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Auction Night October 6 2020

Auctioneer Tony Lawrence (centre) in full cry!





Train Roster

Date	Electric Driver	Electric Driver	Steam Driver	Train Controller	Station / Guard	Station / Guard	
1-Nov-20	R Reichardt	A Shirley	Voluntary	<u>B Aickin</u>	R Souter*	D Beecher	
8-Nov-20	P Woodford	I Ashley	Voluntary	<u>P Dowdeswell</u>	A Stratton*	R Shearer	
15-Nov-20	A Bailey	M Granger	Voluntary	<u>T Lawrence</u>	R Stratton*	D Vaughan	
22-Nov-20	M Hollis	D Housley	Voluntary	<u>S Meikle</u>	P Tomkies*	D Wilson	
29-Nov-20	J Lankow	M Moore	Voluntary	<u>T Robinson</u>	R Crook*	M Vickers	
6-Dec-20	R Reichardt	A Shirley	Voluntary	<u>G Anderson</u>	M Luxton*	D Beecher	
13-Dec-20	P Woodford	I Ashley	Voluntary	<u>D Russell</u>	R Souter*	B Matchett	
20-Dec-20	A Bailey	M Granger	Voluntary	<u>G Wills</u>	M Vickers*	R Shearer	
27-Dec-20	----- Xmas / New Year Break - No Roster in Operation -----						
3-Jan-21	----- Xmas / New Year Break - No Roster in Operation -----						

Bold and Underlined Name = **Train Controller**, i.e. the person in overall control of all operations for the day

Bold with Asterisk* Name = **Stationmaster**, i.e. the person responsible for activities in the station area and for the day's takings.

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. **Note: the Train Controllers for both affected days must be informed of the swap in advance. It is the responsibility of the person who initiated the swap to do this.** Also advise Bob Aickin who is keeping track of the number of duties each of us perform during the year.

The details of the swap should be noted in the Run Book.

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 3rd, 7.30 pm - General Meeting, ASME clubrooms.

Tuesday November 10th, 7.30 pm - Workshop Night, ASME clubrooms.

Tuesday November 17th, 7.30 pm - Committee meeting, ASME clubrooms.

Coming up - The committee is planning to replace the usual Christmas function with a lunch-time barbecue and fun-run at the track on Saturday December 5th. See p3 for more details.

Also, thanks to the generosity of Mr Ralph Moffatt, we were recently given the opportunity to clear out the workshop of his late father, Ron, so the house can be sold, and the contents (now in the basement of the ASME clubhouse) we expect to sell at auction in the New Year. The committee has yet to discuss a date.

Committee Comments – November 2020

Great to see the Club back up and running after the second Covid 19 lockdown and a relaxation for Auckland back to Level 1 from 8th October. Track running commenced promptly from 11th, as the roster had continued to be advertised through the uncertainties and thus members were ready to help with their assigned duties. All the October meetings were held as advertised – great to see things return to normal, albeit with a bit of a cloud overhead! Please note we have a Covid 19 QR code on the bench by the Clubhouse entry door (and also on the station wall), so please scan as you enter to record your visit.

Saturday working bees recommenced earlier – as soon as Auckland returned to Level 2.5, our small team of regular workers were back on the job on 5th September. They quickly caught up on the debris which had fallen during the lockdown and continued improvements around the grounds. Greville completed the second A&G Price trolley conversion (to 7.25”g) and it was given a good test run on a steam-up night run on 1st October held by Allan B, Grant and Timothy. Both trolleys now have a current wof and can be used. Greville has also completed 2 kits of parts to convert the final two A&G Price trolleys – any volunteers to put these together? He is now working on refurbishing the security gate at the engine shed which covers the north-most roller door so that this access can be reinstated. The plan is to build a half-sized storage rack for these extra trolleys (which since the track changes in 2013 have been stored in the back of the engine shed); thus they will be able to be easily accessed, being more appropriate for use by members with smaller locos.

The October general meeting included the annual action. It was surprising how much turned up on the night for sale and most of it found new owners. Our avid restorer, Bruce Cooper took home several new candidates for his detailed attention; other members gained valuable additions to their workshop as well! A successful night saw a lot of “stuff” change hands and a small gain to the Club for hosting the auction. Tony Lawrence was in good shape as auctioneer and provided a light-hearted atmosphere to the proceedings – thanks Tony.

