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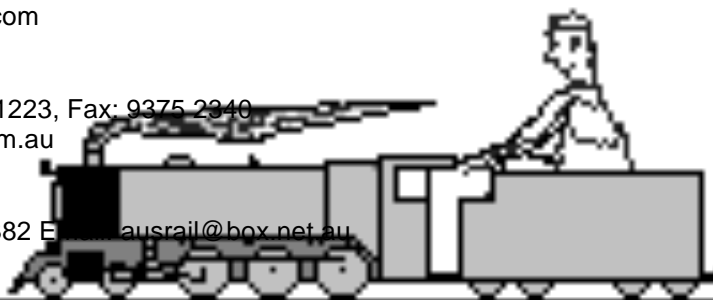
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The President's Bit

To start with, a bit of late notice; CMR's 51st Birthday will be celebrated on the 11th October with a club run. Thoughts are to kick off around 3-4pm with dinner and a night run to follow for those who wish to partake. For catering purposes, please let the Secretary know if you plan to attend. BBQ dinner will be at no cost to members, of course, visitors are welcome to BYO and join in the fun of the evening. In a similar vein, the club Christmas Party will be held at the club, with a catered meal on the 13th December. More details should be in the next issue as things get finalized.

The ongoing subject of junior and/or unqualified drivers; further discussion at committee meetings has brought forth a few resolutions to try and clarify things. Our public run days have been covered previously and the information provided for these stands. I must remind people that Public running times continue until the last train of paying passengers has returned and unloaded. While this train is on the circuit, we are still open to public and run day conditions must be adhered to. Non-Public days however, are a bit of a different situation. The AALS code still requires that when our younger, or any other unlicensed members are driving a train – steam, diesel or otherwise, they must be under direct supervision at all times. Now, there is a little flexibility in how this is administered and with this in mind, it has been resolved that unqualified operators can operate on the Short loop circuit, Convention loop or Wilson loop without a supervisor riding the train, at the discretion of a qualified driver or driving examiner on site at the time.

With the above in mind, if you don't currently have any qualifications for driving etc, I urge you to get involved and start the ball rolling... Speak to the relevant examiner to see what's needed. Examiners are listed in the front of each issue of this publication.

At the recent general meeting, one of the topics of discussion was future meetings - the time, location, format etc. This brought about a lot of discussion and will lead to some changes. It was agreed by those present that for the most part, time and day of current meetings are working well, though it was felt that there should be a few more meetings each year. With that in mind, as next year's calendar is developed, meetings will be planned for every second month, possibly with the first being February. Hopefully this will be confirmed prior to the next issue.

Now for the usual highlights and news...

- Further termite damage has been found in the footbridge, specifically the ramp down to the picnic area this time. Now in the process of seeking a quote for extensive repairs/rehabilitation. The likelihood is that in time the whole bridge will be renewed, however by doing so bit by bit, we avoid the issues of having the bridge out of action for extended periods.
- Great to see the progress on the refurbishment of Bayou Bridge. Slowly but surely the decking is being replaced. Many hands can make light work so if anyone is interested in assisting with this project, speak to Richard Stuart or John Palm.
- It is planned to have a major clean up (or should that be clean out?) of the club's facilities. This is slated to take place on the 25th October, with lunch of some sort being provided for those in attendance. The aim is to clear out accumulated scrap and rubbish and hopefully consolidate the materials rack behind the workshop. Please let the Secretary know if you are able to attend and assist in any way. A scrap bin will be on site, with any building rubble (bricks etc) stored for later disposal.
- Padlocks... Could I ask all members to be careful to ensure doors are locked correctly. We've recently had a door left unlocked, and a padlock go missing (not at the same time...)

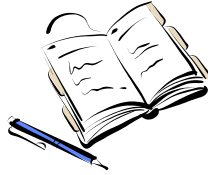
Craig Belcher
President, Castledare Miniature Railway



FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Notes from the last Committee Meeting – these are only a brief summary of some of the items discussed.

