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Presidents Report

Hello everyone

This is it! We are two weeks out from the ASME Exhibition! I'm really excited to see what everyone is bringing to the table (literally) to showcase their exhibition works, both big and small! If you haven't submitted your models to the exhibition team so that a slot is reserved for you *please do it immediately*. We've got a great number lined up, but variety of engineers is always greatly welcomed! The runsheet for the Exhibition is enclosed further in the Micrometer, but please speak out if you have any questions!

The new points have proven themselves of sound design and are working great on the tracks. I'm hoping this will give everyone the courage to bring out their steam locomotives that have been sitting quietly in the garage waiting for an opportunity—as this is now it! The team has also been hard at work repairing the club steam locomotive, so I am looking forward to seeing it in operation this summer!

Some members have indicated a bit of confusion over responsibility of the points, so I will reiterate it here.

1. The operation of the points at the *station* should only done by the Station Master who is at the station at all times. They hold First responsibility for ensuring that the points are set in the correct direction for the the leaving train. Second responsibility is on the driver who should always be watching the track ahead.
2. The points in The Narrows is unmanned and NOT under the responsibility of the Station Master. First Responsibility is on the last driver who changed them. If you are coming off, then you should ensure they are switched back! Second responsibility is on the approaching driver, who again, should always be watching the track ahead!

Finally, please don't forget that our AGM is coming up in December on the 3rd! It's important we get as many people as we can to it so we can ensure that the proper process of voting can occur.

Thanks

Philip Dowdeswell
ASME President

This Month's Calendar

Tuesday, November 5th	7:30pm	General Meeting, (Clubhouse)
Tuesday, November 12th	7:30pm	Workshop Night, (Clubhouse)
Saturday, November 16th	12:00pm	ASME Exhibition
Sunday, November 17th	6:00pm	Christmas Function & Exhibition Prizegiving - Waipuna Hotel
Tuesday, November 19th	7:30pm	Committee Meeting (Zoom)
Tuesday, December 3rd	7:30pm	ASME AGM (Clubhouse)

TRAIN ROSTER



Date	Electric <u>Driver</u>	Electric <u>Driver</u>	Steam <u>Driver</u>	Train <u>Controller</u>	Station / <u>Guard</u>	Station / <u>Guard</u>	Station / <u>Extra</u>
3-Nov-24	R Reichardt	B Matchett	Voluntary	<u>B Aickin</u>	S Watson*		
10-Nov-24	I Ashley	M Plant	Voluntary	<u>D Black</u>	R Crook*		
17-Nov-24	D Housley	A van Zon	Voluntary	<u>P Dowdeswell</u>	M Luxton*	T Schaw	M Schaw
24-Nov-24	J Lankow	S Watson	Voluntary	<u>T Lawrence</u>	R Souter*	M Vickers	
1-Dec-24	M Moore	C Whitiskie	Voluntary	<u>S Meikle</u>	S Watson*	R Isemonger	
8-Dec-24	R Reichardt	M Plant	Voluntary	<u>G Wills</u>	A Van Zon*	J Bickers	
15-Dec-24	D Housley	R Shearer	Voluntary	<u>D Black</u>	M Luxton*	P Dowdeswell	
22-Dec-24	J Lankow	M Vickers	Voluntary	<u>B Aickin</u>	R Souter*	T Lawrence	
29-Dec-24		-----	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

ASME ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

ASME's Annual General Meeting is scheduled for 3rd December at 07:30pm at the ASME Clubroom.

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 be 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.

Model Engineer Magazines available for free

Bill Morris is decluttering his home after having moved and has an extremely extensive collection of Model Engineer Magazines from between 1976—2010. Although many of them are available for free online, would anyone be interested in having a physical copy of them for personal holding? These would be available as an all-or-nothing supply—not to pick and choose between some of them.

Unfortunately there is no where for Bill to store them, so failing in locating an interested collector will likely result in the destruction of the magazines. If you are interested, please contact Dave Housley.

