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Richard Souter who was stationmaster on Sunday of Auckland 2021 Anniversary Weekend recorded the 3 steamers in action that day

President's Report

April 2021

Hi,

After all the trials and tribulations of the on-again off-again Covid lockdowns it is great to have some consistency in our lives- long may it last. I trust you have all come through this in good spirits, and although I know of some of you who are managing health issues, I hope to see you at the club again soon.

With the return to Level 1 the annual Panmure Basin Fun Day was able to be rescheduled for the 21st March, and with fine weather and a good crowd, although less than previous years due, I think, to the short notice, a very good time was had by all. Thanks to all those who lent a hand on the day and with preparations, and special mention to Dave Housley for organising and preparing the sustenance which kept us all going, and Mike Banks who ran his steamer most of the day. It was also good to see Thomas Allingham and Rebecca who came up from Waihi to help out and are keen to join the club, and Andy Shirley who came across from Waiheke.

We will try to keep you all up with the entertainment coming up for the GM's but due to circumstances out of our control there may be last minute changes. In other news, the new Hansa Chipper is operational and will be put to good use in the coming months, and David Black, who is doing a sterling job with the Micrometer, is also being kept busy ensuring our phone and alarm system are maintained as our lines are changed from copper to fibre, which may not be straightforward but we are hoping for the best.

I am looking forward to seeing you at the April 6th meeting, as well as all the new Bits and Pieces.

Cheers,

Mike Moore.

Mike's annual report for 2020 is available on the ASME website at <http://asme.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/2020-Presidents-Report.pdf>. It is also reproduced on the last page of this newsletter. The draft minutes of the 2020 AGM will be available after they have been reviewed by the committee in April.

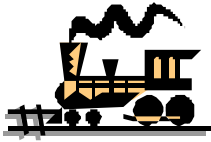
MARCH CALENDAR

Tuesday April 6th, 7.30 pm - General Meeting

Speaker : Karl Medley <https://nz.linkedin.com/in/karl-medley-7b631428>

Tuesday April 13th 7.30 pm - Workshop Night, ASME clubrooms

Tuesday April 20th, 7.30 pm - Committee meeting, ASME clubrooms



Train Roster

ASME

DUTY ROSTER

Date	Electric Driver	Electric Driver	Steam Driver	Train Controller	Station / Guard	Station / Guard
4-Apr-21	A Bailey	M Granger	Voluntary	<u>G Wills</u>	D Wilson*	D Beecher
11-Apr-21	M Hollis	M Plant	Voluntary	<u>B Aickin</u>	R Crook*	R Shearer
18-Apr-21	D Housley	J Lankow	Voluntary	<u>P Dowdeswell</u>	M Luxton*	B Matchett
25-Apr-21	M Moore	R Reichardt	Voluntary	<u>T Lawrence</u>	K Ryan*	M Vickers
2-May-21	A Shirley	P Woodford	Voluntary	<u>S Meikle</u>	R Souter*	D Beecher
9-May-21	I Ashley	A Bailey	Voluntary	<u>T Robinson</u>	A Stratton*	R Copeland
16-May-21	G Beazley	M Granger	Voluntary	<u>G Anderson</u>	P Tomkies*	R Shearer
23-May-21	M Hollis	D Housley	Voluntary	<u>D Russell</u>	D Wilson*	A van Zon
30-May-21	J Lankow	M Moore	Voluntary	<u>G Wills</u>	M Vickers*	J Anderson

NB Auckland is still at Covid Level 1 - So need to abide by those rules.

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.

Club Notices

Panmure Baisin Fun Day

This annual event went ahead (see next page)

Help Wanted

Greville has been busy converting A&G Price 5" gauge trolleys to run on our 7-1/4" gauge track and has now finished 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,

Missing Magazines

Please do see if you can provide a copy – only then we can get the full 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)

Subscriptions

Subs are generally coming in well, just a few to go, some from long standing members. The Treasurer has asked for members not yet paid for the 2020/21 year to please attend to the matter promptly - notices were sent out to all members by email on 18 December 2020.

Missing Patterns

The committee is trying to track down the patterns for the Beejax loco. Beejax were actually designed by ASME member Geth Creagh - originally owned by him but subsequently passed to the late Alan Emerson.

It's a question of who's got them now?

President Mike has had a call from Jeremy Booth regarding the loco his grandfather built as an ASME member some years ago when Jeremy was a child. He is keen to track down its whereabouts and to see it running, if that is possible. He now finds he has similar interests to his grandfather and would be interested in joining the club. I have invited him to attend the next meeting but am hoping to be able to give him some info before then.

Let me know how if you can help, cheers, Mike.



Kia ora all,

I am emailing you a week late (I took a few days off last week), but I'd just like to quickly say thank you very much for your involvement with the Panmure Basin Fun Day on March 21st. Despite the postponement it was a successful day, and there were lots of happy families walking around the basin.

We have some great images of the day and a nice little video which the business association will share online soon. Make sure to look out for those and share them around your circles.

Thanks again for being part of this successful annual community event, and we look forward to doing it all again in 2022.

Ngā mihi

John Sutton (Fresh Concepts Ltd) <https://nz.linkedin.com/in/john-sutton-95313462>



NZR Weekend 2021

24th / 25th April

Maidstone Model Engineers shall be hosting the 2021 NZR weekend - a two day event for live steamers and model engineering of New Zealand's locomotives and railways. Saturday shall be a fun day for model engineers and enthusiasts while Sunday will be open to the public for rides. 10am - 4pm both days.

M.M.E.S. features 2.5" 3.5" & 5" raised track and 7.25" ground level track.

With limited rolling stock at M.M.E.S. please bring your own driving trolley where possible and a bunker full of coal for the fun day. We ask attendees to please register by emailing mmes.upperhutt@gmail.com and don't forget your boiler tickets.

Maidstone Model Engineering Society, Maidstone Park, Upper Hutt



Auckland Society of Model Engineers Incorporated

President's Annual Report

For the year ended 30 September 2020

2020 has been a trying year for everyone, and the club has been no exception. However, as the General Manager's financial report shows, despite losing many days of Sunday running due to Covid restrictions and the usual weather disruptions, the club finances are in good health, and we have also managed to make our annual donation of \$1000.00, this time to Glenbrook Vintage Railway to help with their financial shortages. The train rides continue to be popular with the public of Auckland, and this will provide a secure form of income as long as enough members volunteer to turn out regularly.

Monthly club meetings were also curtailed somewhat due to Covid, but there was good support when they were possible, with 20+ members turning out regularly. The club Workshop Nights were also restarted and have proved popular with good numbers attending these. It is hoped that when the club is able to develop its own workshop proper that these will encourage new younger members to try the hobby. The society's newsletter, The Micrometer, was published for the normal 11 times, despite the lockdowns, due to some outside-the-box initiative from the editor. This was appreciated by members seeking some semblance of normality through these times.

Work projects have continued when allowed, with work progressing on converting some of the old raised track trolleys to ground level, bolt replacement on the Trestle Bridge, and strengthening work on the Pedestrian Bridge. Further work has been done on the Track and Trolley Project, and construction of the points is underway. The application for renewal of licensing under the Amusement Devices Regulations, and the subsequent application to Auckland Council, was preceded by a MEANZ audit, which was full of praise for the standard of the application and the facilities.

The society is therefore still in good heart, but we would welcome more, and especially younger, members, both to ensure the future of the club and to enable some of the skill and wisdom of the senior members to be passed on.

My thanks to the members of the committee for their hard work and support, and to those who have time and again turned out and done their bit to make this a great club to be a part of.

Mike Moore

President.