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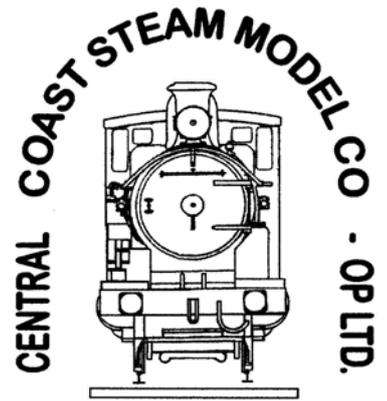


OUR CLUB ACKNOWLEDGES THE FREEMASONS LODGE SARATOGA FOR THEIR GENEROUS SUPPORT.

Our club was fortunate to receive a most generous grant from the Freemasons Lodge Saratoga. Head of The Lodge, Ron Hill (pictured, left) presented Greg Rowland (right) with a plaque from the Lodge, which is displayed in the Canteen area, acknowledging the support our club has received from The Lodge.

With the generous support, a new stainless steel BBQ and hood, along with a tone of track steel was purchased for the club. "The Central Coast Steam, Model Co-Op is most grateful for the kind donation from The Lodge," club President, Greg Rowland said, "It is pleasing to see our hard work in providing a community facility recognized."

Head of The Lodge, Ron Hill said, "The Lodge is pleased to be able to assist in this valuable community project. We look forward to being able to assist in the clubs future endeavours. You have a wonderful community facility that the Lodge is proud to support."

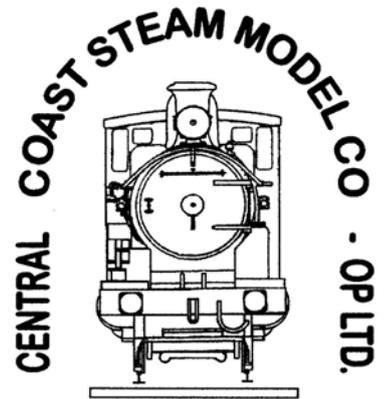


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Above: Keith Lewis & Mick Farrell double heading their loco's.

Front Cover Picture: Club President, Greg Rowland, (right) being presented with a plaque by Freemasons Lodge Saratoga President, Ron Hill (left).

FROM THE PRESIDENTS DESK

As seen on the front cover, our club played host to the Lodge Saratoga Freemasons at our December Run Day. The Masons presented our club with a wall plaque which has been erected in the Canteen, above the BBQ that was purchased with the funds from their generous grant. We look forward to a long relationship between our two clubs.

There are several places around the grounds where the tracks require maintenance, some of it urgent. The tracks and McDonalds Bridge (between the trestle bridge & bottom crossing) requires urgent replacement. There are several sections on the back straight that require maintenance and a section in the party loop that requires replacement. If anyone with welding skills has time to spare, we have the steel ready.

Also if anyone has carpentry skills, there are several bridges that require attention.

We were pleased to have the weather on our side for the March Run Day. Our finances are still a little down on where we'd like them to be, but the forecast is looking better for the April Run days.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind members that we have 2 additional Run Days in the month of April, Saturday 10th April being the School Holidays Run Day—ticket sales go towards the new loco fund, and Thursday 22nd April from 11am to 2pm for the Gosford Playgroups run. If you are available for either or both of these dates, please come along.

Greg Rowland
President

The Secretary's Desktop

Having now gotten into the swing of things as the club Secretary I find that the things I took for granted in the smooth operation of the club require time and effort on the part of many individuals who come together to form a cohesive group.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their individual efforts in making our club the successful community family entertainment venue that all of our visitors enjoy.

We now have a Facebook page on the internet. www.facebook.com is the internet address, search "Central Coast Model Steam Trains" and you will find our page. I have been taking photo's on our public run days and posting some of the pictures to the site (with the participants permission of course). We have over 80 followers within 2 months which is encouraging - it allows us to directly send messages to 80 people instantly. I have been promoting our public running days on the site. There are many people who are members of the public as our "fans" because I don't recognise many of the names.



Done Your Biennial Training Yet?

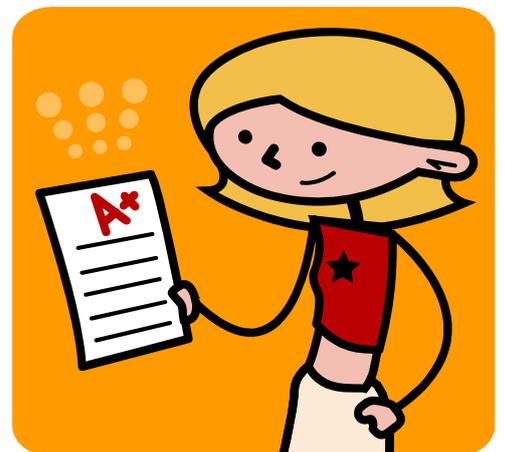
As part of our AALS Insurance requirements, all members are required to complete biennial training and be assessed as competent in the various positions around the club grounds on Public Running Days.

