



The MICROMETER

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REGISTERED NEW ZEALAND PUBLICATION

New Club Loco

This loco has recently been gifted to the club. The wood underneath the trailing bogie is a piece of 4 x 2 to give you an idea of size.

(This picture by Dave Housley)

See p4 for more info and pictures.





Train Roster

Date	Electric Driver	Electric Driver	Steam Driver	Train Controller	Station / Guard	Station / Guard	
4-Oct-20	I Ashley	A Bailey	Voluntary	<u>T Robinson</u>	P Tomkies*	D Beecher	Cancelled
11-Oct-20	M Granger	M Hollis	Voluntary	<u>G Anderson</u>	R Crook*	L Brown	
18-Oct-20	D Housley	M Plant	Voluntary	<u>D Russell</u>	M Luxton*	D Vaughan	
25-Oct-20	J Lankow	M Moore	Voluntary	<u>G Wills</u>	B Matchett*	M Vickers	
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	

Note: The Roster is rolling forward to give you advance notice of possible dates for your calendar so you can be available if the Committee agrees to re-commence Sunday running.

Auckland is currently at Alert Level 2 with Government next intending to review levels on 5th October. If they announce a move to Level 1 for Wed. 7-Oct, the Committee will probably give the ok to resume on the 11th.

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

Bold with Asterisked* 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.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Tuesday October 6th, 7.30 pm - General Meeting and Club Auction, ASME clubrooms.

Tuesday October 13th, 7.30 pm - Workshop Night, ASME clubrooms.

Tuesday October 20th, 7.30 pm - Committee meeting, ASME clubrooms.

Editorial

These are strange times. Our Harbour Bridge has been standing for over 60 years, yet last week a freak gust of wind caused (indirectly, admittedly) enough damage to the bridge to necessitate its partial closure. Repairs are progressing well but it will be some time before the experts have the replacement truss fitted and tuned to their satisfaction and thus have the bridge open to all traffic again.

Even more strange is the effect that a tiny organism known as Covid-19 and invisible to the naked eye, has had on the entire world since the beginning of the year. It has changed our way of doing things, it has caused us to think twice before going out and about for fear of being infected by it and has caused major loss of income to a large proportion of the business world.

Closer to home, it has had the effect of discouraging (or preventing) ASME from running our trains on Sunday afternoons for the enjoyment of the general public: so far we have been closed on 19 weekends since the beginning of the year.

However, we are very fortunate in that, here in NZ, the authorities have been able to contain the spread of this nasty virus so that we can get on with our lives in an almost-normal way.

Having said that, we (those members of the committee who have expressed an opinion) feel that we can safely hold our annual club auction next Tuesday and not be too worried about catching Covid-19. By all means wear a mask if you think it necessary: but if you are suffering from a cold or something similar, please stay at home.

Our best wishes go out to Committee member Bob Aickin who is at home recovering from heart surgery. We will not be seeing him at the club for a while so we wish him a speedy recovery.

John

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.

A New Addition to the Club's Fleet

Our Secretary recently received an email from a Mr Tony Headland, asking if we would be interested in having this loco:

"I have in my garage a working steam engine that belonged to my father. Myself and my wife are selling up our home and moving to a retirement village in KeriKeri and will be unable to take this model with us. I just want to find a good home for it and thought that your organisation might like to have this as a club engine.

Would love to hear from you if your group is interested. I have attached some photos so you get some idea what I am talking about."

Dave replied that we would definitely be interested, and here it is. The photos below were taken by the Editor in the basement of the ASME clubrooms where the loco is currently stored. It looks a little the worse for wear (the loco, that is!), but some "ASME TLC" should take care of that.

The loco is an upscaled 2-1/2" to 3-1/2" LBSC "Uranus" and is a 4-8-4.

