

TMMEC NEWSLETTER

March 2024



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Open to the public Sundays 10:00 to 15:00 with
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(weather permitting)

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Librarian: Chris Pattison

Rolling Stock: Bruce Harvey

MEANZ Rep.: Russell Prout

Up and Coming Events.

Frankton Thunder Festival– March 10th, Hamilton
09:00 to 15:00. [Facebook.com/franktonthunder](https://www.facebook.com/franktonthunder).

Hamilton Open Weekend – March 16 & 17, 10:00
to 15:00

Keirunga Park Railway Easter Open Weekend –
March 29 to 1st April. www.keirungaparkrailway.org.nz

Paeroa Steam Up 30 – 31st March 2024

North Island Rail Adventure, Glenbrook Vintage
Railway 2 to 11 April 2024. See www.gvr.org.nz
(I saw this and thought I would bring this to
members attention. I have no connection
otherwise)

Nelson Society of Modellers NZR weekend – 11
& 12 May. Contact: Richard.Sath@gmail.com

EMEX in Auckland, 28 – 30 May 2024.

Steam N' Steel International Convention in
Hamilton. 9 – 15 January 2025 – www.hme.co.nz

Presidents Report – March 2024

Hello all 😊

Welcome back everyone, this report is a little different than the usual. As usual we closed over Christmas, and in February I went walkabout playing classic bikes. Firstly, I went to the classic racing at Manfield, then on to a Velocette rally held at Motueka, so I have been out of the club action for a bit.

A big thank you firstly to Russell who ran the Club Meeting and to Regan, who chaired the Committee Meeting.

Sunday running has been going really well. We have been rained off a couple of weekends but the running days have been really well supported with helpers – A big thank you to all the members who come down and make our Sunday run days possible.

Rain stopped play on our February play day, but the club received an invitation from Bryan Fitzpatrick to see his amazing model railway layout. WOW, I have total admiration in Bryan for the sheer time put in to get all that up and running. The lights, points, signals... I can only imagine the unseen wiring underneath and the detail was incredible.. everything to scale, even a wee dog taking a pee on a fire hydrant, which caused some amusement among the members who went along. A big thank you to Bryan for letting us all troop around his layout and also to the lovely Mrs. Fitzpatrick who made sure we all had some tea and cake.

February also saw the Club Christmas Party up at Bruce H's place. We were really lucky with the weather (on the second attempt) and everyone seemed to have a great time. Sweet Pea had an outing and is actually starting to show signs of behaving as it should. This little engine has had lots of mods – just some work to do on the safety valves now to get them to 'pop' better without dropping right down in pressure. Ethan did well here, returning a run with pressure, water in the glass and a fire. Well done Ethan! Bruce's engine had an outing too, we even had Heather at the controls, she did great 😊.

Thank you to Bruce for the use of your property. It is a perfect place for a club function and the track around the section is a great bonus. Thank you also to Roy and Barb for the BBQ goodies and to John S who was the BBQ master.

From the Committee

We have heard back from the council regarding our future rent, this has remained the same as previous years. No news yet on the revamp of the clubhouse.

Jason has been beavering away making the raised track more workable with a pop-up siding and a trolley device for loading. This is to encourage the small locos out and

showcase another part of our club. A Working Bee will be needed for our raised track changes.

We also have our MEANZ audit this month, all locos need to have speedos fitted as part of this. Warren K is trying to find out from Rex Thoms if this is a specific audit requirement. Audit is 24th March.

We also need to order another batch of concession card tickets. The new ones will be credit card size to fit easier your wallet. We will have the printing company advertising on the back, giving us a price discount.

In other club activity, new tops to the coal bins have been fitted, as these were rusty and the ply was rotten.

We are going to fit a steel panel over those sleepers on the viaduct bleeding gum. This is to prevent possible fires. On the topic of fires, the 'Hot Works' permit issue has surfaced again. Warren K has simplified the form and tried to make it more usable. It would appear that this is an insurance requirement and will need to be filled in for any workshop welding, heating, etc.

Russell is reviving the little red engine (formerly Nigel) with an Eton hydraulic drive – I gather that this will live at the club once sorted, and be available for use by members.

Finally, from the committee, we are going to donate \$100 to the Tauranga Model Railway Club as a thank you for the invite to showcase our club at their annual show.

AGM – COMING UP IN MAY

ALL COMMITTEE POSITIONS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR

Warren K will organise nomination forms to be available in the club house, they will be on the smoko table.

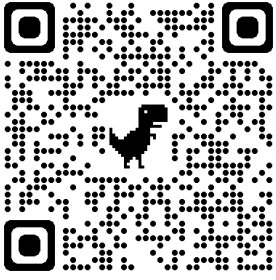
Team – Please give the joining the committee some serious thought

New Blood on the committee is healthy 😊



Doing it the hard way!

Club Captain Report



Scan the QR code above using your camera for more information. To be held at the Maritime Domain.

Thanks, Jo

LIBRARY CORNER

Index to Model Engineering Workshop until issue 240:
<https://www.homews-mew-index.co.uk/index.html>

Another Model Engineering Workshop index, until current is here:

<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1TsprhDUivE1Y0ELw6bZTsp6qucOFq2ay/edit#gid=1100053147>

Finally, here is a searchable database for ME and also EIM.

<https://www.itech.net.au/modelengineer/>

If anybody wants the spreadsheet of our library collection, please contact me for a copy.

Recent library additions:

Thanks to Jerry Payne's donation, who has filled a hole in our MEW collection.

#629 MEW 313 to 322

#630 MEW 323 to 333

I am also expecting to collect a few boxes of books from Auckland early April. I am keen to see what they contain and how they will enhance our collection.

