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Mike M, Ron & John L cleaning up the leaves after the storm a few weeks back (Photo Grant Anderson)

President's Report May 2022

At last we are back to regular Sunday Running and long may it last. Everyone has been hanging out for this so it is great to see the public and our members so enthusiastic. It has been a while since most of us were involved but the safety of our members and the public must be paramount, so ensure you familiarise yourselves with the procedures prior to beginning operations. Scale Marine Modellers are also operating regularly and we are currently discussing the possibility of a combined open day, possibly sponsored by a local business, to promote the clubs and with luck increase our memberships. We see this as critical to the long term fortunes of our clubs and to easing the load on those who contribute regularly.

Apart from the regular maintenance around the club (the leaves are a constant battle at this time of year), work is continuing on a couple of projects, including the prototype sections of fence which are away being galvanised, and the workshop, which has had the ceiling stripped and the shelving removed ready for painting. This will involve a working bee so keep an eye out for details in the near future.

I am very pleased to be able to welcome two new [young!] members to the club, Chris Whitiske and Henry Dando, who are both keen on model engineering and being active members of the club, so I hope you will get to know them soon. They are both interested in steam engines and Chris is preparing to build a loco, and I am sure they would appreciate advice and knowledge from our experienced members.

I trust that you and your families are well and looking forward to the return of "normal", with no further threat of lockdowns or restrictions.

Cheers,

Mike Moore.

ASME is an active member of MEANZ, members should keep a lookout on the website too <http://www.pnmecc.org.nz/meanz.php>, a good place to find other clubs when you are travelling. Just like us, our friends nationwide always welcome visitors.

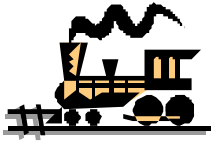
MAY CALENDAR

Tuesday May 3rd, 7.30 pm

Tuesday May 10th, 7.30 pm

Tuesday May 17th, 7.30 pm

- General Meeting (Clubhouse)
- Workshop Night, (Clubhouse)
- Committee Meeting, (Zoom)



Train Roster

ASME

DUTY ROSTER

Date	Electric Driver	Electric Driver	Steam Driver	Train Controller	Station / Guard	Station / Guard
1-May-22	M Hollis	D Housley	Voluntary	<u>D Russell</u>	D Beecher*	C Whitiskie
8-May-22	J Lankow	M Moore	Voluntary	<u>G Wills</u>	D Wilson*	H Dando
15-May-22	M Plant	R Reichardt	Voluntary	<u>B Aickin</u>	R Crook*	R Shearer
22-May-22	I Ashley	B Matchett	Voluntary	<u>D Black</u>	M Luxton*	A Van Zon
29-May-22	A Bailey	K Ryan	Voluntary	<u>P Dowdeswell</u>	M Vickers*	B Matchett
5-Jun-22	M Hollis	D Housley	Voluntary	<u>T Lawrence</u>	D Beecher*	C Whitiskie
12-Jun-22	J Lankow	M Moore	Voluntary	<u>S Meikle</u>	D Wilson*	L Brown
19-Jun-22	R Reichardt	B Matchett	Voluntary	<u>T Robinson</u>	R Crook*	J Anderson
26-Jun-22	M Plant	R Shearer	Voluntary	<u>D Russell</u>	M Vickers*	H Dando

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.

At the date of publishing New Zealand is at COVID Orange Traffic Light
Public running is resumed with some conditions

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.

Workshop Night



Workshop Nights with Dave

Pete Woodford has now retired to Thames, Dave Housley is keeping the workshop nights going. Tim will still be attending and Mike Jack came to the last meeting. As the nights grow longer it is hoped that we get a few more members to workshop nights until we can realistically engage a proper workshop night in the basement. We had six members and one visitor and the high light of the display was the intricate castings brought in by Mike Jack highly notable was the smoke box and super heater from Martin Plant. It is not only what has been made but how is it made and discussions of various techniques and of suppliers of which we will be putting in the micrometer in future editions. So if you have a problem or wanting to show your work all are welcome on the third Tuesday of the month starting at 7:30

Roger Shearer's prototype IDmp stand arms and horns for a locomotive (type unknown) and progress on Dave's Beejax



Work around the Track

From Grant, some photos of recent events at ASME, including ridding the doxbog of a wasp nest, having the kitchen gully trap and SW downpipe drain unblocked, Greville inspecting the rear of the Club-house after an autumn cleanup and Allan Bailey and new member Chris Whitiskie digging out the tuff to prepare for an extension to the existing concrete pad at the rear of the engine shed.