Our Librarian, Mark Luxton has had another 3 volumes of magazines bound, so if you are interested these are available from the library – see Mark. We have had some difficulties securing regular deliveries from the suppliers – this year with Covid 19 with the excuse for “paused” deliveries of Model Engineer and ME Workshop. Currently we are still missing issues and if anyone can supply these it would be most appreciated and mean 5 remaining volumes could be bound and then made available to members through the library. A list of the missing issues is advertised in this issue elsewhere – please do see if you can help your Club solve this dilemma.

A large amount of effort has been spent getting the Club records and safety systems up to date for the 2 yearly MEANZ Audit, which was undertaken by Lead Auditor, Dave Giles in October. Another pass was gained, and the ADR application paperwork and fees payment has been made to Worksafe well ahead of the expiry of the current authorisation to ensure seamless operations.

With all the uncertainties around lockdowns, the committee decided to flag the normal Xmas Party as the risk of cancellation was too great. So this year, a get together at the Club on Saturday, 5th December is being organised. It will allow train running (steam-up included) for those interested and socialising with a BBQ between 11am and 3pm. Please let Greville know if you wish to be catered for as he has volunteered to look after supply. Come along and enjoy the facilities at the Club as part of your Christmas celebrations – family members welcome.

It is pleasing to report we have at last received back from Auckland Council the signed documents for ASME’s lease (license) of the grounds through to October 2024. We made application in July last year, so we have been waiting quite some time for formalities to be completed by Council. The latest from Council, is that they want us to do an asbestos survey and management plan for the site – but they want it done by the end of the month!!!

The AGM is coming up in December – the Committee is really in need of some more helpers to run **your** Club; there is a lot to do and it would make it much easier if it were spread over more members, so please do consider putting your name forward to join the team.

Bob Aickin has had a visit to hospital recently for some work on his pump – it is reported that all has gone well and he is recovering gradually. Look forward to seeing you back at the Club soon, Bob.

Missing Magazines – Please do see if you can provide a copy – then we can get these volumes bound.

Model Engineer – Vol 216 No 4529, 4530; Vol 218 4562; Vol 222 4609; Vol 224 No 4636.

Model Engineer Workshop – No 240 April 2016

Live Steam – Vol 51 No 1, 2, 3 (2017)

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 1st December 2020 commencing at 7.35pm.

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

Help Wanted

Greville has been busy converting A&G Price 5" gauge trolleys to run on our 7-1/4 gauge track and by now will be close to finishing the second one. But there are still 2 more to do, and he would like some assistance with these.

The job is quite involved, but Greville has produced all the parts required in the form of a kit, along with a comprehensive set of instructions, to make the job as easy as possible.

If any member can help with this work, please contact Greville.

Situation Vacant

The committee are looking for a suitable ASME member to take over the role of Editor of our monthly newsletter - the Micrometer.

This person will hopefully have access to a computer and be reasonably competent using Microsoft Word, or, better still, Microsoft Office Publisher. (There may, of course, be similar products around which can do the same job).

The applicant should have a reasonable grasp of English spelling and punctuation, bearing in mind that nobody's perfect!. Don't worry, there will be proofreaders available to knock things into shape before the final edition is released!

The working conditions are not arduous - just a few hours near the end of each month, and you also automatically become a member of the ASME Committee.

If you feel you meet most of the above requirements and wish to have a go, contact the Secretary or the current Editor.

Obituary

It is with regret that I have to inform you of the death of one of our Life members.

Robert FOSBERRY died on the 7th October 2020 after a year long battle with cancer.

I just wish to say a few words about his involvement with ASME.

