

WHEELTAPPER

NEWSLETTER OF THE

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Next Play Day	16th July 2011	Public Running	First Saturday of Every Month
Newsletter date	June 2011	Next GM	9th July 2011

National Steam Meet 2011

Despite the ever rising petrol prices, road works and distance to Cape Town, people from around the country still braved the "great trek" bringing with them smiles and good conversation. In our reasonably small community of like minded individuals, the highlight of the yearly steam meet has to be seeing all the great people from around the country. Small groups of people scattered around the club grounds catching up or caught up in some steam train related story/technical discussion.

The sounds of locomotives chugging, safety valves and whistles made up the ambient noise or "music" of a steam meet. Polished locomotives, traction engines and stationary engines provided endless hours of entertainment.

A big thank you has to go out to everyone who attended the steam meet, many hours were spent in workshops to ensure engines were ready for the meet. Members of WPLS who spend months before hand preparing the club grounds and facilities. Lastly, our thanks to the people who gave a helping hand with the organizing, catering and accommodation.

Pictures of the meet can be found on the following websites:

<http://bit.ly/kPOns5> - Credit: Hannes Paling

<http://bit.ly/mh3xZO>

A complimentary DVD of the steam meet will be sent to club representatives who attended the meet for club libraries. DVD's are available for R50 each for individuals who would like a personal copy.

If you have any photo's of the meet that you would like to share, e-mail - editor@wpls.co.za

April Play Day 2011

For those of you who don't yet know, a "play day" has been introduced on months with more than 4 weeks (normally the 3rd Saturday of the month). This is a perfect day to come test your new loco or run your loco that has been hibernating for some time. The aim of the day is to have fun and enjoy all the countless hours spent in the workshop without the pressures of a running day.

April play day saw quite a few recently completed loco's being tested. Bernard Taylor and his 5" V2, this 3 cylinder engine has a beat that has to be heard. Ian Dorrat and his 3 1/2" 8F, a fantastic runner!. Gerold Martini and his 5" Britannia, the power this loco produces is something to humble even the most skilled driver/fireman. There were a few Hunslet's chugging around merrily as they do. Bernard Ridley also tried to fire up Cape Town No1, unfortunately a leak halted operations, keep on at it, we all look forward to seeing her running proudly one day.



Taken from: Tabletop Machining by Joe Martin - A basic approach to making small parts on miniature machine tools (a great read for new members or younger person interested in Model Engineering)

SAFETY FIRST

A boy of six has been killed and 28 others - mostly children - were injured after a miniature train overturned in an amusement park.

This was the headline after an accident at South Carolina - Spartanburg Park. This is a reminder to us that things can go horribly wrong even in our hobby. Having been a driver on public running days for many years, i would like to ask everyone to make the "Safety First" policy a top priority, members and drivers should be extra aware and cautious on public running days and rule breaking passengers should be denied rides. Lets work together to keep our clubs and societies safe and out of the negative spot light of news headlines.

STEAM TRAIN NEWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD

Love me tender: The rebirth of the Flying Scotsman

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By Alastair Dalton

The locomotive that has hauled one of the most famous trains in the world since the 1920s will be unveiled for the first time tonight after a £1.5m rebuild

IT IS the great survivor from the era of luxury rail travel – and about to carry passengers again on the eve of its 90th birthday. Flying Scotsman, the steam locomotive synonymous with the most famous train in the world, will tonight be unveiled after a £1.5 million rebuild to enable it to run again for decades to come.

The National Railway Museum in York, which saved engine No 4472 from being sold abroad in 2004, has completely dismantled it before replacing or refurbishing every one of its thousands of components. The painstaking work will enable the locomotive to return to main-line service which it has – uniquely – performed almost continuously since being built in 1923.

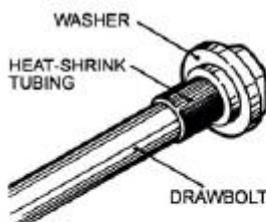
Within the next year, its tour programme will bring Flying Scotsman back to Scotland for the first time since 2000, traveling at least as far as Edinburgh.

Designed by Edinburgh-born Sir Nigel Gresley, the Pacific-class A1 locomotive was plucked from obscurity by the London and North Eastern Railway (LNER) to front a new premium London-Scotland rail service in an attempt to trump its west coast rivals. The engine was given the same name as the Flying Scotsman train to haul a new non-stop service between the English and Scottish capitals, which took rail travel to new heights of luxury when it launched in 1928.

www.flyingscotsman.org.uk

DRAWBOLT WASHER RETAINER

- Steven Smith



Here's a simple and good-looking way to keep a drawbolt and washer together.

Mr. Smith of San Mateo, California notes that when you lift a drawbolt out of

the mill spindle, the washer can easily slide down the bolt and fall off. The bolt and washer can also become separated while rolling around in your toolbox. A short length of heat-shrink tubing slipped over the bolt shaft will keep the washer in place.

BIRTHDAY SUIT

A wife walks into the workshop completely naked.

Husband - Darling what are you wearing?

Wife - This is my birthday suit she replies in a sexy voice.

Husband - Looks like your birthday suit needs to be ironed.

TAIL PEACE

Sadly, Geoff Johnson has passed away. An avid steam chaser in the 1990's, Geoff captured some of the last main line and narrow gauge locomotives running in South Africa and created DVD's of these exciting chases. A regular face at the club, he contributed by making DVD's of running days and bringing extra revenue to the club through DVD sales. His jokes and great personality will be missed.



This still frame of the Red Devil shows the speed that a steam chaser must drive along dirt roads to capture the footage.

"Steaming Chasing is not for the faint hearted" - Geoff Johnson

FROM THE EDITOR

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Athol Hirst for his contribution as News Letter editor. I (Justin Shaw) am going to give the honor of News Letter editor a bash, please feel free to contact me with suggestions for articles editor@wpls.co.za - 082 7392199

FROM THE COMMITTEE

Well can you believe it!! The end of June is here again, and guess what? You're right! 2011/ 2012 subs are now due. We do really value your continued membership and since we have once again for the fifth not increased subs (still R150-00) please help your committee by paying early as the increase in the price of coal, electricity along with petrol and particularly paraffin, we are feeling the pinch. We take this opportunity to sincerely thank all members for your support during the past year.

The next general meeting will take place at the clubhouse on Saturday 9th July 2011 at 14:00. See you there!