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WELCOME!

Welcome to the next edition of the SWARF newsletter.

Time passes so quickly down here, and with a few things culminating at once, the SWARF has fallen behind schedule. Oh well, a few interesting things in here so I won't say any more!

Latest Info

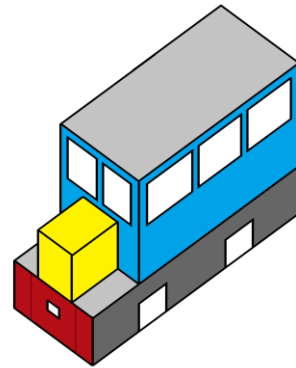
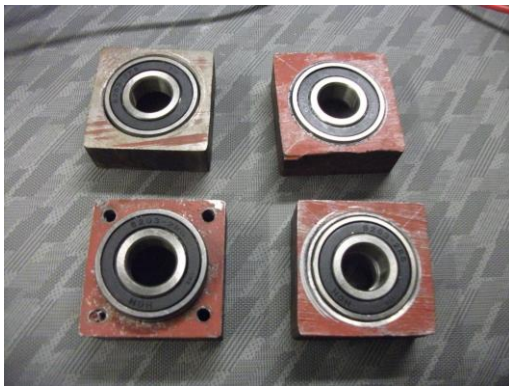
Normal running continues, when the weather is fine! Up until the start of June, Sundays were pretty fine. However the last month-or-so has been a bit 'wintery' with more than 2 days missed out on. We have high hopes for some fine weather eventually! The Wab is still running, still with the odd-problem, however thanks to the guys these have been rectified with the loco rolling round clocking up many kms.

We held our AGM in mid-May, and it went down really well with little change and a few interesting topics. More on this later...

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Above is Cameron, having a 'hoon' on Bens Eb. Ben has recently installed a speedo on his loco, and over the 3 days running at the Manukau Live Steamers Queens Birthday Open Weekend, clocked up just under 81kms! Work has prohibited him from adding more, but he'll eventually get 'Back-On-Track'. He is currently building a 2nd Loco, and has finished the Axleboxes. A big thanks to Monty for turning the wheels, and to Martin for showing Ben some of the skills required...



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Ben has been continuing the '2-Ridecar laps', not only at NPSMEE, but also at other tracks. One report says Ben had 2 on for over 10 laps of the MLS Hill Track...



NPSMEE AGM 2013

We held our AGM in the clubrooms on Thursday, May 16th. Below is the Secretaries Report (Monty) and Presidents Report (Bruce).

Monty

The Annual General Meeting has been and gone. The previous 12 months has been very successful with a good financial result. It is pleasing to report that Hawkes Bay Model Engineers are getting themselves back into a good financial position.

Officers and committee,

President Bruce Jamieson

Secretary/Treas. Monty George

Vice President John Moran

Committee Martin Smyth

Auditor Cath Moran

Don Bell Wayne Reid

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Subscriptions	Ordinary	\$20.00
	Family	\$24.00
	Country	\$15.00
	Junior	\$6.00

We catered for several group bookings throughout the year, which was financially successful.

As the club runs every Sunday (weather permitting), some assistance from members would be appreciated by the few who do all the work. Please front up!

The idea of building another club locomotive to supplement the electric is on the planning board.

Generally club maintenance is minimal. A broken rail joint was the last serious thing to occur.

I will be sending out a request for information and permission to produce a new membership list soon.

Regards, Monty.

Bruce

It is with much pleasure that I present the 2012-2013 Chairman's report. Once again, another successful year.

Thanks to all who assisted in many ways to keep our club going at its best. Our 60th went great with many visitors helping us celebrate another milestone. It was a great honor to present Martin with his life membership. A well deserved reward, thank you Martin and Betty.

Our Christmas Festival night runs, again were well received so thanks for the lights in the trees to the people in the station a job well done.

Martin's new springbok looks great, good job. The club Wab again goes round and round with only the odd hic up. Seems the odd screw is only real problem. It serves as a great ambassador for the club. Thanks to all who keep it going.

Our audit review is passed with only minor items to attend to. John has made a safety check system with enabling us to log regular inspections to fit beside Monty's day running book. A safety guide line running sheet is in operation as well.

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Last but not least the passing away of Dave Gunn. It was with great sadness that we lost Dave as a member & Friend. However it is with great thanks to Dave and his family, that he allowed his Loco to be gifted to the club to run on his behalf.

Thank you to everyone who helped & supported me in my chairman position.

So all in all, we had a great year. Thanks to you all.

Bruce Jamieson.

Colin Batt's Railway

Colin Batt (Cambridge-Rotorua LS) is currently constructing a Private railway on his property just out of Cambridge. Originally started as a 5" gauge only track, it was 1/2 completed when Colin decided to Multi-Gauge. Ben (NPSMEE) and Sean Heenan (Manukau LS) have been helping out on various occasions with track-work, and recently reached over 200m of Multi-Gauge trackage, along with a newly-constructed Loading Ramp. So Colin decided it was enough to justify a Steam-Up of his John Heald-built Tagus. It was indeed a great moment for Colin, however tinged with sadness as we remembered his Father who passed away 15-months ago. Without him, the 'seed' may never have been sown...



Manukau LS Open Weekend

The Manukau Live Steamers held their Annual Open Weekend over

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Queens Birthday. Ben was once again in attendance. This time he took his Eb and enjoyed a fantastic run, with over 80kms clocked! With only one noticable 'hick-up' during the weekend (council mower striking the track, which was repaired quickly by MLS members) the weekend went extremely well, with Fine weather being the norm and little cloud around. The traditional night run was an occurance, with a few locos braving the Dewey-rail for some awesome running and great photo opportunities.



Well, that's all for now. We hope you have enjoyed this newsletter. Please send any feedback/comments/suggestions to

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Until Next Time

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