

# TMMEC NEWSLETTER

April 2023



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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Bruce McKerras

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**Workshop:** John Nicol Brian Marriner

**Track:** Bruce Harvey Russell Prout

**Librarian:** Chris Pattison

**Rolling Stock:** Bruce Harvey

**MEANZ Rep.:** Peter Jones

## Up and Coming Events.

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 5:00pm-8:30pm - Cambridge  
Club night run.

May 6<sup>th</sup>, 13:00 at clubhouse - AGM

May 24 & 25 – SouthMach, Christchurch

August 31<sup>st</sup> – Membership cut-off date.

## Presidents Report – April 2023

Firstly, a welcome to our new members - we have Heather and Dave Powell, and Bob Parry. Heather has quickly got onto the ticket desk. Dave and Bob have been manning the gate, and Bob has already had a drive 😊.

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> March a group of us went over to the Hamilton Open Weekend, and were welcomed like royalty. We ran with Russell's engine and my Phantom. There was hardly any public during the day so Trent and Ethan got the chance to have a play on my Phantom. The night run was more successful public-wise so it was a late night for us by the time we got home to bed.

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> March, a very busy day with only a few of our regular helpers, as Russell and I went to pick up my new project. It was really the only time we could do it. We were lucky that new members Heather and Dave turned up and they were pressed into jobs quite quickly. Thanks to Warren K, for running the show under very stressful circumstances. Heather even had to dust off her first aid skills as a former nurse sorting out a stubbed toe – Well done Heather!

Russell and I bumped into a new high? Whangamata a week before the Beach Hop... A burger was \$27!

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> March, really pleased this time with the turn-out of helpers. It makes it easier on everyone when there are enough around to share the various roles. We had a visit from Yvonne and Don Moffatt from Christchurch – nice to catch up with them. A few drivers were persuaded to drive Russell's engine, which will make future running of this easier, as we now have a good few people signed off to drive it. We were able to run Russell's engine towing six ride cars, as Warren K has built a new device which allows the guard on the back of the consist to alert the driver if there are any issues/problems. This seems to work well 😊.

We have had trouble, again, with the traverser battery going flat. After several improvements to its wiring, it turned out that the fuse had blown at the battery. This can only happen when the traverser is operated with the charging plug still attached – Please make sure you disconnect the plug before using the traverser.

A special thank you to Regan for the tidy up of the track and the steaming Bay.

Jason has corresponded with the council regarding the proposed development of the new pool complex and for once we have had a response. If I interpret the reply right, they are saying that there will be stakes in the

ground for the new complex in 2024. We will keep you updated as we learn more.

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, I was Duty Operator and forgot daylight saving, consequently I was there very early. The public numbers were a little light but equally we were light on helpers.

Ethan now has a Class 3 license and can now pull passengers – Well Done Ethan. Trent is hot on Ethan's heels and will have his class 3 in another month. Trent's lathe is now up and running, a bit of an achievement.

Silverfern is now up and running, another thank-you to Warren K.

From our monthly club meeting, on the table was Chris P's very impressive boiler. Well done, Chris, nearly there. Russell had the new LED points indicators on display, when we get our points lights up and running it will be really cool and will make reading the points really easy. Everyone was invited to the AGM on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May and I pleaded with everyone to entertain stepping up to all the roles that keep our club running, especially that of secretary.

From our Committee Meeting – The AGM agenda was discussed, and items to be raised at the AGM:

- Operators.
- Tamar.
- Officer positions.
- Our future with regard to the new complex taking out our clubhouse.
- Our club is changing – we have more volunteers for the running of the railway with fewer model engineers.
- A constitution position for someone to bring up to date our club rules, including dispute resolution, etc.
- There will be other items from the floor on the day.

Thanks,

Bruce

### **Club Captain's report – April**

Cambridge Club are holding a night run on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> April 5:00pm-8:30pm. Anyone interested in going over? There are a group of us going over so if you want to come along give Bruce M, Russell or Joanne a holler. Joanne

### **NEW WEBSITE**

Our new website is now live, admittedly I am still getting to grips with it as I have been out of action for a while. I am going to start uploading to it regularly and

if you have any contributions, photos, etc to make please poke them under my nose. My email is [joanne\\_knights@outlook.com](mailto:joanne_knights@outlook.com)

