

TMMEC NEWSLETTER

February 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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Up and Coming Events.

March 11th – Special playdate and run for charity.
10am to 1 pm.

President's Report –

Firstly, again, a big thank you to those who kept the club running while a number of us went to the Christchurch Convention.

Another thank-you, this time to Warren K for leading the charge with the Safety Committee. We held a Safety Committee meeting and issues raised in it will be addressed. One was that of the role of the Station Master, I think this is an area where we have become a bit slack. Peter J has scribed an in-depth Station Master job description. Basically the Station Master needs to take control of the station area. This can, of course, be the Duty Operator when we are shorthanded.

A thank you this month goes to Bruce H for providing his place for our Xmas get together and to Roy and Barb for their as always brilliant catering skills. It was a good afternoon and was enjoyed by all those who attended.

We have a MEANZ requirement to fit speedos to all of our locos and a trial of speedo types is about to get underway.

We are short of Duty Operators, please if any of you think that you can handle this role, get in touch with one of the committee members. The role isn't too tricky but somebody needs to be in control on the day, especially on closing up to make sure that everything is ticked off, locked up, etc.

Tamar, Bruce H is keen to get more use out of Tamar. So.... If you are keen to learn how to operate Tamar let Bruce H, Warren B or Joanne know.

On Saturday 11th March we are operating a special run for Caring for Families (basically foster care kids and care givers). This is not a normal run day, so if you are free to come down and help out, please do so.

Warren Belk is concerned that the padlocks on the container are not getting into the lock box on the doors, basically this is the metal box that stops the padlocks being able to be removed with a grinder. If the padlocks are left exposed on the handles they can be too easily removed by tools. When locking the container, please make sure that the padlocks are protected by the lock box.

The last thing on this month's report, and we are well ahead of ourselves here, is we need to start thinking about members for committee positions for the forthcoming AGM in May.

Bruce McKerras, February 2023.

Club Captain's report

The Club Captains would like to thank all those who participated helping out with the Halloween and Open Day events.

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

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,

Recent weather events will have no doubt affected many of the Model Engineering clubs throughout the country, to a greater or lesser extent. Certainly, the mainlines have been severely affected, resulting in a derailment locally and bridges washed away in many places.

So much of this damage has been because of the accumulation of slash left by the timber industry piling up against bridge supports and overloading them until they fail.

Why is it that the timber industry is not held to account for this damage? Or, because of the revenue the timber industry generates from exports to China, are they above the law?

I heard in talkback on the radio, that Sweden has a law that requires all timber waste to be pulverised and removed from the site for disposal, possibly in power generation. A far more innovative solution than just lying on the ground to rot away.

Why is it that the powers that be only wait for a disaster to happen to wake up and arrive at a solution? Rather than being pre-emptive and seeing a problem for what it is before it causes chaos.

To my mind, as simple solution is to take a page from the farmer's manual. In order to prevent destructive land erosion, the simple system of contour ploughing was introduced. My suggestion is that forestry adopt a policy of contour felling – leaving strips of trees, say 100 metres apart, along a contour so that they act as a

shelter belt and help stop land erosion and block stray slash from running amuck down valleys and into our rivers.

But, I am not a forestry person, what do I know?

On a more personal level, I decided to put a DRO on my small mill. After much investigation, I decided upon one, made my order and informed them what lengths encoder I need for each axis.

Coming from China, the usual delay ensued, and I got a parcel containing my readout. Great! Then a long wait.....

Finally, I contact PayPal to raise a query for my encoders, and this was passed down the line. Three days later I get a box with the encoders. Then to my frustration, I find that the one that should be 450mm long is in fact 270mm. Rats! So my installation is delayed further. Such is life.

Cotter Pin

LIBRARY CORNER

Ken has held up his hand regarding the recent donation of magazines. Most of the recent bunch have been bound and labelled. However, another source has indicated that we may have some additional magazines to fill the annoying little gaps in the continuity of our magazines, especially Model Engineer.

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

Bookworm.

SMALLS – FOR SALE/ WANTED:

SUGGESTIONS AND IDEAS:

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



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Memo to self – change points AFTER the loco has cleared them.

MEMBER ACTIVITIES

Ross has been busy, steaming away (pun intended) at getting his traction engine boiler buttoned up and steam tight. Our next Tuesday night show and tell might show more progress by others.

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Tuesday Evening Meetings – 7th Feb

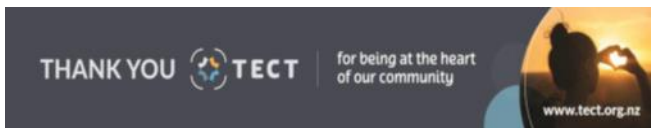
As this newsletter is a bit of a filler to catch up with the usual sequence, this meeting has already been reported on.

OPERATORS ROSTER 2023

26 /02/2023	B.FITZPATRICK
05/03/2023	J.FLANNERY.
12/03/2023	B.HARVEY
19/03/2023	P.JONES
26/03/2023	W.KARLSSON
02/04/2023	B.McKERRAS
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One problem I could do without.



Rail displacement after Turkey earthquake.

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

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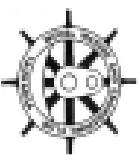
South Canterbury Model Engineers Society - www.south-canterbury-model-engineers.org

Whangarei Model Engineering Club - 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

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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