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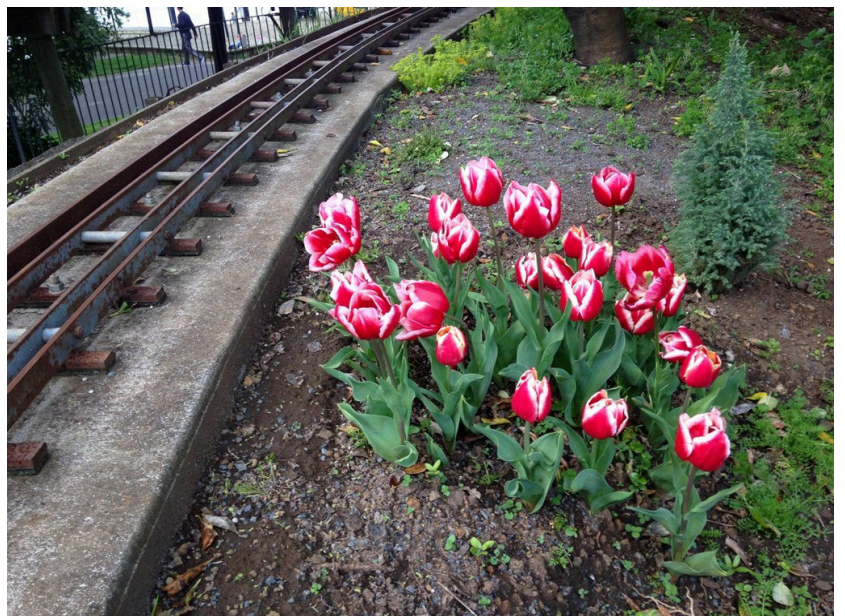
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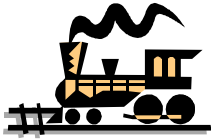
REGISTERED NEW ZEALAND PUBLICATION

Trackside Tulips

ASME member Bruce Matchett has been very busy most Saturdays beavering away with the aim of turning barren trackside spaces into attractive gardens. Most of his work has been quietly happening in the background, but these lovely tulips he supplied and planted on Smokebox Corner cannot fail to catch the eye.

Picture by Grant Anderson





Train Roster

| Date | Electric Driver | Electric Driver | Steam Driver | Train Controller | Station / Guard | Station / Guard |
|-----------|--|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| 5-Nov-17 | I Ashley | A Bailey | Voluntary | <u>T Robinson</u> | B Matchett* | |
| 12-Nov-17 | G Beazley | M Granger | Voluntary | <u>G Wills</u> | K Ryan* | A Shirley |
| 19-Nov-17 | M Hollis | D Housley | Voluntary | <u>D Russell</u> | R Stratton* | P Tomkies |
| 26-Nov-17 | J Lankow | D Moffat | Voluntary | <u>G Anderson</u> | D Wilson* | M Vickers |
| 3-Dec-17 | M Moore | M Plant | Voluntary | <u>B Aickin</u> | B Cooper* | R Crook |
| 10-Dec-17 | R Reichardt | I Ashley | Voluntary | <u>P Dowdeswell</u> | P Jones* | D Beecher |
| 17-Dec-17 | P Woodford | A Bailey | Voluntary | <u>T Lawrence</u> | M Luxton* | M Vickers |
| 24-Dec-17 | ----- Xmas / New Year Break - No Roster in Operation ----- | | | | | |
| 31-Dec-17 | ----- Xmas / New Year Break - No Roster in Operation ----- | | | | | |

Bold and Underlined Name:

This is the designated **Train Controller**, i.e. the person in overall control of all operations for the day

Bold with Asterisk* Name:

This is the designated Stationmaster, i.e. the person responsible for activities in the station area. The Stationmaster is also responsible to account for the day's takings.

Drivers: Please keep your eyes open for unusual or suspicious behaviour around the track which may affect the safety and/or smooth operation of our trains. Report such activity to the Train Controller.

Please Note:

If for some reason you are unable to attend on your rostered date, you are respectfully reminded that it is **your** responsibility to find a replacement member to fill the gap – please don't let the rest of the team for the day be left short-handed.

Also, please ensure the member you arrange a swap with is one who is rostered to undertake the same role to ensure we always have members with the appropriate training and experience on the day.

NOVEMBER CALENDAR

Tuesday November 7th, 7.30pm - General Meeting , ASME clubrooms.

Tuesday November 21st, 7.30pm - Committee Meeting.

Coming up:

Tuesday December 5th - ASME Annual General Meeting including election of officers etc.

Friday December 8th - ASME Christmas dinner at Remuera Club. Mark this date on your calendar/diary now (if you haven't already)! Cost: \$25 per head. (Purchase your own alcohol from the bar).

Notice of Annual General Meeting of Auckland Society of Model Engineers Incorporated

The Committee gives notice that the next Annual General Meeting will be held at the ASME Clubrooms, Peterson Reserve, Panmure on Tuesday 5th December 2017 commencing at 7.35pm.

The Agenda items will be the relevant items as set out in Rule 16.

New committee members are required. If you think you are committee material, don't be backward in coming forward!

Also, if you are currently holding a club trophy, please return it to the secretary asap.