Our Club Training Officer, Noel Richards, has put together a training package that meets the requirements and has been delivering the training and conducting the assessments with the assistance of Keith Lewis.

If you have not completed your training

yet, a copy of the Training Manual will be posted to you shortly. An opportunity to do the exam, which should take about 1 cup of coffee and 10 minutes, will be given at the April Public Running Day and School Holidays Running Day.

Upon completion you will be issued with a competency card for when you visit affiliated clubs.





Board of Directors Report

A new year has come and is rapidly leaving us all behind. With no board meeting held in

December, the board reconvened on Thursday 28th January.

A report was tabled by Sam Hawkins regarding the proposed changes to the Active Membership Rules. See the article on Page 7 for more on the results of the member survey. At the time of printing, we are waiting to hear back from Fair Trading regarding our proposal.

Norm Browne has taken it on board to write articles on behalf of the club for submission to the AME Magazine. If anyone has suggestions or wants to write an article, please drop a note in the Secretary's Inbox.

At the time of publication, there is a water cooler / bubbler being installed in Bay 2 in the workshop, next to the downstairs fridge. This was purchased on Ebay for \$400. Our members with the plumbing & electrical skills will be installing it shortly. This will cut down on our bottled water expenses.

CHANGES TO ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP RULES

The results of the member survey have been compiled and are as follows:

We received 27 responses. 2 of these responses were lacking the security markings to ensure that they are an individual and original document.

Of the 25 formal responses, 5 were against any changes to the rules and 20 were in support of changes to the existing rules.

Of those 20 in favour of changes, the preferred changes are as follows:

2 supported the number as 2 occurrences (and both would support another number).

6 supported the number as 3 occurrences (and all 6 would support another number); and

12 supported the number as 4 occurrences (with 8 indicating support for another number, and 4 indicating support for only 4 occurrences).

So from the results of the survey, a proposal is to be submitted to the Co-Op Registry for changes to our active membership rule, with the Meetings requirement dropped, and 4 Run Days and 4 Work Days to be completed in a 12 month period.

Sam Hawkins

Caption Competition

Come up with a caption that sums up this picture.



Correspondence Highlights

In addition to the usual bills & bank statements, we have received numerous invitations from other clubs to their inter-club functions. These invitations have all been placed on the club noticeboard. If you need copies or further details, please contact Sam Hawkins on samhawkins@dodo.com.au or 0428323148.



Vale Paul Sawle

The Narara Valley Lions Club and Central Coast Steam Model Co-Op lost a valued member and friend this month. Paul Sawle passed away aged 75. Paul is survived by children, grandchildren and his wife, Del.

Celebrating the life of

PAUL SAWLE

25.7.1934 - 29.3.2010



Our club was represented at Paul's Funeral on Thursday 1st April.

The thoughts and prayers of all our members are with Paul and Del's families and the Lions Club.

Any members wishing to contribute articles to the February Edition of Short North are asked to submit their article, either by email or in writing into the Secretary's Inbox by 30th April 2010.



Calendar of Events

MARCH 2010

Thursday 4th Grounds Maintenance
 Saturday 6th **Public Running Day**
 Saturday 13th Club Play Day
 Thursday 25th Board Meeting
 Thursday 25th Club Meeting 7:30pm
 Saturday 27th Grounds Maintenance

APRIL 2010

Thursday 1st Apr Grounds Maintenance
 Saturday 3rd Public Running Day
 Thursday 8th Grounds Maintenance
 Saturday 10th School Holidays Run Day
 Saturday 17th Club Play Day / Maintenance
Thursday 22nd Gosford Playgroups Run Day
 Saturday 24th Grounds Maintenance
 Thursday 29th Grounds Maintenance
 Board Meeting

MAY 2010

Saturday 1st Public Running Day
 Saturday 8th Club Play Day
 Thursday 27th Board Meeting
 Club Meeting 7:30pm

JUNE 2010

Saturday 29th Grounds Maintenance
 Thursday 3rd Grounds Maintenance
 Saturday 5th Public Running Day
 Saturday 12th Club Play Day
 Thursday 24th Board Meeting
 Club Meeting 7:30pm
 Saturday 26th Grounds Maintenance



Information Display Creation

Fred Pryde and Robyn Nutter are in the process of creating a model, history and information display for our public running days.

Fred is seeking photo's and information posters etc for inclusion in the display.

All photo's supplied will be copied and the originals returned to the owners.

