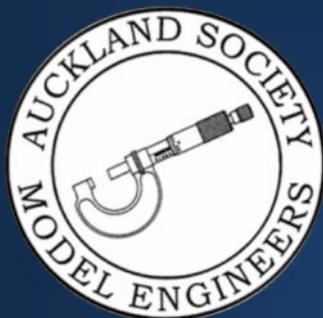


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Emirates New Zealand's new AC72 hydroplaning catamaran, up on foils at speed in excess of 40 knots

# Train Roster

Date	Electric	Electric	Steam	Station	Station	Station	Extra Guard
4 <sup>th</sup> November	T Lawrence	P Moy	<u>G Anderson</u>	R Brown	<b>J Burnett*</b>	R Copeland	
11 <sup>th</sup> November	T Robinson	R van Ryn	<u>G Wills</u>	<b>R Crook*</b>	B Currie	P Cunningham	J Cunningham
18 <sup>th</sup> November	P Woodford	B Aickin	<u>G Bell</u>	G Dickey	G Farquhar	<b>A Foster*</b>	
25 <sup>th</sup> November	I Ashley	D Black	<u>M Orange</u>	D Hamp	G Healey	<b>P Jones*</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> December	R Hannah	D Booth	<u>B Piggott</u>	G Kemp	<b>J Lankow*</b>	D Leybourne	J Clarke
9 <sup>th</sup> December	B Cotton	P Dowdeswell	<u>D Russell</u>	M Luxton	<b>I Lyons*</b>	H Martin	
16 <sup>th</sup> December	P Eaton	M Granger	<u>G Wills</u>	<b>S Meikle*</b>	C Mitchell	D Moffat	
23 <sup>rd</sup> December	----- Xmas / New Year Break - No Roster in Operation - Voluntary if you wish -----						

## **Train Controller Name:**

This is the designated **Train Controller**, i.e. the person in overall control of all operations for the day.

If you are the **Train Controller** you should phone around the others rostered for that day to make sure they remember to turn up.

## **Stationmaster\* Name :**

This is the designated **Stationmaster**, i.e. the person responsible for activities in the station area for the day. The Stationmaster is also responsible to account for the day's takings.

**Please Note**, there is no expiry period or date on train ride tickets previously sold.

## **Please Note:**

On your rostered day you should arrive by **12.30 pm** to get prepared for the days running. If for some reason you are unable to fill 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.

Please ensure you arrange the replacement member with one rostered to undertake the **same** role, to ensure we always have members with the appropriate training and experience on the day

# Club Calendar

ASME Events	
6 <sup>th</sup> November	Annual General Meeting.
13 <sup>th</sup> November	Committee Meeting
17 <sup>th</sup> November	Club Fun Run
20 <sup>th</sup> November	Workshop night at the clubrooms, Trevor Taylor will bring along "Kathleen" and give a synopsis on the rebuild.
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Club Christmas Dinner and Awards Presentation. Bookings need to be made with Graeme Murray with payment at \$20 p.p.
General Events	
10 <sup>th</sup> & 11 <sup>th</sup> November	Tauranga Model Marine & Engineering Club open weekend
1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Opening of Cambridge-Rotorua Live Steamers new track at Cambridge - register via email to D-R.COLLINS@xtra.co.nz
15 <sup>th</sup> & 16 <sup>th</sup> December	River Edge Park (Whakatane) 10th Anniversary run
17 <sup>th</sup> February	2013 Panmure Basin Open Festival Day.

## Presidents Report

### November 2012

As advertised in last month's newsletter, the Annual General Meeting of the Club will be held on 6<sup>th</sup> November. Come along and hear the reports of the past year and proposals for the coming year on the Track & Trolley Project. This is a chance to have your say on the agenda items if you wish or just listen to the debate, so you can then be fully informed on the subject matter when you vote. I wish to remind all members that the Club needs replacements for the roles of President, Secretary and Treasurer as well as for the shortfall in the number of committee members which we have had to work with in 2012. Nomination papers are included with this issue of the Micrometer so you can fill in your name for a role and signify your acceptance to undertake that role as re-

quired by the Rules. **Please give this matter some serious thought** – how can you help **your** Club by filling one of these roles?