- Personal lockers in the breezeway have now been replaced by new ones. The old ones will be relocated to the storeroom for use by the Signals Dept.
- Work has commenced on maintenance of the dual bridge under the guidance of Richard Stuart – this will be an ongoing project so that work does not impinge on the railway operations or pedestrian traffic.
- Wednesday runs will commence from Wilson Station during the coming October school holidays. These will operate from 10am to 2pm.
- More termite activity has been detected in the timbers on the wooden footbridge – agreed to proceed with upgrading the bridge in general. This work will again be outsourced.
- Carriage shed extension now complete – lighting will be added in the near future
- Calendars and coloured brochures will be printed – some information needs to be updated prior to this proceeding
- Canteen area – Secretary is liaising with Swan TAFE who will upgrade the brick paved area. Work will commence early November.
- Club was advised that Hugh Elsol has stood down from his position as Secretary of AALS – Linda Hall has taken on this role until the next AGM.
- Annual safety inspections of the club and its equipment will commence shortly.
- Existing pump for water to the Station area to be replaced. This will be relocated to outside the power room.
- Options to upgrade the toilet block are being investigated – better doors, ceiling etc.
- Contractor to be employed on a monthly basis to mow the picnic ground and take on the task of whipper snipping the grass on the riverbank area.
- Long term project – the club to acquire a new diesel locomotive
- Discussion re proposal for a type of induction process for new members and/or the operation of their locomotive.
- Club owned radios – these are primarily to be used by operational staff – train crews and station staff. When replacing radios into the recharge box – all members should ensure that the radio is securely in place for charging. Purchase of additional radios is being looked at.
- New bench drill has been purchased and is in the workshop.
- Dates set for 2014 birthday and Christmas functions – refer to the calendar. Both these events will be in the form of an evening meal followed by a night run for those members interested. More information as it comes to hand.



DATES FOR THE DIARY:

Please mark these dates in your diary, with a note on the fridge or even in your mobile phone – whatever works to remind you of what is happening !!

~ September 2014 ~						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
14	15	16	17 Work Day 9am	18	19 Work Night 4.30pm	20 Work Day 9am
21 Run Day Wilson Station 9am	22	23	24 Work Day 9am	25	26	27 Work Day 9am
28	29 Public Holiday	30	Notes:			

~ October 2014 ~						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Run Day Wilson Station 9am	2	3	4 Work Day 9am Prepare the Railway
5 Run Day Niana Station 9am	6	7	8 Run Day Wilson Station 9am	9	10 Committee Meeting	11 Work Day 9am CMR Birthday run from 4pm
12	13	14	15 Work Day 9am	16	17	18 Work Day 9am
19	20	21	22 Work Day 9am	23	24	25 Work Day 9am
26	27	28	29 Work Day 9am	30	31	Notes:



2014 BIRTHDAY RUN:

This will be held on Saturday 11th October commencing from about 4pm. “Watson Catering” will be providing a bbq evening meal for those attending. To facilitate catering, please complete the attached form and return it to the Secretary [Ken Belcher] on or before Sunday 5th October 2014.

2014 SANDGROPER’S RUN:

Information received advises this will be held over the weekend of 8th and 9th November 2014 at the South West Model Engineers [WA] Bunbury. Registration forms have been placed on the table in the clubroom.

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS:

These past several months have seen a number of new members join our club. It is hoped that they will be made to feel welcome and enjoy participating in the club’s activities as they learn more about how the club operates. New members are:

- Tania & Scott Andrews with their family Corey, Corran & Tiarn
- Alyce & Tim Loller with their family Jack, Bella, Blake & Chloe
- Luke Mills and his brother Harrison
- Dion Pearson
- Terence Ryan – country member
- Vincent Smith
- Dan & Trinity Highman with their family, Kaidan, Declan, Liam & Shane

The total club membership now stands at 78 adult members [including retired and country members] with 38 junior members – the junior members being registered either as part of family membership or junior membership in their own right.

WORK DAYS:

As usual, there are always many and varied tasks of routine maintenance to be performed around the club. Quite a lot is achieved by the Wednesday or Saturday work crews but there is always room for more members to join in. The Saturday major workdays generally have a good turn up of members and a lot of progress can be made on these days with various projects.

