

TMMEC NEWSLETTER

September 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.

September 3rd : - Club Play Day.

October 2nd - STEMfest, Durham St, City

October 14th -18th Labour Weekend:
- Keirunga Park 30th Ann.

Any members wishing to bring their locomotives
or drive passenger trains at their labour weekend
event, to save time on paper work upon arrival,
they can contact tony@verano.co.nz who will
send them copies of registration forms to
complete in advance.

October 29th : - Halloween Night Run

January 5th – 11th CANMOD, Canterbury
CSMEE, Christchurch.

President's Report – September

I've been recently encouraged in the club direction, from a couple of months ago where scarcely enough members turned up on Sundays to run. We seem to have picked ourselves up and our new volunteers have really helped here. It's great to have new faces around.

A big welcome to our new members and thank you. It's amazing, with a few more people around to run the show on Sundays it's so much easier. An interesting club meeting this month. I must confess to not predicting that outcome for our club lathe. For those who were not present, we are going to update our lathe, the existing one is offered up for sale firstly to club members, so if you are interested, please let someone on the committee know.

There have been some really dodgy goings on in the park of late. Our steaming bay ash collector got stolen, for the life of me I cannot think of why someone would need that. Luckily Russell has managed to make another - Thank you Russell. Our raised track was all battered and bent by a 4WD (?) hooning around in the park. I truly hope the track managed to do some damage to their ute. A working bee was quickly organised and we got a new section of track installed for the junior play day. Thanks to all those who contributed to making this happen.

This junior play day was an initiative from Jason and trialled on Saturday the 3rd. I think it worked well. The raised track was in use and we ran Pioneer and No.4 on the ground level track, running the outer loop only. Kids, parents and one dog enjoyed themselves. Great for our new members and fabulous to see a play facet to our club. I have been thinking about this and I wonder if we need to get a simple 5" electric specifically for our younger members?? Someone? Get building!!

I have been bequeathed a lathe. An oldie, in bits.. about half metre between centres. Free to a good home.

Trent has been voted custodian of Pioneer, a job he is already doing with enthusiasm. I've helped him out with the major tidy up bits and it's now going well and can be used on Sundays to add to our club engines - far better than sitting unloved in the container.

On the topic of Trent, our vacuum units in the ride cars seem to be starting to play up (leaking). Trent has been schooled up and now has managed to swap out and repair two units - Well done

Trent. 😊

For our committee meeting this month I tried a written agenda to attempt to keep our meeting more on track as we tend to get carried away with "general business". I think it worked well and we managed to finish by 9pm - A record time I think! We are going to issue a membership card to all club members again.

Work on the pedestrian crossing has been suspended until an operating strategy has been sorted.

Sunday 14th was a beautiful day and we had heaps of customers. We opened up with more new volunteers than traditional club members, but the day went really well with no dramas. Again, just a few more people running the show makes a huge difference.

I was really pleased that Grant Anderson from the Panmure club came for a visit - he ran my Phantom for most of the day, so that was five engines pulling customers which again helped to handle the crowd - Great!!!

To our traditional members, Please, Please turn up on Sundays, our new volunteers need guidance and until they know the ropes fully we still need you badly. Our Sundays, especially the mornings, are extremely busy these days.

I have tried to get the workshop more user friendly. We have more, and better, tools and places for them. I have made a specific bench for the "F" Project, to try and clear the main bench for any other repairs to engines etc. Please try to keep it tidy(ish).

I was encouraged at the meeting when Phil Adnitt volunteered to sort out all the nuts and bolts into some sort of system, and John Bremner volunteered to tidy and sharpen the drill stands - Thank you guys.

That's about all my thoughts for this month.

Cheers
Bruce

Club Captain's report

Nil this month.

Editorial

Dear Ferroequinologists,

THE GREAT RAIL REALIGNMENT JOB

Well, some eejit came along with his piece of pride locomotion and tried to drive over the straight section of the raised rail track in front of the clubhouse. The result was that the rails

themselves were mangled and the raised concrete “fin” was tilted over to the side.

Our trusty Tuesday team took it upon itself to remove the damaged rail from the concrete, leaving that to be made vertical again and also for new rails to be fitted upon it. There was some pressure to get the job done as the club was hosting a Junior Day on the following Saturday, the 3rd Sept.

Anyway, a bunch of club members turned up on Saturday to do the necessary repairs. First job was to get the concrete “fin” plumb vertical again. As Archimedes said, give me a lever long enough and a fulcrum on which to place it, I can move the world. Well, our men certainly achieved this with a long crowbar, proven rather difficult by soggy ground. This was eventually achieved by member body weight being thrown around and whacking of earth under the concrete. Afterwards, three holes were dug under the concrete and plinths of mortar were cast to prevent further resettlement of the concrete.

Then a series of plastic and steel sleepers were secured onto the concrete and the main rail was fixed to these by welding. There was much adjustment to be made to ensure that this rail was straight and level. Sometimes, welds had to be cut again for fine adjustments, but all was well eventually.

Once this master rail was in place, the outer rail was installed and the top made level with the first. Once again, much adjustment took place to ensure that gauge was maintained.

Finally, at about 1pm, we decided that we could complete the job in the day. There were the centre two rails to be installed. This proved to progress quite quickly using the gauge plates and careful welding.

By the end of the day, the job was complete and ready to be used the following Saturday.

P.S. My loss adjusting forensic mind has been thinking and I am of the opinion that, considering that the concrete was tilted away from the clubhouse, the perpetrator must have got stuck with undercarriage resting on the rails and with wheels on the clubhouse side of the concrete “fin”. Clearly, some considerable force was needed to get the vehicle released.

I have a feeling of Schadenfreude as to the probable cost of repairing the damage to the vehicle suspension.



Damaged rail



All hands on deck



Welding together.

Early October, there is a STEM Fest in the city. STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics. To some extent this is what, as a club, we are all about. This is directed at Children, and I would urge you to support this initiative.

One of the initiatives is the InsectBot Mission Competition. Due to Covid, the 2020 and 2021 events were cancelled, so give them your support this year.

Cotter Pin.

FAVOURERD SUPPLIERS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendations are welcome.

LIBRARY CORNER

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

In consideration of the passing of HM Queen Elizabeth II



A South African Rail six-person compartment showing the bunk bed arrangement and washbasin.

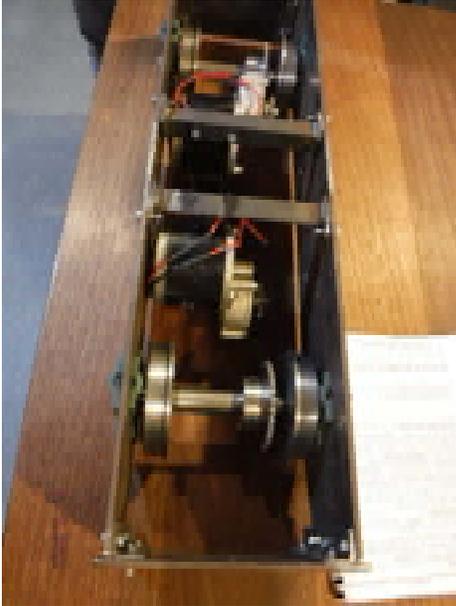
Fond memories by yours truly sleeping overnight on the moving train. The top bunk was my preference, as you could lie up there all day reading if you preferred.



Tuesday Evening Meeting – September

As mentioned in the President's report, much discussion was had regarding the issue of the ageing club lathe.

Otherwise, on display was the school project brought around by Russell.



OPERATORS ROSTER 2022

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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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