

THE CITY OF SUNDERLAND MODEL ENGINEERING SOCIETY Ltd

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OPEN DAYS 2007

SUNDAY 17th JUNE

SUNDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER

Commencing at 10am on each day

Joan will be providing her excellent buffet on both of these days, to date no one has been disappointed with her food. Tea and coffee also supplied at the trackside. Model Road Vehicles are permitted to drive on the Roker Park pathways. Driving bogies available on both tracks. Boats can be sailed on the Park Lake.

All visitors are welcome, with or without their models. Members models will be displayed in the gazebos erected on site. Free Car Parking available alongside the track.

Notice the change in the September Open Day date. This is due to our promised support, with a club stand, at the Centenary Model Engineering Exhibition. Which is now at Ascot Race Course on 7th, 8th and 9th September 2007. Joan and yours truly will be taking members models to Ascot, and stewarding the club stand for the 3 days of the exhibition.

What is needed at these open days - Members to attend - members models to display etc. Please make an effort to attend.

AIR DAYS

The Sunderland International Air Show is on Saturday 28th and Sunday 29th July 2007.

Our society will be supporting this event on both of these days by entertaining the Public with rides on our Locomotive Track. Activities will commence at 10am each day, weather permitting. Hot drinks are available during the day, but no food is provided. We have always brought our own sandwiches etc.

Parking Permits for use in Sidecliffe Road, a limited number is obtained from the local council; these can be supplied to some of our members on application.

AGM 15th MAY 2007

Once again 19 members sat waiting to see if the requisite quorum would attend. After 10 minutes wait the 20th requisite member arrived and the meeting commenced

The proposal to alter Article 32 of our Articles of Association was passed unanimously. I.e. we now need only a quorum of 12 members for a meeting to be held. We need a minimum of 12 for the meeting to legally commence. But morally we should have all many members attending, yes I understand that this is not possible for many reasons, but one should make every effort to attend an AGM or general meetings.

Members welcomed the profits shown in the Financial Report with no increase in annual subscriptions. The business was conducted quickly and efficiently, no adverse comments on reports read out, and the Elections of Officials was quickly over since there were no other nominations for positions other than their present incumbents.

Sheila Hough was unanimously elected to become an Honorary Member of our Society.

Committee Members

Colin Hough - Chairman, Morri Bergson - Treasurer, Albert Stephenson – Secretary,

Ron Haswell - Locomotive Section Leader, Stan Fisher - General Engineering Section Leader, Peter Russell - Marine Section Leader, Joan Stephenson, Noel Maw, Stephen Dunn, Jim Humberston, Eric Colling.

Society accounts Examiners - Robert Liddle and Donald Proudlock
Librarian and Trophy Keeper - Brian Ribton
Newsletter Editor and Exhibition Manager - Albert Stephenson
Public Relations Officer - Colin Hough

NATIONAL MODEL ENGINEERING EXHIBITION - HARROGATE 11TH.12TH, 13TH MAY 2007

Once again our society had a 'Club Stand' at this exhibition, stewarded by Joan and Albert Stephenson. This year we had 40 members' models on display covering all aspects of Model Engineering, Locos, Hot Air Engines, Boats, Stationary Engines, Aero Engines and Traction Engines. The tables were full of models, an extra table was unobtainable, and a 5inch gauge Edward Thomas was placed inside the body of a 2 inch scale Clayton Steam Lorry, depicting its load.

Paul Stephenson also had his 3 inch scale Allchin Traction Engine in steam outside the hall for the 3 days of the show.

Once again fellow modelers praised our stand for its variety of models on display and the excellent workmanship they displayed. Pass my praise onto your members is the parting words of many of those who have viewed our stand.

This year several people came to our stand to express their thanks to our members for the welcome they had received when they visited our club for the Curly Bowl Competition last year.

Many questions asked about the models, their construction, how they worked, and photographs taken in abundance.

Old friendships renewed and several new ones made. A very successful show.

Next years exhibition dates are 9th - 11th May 2008

THE MODEL ENGINEERING EXHIBITION 7th - 9th SEPTEMBER 2007 ASCOT

Our Society will have a 'Club Stand' at this centenary exhibition. You may remember that we had arranged to attend the Olympia Exhibition in December 2006, but this was postponed. We try to keep our promises

As I mentioned earlier Joan and I will take a car full of member's models to this exhibition, we will take our caravan. to a Caravan Club Site near Denham for our home base. We have no information about Caravans being able to stop on the Ascot Site.

THE NORTHERN MODEL ENGINEERING EXHIBITION PICKERING 14th-12th SEPTEMBER 2007

No information other than the dates of this exhibition is as yet known

PARK ACTIVITIES

Plenty of steam and electric locos on the tracks since Easter, at least 5 locos on a day.

Jim Humberston is a regular visitor to the track with his 3 ½ " G ' Maisie'

Gwen and Ken Buckingham ran his model steam car around the Park to the fascination of many visitors to the Park. One elderly visitor was asking about our activities in the Park, when I mentioned a Steam Car. 'What's one of those he asked?' 'Like this one driving through the gate' I replied. At which he galloped off in pursuit, end of conversation.

Traction Engines are regular visitors, especially those requiring their annual steam test.

New member Alan Spencer is building a unique model of a Polar Exploration Snow Tractor from photos; he shows how the model is progressing with photos of parts made and drawings produced.