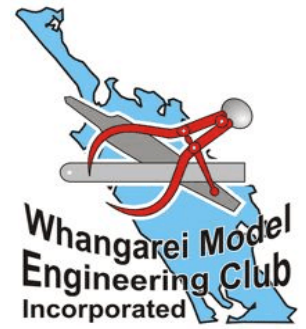

Northern Views



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Clubrooms and Running Track at Whangarei Heritage Park SH14 Maunu

Website: www.wmec.org.nz



Club Notices

Running day 3rd Sunday - February 16, 2020, 10 am - 3 pm

Mid-week Workdays - Generally Every Wednesday, 10 am - 3 pm

Extra running days - none advised this month

From the Editor

Welcome to the first issue of Northern Views with me in the editor's chair. For those who have not met me yet, I am "the new Pom in the club". I joined the club shortly after arriving in Whangarei, as part of a move to New Zealand from the UK in September 2018. I currently work at the refinery out at Marsden Point as an Instrumentation Technician.

In the UK I was a member of Lincoln and District Model Engineering Society and have brought my 7 1/4" gauge Kerr Stuart Wren locomotive "Rosemary" out with me, as some of you will have seen on club running days at Maunu. I also have a part built steam loco and a part built 7 1/4" petrol powered 1/2 size Lister Rail Truck, which I will progress once I have got space to set my workshop up again.

My other interest is British motorcycles and I have a few that need recommissioning and registering for New Zealand roads, again even more projects waiting until I have space.....

Speaking of space my partner Mandy and I have recently bought a section out at Maungatapere and a workshop

Anniversary Open Weekend

Visitor numbers were down this year, possibly due to a fire ban in Northland which may have kept some of the steamers at home and the fact that it was only 2 weeks after this years Steel and Steam International Convention down in Hamilton?

Despite this a good time was had by all, Saturday was relatively quiet but got us in the mood for an intense day's running on Sunday in conjunction with the Museum's "Medieval Madness" event. It also allowed the visitors to carry out a post mortem on Asi's loco "Linus" after it became increasingly sluggish as the Saturday progressed. The only steam loco running on Saturday was "Rosemary", Dave Giles came up with his latest electric loco and his ride cars, having elected to leave the Shay at home due to the dry conditions.

Sunday saw 3 steamers out on the track, "Rosemary", Lloyd's Phantom and Grant Anderson's WK plus Dave Giles' electric and 2 club locos (444 and the Santa Fe) The drivers were kept busy with a steady stream of passengers through to early afternoon. As things quietened down Grant and Lloyd decided to do a bit of shunting and marshalled their trains into a 4 car double header for 2 or 3 laps of the track. After this "Rosemary" was reversed back to see if the coupling would clear the cow catcher on Lloyd's Phantom. It did, so a triple header was run for a few more laps, the first lap "Rosemary" did not contribute much due to the fire being a bit dull and clinkered. Having got the fire cleaned and stoked the second lap was a different story with Grant and Dave Giles on Lloyd's loco deciding to sit back and see what "Rosemary" could do.

Monday was quiet with the visitors having packed up and the club locos doing the passenger hauling. Lloyd shunted coaches with his diesel and dragged "Rosemary" from the basement round to the steaming bays to load up



Dave Giles' electric loco



Post mortem underway on "Linus"



A quiet moment on Saturday



Double headers climbing the bank



And relax back at the station



Lloyd doing a bit of shunting on Monday

Website request received

Rodney received an email request via the web site, please see below

To: info@wmec.org.nz

Subject: Model Steam engine?

To Rodney White club president.

Hi Rodney.

This is James Patterson living in Auck. Im writeing to model clubs etc,trying a find a Model stationary Steam engine. Either home built or commercailly made.Im retired and have always had a keen interest in the working power of steam. Im wanting a model steam engine to show the young generation how the working power of steam started this nation ,so it would be more for educational purposes.Size does not matter as long as it is in working order with boiler and burner. Im not buying via TradeMe auctions, because Ive noticed sellers are only interested in the highest \$. So if I can find a genuine collector or someone willing to part with one, I would be very greatfull. So if you could put the word arround up there at your next meeting? That would be great thanks.

My email address is william67@actrix.co.nz

Im able to travel to the North,Im originaly from Northland.

Many thanks Rodney, Regards James.

Open Day Invitation



MAIDSTONE OPEN DAY

MMES is planning for another Open Day on Sat 15th Feb 2020 (1 day only)

We will be open for public running from 10am to 4-30pm. Gates will be open by 8am for visiting locomotives.

Coal is available.

Current Drivers Licence and Boiler Certificate must be made available before running your Locomotive.

BBQ lunch, morning and afternoon tea will be provided.

Please advise either Nathan Reynolds phone 021682062 or Brian Hawke 0275284938 if you are attending.

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