

TMMEC NEWSLETTER

August 2022



Located at the Memorial Park, Tauranga
Open to the public Sundays 10:00 to 15:00 with
half-hour lunch break at about 12:30.
(weather and Covid Level permitting)

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Up and Coming Events.

August 20th Whakatane Night Run 5pm - 8pm
(delayed from earlier, check if running) Speak to
Max if you intend joining in for BBQ numbers.

September 3rd : - Club Play Day.

October 14th -18th Labour Weekend:
- Keirunga Park

October 29th : - Halloween Night Run

President's Report – August

Rather a brief report this month as I have been in Perth catching up with family there.

A big thank you to all that kept the show on the road, especially Joanne and Jason who have managed to get some new volunteers interested in helping run our trains on a Sunday. Play days (have a go days) are going to be the key here, a chance for these new (and very precious) volunteers to come down and see our operation in a bit more of a relaxed mode and see where they fit. Much better than the rather busy scramble of a Sunday running day.

We held our August play day on Saturday 6th and a good number of volunteers turned up. I assigned each of the new folk to an old hand, not sure this was the best way to do it but everyone seemed to get a drive with a little instruction along the way. I felt like I talked all day and went home worn out. On the plus side Peter J reported a good number of the new recruits rocked up on Sunday 7th to help with the run day, unfortunately due to the weather not playing ball we did not actually run.

We are going to have to be mindful that these new (and very keen) drivers are “managed” through our licensing system, definitely supervision required for a while yet. If you see any new faces around, please make them welcome 😊.

In other news, Peter Lawn is now the proud holder of a boiler certificate for his engine, next on the list Ashley Grant. It is great to see all these 5” locos surfacing.

Finally for this month, I have signed off a whole lot of licences and handed them to those that I could track down. The rest of the licences are on the table in the clubhouse - please come and scoop them up.

That is about all my thoughts at the mo.

Cheers,

Bruce.

Club Captain's report

Nil this month.

Editorial

Dear Ferroequinologists,

Apart from the occasional weather event, the club appears to have settled back into a pre-Covid cycle of events, with some small improvements such as the Sunday lunch break, which I consider to be a good thing.

A bit of trivia that I picked up from reading “Train” magazine, is that from a survey, the most popular train robbery movies are as follows:

Butch Cassidy & the Sundance kid(1969) – 21%

The Great Locomotive Chase (1956) – 18%

The taking of Pelham 1 2 3 (1974) – 18%

The Great Train Robbery (1979) – 15%

Note – nothing after the ‘70s. Maybe we are due for one, or are modern action movies too over the top nowadays?

Cotter Pin.

FAVOURED SUPPLIERS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations are welcome.

LIBRARY CORNER

The library has been fortunate in receiving a box of “Live Steam” magazines, courtesy of Murray. Many thanks Murray, now I just have to find shelf space for them! I have managed to bind four full volumes, with a number of orphans.

Hopefully, I will be able to make up further volumes from what we have loose in the library.

I have browsed through all of these and I must say that I am really impressed at the quality of presentation in these magazines. The Americans do things a bit different to the UK magazines, giving a bit more detail on construction issues and even giving 3D drawings to show how parts are assembled.

I recommend browsing through these magazines when you have the time.

Thankfully, I have located back issues of EIM from a club member, to make up Volume 42. These have been scanned, and I was halfway

through printing them out at the club, when Murphy decided to muscle in and the printer ran out of toner. Once I have got another toner cartridge, I will complete the printouts and bind up the volume.

Regards, the Bookworm.

SMALLS – FOR SALE/ WANTED:

Any members wanting to sell, or purchase workshop items?



SUGGESTIONS AND IDEAS:

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

CLUB NEWS:

No report from our Club Captain.

MEMBER ACTIVITIES



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

Tuesday Evening Meeting – August

Our meeting was quite well attended, and Bruce entertained us with tales of his recent trip over to Perth and his impressions of the standard of living over there.

From the club point of view, there was not much on the agenda.

So – over to show and tell, and Ross's boiler was the centre of attention, having had some major work done on it earlier in the day. Unfortunately there was a bit of a mishap caused by overly enthusiastic application of heat. Nothing that cannot be fixed, thankfully.



Ross also brought along his front axle, with wheels neatly rivetted together. And finally, he showed us a neatly cut gear, with its predecessor that had suffered an “oops” where the retaining bolt had worked itself loose.



Whilst it is nice to see beautiful finished bits and pieces, I wonder if we should not bring in some of our little disasters from time to time, and how we fixed them. I reckon we would all learn more from these than the pretty finished product.

Max also gave a short slide show on the trolleys that he is building, with help from relatives. So far they are looking good.

Russell also gave us a quick progress report on what the students were doing at the college and brought in a pair of frames and bearing holders. Hopefully, we can get other colleges interested and get a regional competition going? This can only be good for our cause in the long run.



OPERATORS ROSTER 2022

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| 14/08/2022 | W. KARLSSON |
| 21/08/2022 | B. McKERRAS |
| 28/08/2022 | R. PROUT |
| 04/09/2022 | M. de.LUES |
| 11/09/2022 | B. FITZPATERICK |
| 18/09/2022 | J. FLANNERY |
| 25/09/2022 | B. HARVEY |
| 02/10/2022 | P. JONES |
| 09/10/2022 | W. KARLSSON |
| 16/10/2022 | B. McKERRAS |
| 23/10/2022 | R. PROUT |
| 30/10/2022 | M. de.LUES |

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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.







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