

The MICROMETER

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The new station points freshly installed. Mike Banks and his team have done a fantastic job on this!

President's Report November 2023

Hello everyone

I'm pleased to report that despite some ever present obstinate bureaucratic delays by Auckland Council, our permit license for operations has been renewed! Due to delays by the council, we were unfortunately unable to operate for a week which resulted in many unhappy families. It just goes to show how even on an average looking day (and a long weekend at that) we are well known for how reliable we have been over the past years which is a testament to how well everyone makes everything run each and every Sunday.

In additional good news, Mike Banks and his team has made fantastic progress on the new rail line going back from the station to the engine shed! The first set of points have been installed and the track is slowly starting to take shape. If anyone needs to change the points, the operation at the moment is extremely simple. On the back of the trolley holding the station signs is a red allen-key. If you undo the small black plate attached to the sides of the points, this will allow you change the direction of the points. As a note for Train Controllers doing Sunday packdowns, please ensure that the points are always left in the "straight" alignment. Considering that the track is not yet connected up to the engine shed, Train Controllers may not need to adjust it at all on the Sunday operations yet.

Additionally, the annual Luncheon on the 11th November at 1200 is fast approaching. For anyone who has not yet contacted me asking for a seat, please do send me an email! I look forward to seeing you all there at around lunchtime!

Finally, our AGM is set for the 5th December at 0730pm, the same time as our regular monthly meetings on the first Tuesday of the month.

Thanks

Philip Dowdeswell

Remember to watch the ASME Website. www.asme.org.nz

Members should keep a lookout on the MEANZ website too, www.meanz.org.nz. It is a good place to find other clubs.

When you are travelling, just like us, our friends nationwide always welcome visitors.

THIS MONTH'S CALENDAR

Tuesday, November 7th	7:30 pm	- General Meeting, (Clubhouse)
Saturday, November 11th	12:00pm	- Annual Luncheon (Waipuna Hotel)
Tuesday, November 14th	7:30 pm	- Workshop Night, (Clubhouse)
Tuesday, November 21st	7:30 pm	-Committee Meeting, (Zoom)
Tuesday, December 5th	07:30pm	- AGM



Train Roster

Date	ASME			DUTY ROSTER		
	Electric <u>Driver</u>	Electric <u>Driver</u>	Steam <u>Driver</u>	Train <u>Controller</u>	Station / <u>Guard</u>	Station / <u>Guard</u>
5-Nov-23	R Reichardt	B Matchett	Voluntary	<u>S Meikle</u>	D Wilson*	A Tolstykh
12-Nov-23	I Ashley	R Shearer	Voluntary	<u>D Russell</u>	R Crook*	S Watson
19-Nov-23	D Housley	J Lankow	Voluntary	<u>G Wills</u>	M Luxton*	C Billiau
26-Nov-23	M Moore	A van Zon	Voluntary	<u>B Aickin</u>	K Ryan*	H Dando
3-Dec-23	M Vickers	B Matchett	Voluntary	<u>P Dowdeswell</u>	R Souter*	A Tolstykh
10-Dec-23	A Bailey	C Whitiskie	Voluntary	<u>T Lawrence</u>	D Wilson*	S Watson
17-Dec-23	I Ashley	D Housley	Voluntary	<u>S Meikle</u>	R Shearer*	C Billiau
24-Dec-23	-----	Xmas / New Year Break - No Roster in Operation			-----	-----
31-Dec-23	-----	Xmas / New Year Break - No Roster in Operation			-----	-----

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.

Club Notices

The annual ASME Club Lunch is confirmed for;

Saturday November 11th, at Waipuna Hotel.

The cost is \$20.00 per person (subsidised by the club)

Please let the president know if you intend to come.

Model Engineering Journals

ASME has an extensive range of Model Engineering Journals (ME and MEW) in the library, managed by Mark Luxton. The collection goes back to the first editions. However as new copies arrive binding takes a while, so the latest may not available for a while.

If you would like to read the latest edition they are free to borrow electronically from Auckland Public Libraries. The easiest way to borrow them is using the LIBBY app. If you are a member of the Auckland Library System (anywhere in the SuperCity), this gives free access to an ME and MEW e-sub. If you encounter difficulties take your device (an iPad is ideal) into any Auckland Library Branch.

Please let the editor know if you have been using this service successfully, or have encountered any difficulties.

Beejax Castings

One of our new members – Stephen Watson needs a new project.

He has just finishing a Stationary Steam engine.

He maybe interested building a loco.

Please contact Greville or the secretary (Dave)

Notice of AGM

The next ASME AGM is set for December 5th at 0730pm at the ASME Clubhouse.

Workshop Night with Dave Housley

A good turnout was held on workshop night. Six members attended with Mike Jack showing off some wonderful work. Unfortunately when writing this piece and transferring photos over I found that my camera had not taken some photos (It may have been operator error). My apologies to Bosco who brought in some interesting items, those being a garden gauge locomotive which will run on white spirits or meths, a tich kitset (all in bits) and finally couplers made by 3D printing modelled up on open source software.