The address for the new site is the same:-  
tmmecc.org.nz

Joanne

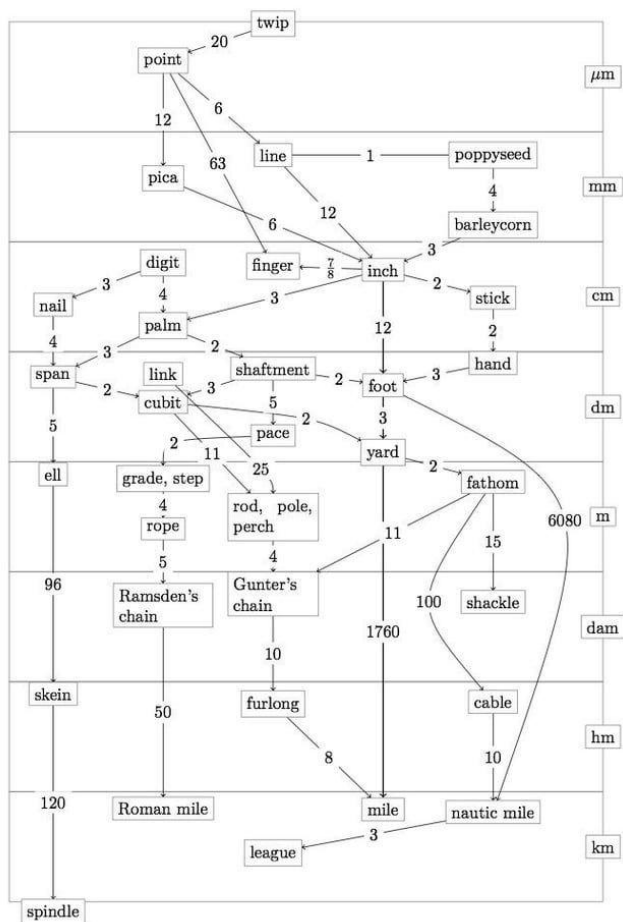
Please note that the Newsletter will now also be posted on our website – Ed.

### Editorial

Dear Ferroequinologists,

I found this comparison between the Imperial and Metric system interesting and somewhat amusing. By the way, did you know that the Imperial measures, especially inches, are now defined using metric measure.

A quick puzzle: What is heavier, an ounce of feathers, or an ounce of gold? Answer at the end of the newsletter.



It appears that the club is going through a spate of boiler building. Owen led the way earlier this year with his loco boiler. Ross has almost completed his traction engine boiler, barring a couple of small leak points, and I am hot on his heels with my Atkinson vertical boiler.

Coming close behind us is Reagan who is apparently busy forming the copper parts for his loco. Any more? Jason?

Anyway, what I am going to do is summarise what I and others have learned from our constructions. I will then put these into the newsletter. So, if you have anything to contribute, please send these to me.

Finally, with the probability of our clubhouse being expropriated, I would like to suggest that the club pre-emptively start to think about what a new clubhouse might look like and function as.

Whilst we have reasonable time, let us not leave things to the last moment. Maybe our new committee should form a sub-committee for just this purpose?

Cotter Pin

### LIBRARY CORNER

We still have a bunch of VHS tapes on the rail theme surplus to requirement. These are free to anybody who wants them.

The magazines on the table marked with a big “F” are free to be taken. If they are not taken up, they will end up in the tip. Especially our younger members.

Bookworm.

### SMALLS – FOR SALE/ WANTED:

### SUGGESTIONS AND IDEAS:

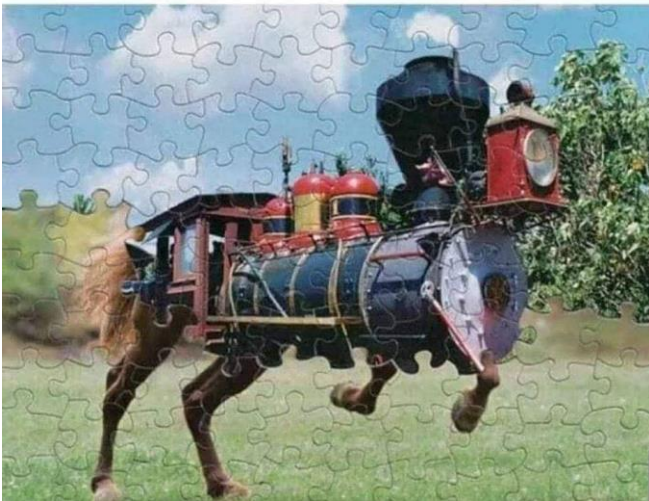


Jet powered loco? Any takers?

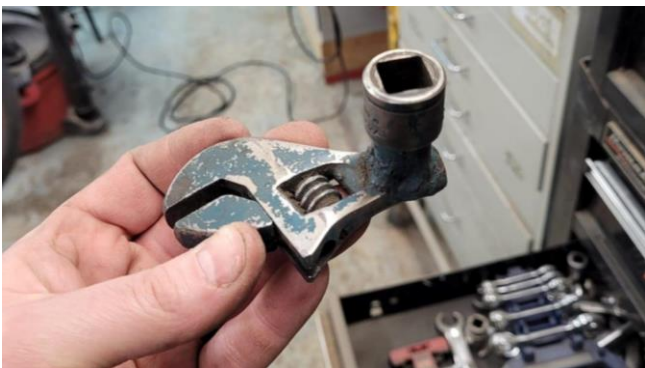
Seeing that it is Easter time, here is a train with a chocolate theme.



