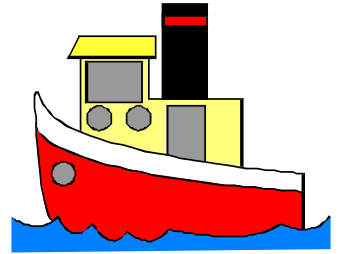




Wheels and Floats



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TAURANGA MODEL MARINE AND ENGINEERING CLUB INC.

The Secretary
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Miniature Railway Memorial Park
Open to Public, weather permitting
Sundays in Summer: 10am to 4pm approximately
Winter 10am to 3pm approx
Website: www.tmmecc.org.nz

MEETINGS

General Members Meeting every first Tuesday 7pm.
Committee Meeting every second Thursday at 7pm.
Maintenance Tuesday mornings from 9am.
Engineering discussions Tuesday evenings 7.30pm.

COMMITTEE

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| President: | Peter Jones | 543 2528 |
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| Club Captain | Bruce McKerras | 5770134 |
| Secretary: | Murray de Lues | 027 3020930 |
| Treasurer: | Owen Bennett | 544 9807 |
| Committee: | Warren Belk, Shane Marshall, John Stent, Russell Prout, Clive Goodley. | |
| Boiler Committee: | Peter Jones, Bruce McKerras, John Heald, Paul Newton. | |
| Safety Committee: | Warren Karlsson, Bruce Harvey, Peter Jones, Malcolm George, Marty Rickard, Brian Kincaid. | |
| EDITOR: | Roy Robinson 07 5491182 royrob@wave.co.nz | |

CONVENERS

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| Workshop: | John Nicol |
| Track : | Bruce Harvey, John Stent, Russell Prout |
| Marine: | Warren Belk |
| Librarian: | John Nicol |
| Rolling Stock: | Clive Goodley |
| Website: | Murray de Lues |
| Driver Training: | Clive Goodley |
| Club Captain: | Bruce McKerras |

OPERATORS 2016

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| 19 June | R Salisbury |
| 26 June | G Barnes |
| 3 July | B Fitzpatrick |
| 10 July | C Goodley |
| 17 July | B Harvey |
| 24 July | P Jones |
| 31 July | W Karlsson |
| 7 August | B Kincaid |
| 14 August | P Lindsay |
| 21 August | B McKerras |
| 28 August | N Bush |

PRESIDENT'S POINTS

Greetings Members.

Shortest day a couple of weeks away and winter starts in earnest, has not been that prevalent so, in fact quite mild.

However thinking ahead our committee agreed that it would be a good idea to reduce the hours we do on Sundays when the clock has been rolled back from daylight saving, so Sunday winter running will be from 10.00am to 3.00pm until the 25th of September. I know our Sunday team will welcome this change, good to get home in front of the fire or heat pump before the bones are completely chilled out. I know a few of our fellow model engineers South of the BOP will think we

are Pusey's but the decision is not unique and it will bring forward the late afternoon rush before the sun sets over the top of Devonport Road.

The ticket clippers shelter is progressing, the job to manufacture the frame has been awarded to Pyes Pa Engineering. There will be some finishing work to be done at working B's but the major part of the project will be finished for us. Meanwhile the track gang is hard out setting up the automation of the yard under the direction of Russell Prout. Russell is putting the final touches to a consul that will be placed inside the new clippies shelter from where a system of pneumatic controlled and driven points will make route controlling in the station and marshalling area a breeze. Shane Marshall is working on strip lights to indicate points direction that will be ground based that will remove the tripping hazard of light standards, great idea. I am confident this will all be in place by our open weekend in November. Any night running in the future will be a breeze.

Those that have visited the loft and workshop at Palmerville will have noticed quite difference. John Nicol has been working hard cleaning up the area, the entrance to the loft has been made safer with the installation of a barrier and a hatch door that covers all the opening. Thanks for you efforts John. The loft has a lot of treasures that have been donated to the club, some of it come in hand and some of it just too good to throw away. If you see something that you might be able to make use of, please check with one of the committee before you take possession.

Happy modelling

Peter Jones.

EDITOR'S EXCERPTS

No pearls of wisdom this month. Please keep the articles and remember JPG pics and Word documents only.

Don't forget the For Sale, Trade, Want section. Yes, you have all got something (lots!!!) in your man cave that you could turn into Cash and we all need that!!!!

Roy

Microsoft Windows 10

Recently I observed Microsoft taking control of my computer, said they were going to install Windows 10 in one hour's time. I had the option to delay that upgrade once only, after which they would go ahead and install Windows 10. If the computer was turned off then they would install the upgrade next time the computer was turned on. No ifs, buts or maybe, they were going to do it. I attempted to turn off my computer but they had control and the computer would not respond to the control, alt, delete shutdown, so I removed the battery.

