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AGM TIME

Its that time of year again when everyone has to resign from the committee and then reapply. This year there will be two vacancies on the committee as neither Bob Devearux nor myself are re standing, so if you want to help in your society, then talk to the chairman. I wonder if many members are reading the events being run by other societies? It is something that I have started to put in the newsletter and as you can see there are plenty of places to visit. One of which is the Frimley society, I intend to take the camper and make a weekend of it are there any other members who would like to come along on the adventure? I visited the track a few weeks ago and the members made the family feel very welcome and it is a very interesting set up. So if you have a tent or camper, then give me a call. On the visiting front, I would like to express my thanks to all the members who helped in the Polly event it was a resounding success, the letters of thanks from the visitors to our members and how magnificent the track was, made all the behind the scene aggravation all worth while. Statistically wise it was so far the most number of Polly's in one event. As for running it again next year, well who knows. Donnington venue has changed this year to Warwickshire so don't forget to remind yourself on that one. About it from me, back to the outside cylinders of the King, see you soon. ED

Chairmans Thoughts

On a personal note Diane and I would like to thank you for your kind thoughts during a very stressful time this last month, our son Robert is now home and hopefully on the mend. We have our charity day on the 24th July this year, it is for the Crohn's and Colitis Association (NACC) and your support on this day would be appreciated. If you have been to the track recently you will have seen our new station building is in place and it has already had its first coat of wood treatment but it does need another coat so if you have some time to spare there are plenty of brushes. The building holds all the new and old trolleys with some room to spare. I will be seeing the builder shortly to discuss finishing off the landscaping. We intend to have a large paved area next to the building and raise the height of the existing platform to get rid of the wedges we have to use now.

Well as you know this month it is our AGM (20th JULY) so please come along, I promise to get the necessities over as quickly as possible Our August meeting is not at the Muscliffe Centre but a BBQ at the TRACK so bring a loco and have a run, but you will need lights to run in the dark.

Funlec

For the first time in several years we have Funlec scheduled in this summers program of events on the 25th September. For those not familiar with the event it is a simplified efficiently competition based on IMLEC but just for fun. For this to be a success we need two things firstly members to enter the competition with their steam engines – sorry no battery engines we all know they are more efficient anyway! Secondly volunteers to help plan and run the event. So far Dick Ganderton and John Hoyle are the only members in the team, please consider if you can help out. Please contact Dick or John as soon as you can. Brian

Forthcoming Events by other societies

G Scale Society Exhibition 16th July Alexander Centre Faversham. **Hampworth & Landford Vintage Working Rally** 16 - 17th July Contact Garth Everett 01794 390829 for details. **Dreaming Spires 2005 Oxford SME** 23 - 24th July Contact Chris Kelland 01235 770836. **ADSME 60th Anniversary Road & Stationary Engine Weekend** Picket Piece Andover 13 - 14th August contact Hon Sec. Mr John Berry 18 Blackthorn Close, South Wonston, Winchester Tel / Fax 01962 882616 e-mail john.berry@evansgrant.co.uk **FLMR** (Frimley & Ascot Locomotive Club) Visitor Weekend 12 - 14th August see www.flmr.org for lots of details or contact Peter Gardner on 01252 541999. **Bristol SME Exhibition** 19 - 21st August Thornbury leisure centre details contact 0117 967 5878. **Harrow & Wembley SME Open days**, 27 - 29th August 10 - 6 each day contact R.Greenhill on 020 8248 0442 for details. **Basingstoke & District Model Engineering Society Gala Weekend 3 - 4th September**. This will have model boats, traction engines and an exhibition. Contact Malcolm Duckett on 01420 562835 for more details. **Midlands Model Engineering Exhibition** (formerly Donnington) 14 - 19th October Warwickshire Exhibition Centre

Diary Dates

- 20-Jul-05 AGM
- 24-Jul-05 Charity Day Crohns & Colitis Association
- 30/31-Jul-05 Luscombe Valley Grand charity day Prostrate Cancer
- 3-Aug-05 Visit to Gordon Miles 16mm Railway 2 - 4.30 & 6.30 - 9 pm 16 Nairn Road Canford Cliffs
- 14-Aug-05 3:30pm Hardanger Demo Nicki Merrifield **NOTE DATE CHANGE**
- 17-Aug-05 BBQ Littledown
- 19-21st Aug-05 Bristol Model Engineering and Hobbies Exhibition Thornbury Leisure Centre.
- 3-4th Sept-05 Pecorama Gala Weekend (Pete Waterman to open the event)
- 10/11-Sep-05 Luscombe Valley Autumn Run
- 21-Sep-05 tbc
- 25-Sep-05 Funlec Volunteers needed to assist Dick Ganderton to run this event
- 19-Oct-05 tbc
- 16-Nov-05 tbc
- 18-Dec-05 Santa Special TBC
- 21-Dec-05 Christmas Party
- 24-Dec-05 Luscombe Valley Humbug Day ■

Last Months Competition

- Q1 Alcohol
- Q2 Speed Of Light
- Q3 Fresh Breeze
- Q4 Copper & Tin ■

And Finally

After every flight, Qantas pilots fill out a form, called a "gripe sheet," which tells mechanics about problems with the aircraft. The mechanics correct the problems; document their repairs on the form, and then pilots review the gripe sheets before the next flight. Never let it be said that ground crews lack a sense of humour...Here are some actual maintenance complaints submitted by Qantas pilots (marked with a P) and the solutions recorded (marked with an S) by maintenance engineers. By the way, Qantas is the only major airline that has never had an Accident. ...

P: Left inside main tire almost needs replacement. S: Almost replaced left inside main tire.

P: Test flight OK, except auto-land very rough. S: Auto-land not installed on this aircraft.

P: Something loose in cockpit. S: Something tightened in cockpit.

P: Dead bugs on windshield. S: Live bugs on back-order.

P: Autopilot in altitude-hold mode produces a 200 feet per minute descent. S: Cannot reproduce problem on ground.

P: Evidence of leak on right main landing gear. S: Evidence removed.

P: DME volume unbelievably loud. S: DME volume set to more believable level.

P: Friction locks cause throttle levers to stick. S: That's what they're for.

P: Number 3 Engine Missing. S: Engine found on right wing after brief search.

P: IFF inoperative. S: IFF always inoperative in OFF mode.

P: Suspected crack in windshield. S: Suspect you're right.

And the best one for last...

P: Noise coming from under instrument panel. Sounds like a midget pounding on something with a hammer.

S: Took hammer away from midget ■

This Months Competition

- Q1 What is Mechanophobia the fear of?
- Q2 Which European country first banned aerosol sprays?
- Q3 What common metal is liquid at room temperature?
- Q4 Where is the new venue for the Midlands Model Engineering Exhibition? ■



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