Obituary for Dave Lawson

Obituary

For past member Dave Lawson. Born 03/06/1927, died 27/10/2024 (95 & 1/2)

I have just been informed by Bruce Lawson that his brother has just died.

Only older members will remember Dave Lawson

Dave Lawson joined the club in November 1973.

He was a regular attendee to the club nights.

Dave used to bring seedling plants that he had cultivated along for members to have.

Dave also built a Simplex locomotive and was also building a Showmans Traction Engine.

He was on the Sunday Running Roster for many years.

Due to health reasons, he resigned from the club in February 2014.

Greville Wills.

ASME EXHIBITION

After a gap of five years, it's time to dust off and polish up your prize models to show off to your fellow modelers and the public.

We would like as many models and variety of models as possible. Steam & electric Locos, stationary steam and combustions engines, partial completed projects, clocks, workshop made tools, marine and aviation models.

The normal array of cups and awards are on offer including the prestigious Jackson Cup.

Security will be operating as usual in the workshop and clubroom. So long as everyone ensures the doors remain locked if they are there alone, then all models should enjoy safety of security. Onsite security will be provided on the Friday and Saturday nights.

Timeline (November 2024)

Saturday 9th: Exhibits may start being delivered and setup in the ASME Workshop.

Friday 15th: Last day for Exhibits to be delivered and setup in the ASME workshop.

Saturday 16th:

- 09:00am—12:00pm: Final Exhibition setup
- 12:00pm—04:00pm: Exhibition open to the public.
- 12:00pm—03:00pm: Exhibition Judging.

Sunday 17th:

- 10:00am—04:00pm: Exhibition open to the public.
- 01:00pm—04:00pm: Normal Sunday operations.
- 04:00pm—05:30pm: Exhibition packup and removal
- 06:00pm—08:30pm: Exhibition Prizegiving and Christmas Function at Waipuna Hotel

Workshop Night

The usual crew turned out for workshop night Steve Watson showed off his tool height setting piece for his lathe that he had made from odds and sods in his workshop.

Roger Shearer had made hold down blocks which fit the tee slots in his mill table and secured by a grub screw ,pushed up to the workpiece intending to be fixed and then tightened to the workpiece by another grub screw perpendicular to the slot thus clamping the workpiece.

Murry Hollis bought in a meter he had resurrected and added more read outs to the top of it.

After the discussion it was into the workshop where Steve had some cutters he would like to try and sharpen. In the photo we can see Steve and Dave Housley trying to figure out how to set the thing up in the cutter grinder. Slot drills are simple but end mills require more subtlety don't they Dave.



Marklin Exhibition



ASME was invited to exhibit at their Model railway exhibition on the 12th and 13th of October.

Setup was Friday the 11th in the afternoon to allow for a full days display on the Saturday with everyone ready. When the doors opened at ten quite a few people were waiting and the thoroughfare was constant throughout the day.

The main show was the track running in the centre of the hall which measured approximately 16 x8 metres all the display was made up of modules 2m long with tracks meeting up together governed by a Marklin standard of height and track placement to allow any module to fit to another.

The show case must have been the alpine scene on one side with the city scene across the display on the other side.

The large track was a digital one and could allow up to 5 locos to run simultaneously but it would keep the operators on their toes watching out for derailments and



Marklin Exhibition



A locomotive ran in the afternoon with real scale sound and wisps of smoke coming from it's smoke stack drawing quite a lot of attention from the visitors.

In addition to the main display were smaller tracks for N gauge and Hornby double O.

The interest was predominantly model trains with a slight interest in the larger loco's on our stand although we didn't have any 5inch on display.

The tables would not have supported them. Sunday was just as busy as Saturday and you wonder just where they found out about the show as I only saw one sign out on the main road going to the exhibition.

All in all the exhibition was successful giving the public more awareness and exposure of what we as a club were all about and where we are situated the public might make the trip to see us and hopefully participate.

Dave Housley