The Club welcomes new member Jason Clarke of Sunnynook who is a contract timber flooring installer and has an interest in engines, machines and machinery – please do your best to make him feel welcome when he is at Club events.

The committee has received an updated report from Thorburn structural engineers who have undertaken a review of our existing bridges. The Report says the steel bridges are fine, but that there are some issues with the wooden bridges in meeting today's standard pedestrian load of 400kg/m<sup>3</sup>. They feel we need to limit access of pedestrians on the trestle bridges by fitting gates and to beef up the main span of the pedestrian overbridge by the Clubhouse by adding additional joists. They place minimal value on the steel tie bars on the joists as they feel they are not deep enough to add much additional load carrying support. The remedial work will need to be done in the very near future.

The working bee on 13<sup>th</sup> of October had to be postponed until the 27<sup>th</sup> due to inclement weather. Nevertheless it was good to see about 9 members turn out, in the final analysis, to have a cuppa and natter in the clubhouse! Hopefully by the time you read this report, the small footings to form the base for the new safety fence by the ski club building will be all completed.

The annual auction held at our October general meeting was something of a record – both in the high dollar turnover and the late finish due to the time taken to get through all the items notwithstanding the expertise and efforts of our honorary auctioneer, Mike Jevremovic.

The ASME 2012 Exhibition held over the last weekend of September was a quiet affair, with no pressure from the public either to ride the trains or view the exhibits. There was plenty of spare shelf space available, but those exhibits displayed by members gave a reasonable cross section of the modeling interest held within the Club. We did have some visitors from other Clubs – I talked with a member from Palmerston North ME Club (Finley Manson, who attended with his family as well as our Past President Jim McLean and also Dave Foster from Manukau Live Steamers. Of course this was also the time for Annual Judging - Murray Lane, Allan Foster and Alan Gasteen did the judging assessments – thanks guys. Awards will be made at the Christmas Dinner function on December 8<sup>th</sup>. The Scale Marine Modellers put on a very good display which helped widen the appeal for visitors.

Greville and I met with three representatives of Auckland Council regarding the Club's request for landowner approval to make the intended changes to ASME's miniature railway under the Track & Trolley Project. The request was well received, but they need to seek approval of Transpower who own the middle slice of our leased area. In addition, they asked for details to enable an application for Local Board funding, which we are following up on. No promises, but seems all very positive so far.

We have had no further advice as yet regarding ASME's application for ADR registration with DOL – I am told by MEANZ that they have 11 similar applications filed with DOL but nothing back at this stage.

The next members "fun run" day will be down at the track from 1pm on Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November – so come along with your loco or traction engine and have a run; or just to have a ride and natter with fellow members.

The workshop night for November will again be at the Clubrooms, but with a difference in that Trevor Taylor will talk about the restoration of his Ajax locomotive, "Kathleen". So come along on 20<sup>th</sup> and hear about his trials and tribulations when restoring the loco after its substantial vandalism some 17 years ago.

Arrangements are in hand for our Christmas Dinner and Annual Awards night to be held in the Clubrooms on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> December starting at 6.15pm for drinks and socialising with 2 course dinner served at 7pm. Payment with bookings can be made to Graeme Murray who will be liaising with our normal caterer (Gourmetshuttle) on numbers, so please see Graeme in good time to help ensure you have a place – we will be strictly limited to 50 persons to keep things comfortable for all. The subsidised cost for the meal, for members and partners, is \$20 per head.

Would all drivers please note that we have placed a small LED torch in each of the Club locomotives for use in an emergency if there is a stoppage in the tunnel – please do not remove these torches for other use. In addition, there is a large torch stored on the station trolley for emergency use as well.

Jan and I attended the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of the Hawkes Bay Model Engineering Society at Napier on the first weekend of October. The weekend entailed two days of running on their ground level 5" and 3.5" gauge miniature railway and boats operating on the pond located within the railway and now sporting a lighthouse with revolving lamp! In addition, a function was held in the clubrooms with a "happy hour", speeches and a sit down two course meal, which was enjoyed by all and very fitting for the anniversary celebrations. We enjoyed the weekend's activities, although it turned very cold on the Saturday night and we left the railway running to their younger members! The public supported them handsomely, with a queue for rides being the norm on both days.