As members of the club, we all have a responsibility to contribute as much as we can both in the maintenance and operation of the railway. We should not think that ‘someone else’ will turn up and do tasks that, at times, are fairly straightforward and can be completed by anyone. It’s not hard to tidy up the clubrooms, sweep the floors etc.



These regular workdays not only achieve quite a bit at your club but also provide an opportunity to mix and mingle with fellow members – have a coffee and a chat. If ‘all of us’ do something then ‘none of us’ will have to do so much.

Stats from August Niana Run Day

G535

16 trips 488 passengers On traffic 1030 Off traffic 1535

5158 (Black Five)

2 trips 37 passengers On traffic 1030 Off traffic 1155

2000 Dependable

13 trips 322 passengers On traffic 1030 Off traffic 1515

15 Judi

1 trip 6 passengers On traffic 1055 Off traffic 1130

2401 John Millman

11 trips 88 passengers On traffic 1040 Off traffic 1510

EM44

13 trips 298 passengers On traffic 1125 Off traffic 1519

C1701 Comet Vale

7 trips 140 passengers On traffic 1245 Off traffic 1530

4401 Gulgong

1 trip light engine to workshops & rtn On traffic 1340 Off traffic 1430

MA1862 Carabao

1 trip Fire Train On traffic 1030 Off traffic 1545

TOTAL 65 trains 1379 passengers

Fine weather saw long queues and strong passenger loadings despite it being Avon Descent weekend.

7 trains ran as a double consist to convey extra passengers due to no additional locos being available.

Events

SPADS:

Automatic Signal NA3 failed at Red but was obeyed by most Drivers under Stop-Wait-Proceed rule. The only Driver who didn't do this was someone who should know better!

One loco passed No4 signal at Niana during shunting operations without the movement being requested from Control by Shunter or Driver. It is essential that all movements at Niana on a run day are only carried out when authorised by fixed signals or verbal authorisation from Control. Do not assume you are clear to make the next move! If in doubt, ask.

Breakdowns:

15 Judi failed in Niana 1125.

5158 Black Five failed at Wormhill 1145

Derailments:

Maroon Set Car No CMR129 Bogie No CMR348 being hauled by G535 derailed on Short Loop behind Clubrooms due to sudden erratic passenger movement. No fault in rolling stock or track.

Fires:

Smell of smoke detected near Bullfrog, Duty Officer Chris Doody and Junior Member Dion investigated, found smoldering log, extinguished using hand sprayer. This illustrates the importance of vigilance and all trains carrying fire sprayers.

Signed

The Thin Controller

August Wilson Run

During the August Wilson Run a tiger snake was injured when it was run over by one of our trains. This accident was reported and the snake was collected by people from the Reptile Protection Centre and taken to the Reptile Park at Armadale. Unfortunately it was so badly injured that it had to be put down.



The young snake was believed to be about 18 months old and around 1.5 meters long.

Mike Crean
Wilson DO

'Newman' now at Box Hill

Newman N1 arrived at Box Hill Miniature Railway in Victoria on Wednesday 3rd September. It was sold to my brother Chris Crean and I feel sure that it will find pride of place at it's new home.



Mike Crean

Stats from September Niana Run Day

Here are the figures from the Father's Day run which was one of the least busy I have seen in years but I suspect the weather played a part. It is interesting to note that the team of Richard, Trish and John Watson ran more trips and pulled more people than Vic, which is quite a feat! The appeal of steam would have played a part too I think. It is great to see that Sumo's reliability has reached a point where you can 'turn around' in the same time as a diesel!

G535	11 trips	169 passengers	On traffic 0900	Off traffic 1518
G535	1 trip	Empty Cars		
8694 Elizabeth	3 trips	66 passengers	On traffic 1040	Off traffic 1210
Sumo	13 trips	302 passengers	On traffic 1050	Off traffic 1502
EM44	7 trips	90 passengers	On traffic 1105	Off traffic 1507
B15 Judi	6 trips	48 passengers	On traffic 1150	Off traffic 1453
4401 Gulgong	2 trips	46 passengers	On traffic 1205	Off traffic 1450
4401 Gulgong	1 trip	Light Engine		
TOTAL	44 trains	721 passengers		

Overcast weather and showers saw reduced passenger numbers despite it being Fathers Day which is traditionally busy.