- **Bob (as he preferred to be known)** – was born 4th July 1930 in England.
- **He came to NZ** in ??? and was a Qualified Radio & Television Technician.
- He joined ASME in June 1982
- Active Committee Member for a number of years.
- Held the position of Secretary 1985, 1986, 1988, & 1990.
- Was a committee member for 1993 & 1994.
- Elected life member 1997
- He was a staunch member of the Tuesday Club 2003 until moving to Katikati in 2012
- Morning tea was always a highlight where you learnt so much more about your colleagues. I recall Bob had an ability to tell Jokes almost no-stop.
- He was a practical man
- Always willing to help others (mostly electrical type queries)
- A wonderful friend and colleague

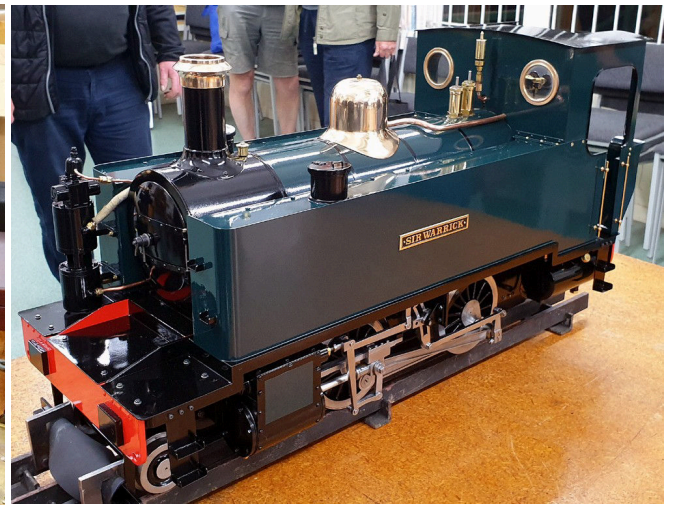
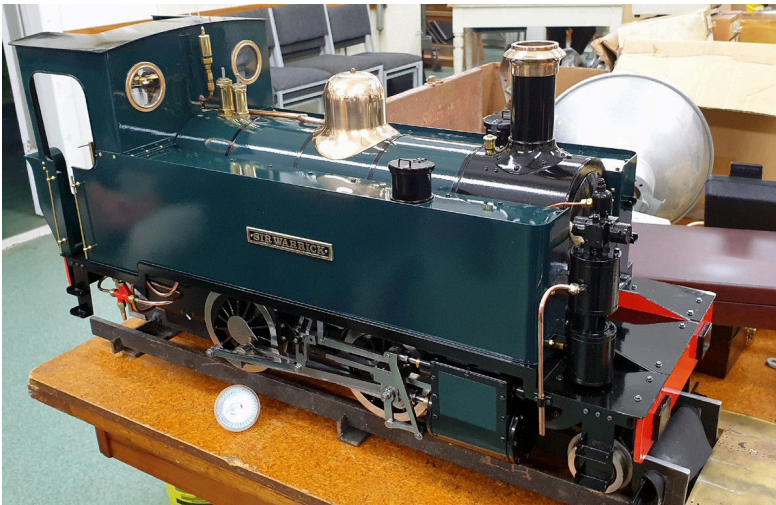
FAREWELL We must say Farewell, and thank Bob for his contributions to our hobby and we pass our condolences to his wife Joan and son David and daughters Ann and Janet, plus their families.

(Obituary written by Greville Wills)

Bits and Pieces, 6th October 2020

Photos and report by Dave Russell

As it was the annual auction night there were not too many bits and pieces, plenty to be sold but not that many to talk about. So firstly we have **Bruce Cooper** who has acquired "Sir Warrick" built by Brian Mould and recently owned by Greville Wills. Bruce has done one of his lightning six week rebuilds on the loco which is of the Beejax variety but having an extra front pony truck added as designed by Geth Creagh. The engine now just needs a hand pump to be fitted as the donkey pump is not that reliable. Another interesting point is that one of the cab front windows was broken so Bruce resourcefully found that the glass on a standard halogen downlight bulb was the correct size exactly - even the thickness was correct. We look forward to seeing Sir Warrick on the club track soon.



Secondly **Mike Banks** brought in a brass roof panel that had been badly damaged by sand-blasting: too much pressure had caused the panel to distort and bend. The upshot is a new panel will be made.



Lastly before the auction started was a pair of front buffer units of the standard British Railways design. These were made by **Mike Jack** and will be used on his class 3 project.

Very nice job.