Well, after three years, this is my last monthly report – I have attempted to keep all members fully informed of what is happening in our Club through these reports. I look forward to reading the reports of the new President from next month!

*Grant Anderson*

*(23<sup>rd</sup> October 2012)*

# Around the Clubs

## November 2012

### **Narrow Gauge, Adelaide - October, November, December 2012**

Nice cover photo of an engine named Wombat on what appears to be a 5" gauge ground level track. Visit to Coolangatta and the Logan ME track. A number of successful Club, Charity and Birthday runs with photos of the lovely food put on by some of the Birthday party organisers. Interesting history of the firm of Bury, Curtis and Kenedy. Thoughts on a Club loco. A Shaper for sale.

### **Slipstream - October 2012**

Good reports and photos and a visit to the UK Nationals.

### **Steamers and Dreamers, Manukau - September 2012**

Cover photo of a snowplough used by the White Pass and Yucon Railway, it is pushed along by 3 diesel locos. Write up by Dave and Lynne Giles on their trip to Alaska, a good read.

### **E.B.O.P. ME Inc, Whakatane - September 2012**

Weather not kind for the Open Weekend. Large mill bought on Trade Me.

### **Model Torque, Hawke's Bay - September 2012**

Good weather helps track running. A lot of work carried around the track with help from the council. Their 50<sup>th</sup> Celebrations were to be held on the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of October, we hope they went off well.

### **Conrod, Dunedin - October 2012**

Steam Weekend held on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>nd</sup> October. 3 tethered cars for sale. Report from the boating section. Steam Festival to be held at Labour Weekend. Visit to Colin Downing's workshop.

### **Mailship - September 2012**

Good article by Rex Rutherford, well worth a read. The story of the Cape Brett lighthouse. More of Nobby's gear for sale.

### **Blast Pipe, Hutt Valley and Maidstone ME's - October 2012**

Maidstone track almost back in action following Council rebuilding of the sports grounds. Hutt Valley going well. Some name plates made on a home made CNC engraver. Talk on Air Traffic Control. News that the Rotorua/Cambridge track will opening on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Photo of early days at Minogue Park showing Jim Yearn on his unpainted Maid of Kent.

**Wheels and Floats, Tauranga - October/November 2012**

Article on the pros and cons of superheaters. Using Spitfires to carry beer to the troops. Photos of the new concrete track bed. Some good funnies.

**Northern Views, Whangarei - October/November 2012**

Work progressing on the new trollies. Article on new railways to be built in Brazil to be run by contractors. Article too on manufacturing new longer rails. Heavy generator on the move. Photos from around the site.

**Blowdown, Kapiti - September 2012**

Coloured photos of several very nice models. More on rebuilding the Dart.

**Keirunga Park Platform - Spring 2012**

Cover photo showing shunting in New Orleans in 1900. An unbelievable 35" long model of a 1930 Deussenburg. Everything on it works, including the engine. Write up by "Station Master and his Wife" on their trip round the North Island, a good read. A 7 1/4" Hymac and an 8" Boxford shaper for sale.

*Alan E*

## **Note From The Editor's Desk**

### **Trophies**

If anyone still has club trophies could they please return them to Murray Lane ASAP for engraving.

### **Railway Calendars**

There are only three copies left of the 2013 NZ Railway Pictorial Calendar available at \$10 each - please give Grant Anderson a call if you would like one.

# Bits & Pieces

2<sup>nd</sup> October 2012

The only one item displayed was the screw cutting gearbox of a Colchester Student lathe being refurbished by Murray Lane. Murray said that this gear box and the apron gearbox were full of gunk as seen in the photograph and had to be cleaned out. He remarked that he did not dismantle the rest of the box as the eight way selector box looked a bit too complicated with lots of springs in it.