Events:

NO SPADS
NO FIRES

Breakdowns:

8694 Elizabeth suffered injector failure at Penrhyn, Driver dropped fire and declared loco failure 1155. Assisted in rear to Niana by following train Sumo 1158.

Derailments:

'K' Set car No ALS206 being hauled by B15 Judi derailed No8 points adjacent to B Cabin 1150.

Rerailed 1152.

Yellow Set being propelled by Sumo from the rear (see Breakdown note above) derailed on Short Loop near level crossing 1159. Rerailed 1201.

B15 Judi derailed Penrhyn 1308. Rerailed 1310.

Signed
The Thin Controller.

CASTLEDARE MINIATURE RAILWAYS W.A. (INC) SIGNALS AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS

For your information

S&T Notice 09/2014

08/09/2014

The Signaling System is to facilitate regular and safe movement of trains around the network.

There are two types of signal at CMR. Colour light and Semaphore.

There are three classes of signal.

1. HOME Signals

Stop and Stay.

Identification.

Signal number board is located to the centre of the mast just below the signal head.

Instructions.

If displaying DANGER, RED, wait 10 seconds and then contact the controlling Signaler for instructions.

When authorised proceed with extreme caution.

If at DANGER only the controlling signaler can authorise passage.

*If this type of signal when displaying DANGER, RED is passed without authorisation it is considered a **SPAD** (signal passed at danger) and will be treated as a serious reportable breach of rules and may invoke disciplinary action.*

2. AUTOMATIC Signals

Stop and Proceed.

Identification.

Signal number board is located to the LEFT of the mast just below the signal head.

Instructions.

If displaying DANGER, RED, wait 10 seconds and then proceed with caution.

3. Shunting Signals.

Stop and Stay.

Identification.

Usually at ground level or attached to a HOME signal.

Instructions.

If displaying DANGER, RED just wait. If Signaler intention is not clear wait 10 seconds and contact the controlling Signaler for instructions.

When authorised to proceed continue with extreme caution.

This type of signal is also known as a call on signal and allows movements right up to the next train or obstruction.

Use the same rules as for HOME Signals.

Definitions:

Proceed with caution or extreme caution.

The next signal will be displaying DANGER, RED. There may be an obstruction or another train, moving or STOPPED in the section following the previous signal.

The onus is on the following train to avoid a collision.

Notice Board



MAJOR FACILITY CLEAN UP

This has been scheduled for **Saturday 25th October commencing at 9am**. All members are requested to participate within their abilities. Morning tea and lunch will be provided and it is hoped to achieve quite a bit on this day. It would be really fantastic to see a good roll up of members and this would then make the task a little easier all round. It is planned to have some 'skip' bins on site to assist with the removal of unwanted materials around the club. If you are able to come and help tidy up your club grounds, etc. please let the Secretary know via e-mail or phone call so we can cater accordingly. It would be terrific to see some new faces of the club joining the regular work force – grab your work clobber and come on down!

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Changed your email address, or home address? If so please do not forget to notify the editor. This will ensure that you always receive your Cinders and Soot email notification, or 'snail mail' copy.

If you wish to submit an article for inclusion in Cinders and Soot, please note that the closing date is the 15th of each month. **The format should be; Word, Arial font size 10, photographs less than 1MB (.jpg).**

Please send your contributions to Trish Stuart at the email address on the page 2.

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2014 CMR Birthday BBQ:

I / We _____ will be attending the 2014
(Please print name/s)

CMR Birthday BBQ on Saturday 11th October.

For catering purposes there will be:

Adults _____ Children _____ members

and

Adults _____ Children _____ visitors

**RETURN THIS FORM TO THE CLUB SECRETARY [Ken Belcher] ON OR BEFORE SUNDAY 5TH
OCTOBER 2014**

