myself included.)

OPERATORS ROSTER 2022

22/05/2022	B.FITZPATRICK
29/05/2022	J.FLANNERY
06/06/2022	B.HARVEY
12/06/2022	P.JONES
19/06/2022	W.KARLSSON
26/06/2022	B.McKERRAS

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LINKS TO OTHER CLUBS:

MEANZ has a listing of affiliated clubs on its website. It is in the form of a map showing the various locations of each club. If you click on a location, it will give you details of that club. See: <http://www.pnmec.org.nz/meanzmap.htm>

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.



A real enthusiast!



TMMEC 2022 CALENDAR - V1.1

as of 13/01/2022

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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



CHR CHRISTMAS PARTY - 12 FEB



19-20 MARCH HAMILTON OPEN WEEKEND



4-5-6 JUNE MANUKAU OPEN WEEKEND



16-17 JULY EBOP OPEN WEEKEND



29 OCT HALLOWEEN NIGHT RUN