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Presidents Report

Hello everyone

The committee has been hard at work reworking how our general meetings will be going this year. We want to focus more on talking about our engineering projects. So, I'm quite proud to announce that the Onehunga Highschool Robotics Team is going to be presenting their student work at the next general meeting for our evening entertainment! ASME last year made a charitable donation to the team to help get them equipment for building their machines, as well as getting them to the competitions so they could showcase their work. We're proud of their progress and looking forward to their presentation on Tuesday night! They'll also be bringing some of their robots to show us how they work!

Additionally, I'd like to remind everyone that volunteers at the station on Sundays for public running that it is imperative to explain the rules of the railway for passengers. While ASME does maintain an impeccable safety record, sometimes passengers can be lax in their listening, so please make sure that they are aware of the rules prior to the train departing the station.

Thanks

Philip Dowdeswell

ASME President

This Month's Calendar

Tuesday, March 4th	07:30pm	General Meeting (Clubhouse)
Tuesday, March 11th	07:30pm	Workshop Night
Tuesday, March 18th	07:30pm	Committee Meeting

TRAIN ROSTER



Date	Electric Driver	Electric Driver	Steam Driver	Train Controller	Station / Guard	Station / Guard	Extra / Person
2-Mar-25	D Housley	A van Zon	Voluntary	<u>T Lawrence</u>	R Souter*	J Bickers	T McDonald
9-Mar-25	M Moore	M Plant	Voluntary	<u>S Meikle</u>	P Dowdeswell*	B Leung	
16-Mar-25	R Reichardt	M Vickers	Voluntary	<u>G Wills</u>	R Crook*	B Matchett	
23-Mar-25	I Ashley	S Watson	Voluntary	<u>B Aickin</u>	M Luxton*	R Shearer	
30-Mar-25	D Housley	C Whitiskie	Voluntary	<u>P Dowdeswell</u>	T Lawrence*	A Van Zon	
6-Apr-25	M Moore	M Plant	Voluntary	<u>S Meikle</u>	R Souter*	K Ryan	
13-Apr-25	R Reichardt	B Matchett	Voluntary	<u>G Wills</u>	R Crook*	S Watson	
20-Apr-25	P Dowdeswell	C Whitiskie	Voluntary	<u>B Aickin</u>	A Van Zon*	R Shearer	T McDonald
27-Apr-25	I Ashley	M Vickers	Voluntary	<u>T Lawrence</u>	M Luxton*	T Schaw	M Schaw

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

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.

Eyestrain Newsletter Delays

The ASME committee is aware that many of our members enjoy reading the Eyestrain Newsletter. We have recently been made aware that a delay in the publication of the newsletter was unfortunately due to the recent passing of Mike Lynskey on the 9th of December.

Mike thought he had caught a minor bug while on holiday, which after many tests resulted in the discover that he had cancer. He passed away only two weeks after finding out.

Although the newsletter team wanted to let everyone know as soon as possible, they were until recently unable to access his email account with the address book and lists.

Dave Griggs has taken over the role of editor of the Eyestrain Newsletter and will begin sending out new newsletters to everyone as soon as they have reorganised everything.

FRANKLIN HERITAGE WEEKEND 2025

In association with
Vintage Engine Restorers Auckland (V.E.R.A.)
and Franklin Vintage Machinery Club

Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th March 2025

9.30am to 4.00pm

Pukekohe Show Grounds

58 Station Road

Pukekohe

Family* \$30.00

Adults \$15.00

6 - 15yrs \$5.00

Under 5 Free

* 2 Adults +
2 Children



VINTAGE DISPLAYS AND EVENTS

Stationary Engines - Tractors - Trucks - Motorbikes - Farm Machinery

Tools - Military Vehicles - Vintage & Classic Cars

Variety of vendor stalls, food and drink, kids activities.

Gold coin rides are available

Bits & Pieces



Mike has finished the indicator for the handwheel on the regulator for the Class 3 Tank locomotive that he is building. He's used a bicycle wheel design to connect the various parts together. It took him a bit of work to get it working, but it looks impressive so far!



Steve has a brother with a farm down in Glenmurray. He went down during Christmas and helped him clear out his barn, finding this Crankshaft Alignment Indicator which was bought for ten pounds, nine shillings in April of 1953.



Evan talked to the club about the history of gold mining in the Coromandel and how many Gold Stamping machines had been setup to process the raw gold from the hills. He has built a scale model of one such machine that he takes around places to show how they work. This small scale model is extremely loud in its operation, so one can only imagine how loud the full scale versions would be—legends tell about how they could be heard as far away as Auckland when running at full capacity!