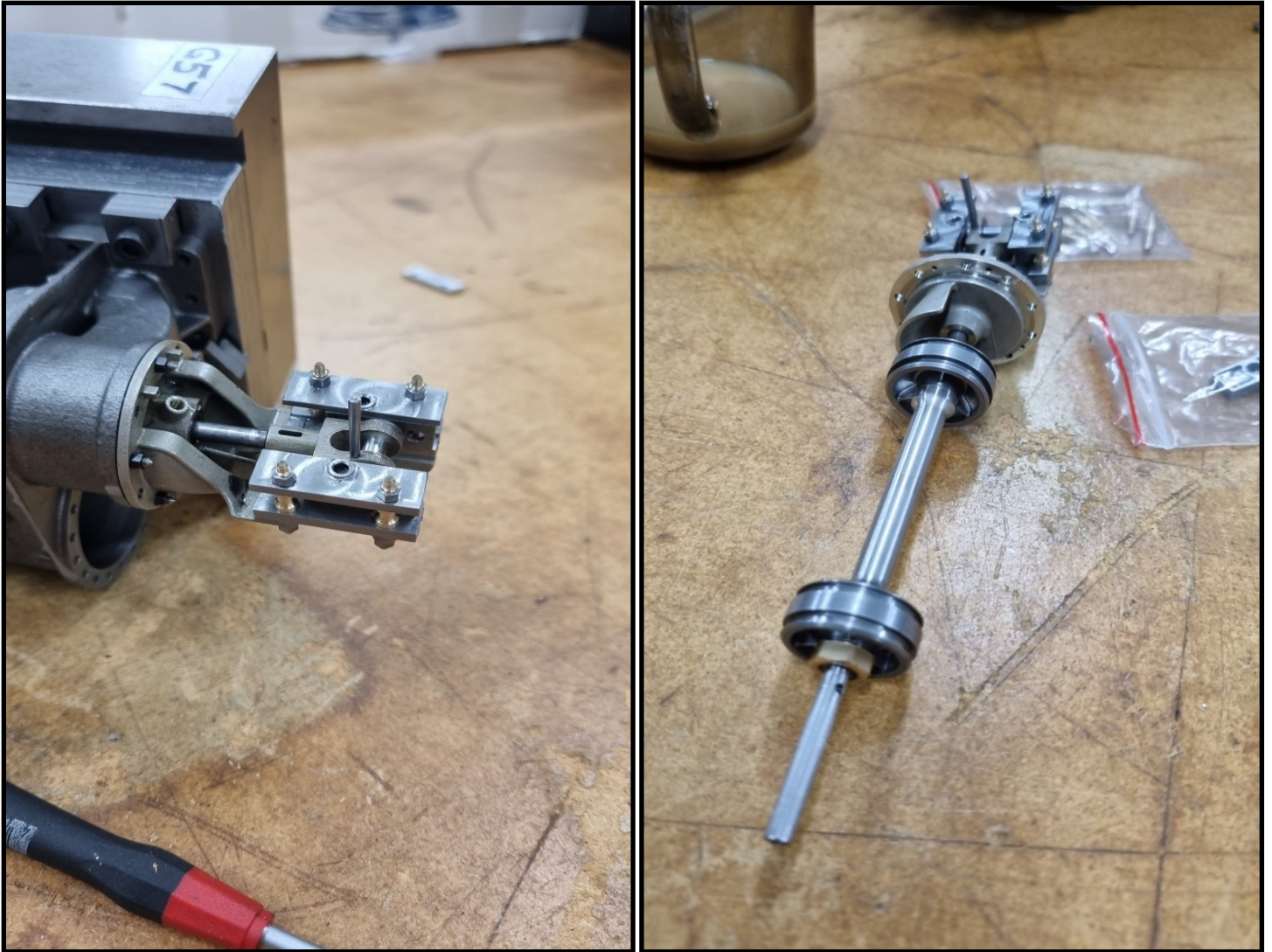
Another who lost out in the photo shoot was Steve Watson who brought in the lathe he bought for his wife. He was having trouble selecting the back gear and with a few helpful hints and Mike examining the lathe it was able to be engaged. Another satisfied customer!



Workshop Night with Dave Housley

Martin Plant could not bring his Springbock he has been building for the past twenty years but he did bring in photographic evidence of it running on air and the oilers he had previously shown were working in situ.

Mike Jack brought in an array of items including a pair of cylinders, one mounted on his machining fixture and small components some of which were plates he had machined to be slide plates with copper oil tubes that he had to turn down to achieve the right



Workbench from Murray Grangers Workshop

Having cleared out Murray Grangers workshop, Murray's late wife Jill has kindly offered up an old workbench. It is 900mm high, 2130mm long and 520mm wide. This workbench is well worn but still in good condition and it is free for anyone who wants to collect it. Please contact Greville for details of pickup.