My computer has several old programmes installed that Google tells me are not compatible with Windows 10, and I am not ready to risk them being inoperable, so I prefer at this stage to remain with Windows 7. It is possible that a programme may still run ok in Compatibility Mode, but that is very much a hit or miss possibility, so don't assume that will fix the issue.

There is a process to prevent Microsoft from installing Windows 10 as follows. Navigate to *My Computer*, right click and select *Properties*. Select *Windows Update*. Select *Installed Updates*. When the Installed Updates have all appeared, enter in the Search Box, top right of the screen, KB3035583 which should then only be showing that one numbered Update. Select the update and Click *Uninstall*. After a Restart the Windows 10 logo should have disappeared from your screen.

Owen Bennett.

Queens Birthday Waihi Beach Run

Shane (Starlight Express) and Phil (Lord Darby) took the 4" Burrells up to Waihi Beach about 40 mins north of Tauranga for a run around the streets. A number of club members took their smaller scale engines up there along with a couple of classic cars and bikes. The weather was crisp but otherwise outstanding. I even saw the sunscreen being applied. The two engines were steamed up and off they went. You want to stop a town, just drive a couple of traction engines through the main street. Off to the next destination being a well known local coffee shop called the Flat White Cafe, a stop was made to re fuel. When Phil went to move off, lots of power from the engine but no motion. As he wasn't sitting in a cloud of white tyre smoke, there had to be something wrong. Some bolts in the drive train had sheared. Thanks to a kind local who loaned us a tow rope, we headed for the cafe. Our arrival emptied it out in minutes and it was a mission to get enough space to take photos. Loaded Lord Darby into its trailer and back to base for a BBQ.. Photos thanks to Murray and Peter follow.



Queens Birthday Weekend Waihi Beach

Above : Shane and Phil's engines at the Flat White Café

Below : Lloyd, Mike and Peter with the display. Lloyd's Traction Engine (foreground) Peter's nearly completed Traction Engine (background) and Bruce's restored Velocette Bike.





Above : Phil Allen, one Happy Camper!!!! (Note the smoke smuts on the face)

Below : Just leaving the assembly point.



THE FULL SIZED TAMAR LOCOMOTIVE HISTORY

Numerous questions have been put forward by some club members interested in the original design. Of the full sized engines and is there any left?

The design is a Kerr Stuart 2 foot gauge 0-4-2 narrow gauge engine from a family of quick build, off the shelf engines, with common castings for several of their smaller gauged locomotives. The Tamar was the largest of the family, the Tagus the smallest and could be built with side or saddle tanks. If a saddle tank was fitted to the Tamar it became known as the Brazil design. The Tagus known as the Darwin. There are a number of Brazil and Darwin class engines still operating on preserved lines around the world.

Most engines were built from about 1914 until Kerr Stuart went into bankruptcy in 1930. They had a very well balanced weight on the driving wheels and were renowned for pulling heavy loads. The company, plus parts and drawings, were then taken over by the Hunslet Locomotive company. Hunslet continued to build and sell some of Kerr Stuart engine proven designs up to around 1952, one in the 1990's!

