

WHEELTAPPER

NEWSLETTER OF THE

WESTERN PROVINCE LIVE STEAMERS

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Public Running	First Saturday of Every Month	Web Site	www.wpls.co.za
Xmas Braai	15th Dec 2012	Club Day	15th Dec 2012

Around the club

With winter 2012 having been one of the wettest in recent years, outside work at the club has been somewhat subdued. However, the station bridge and ash pits have all been completed and plans are afoot to start the tunnel in the New Year. Summer has finally settled in, we know this because all the grass has stopped growing and has turned into a fire hazard! The pit for the loading bay electro mechanical lift showed signs of caving in, so a small team has started on a civil engineering project to prevent this from happening. Wouter has been busy in the workshop and installed a point next to the turn table, please use this siding when you run into troubles on running days and keep the station lines open.

We were all sorry to lose Jan's 15F to foreign tracks but welcome Percy's J Tank, together with Bobby's DHR, Jeffery's 16DA, Gerald's Britannia, Koos & Roberto's Hunslet making the hard core of our effective steamers. It once was said that we were the "Hunslet Club" but it would appear that several of the owners have put their steeds out to grass! We appeal to you to bring them back to the track. We miss them.

Public running days continue to be very well supported even to the extent, on a couple of occasions, of stretching our resources close to their limit. We welcome the group of younger members that have joined us during the past year.

Our thanks go to the small group who continue to maintain the club in a good state.

Alas, as yet another year races to a close, we wish all the members and their families good health and enjoyment over the festive season and the year ahead.

Diesel Driver Testing

This turned out to be a very successful exercise with 7 Diesel drivers being passed out! Congratulations to the following people:

Melissa Hunn	Neil Hunn	Gavin Lock
Bodene Gundry	Suki Lock	Leon Cloete
Ivan Stewart		

Fire Hazard

Much of the ground maintenance has been to try prevent run away fires this summer, a fire break has been made along the fence as well as grass poisoned next to the line. The bridge has been "cleaned" underneath to prevent ash falling onto dry grass and sticks under the bridge. Unfortunately these preventative measures won't stop fires and it is going to be up to us to ensure fires are quickly put out. Last year we had some fire watchers and I would like to encourage those who are not busy with other running day actives to take turns at fire watch duty.

HDR photography



HDR is a range of methods used to provide higher dynamic range from the imaging process. Non-HDR cameras take pictures at one exposure level with a limited contrast range. This results in the loss of detail in bright or dark areas of a picture, depending on whether the camera had a low or high exposure setting. HDR compensates for this loss of detail by taking multiple pictures at different exposure levels and intelligently stitching them together to produce a picture that is representative in both dark and bright areas.

HDR is also commonly used to refer to display of images derived from HDR imaging in a way that exaggerates contrast for artistic effect. The two main sources of HDR images are computer renderings and merging of multiple low-dynamic-range (LDR) or standard-dynamic-range (SDR) photographs. Tone mapping methods, which reduce overall contrast to facilitate display of HDR images on devices with lower dynamic range, can be applied to produce images with preserved or exaggerated local contrast for artistic effect.

These pictures were taken and created by Corné Breydenbach using the HDR tone mapping method

Christmas braai

Just a reminder about the Western Province Live Steamers club day and Christmas braai on the 15th of December 2012.

A photographic club from Durbanville expressed interest in taking some photographs of our club and have been invited to do so at the Christmas braai, so bring down your locos for a photo shoot and run.

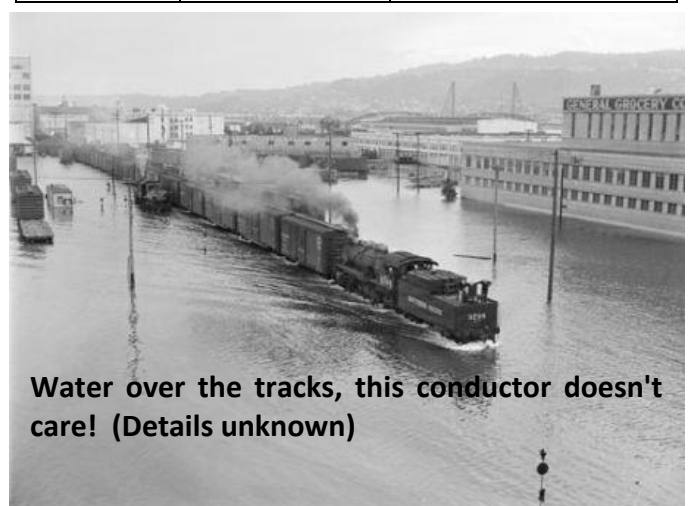
Food will be ready at 5pm. Boerewors, chicken, and coleslaw will be provided.

Please bring your own alcoholic beverages.

Please confirm your attendance by phone, e-mail or post.

Club Calendar 2012 - 2013

Date	Time	Event
Sat Dec 1	9:00 – 17:00	Public Running Day
Sat Dec 15	9:00 - 18:00	Christmas Party/ Play Day
Sat Jan 2	9:00 – 17:00	Public Running Day



Water over the tracks, this conductor doesn't care! (Details unknown)