

THE CITY OF SUNDERLAND MODEL ENGINEERING SOCIETY Ltd

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NEWSLETTER MAY/JUNE 2008

REMINDER that our open days are 1<sup>st</sup> June and 7<sup>th</sup> September. What is required is your presence. Your models for running on the tracks, being displayed in the Gazebos, sailing on the Park lake, The park Pathways are available for Model Road Vehicles  
Activities commence at 10am, and as usual Joan will be providing her usual excellent Buffet.  
The societies Cups and Trophies will be awarded to their recipients at 2pm  
Make an effort it is your society, come one come all.

AGM 13<sup>th</sup> May 2008.

This went off quite smoothly with everyone in agreement with the Financial Report and the various elections for the Societies Officials.

Albert Stephenson was re-elected as Secretary

Noel Maw and Eric Colling sent their resignations from the Committee due to other commitments.

The Committee Members are :-

Chairman - Colin Hough

Treasurer - Morri Bergson

Secretary - Albert Stephenson

Locomotive Section Leader - Ron Has well

General Engineering Section Leader - Stan Fisher

Marine Section Leader - Peter Russell

Joan Stephenson

James Humberston

Stephen Dunn

George Teasdale

Bryan Toddingham

Newsletter Editor - Albert Stephenson

Librarian and Trophy Keeper - Brian Ribton

PRO - Colin Hough

Exhibition Manager - Colin Hough

HARROGATE MODEL ENGINEERING EXHIBITION 9/10/11 MAY 2008

Once again we had a club stand at this exhibition with 47 models on display, stewarded by Joan and Albert Stephenson. We were again complemented on the excellence of the models on our stand by many of the visitors. The flashing lights of the cameras was constant. Many of the photographers asked permission to film our models, which was always readily given. I have heard that some societies forbid any photographs being taken of their activities. To be on the safe side may I advise our members to ask permission to take photographs. Politeness costs nothing, and remember No means No.

We only had one model in steam outside the exhibition hall this year, Ken and Gwen Buckingham with their Steam Car, unfortunately I was unable to get outside the hall to see them performance. Many visitors do ask questions about the models and how to manufacture specific components, all of which keeps the stewards busy.

The societies Cups and Trophies are awarded to members whose models are deemed to be the best on our stand at this exhibition. Where else do we get the chance to see 40 to 50 of our members' models at one

time, and have time to examine them.

This year none of our members entered models on the competition stands.

The members who were awarded our Cups and Trophies this year are :-

John Cogdon   David Bramwell   David Baxendale   Brian Aston   Don Proudlock

Come to the 1<sup>st</sup> June Open Day to see which Cup or Trophy they were awarded.

#### JOHN COGDON'S WORKSHOP

This is the heading to an article in the 23 May - 5 June Model Engineer.

Roger Backhouse is the author of a 3 page article with 22 photographs of John's models and workshop.

Thanks to Roger Backhouse for his skills in producing such an excellent article which portrays the excellence of John's modelling skills. We all know how good John is and it is most pleasing to read such an article which does him justice and recognises John Cogdon's skills and knowledge.

The comment on the fine models on the City of Sunderland MES stand at the Ascot Model Engineering Exhibition last year made our journey to Ascot well worth the effort.

#### PORTABLE TRACK

Since this is used only about twice a year, and so far has made no revenue, also it is very difficult to get volunteers to safely man the track when it is in use. A question has been raised by some members as to whether we should continue to keep it or sell it. The area in which it is stored could be used for better workshop facilities and storage space. Being democratic the committee want to know other members feelings on this matter.

One member who borrows the track has offered to insure the track (Public Liability) for the 2 days he requires it and make a donation for its loan. Track manning to be by members and non members of our society.

Make your feelings known. Sell it, keep it, or volunteer to safely man the track when required.

But please do not volunteer other members, volunteer yourself.

#### TRACK ACTIVITIES

Passenger hauling continues on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, weather permitting. Sorry I have not been in attendance much latterly but I am now firing on all cylinders and will be able to assist.

4 new batteries have been purchased for the Electric Locos, Societies and members.

I have been available to test boilers, and have been kept busy.

Don Proudlock has promised to bring his 5" G LNER B1 to the track for a boiler test and run.

If it performs as good as it looks it will be a winner. Knowing Don's workmanship there is every reason to expect an excellent performance on the track.

#### EXHIBITIONS IN SEPTEMBER

Northern Model Engineering Exhibition will be held at Pickering 12-14 September

Model Engineer Exhibition will be held at Ascot Racecourse 19-21 September

#### GENERAL MEETING DATES 2008

Meetings to be held in our Roker Park Clubhouse commencing 1 30pm

Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September - Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October - Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> November - Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December