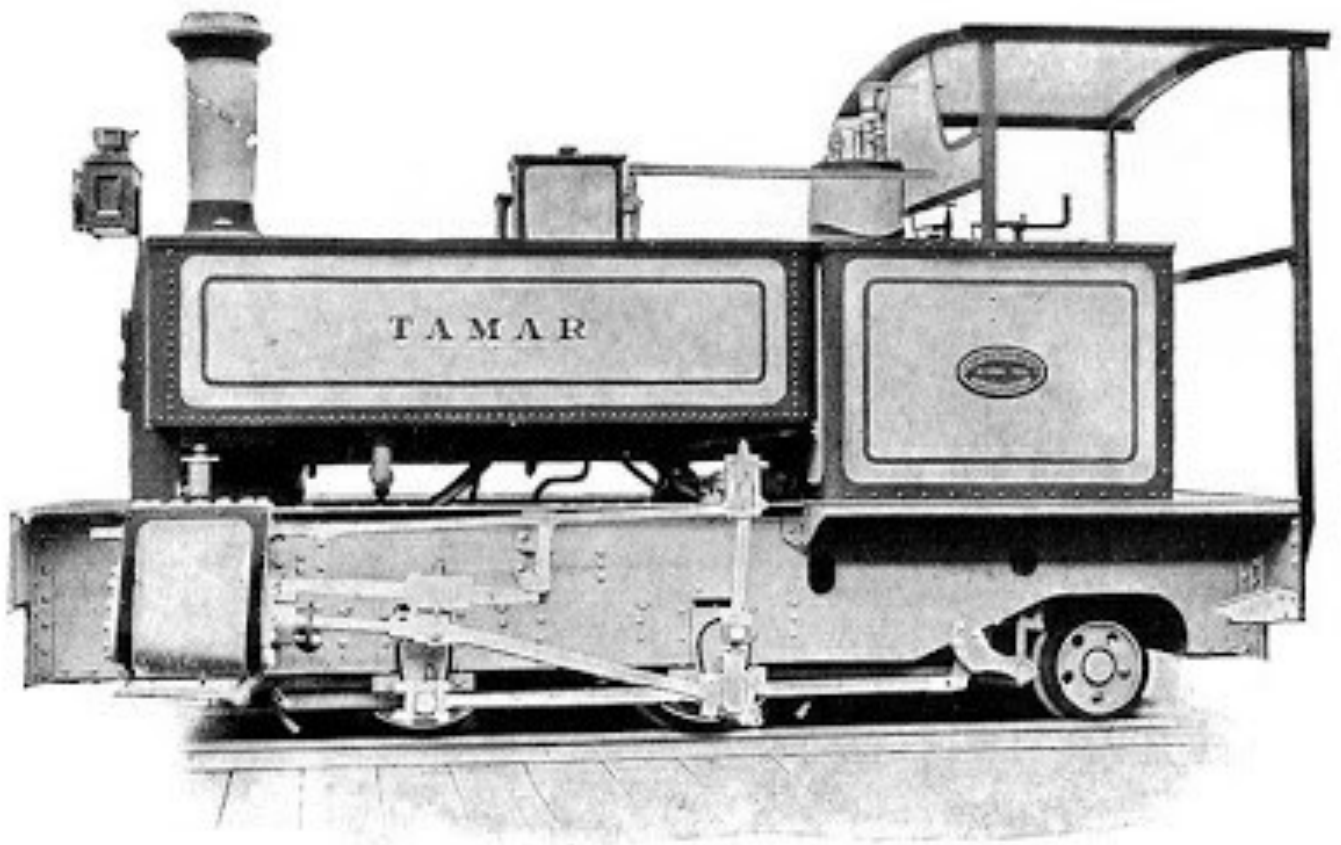
The engines appeared to be mainly used on industrial, sugar and palm oil plantations.

There are about 4 or 5 known Tamar's plinthed or statically stored engines around the world. One is in South Africa, one in Mauritius and two in Cameroon at the disused Bota Palm Oil Mill. The picture attached is of one of the two Tamar's stored in Cameroon. These engines were built by Hunslet as late as 1952.

All the Hunslet engines and last ones built by Kerr Stuart had Hackworth valve gear and the Tamar model is fitted with a modified form, without the slide block motion, called Marshall. Less wear and easier to replace worn parts. The model is built to one third full size.

John Heald





Queen's Birthday Weekend Waihi Beach



Above: Thought Bruce Mc may be interested in this, be a change from the BBQ!!!!!!

Below : My son says "if you've got the hiab I've got the mower!!!!!!



A successful rancher died and left everything to his devoted wife. She was a very good-looking woman and determined to keep the ranch, but knew very little about ranching, so she decided to place an ad in the newspaper for a ranch hand...

Two cowboys applied for the job. One was gay and the other a drunk. She thought long and hard about it, and when no one else applied she decided to hire the gay guy, figuring it would be safer to have him around the house than the drunk.

He proved to be a hard worker who put in long hours every day and knew a lot about ranching..

For weeks, the two of them worked, and the ranch was doing very well. Then one day, the rancher's widow said to the hired hand, "You have done a really good job, and the ranch looks great. You should go into town and kick up your heels."

The hired hand readily agreed and went into town one Saturday night.

One o'clock came, however, and he didn't return.

Two o'clock and no hired hand.

Finally he returned around two-thirty, and upon entering the room, he found the rancher's widow sitting by the fireplace with a glass of wine, waiting for him.

She quietly called him over to her..

"Unbutton my blouse and take it off," she said.

Trembling, he did as she directed. "Now take off my boots."

He did as she asked, ever so slowly..

"Now take off my socks."

He removed each gently and placed them neatly by her boots.

"Now take off my skirt."

He slowly unbuttoned it, constantly watching her eyes in the fire light.

"Now take off my bra.." Again, with trembling hands, he did as he was told and dropped it to the floor.

Then she looked at him and said, "If you ever wear my clothes into town again, you're fired."

P.S.

I didn't see it coming, either!

For Sale, Trade, Wanted

Wanted : Many thanks to those who offered to lend me fixed and traveling steadies for the Myford, however I would like both in my artillery so please give me a call if you can assist.

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