ASME Christmas Dinner

As advertised in the September Micrometer, the ASME Christmas Dinner will be held this year at the Remuera Club, Ohinerau St, Remuera on Friday night 8th December. The cost to members and partners (subsidised by ASME) is \$25 per head (incl GST but not alcohol).

PLEASE NOTE:

The Committee need to confirm numbers attending by collecting your payment by November General Meeting night, 7th November.

Payment can be direct credited to ASME's bank account : 02-0223-0078104-00.

Please put your name and "Xmasdinner" or similar comment in the Reference fields.

You will notice that this edition of the Micrometer is shorter than usual. This is because of the highly successful and entertaining club auction at the October general meeting, meaning there will be no Bits and Pieces section this month, although we should acknowledge that Mike Jack brought some more of his fine handiwork to show us -- it was not for sale!!

Editors plea: I need some more entertaining stories to fill out the newsletter in such circumstances. If anyone has a story to tell of a model-engineering nature or otherwise, I would be happy to consider it for inclusion in a future edition. Accompanying photos help!

Grant Anderson writes:

Well another Club year has passed and in December will be the Annual General Meeting (see Notice elsewhere in this issue). It's a good time for all members to think about what they can do to help progress the club. For quite a few years now the committee has struggled on with less than the numbers prescribed by the Rules – maybe **YOU** will put your name forward for one of the jobs that **SOMEONE** has to do? Seriously, please think hard about this; with your input the Club will no doubt be much more successful.

The defibrillator generously donated by the Mt Wellington Foundation is now mounted in the upstairs Clubhouse, on the wall next to the double doors leading out onto the verandah. At the September meeting we had a St John's representative tell us how to use this life saving device – if you missed the meeting please make sure you read up on it – you never know when it may be needed to save a life!

(<http://www.stjohn.org.nz/First-Aid/AED/> is a good place to start - Ed)

The October annual auction was a great success thanks to the good work of ring-in auctioneer, Mike Jevremovic. As usual, a lot of good junk changed hands and the Club funds benefited in quite some measure – thanks to all who brought items along and those who bid.

A small group of workers have continued to improve the club facilities by attending our weekly Saturday working bees. Recent work has included realigning the crib walling nearest to Waipuna Halt Station to provide a little more room for the loop line and garden beautification on smokebox curve – we now even have some nice tulips to view as we take the passengers for their ride on Sundays! Most of the track has now had its first water-blast since the ground level track was installed; this has helped remove built up dirt under the rails in some areas. The trestle bridge and main pedestrian bridge have been sprayed with mould spray to keep it clear of lichen, etc. The north windows and sills in the clubhouse have been cleared of a long period of built up dirt, spiders webs, dead insects, etc. The two removable track sections that allow visiting locos & trolleys to access the track from the carpark are now located on the raised rail section at the carpark end– you will need the Club key to unlock the padlock securing them in place.

Don't forget the Club's heavily subsidised Xmas Party on Friday 8th December. We need your attention to prompt payment of \$25 per head so that we can book you in and ensure a meal is available for you. The Remuera Club is a grand venue and the 36 members and partners that attended last year had an enjoyable social occasion.

A letter of gratitude has been received from the Trustees of the Climax 1650 Charitable Trust who were the recipients of this year's donation, given in late September by ASME. The Trust have also provided an update on restoration progress of this historic engine. (See next page - Ed)

Grant.

Also note the upcoming **Steam & Cinders '18 Model Engineers Convention** being held in Nelson during January (4-8th) 2018. The close off for registrations is fast approaching - 30 November.

Check out the Nelson ME Club website at:

<http://www.nelsonmodellers.org.nz/events/convention>

Convention Convenor: Tracy Gibbs, 027 541 9663

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The Climax Project:

The following photo and brief description of the project have been taken from the Climax 1650 Steam Trust Board progress document <https://www.facebook.com/Climax1650SteamTrust/> - Ed



Climax 1650 in service at Ongarue

Climax 1650 is owned by the Climax 1650 Steam Trust Board. The loco is being restored to working order. Presently the frame is at Te Kuiti, and the boiler and other components are at Pukemiro Junction, the headquarters of the Glen Afton Line.

The Trust is making excellent progress towards completion of this locomotive, but there are numerous jobs to complete. The key ones are:

- Complete stay replacement on boiler, retube boiler and hydro test

- Complete assembly of bogies to form a rolling frame

- New cab

- New bunker/water tank

- Boiler piping

- Westinghouse brake system

- Numerous smaller jobs

The loco will operate at Pukemiro for the Bush Tramway Club's Glen Afton Line on completion. We also intend to make the loco available for other groups for special occasions.

For Sale

Myford ML7 Lathe

This lathe is in pieces and appears to have been in storage for some time. The seller advises that it is complete and any rust bloom showing has formed while it has been in storage. The sale includes both 3-jaw and 4-jaw chucks, and one single-phase motor and two 3-phase motors (power rating not given) apart from the lathe's own motor. Asking price is \$500, but offers will be considered. The lathe is currently in storage in Glen Innes, but the person doing the storing has asked that it be removed by the end of the month (i.e. October!), so if you are interested, contact the seller asap. (Note: the pictures below do not show several boxes containing accessories and smaller items).

The seller is Nick Schofield and you can contact him at nimascho@gmail.com or phone 0212346933

