

TMMEC NEWSLETTER

June 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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Rolling Stock: Bruce Harvey

MEANZ Rep.: Peter Jones

Up and Coming Events.

July 1st – Bush Railway visit, alternatively,
August 5th. Please put your names on the board if
interested in going.

July 14th – Matariki night run. Start latest 17:30.
Details in Captain's report.

July 15th – Possible day visit to Manu Ariki Railway
Taumarunui, longest miniature rail in NZ – 3km.

August 15th, 09:00 – 12:00. Visit by TCC to see
our operation.

August 31st – Membership cut-off date. If dues are
not paid by then, your name will be removed from
the member list.

January 20th – Model Train Club exhibition.

2015 – Next Convention in Hamilton.

Presidents Report – May 2023

My first big thank you this month is to Warren K for his absolute beavering on everything secretary related. The second big thank you is to Sandra O who has taken on the treasurer role and is now getting her head around Xero.

We have had a drama this month with some lowlife pinching the padlocks that secure the viaduct. They are doing this by breaking the slide bolt tang. The padlocks were replaced, only to go missing again within a day or two. To put this into perspective, this is now \$800 worth of padlocks as these are all keyed alike high security locks. Much discussion had taken place on how to prevent this. It's thought that they are after the brass locks, but I gather it's a council requirement that the viaduct is locked. This padlock issue has annoyed me



immensely. Grrrr.

Our submission presented by Chris P to the council has had a pleasing result - the council and planners have agreed to come down and talk with us and to see how bulldozing our clubrooms and a lump of our track will impact our club. It interested me that our councillors had no idea of what this proposed development would do to our club.

Congratulations to Ross, his boiler has passed its final test. Team, to anyone who has built a boiler, this is a BIG day. Well done Ross. I suspect we will see a really nice traction engine take shape now, as with a traction engine everything bolts onto the boiler.

A member of the public has dropped into the club with a partially completed 3 1/2" AB Loco, now located on the club table. He would like to sell it. Is anyone interested in completing it? His phone number is in the box of bits that came with it.

Black Magic is in the workshop getting major surgery. Russell and I have up-spec'd the hydraulics and now the bogies are getting basically rebuilt - we are going away from alloy side frames to steel plate, and the bearings will now be of the pivot type. The hydraulic motors are now in series, this will really help traction going up the viaduct on wet track as all wheels are driving all the time.

A group of us went up to Manukau to play trains, Trent was driving my Phantom and Ethan driving everything he could get his hands on. It was interesting to me that all the steamers were clinking up - a problem that I thought was unique to my Phantom. We had a very informative chat with Dave Giles after a really nice meal.

Next convention Hamilton 2025 - YAY!

The model train club has invited us to their event on the 20th of January. This is a really high calibre show. If anyone has layouts in the spare room (?), time to dust them off. Jason would be the man to see if you want details.

Club Trips seem to be gaining traction - first up to the Bush Railway, Peter J is leading this (thank you Pete) and the date at this point is the 1st of July. Please let Peter J know if you would like to come as he's trying to organise a bus and needs to know numbers.

Visits to a water jet cutting services have been suggested, as is the local foundry and also ten-pin bowling.

Our next big event is our Matariki night run on Friday the 14th of July. Team, we need to be well organised for this - the plan, at this point, is to have a 'play' session from about 1pm but we also need to get set up through the afternoon. A Roy and Barb tea at 4.30pm and kick off for the run at 5.30pm. This event has gained numbers each year we've held it and we expect to be really busy this year. Please mark the date on your calendar. Now, whilst saying this, by some amazing organisational skills, I'm off to Australia on that date and won't be here - I will toast your successful night from Melbourne.

From the Committee Meeting.

*Bills were paid - Thank you Sandra.

*Owen is revising our club assets list.

*Warren has produced an amazing graph showing ticket sales year on year.

*The padlock drama was discussed at length.

*Sparks from steamers - can we dream up a spark arrestor for Tamar? I'll get something organised for the Phantom.

*Meeting with Ash G on Tuesday to prepare ourselves for the stadium development /council meeting on the 15th of August.

*Get L.E.D lights in the workshop.

*Our insurance requires us to get a "Hot Works" system in place - Warren K has managed a draft of this. Basically, every time we undertake some Hot Work, a form will need to be filled out, it will need a 'second' to sign off half an hour later to make sure everything has cooled down. No sparks etc.

Thank you team, another month has passed.

Bruce.

Club Captain's report – June



Joanne

Matariki Night Run

Our Matariki night run is coming up on Friday 14th July, being a public holiday. Public running will be 5:30pm – 8:30pm and we will be setting up during the day. Roy and Barb will be providing a meal for the club members. If you are free, please come down and give us a hand. Night runs seem to bring out half of Tauranga and we often do around 1000 tickets in the three hour slot, so it gets really busy.

NEW WEBSITE

Our new website is now live. I am going to start uploading to it regularly. If you have any contributions, photos, etc to make please poke them under my nose. (The newsletter is also uploaded to it – ED.) My email is joanne_knights@outlook.com

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

Joanne

Editorial

Dear Ferroequinologists,

If you are ever up in the North-East of England and you have a day to spare, a must visit is the open air museum of Beamish. I have visited this place twice and it is fascinating to see what they have in this museum. It is not cheap, but still very worth the visit.
<https://www.beamish.org.uk/>

They have working trams, a working railway with a replica of Stevenson's "Rocket" amongst many other things. Have a look at this YouTube video for a snippet of the rail system:

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=2400434693455999>

Beamish Steam Gala:

<https://www.facebook.com/watch?v=588781679911740>



Cotter Pin

LIBRARY CORNER

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. Note to our younger members.