Bookworm.

Editorial

Dear Ferroequinologists,

Owen has once again expressed his enthusiasm in getting our members familiar with CAD on the club computer. On my part, I feel that this is most important for us as a club to support. Personally, when faced with a problem that needs clarification, I usually pick up pencil and paper and make a sketch, followed up by a more formal drawing if needed.

I would certainly like to learn CAD drawing, but it is a bit of a challenge to start out bare naked, so to speak. And then the question is what drawing to start with?

May I suggest that we take the bull by the horns and be more specific about what we intend to achieve.

I would like to suggest that the club set aside the second Tuesday of the month (the week after our usual club meeting), and we get started on learning the ropes. It is said that a journey starts with the first step. Let us take that step.

So, may I suggest that we have the first CAD meeting on the 9th April at 19:00 (7pm). Step one would be to show how to instal a suitable program on their home computer. I have already installed Fusion 360 on mine.

We then need a simple project to kick off with. This is where Owen can guide us. I am presently looking at making a machinist's hammer. Maybe this could be a simple start-off project? Those who participate can then print out and take home to build.

. - Cotter Pin

WEBSITE

Our new website is live. Joanne will upload stuff to it regularly. Send any contributions, photos, etc to her for inclusion. (The newsletter is also uploaded to it – ED.)
Email: joanne_knights@outlook.com

Website address is:- www.tmmec.org.nz - Joanne

Club Apparel individual purchase.

TMMEC Club Nitro Polos are \$39.95 each, the Logo is \$16.50 and individual Names are \$4. Polos for Men are sized - Small to 5XL - Women sizes 8 to 24. Bucket hats are \$10.50 with the Logo a further \$10. All prices are GST included.

See club member John Stent for assistance if needed



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SUGGESTIONS AND IDEAS:

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Dog peeing on hydrant



Interesting Stuff

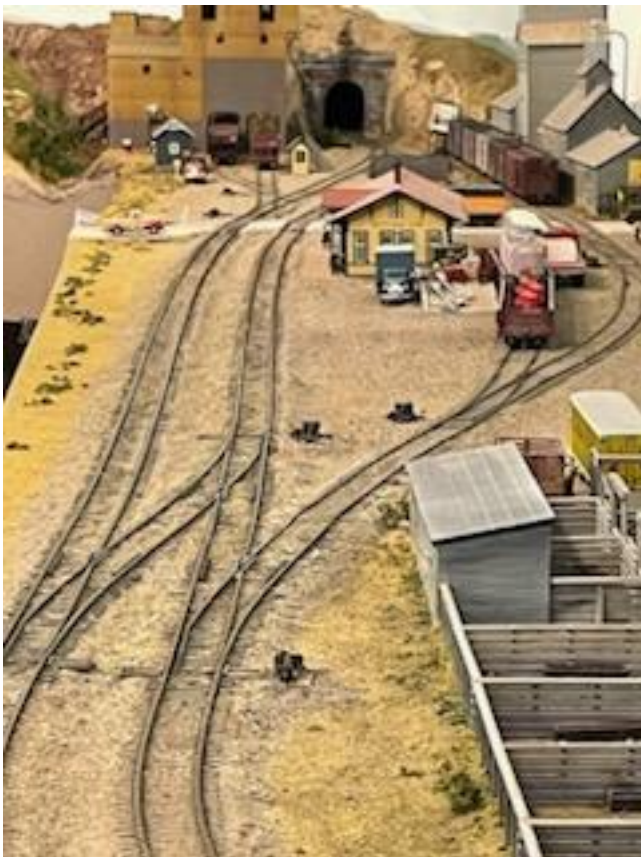
The most interesting event of the last month was the visit to Bryan's place to see his model railway setup. I must admit to being quite gobsmacked at his layout!

There are not many people who extend their house in order to accommodate their model rail passion. And many wives who will go along with it.

An installation such as this takes many, many months of planning, imagination and patient work to achieve. Bryans collection of locos and rolling stock is also extensive. Just coordinating the movement of the various trains is a complex affair. I am sure that the advent of computerisation must have made his job a lot easier, but still it is a highly complex affair.

Some photos by Bruce of the complex are here:





We are still looking for more volunteer Ticket Sellers. Enjoy meeting the public and their family. If only every second month, or jump in as casual relief. Please contact warren.karlsson@xtra.co.nz .

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.pnmecc.org.nz/meanzmap.htm>

Tuesday Evening Meeting –

Our last evening is summarised in the President’s newsletter. There were no fun bits on display this evening.



Duty Operator Roster

Date	Duty Operator
24th March 2024	Bryan Fitzpatrick
31st March 2024	Jason Flannery
7th April 2024	Bruce Harvey
14th April 2024	Warren Karlsson
21st April 2024	Joanne Knights
28th April 2024	Bruce McKerras

- 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 - PNMEC@trains.net.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/

Also:

Mainline Steam Heritage Trust:

<https://www.mainlinesteam.co.nz/>

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.



The South Africa luxury Blue Train passing through Dal Josephat with double-headed CL 6E1 electrics.

End of the Line

TMMEC CLUB CALENDAR 2024 V1.1

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	Sunday Running 10am - 3pm		CLOSED/CANCELLED
	Club Play Day		Christmas Party
	General Meeting 7pm		Matariki Night Run 28th June
	Engineering Tuesday 7:30pm		Halloween Night Run 2 November
	Open Weekend		Hamilton Open Weekend 16-17 March
	AGM		Manukau Open Weekend 1-3 June
	Committee Meeting 7pm		Keirunga Park Open Weekend 25-28 October
			EBOP (Whakatane) TBC
			Mana Ariki 28 - 30 June