Just found out puzzle companies reuse the same stencils to cut out their pieces



### Interesting Stuff



The universal socket.

### MEMBER ACTIVITIES

Ross has been busy, steaming away (pun intended) at getting his traction engine boiler buttoned up and steam tight. His last visit on Tuesday morning may have closed all his leaks and enable him to hold pressure on his boiler.

### FAVOURED SUPPLIERS & RECOMMENDATIONS

#### Tuesday Evening Meetings – 4<sup>th</sup> April

Most of the events of the evening have been put in the Presidents Report. The main issues being the upcoming AGM and the filling of the officer posts. Also, the issue of the council expropriating land that we are presently using, for their expansion of the facilities at the Sports Centre.



Ross's traction engine smokebox.

**Answer:** Gold, but not for obvious reasons. Gold is measured in Troy ounces, equal to 31.1035 gram/ oz. Feathers are measured in Avoirdupois, equal to 28.35 gram/ oz.

## OPERATORS ROSTER 2023

23/04/2023	J.FLANNERY
30/04/2023	B.HARVEY
07/05/2023	P.JONES
14/05/2023	W.KARLSSON
21/05/2023	B.McKERRAS
28/05/2023	R.PROUT
04/06/2023	B.FITZPATRICK
11/06/2023	J.FLANNERY
18/06/2023	B.HARVEY
25/06/2023	P.JONES
02/07/2023	W.KARLSSON
09/07/2023	B.McKERRAS
16/07/2023	R.PROUT
23/07/2023	B.FITZPATRICK
30/07/2023	J.FLANNERY

### SPONSORS:

Our thanks to those companies who sponsor us –



### 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](http://www.asme.org.nz)

**Cambridge Model Engineering Society Inc.**  
[www.cmes.org.nz/](http://www.cmes.org.nz/)

**Christchurch Live Steamers -**  
[www.clstrains.co.nz](http://www.clstrains.co.nz)

**Canterbury Society of Model Engineers -**

[www.csmee.org.nz](http://www.csmee.org.nz)

**Hamilton Model Engineers**

- [www.hme.co.nz](http://www.hme.co.nz)

**Hutt Valley Model Engineering Society -**

[www.hvmes.com](http://www.hvmes.com)

**Kapiti Miniature Railway Association -**

[www.kapitirail.org](http://www.kapitirail.org)

**Havelock North Live Steamers -**

[www.keirungaparkrailway.org.nz](http://www.keirungaparkrailway.org.nz)

**Manakau Live Steamers -**

[www.manakaulivesteamers.co.nz](http://www.manakaulivesteamers.co.nz)

**Marlborough Associated Modellers Society -**

[www.mams.org.nz](http://www.mams.org.nz)

**Nelson Modellers -** [www.nelsonmodellers.org.nz](http://www.nelsonmodellers.org.nz)

**Otago Miniature Road and Rail Society -**

[www.omrr.org.nz](http://www.omrr.org.nz)

**Otago Model Engineers Society -**

[www.omes.org.nz](http://www.omes.org.nz)

**Palmerston North Model Engineering Club -**

[www.pnmec.org.nz](http://www.pnmec.org.nz)

**EBOP Society of Model Engineers, Whakatane**

- [www.riveredgerailway.org.nz](http://www.riveredgerailway.org.nz)

**South Canterbury Model Engineers Society -**

[www.south-canterbury-model-engineers.org](http://www.south-canterbury-model-engineers.org)

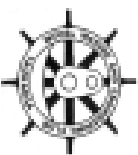
**Whangarei Model Engineering Club -**

[www.wmec.org.nz](http://www.wmec.org.nz)

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

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# TMMEC 2023 CALENDAR

as of 18/12/2022

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SUNDAY RUNNING DAY - 10am to 3pm

5-9 JAN

CANMID CONVENTION - CHRISTCHURCH

OFFICIAL CLUB PLAYDAY

CHR

CHRISTMAS PARTY - 4 FEB

COMMITTEE MEETINGS - 7pm START

TBC

HAMILTON OPEN WEEKEND

GENERAL MEETINGS - 7pm START

3-6 JUNE

MANUKAU OPEN WEEKEND

ENGINEERING TUESDAY - 7:30pm START

TBC

EBOP OPEN WEEKEND

OPEN WEEKEND

28 OCT

HALLOWEEN NIGHT RUN

CANCELLED

AGM