If anybody wants the library spreadsheet of our collection, please contact me and I will forward you one. Bookworm.

SMALLS – FOR SALE/ WANTED:

A member of the public has a partly built NZ AB loco for sale. The components are free to view in the clubhouse. The owner is open to offers.

SUGGESTIONS AND IDEAS:

Ten-Pin

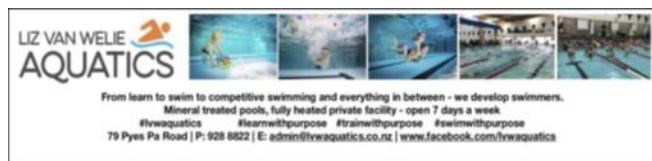
It has been proposed that we as a club could/should make a not too distant social occasion, to play Ten Pin Bowls, at the local venue. This will would allow members to bring family members to enjoy a different form of social interaction.

How do you feel? I (Ed) am game. It is quite a while since I played tenpin. Contact Warren if you are interested.

Bush Tramway

It appears we have a lot of interest in a forthcoming visit to the Huntly Bush Tramway, as proposed at the AGM.

Once again, if you are interested, contact Warren.



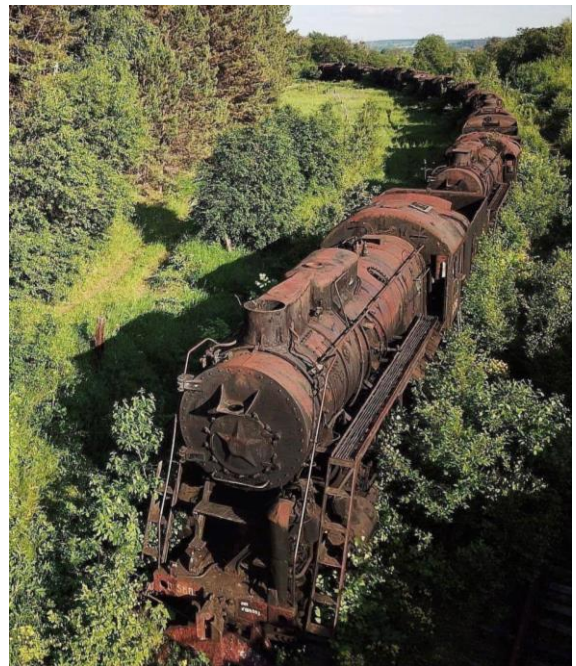
Interesting Stuff

Ball bearing assembly:

<https://www.facebook.com/watch?v=1697244344051310>



Bruce – interested?



A sad end

MEMBER ACTIVITIES



Owen's final steam test of his new loco.

Club Stuff

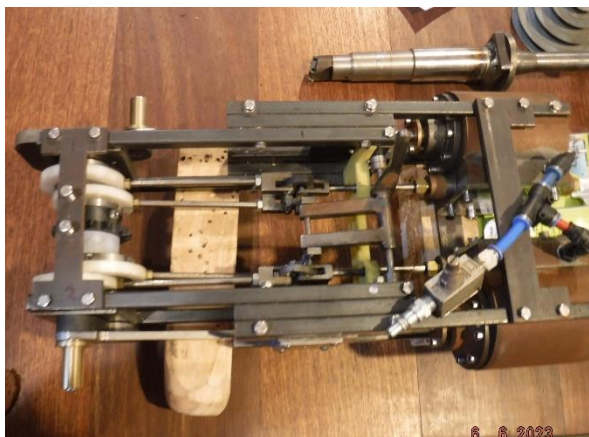
Subs are now due 20th June for club membership cards to be issued – preferably to pay by Bank Deposit to the club account Westpac 02-0435-0461711-00 using your Surname and Subs as a reference.

FAVOURED SUPPLIERS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Suggestions please.

Tuesday Evening Meetings – June

Russel brought in a motion that was built by Owen. Ken brought in a gear cluster that he was tasked to fix and Russel brought in a deep boring tool he needed to construct for a repair job.



Motion built by Owen



Ken's gear and rollerbox

14th July (MATARIKI NIGHT RUN)
 – Heather & David Powell from 5:30 – 9 p.m.
 (buffet dinner beforehand)
 16th July - Heather & David Powell
 23rd July - ???
 30th July - Heather & David Powell



Full scale dual gauge nightmare

SPONSORS:

Our thanks to those companies who sponsor us –



OPERATORS ROSTER 2023

18th June 2023	Bruce Bocock
25th June 2023	Bryan Fitzpatrick
2nd July 2023	Jason Flannery
9th July 2023	Bruce Harvey
16th July 2023	Peter Jones
23rd July 2023	Warren Karlsson
30th July 2023	Joanne Knights
6th August 2023	Bruce McKerras
11th August 2023	Russell Prout



Ticket Sellers

18th June - Heather & David Powell
 25th June - Warren Karlsson
 2 July - Heather & David Powell
 9th July - Warren Karlsson

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

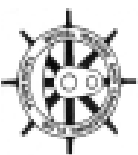
Whangarei Model Engineering Club -

www.wmec.org.nz

MEANZ: - www.meanz.org/ meanz.org/

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

See also the newsletters from other clubs as posted by Warren, and printed copies in the clubhouse.



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