The rest of the evening was taken up with the annual auction which did not finish until 10.30 due to the large amount of equipment from Alan Pritchard's workshop. This was due to the compulsory acquisition of his home which he had to vacate before the end of the month and he and his wife were moving into a retirement home. Trevor Taylor and Alan Gasteen also seemed to be selling many parts of their workshops. There were lots of good items but our genial auctioneer Mike had to work hard to move



# ASME Exhibition Awards



**Jackson Cup**

*Alan Gasteen*

Paddle steamer engine  
and boiler



**Kresta Cup**

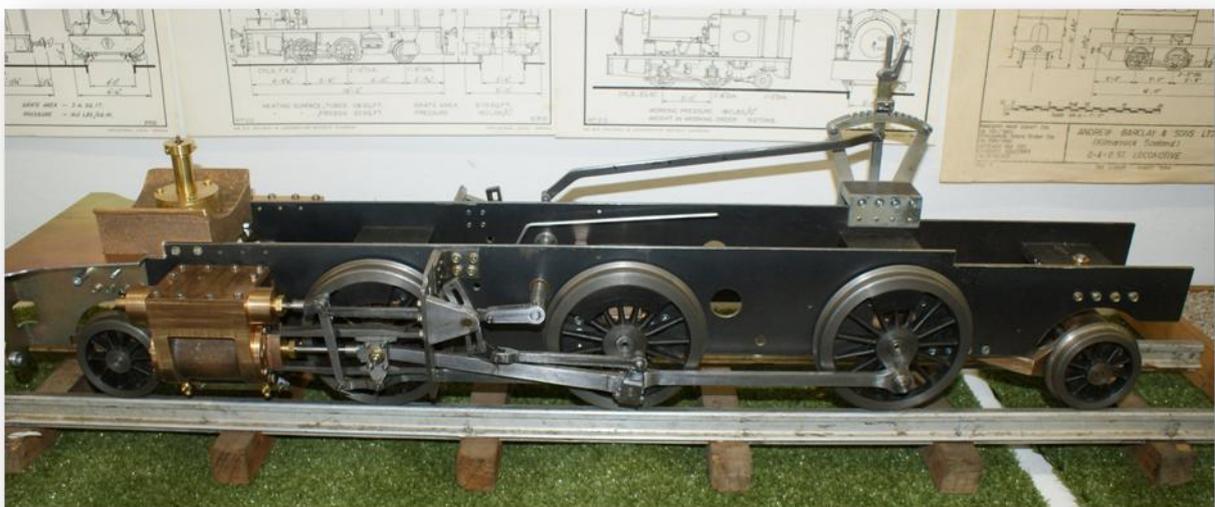
*Allan Roberts*

'Hercules' Aero engine  
crank and rod with pistons

**ASME Shield**

*Allan Foster*

