

GREETINGS

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Many thanks to all who have renewed their memberships. We have also received a lot of donations.

We also welcome a couple of new members to our Club and our railway. We hope your time with us will be enjoyable and productive.

### A G M

Don't forget that this will be held on Sunday 18th March at 1:30pm.

A shunting school will be held on the morning of that same day, 18<sup>th</sup> March, starting at **10:30am**. It is important that <u>ALL</u> our operating members turn up for this school.



### STATION

Last Working Bee, Jan and Gail cleaned out the kitchen cupboards, while Ashley, Guy and Elliot cleaned out the station masters office.

It was amazing the amount of 'junk' that came out of both places.

# ANNUAL CHECK SHEETS

These are being worked through. Guy and Elliot did the one for the Planet. They also changed the oil in the forward/reverse gearbox. By the look of the old oil, this hadn't been changed for a long time.

Ashley did the check sheet for the jigger. CJ has done the ones for the two carriages and our wagons.



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# OPEN DAYS:

The first ones for 2012 will be on

April 1st

May 6th

June 3rd

We need more members to help in the station, are you available?

### WORKING BEES:

These are an extremely important part of keeping our railway running. Please turn up and help, there is always heaps to do.

March 25th

April 29th

They are held on the Sunday of the 4<sup>th</sup> FULL weekend of the month.

# TREES

Robin has planted more trees, mostly beside the drive up to the Junction.

# HUT RENOVATIONS

The battery electric crew are busy doing up a hut at the Junction, so that they can use it as a smoko hut/sleep-over.





### QUIZ

What pair of viaducts are these?





Clue: The old viaduct and a tunnel were superseded by the new viaduct and a cutting.

# MIDNIGHT VISITORS

We still get these. We have recently lost the two point lever bases for the bottom terminus points. These were screwed to sleepers but somehow our visitors unscrewed them.

This week I (CJ) noticed 10-12 bags of screw spikes had gone from a hut up the line, about ½ Km from the nearest road access.

Not sure how we can stop this sort of theft as we can't keep everything locked up.

# TRACTOR

Our overworked tractor has decided it has had enough and what I think is a gearbox bearing has packed up. We are hoping to get someone more familiar with tractors to decide exactly what is wrong with it before we start pulling it apart.

This will not be an easy job as first the bucket attachment at the front end must be removed. The tractor must then be split in half to get at the gear box. VOLUME 6 ISSUE 2 PAGE 3

This tractor is always in use for lifting things, towing or shifting gravel etc.

# РЕСКЕТТ 1630

After a layoff for Christmas, Neil and Dave were down putting the extra lagging on the boiler. A contractor spent three days making and fitting the cladding. It looks really good.



The next step is to put the side tanks and cab roof on.

### CLIMAX 1650

A lot of work has been done on this loco. Dave continues to unbolt pieces of the main frame, then cleaning them. They are then stored in a container.

Richard has largely cut out the two pieces of the boiler that need replacing.



The bogies were taken to an engineering firm in Te Kuiti. They have been dismantled and the wheelsets are at Glenbrook Vintage Railway for tyre turning.

# NO. 3 CAR

Robin and Derek worked on the new bottom plate, the last section for the side being overhauled. It only needs a couple of jobs with a router and it will be ready for fitting.

Bob has been working on the replacement piece that forms the end of the roof, above the platform. The old one was very rotten and a new one was made a long time ago by laminating pieces of plywood, gluing them and cutting it to shape.

### Св117

This is in pieces for its annual boiler survey.



# DIESEL LOCO 401

The engine oil was changed during the January working bee.



This job was done by CJ and new member Russell.

### Ds Loco

This is owned by Bruce. He has recently had the 'new' radiator done up. The whole fan assembly has been dismantled, cleaned, painted, put back together and bolted to the radiator.

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# The Photo Gallery



Who is this? Our own Colin Jenner managed to be even higher than a prince in the Google image search results for a "bush steam train driver".



The fan cover on the Ds radiator needed a bit of 'persuading' to fit back on. Here CJ (on left) is about to gas cut a bit off so that the bolt holes will line up. Also in the picture is our new member, Russell (on right), and Bruce (in the back).



A rare occasion when the whole rake of engines was pulled out of the shed.



We would like to once again thank Accurate Auto Glass for supplying and installing all the windows on the Goodman electric loco.

# QUIZ ANSWER

The Hapuawhenua viaducts

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