January Run Day

Unfortunately the weather conspired against us again. Beautiful weather leading up to our run day, then a wet forecast. Upon arriving in the morning we checked the weather forecast and the rainfall radar on the internet and made the decision to press ahead with the day.

Our passenger numbers were way down on the day, as were our members and rolling stock.

None the less, for those attending, both members and the public, an enjoyable day was had by all.....till the rain arrived about 2:30pm and washed us out.



Statistics from the day:
Tickets Sold: 431
Party's Booked: 1
Tables Booked: All Cancelled
Members Present: 26

February Run Day

Once again we were greeted by another poor weather forecast, scaring away members and the public alike.

For those die-hard train players who attended, a lovely day was had by all. Enough of the rain already. Once again we were rained out mid afternoon. Bec & Natalie demonstrated the consequences of going for "one last ride"



Statistics from the day:
Tickets Sold: 391
Party's Booked: 1
Tables Booked: All Cancelled
Members Present: 35

March Run Day

A gloomy weather forecast, probably predicted by Tim Bailey, turned into a beautiful day with plenty of sunburnt skin!

An excellent turn out of general public and a full compliment of party bookings. Leal Brack made a triumphant return with the former club loco 8010



as seen here.

Sam Hawkins' loco failed as he was heading over to the Party area in the afternoon. Fortunately (or unfortunately) a bogie bolt nut had come loose and no damage resulted, but the loco did not return to service that afternoon.

Statistics for the Day:

Tickets Sold: 855

Members Present: 35

Run Day Coordinator: Ivan Burns.

Members Trains Attending: Mick Farrell, Keith Lewis, Ted Williams, Leal Brack, Sam Hawkins, Kris Macey, Trevor Crowhurst.

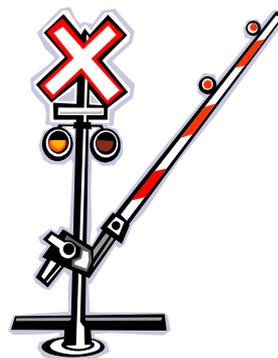


Signals Team News

Signals area B is in the process of building a new signal control location above the path to the party area crossing. Cables are currently being laid in conduit for all signals and points to be controlled around the party loop. This will facilitate train movements around the party loop, stopping at Helstan Circle Station or using a relief line, and also crossing back to the main line to return to Narara Junction Station.



There is no current date for commissioning of the new signaling system - it will be done as time and funding permits.



Around The Grounds

With lousy weather on 6 of the last 7 Public Run days our finances are looking a bit worse for wear. The grass continues to grow with all the rain followed by sunshine (pitty the sunshine isn't around for the running days).



A weed sprayer on a ride-on trailer will be organised to go around the tracks and grounds. I'm sure everyone will notice the results.

RAILS CAUTION ALERT:

There is currently a 5km/h caution on McDonalds Bridge as the under-structure has rusted away due to the salty tidal water that flows underneath. Greg has inspected the track & bridge, it is safe for running at this stage but will need major repairs to be undertaken in the very near future... **STAY TUNED FOR DATES WHEN HELP WILL BE NEEDED.**



CCSM Classifieds

For Sale

SOUTHERN MAID

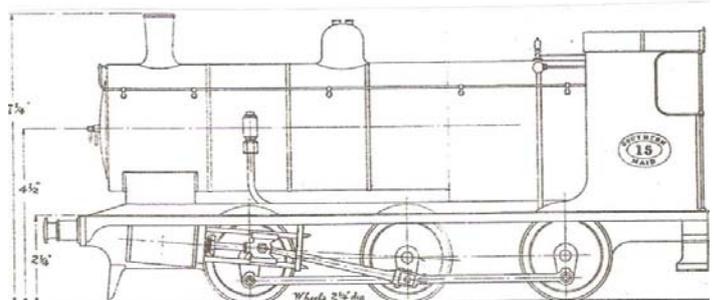
2^{1/2}" G 0-6-0 L.B.S.C Design



Not built up , only engine & tender frames ,wheels turned , funnel, smoke box, axle box's castings & rods all to be finished . Boiler is complete but only to English standard.

Three sheets of drawing's plus L.B.S.C full info on how to build this unit as published in Model Engineer September 17 1934.

Offers , To John Mills 02 43843189



Simple 2 1/2 in. gauge locomotive for sharp curves.

Right: Leal Brack lubricating Number 10



From The Webmaster



We're on Facebook - www.facebook.com "Central Coast Model Steam Trains"

Our Facebook site already has 80 fans, made up of members, friends, and members of the general public.

As our "fan" base grows, it provides us with a free way of reaching people with information about upcoming events or any offers we may choose to put on.

It also allows our members, and visitors, to post pictures and comments of their day at our grounds.

If you don't have access to the internet, please see Sam Hawkins who will show you what the social networking site Facebook has to offer.

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