Sensitive drill with attached  
staking tool



**Jack & Ethel Hocking Cup**

*John Lankow*

3 1/2" gauge loco 'William' chassis

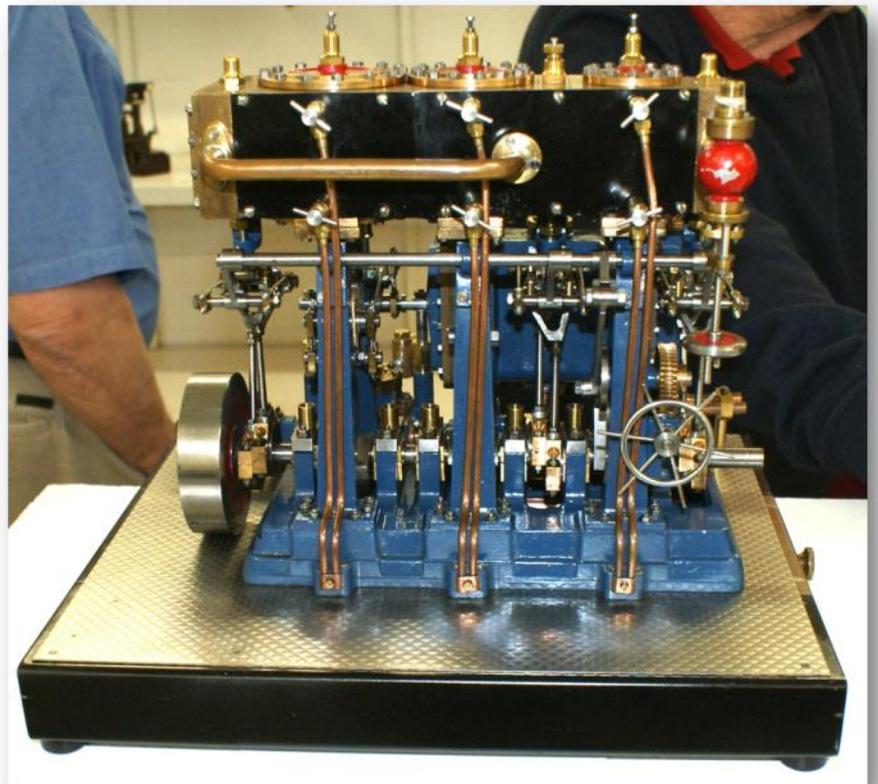


**Committee Cup**  
*Murray Lane*  
Test boiler rig

**Peter Baker Memorial Award**

*Graeme Quayle*

Bolton triple expansion  
marine engine





**Beginner's Medallion**

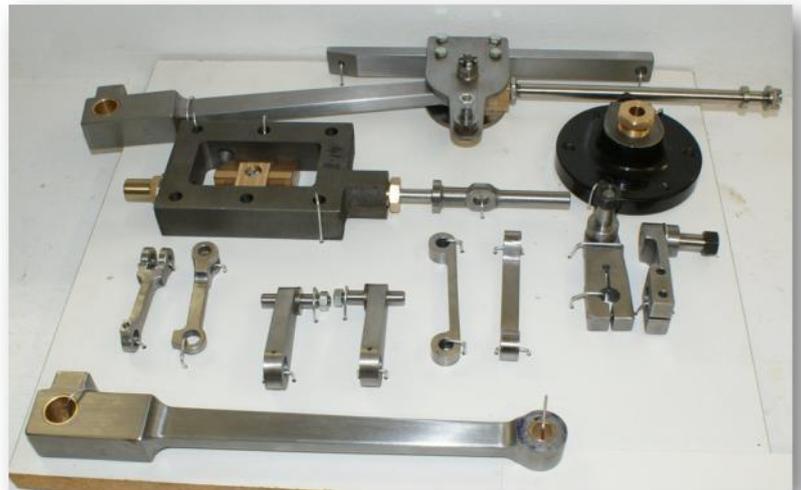
*George Russell*

Miniature oscillating steam engine

**Highly Commended Certificate**

*Dave Housley*

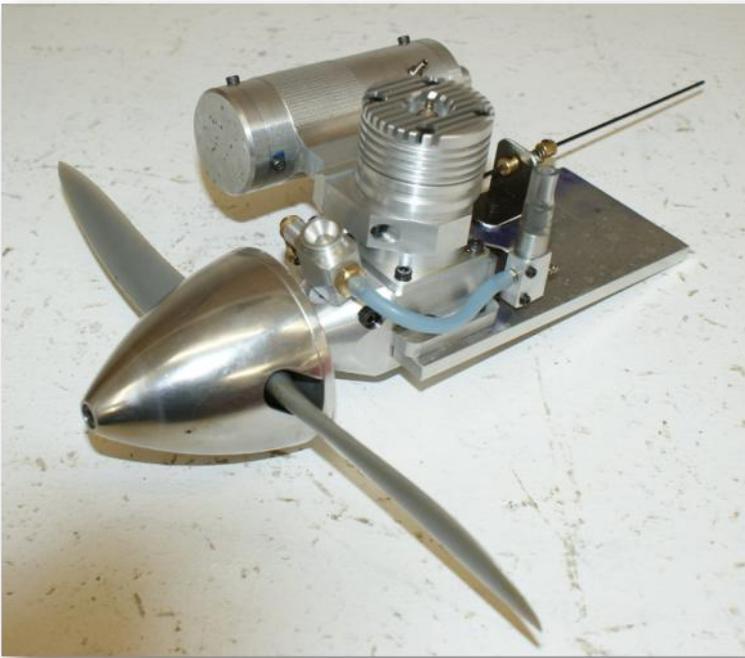
Lima loco motion work



**Highly Commended Certificate**

*Murray Lane*

Lathe attachments



**Highly Commended Certificate**  
*Allan Roberts*  
Single cylinder aero engine



**Highly Commended Certificate**  
*Dave Russell*  
Lathe attachments