



The Squeaky Wheel



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SOCIETY NEWS

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Welcome to the seventh issue of the Squeaky Wheel.

Since the last issue it has been a productive time for the Society. We have had a very successful Society meeting held at the MOTAT Pumphouse with many operating displays supplied by a number of our affiliate organisations and Society members, who I would like to thank for their support. Also we must thank MOTAT for once again allowing us to hold an event at MOTAT like we used to a few years back.

We now again have an office space at MOTAT that will be manned most Thursdays and Fridays by the Society, for more info please refer to the article on page 4.

Many new members and affiliate groups have joined the Society in the last couple of months, I would like to extend a warm welcome to you all and look forward to meeting you at our future events.

Issue 4 of the Driving Wheel magazine is now under construction and should be out early February 2013. With the improvement in size and quality of the Driving Wheel we are looking to find more advertisers who may be interested in assisting us to produce this magazine. If you know of any business who may be interested please contact Tessa Phillips: admin@motatsociety.co.nz

We are always looking for input from our members, this can be articles for the publications to venues or places of heritage interest to visit or contact with other kindred groups and organizations to affiliate with. If you can help with any of these please get in touch.

I would like to thank you all for your ongoing support and very much hope to see you in the new year at the Toroa visit. So have a happy Christmas and New Year and we'll see you all back at MOTAT next year.

Andre

Andre Pointon, Chairman

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The Museum of Transport and Technology Society

We are actively seeking contributors or ideas for articles, photos, interesting stories or experiences for publication in the Driving Wheel magazine & Squeaky Wheel newsletter. In addition we are seeking advertisers and relevant events to promote.

Material and ideas can be sent to Andre Pointon. *Email:*

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MOTAT Society Pumphouse Event

10th November 2012

-by Tessa Phillips – Photos from Nick Taylor, Tessa Phillips and Bill Rayner

On 10th November the MOTAT Society had a successful and well received event at the MOTAT Pumphouse. This was a bit of a social get together, as well as a chance for the Steam section to show off their work at the pumphouse and with various engines. In addition various external groups and individuals brought along engines and vehicles to display.



Steam Boat and Sausage Sizzle Marquee

All up a couple of hundred people participated in some form and most people still at the museum came around to have a look at the engines on display and chat too. Things were getting setup/



MOTAT Pumphouse with WASP



Vintage Engine Restorers Auckland (VERA) engines on display

going from about 3pm with the pumphouse and various engines steamed up (including a steam boat, various mini model engines, and larger engines from external people and the steam roller from MOTAT 2 and steam tram 100). Also there were a few classic cars, large and mini engines,



Auckland Steam Engine Society's mobile steam boiler with attached engine

and an armored car. We had lots of comments about how great it was to have all the live steam engines going and extra trams out to view on the weekend. The Beam engine was run several times too.

We also had several trams running specifically for the event after 5pm and the last guests left between 8.30 and 9pm, leaving the steam section closing down the pumphouse.



Steam Boat/Traction engine/Roller, model engines, and vintage cars in the background



Bob and Leyton were kept busy with several hundred sausages going down a treat!

We had people from most of the MOTAT sections (Steam, rail, trams, aviation, military, printing, bookbinding, fire/emergency), MOTAT Board, general Society members, as well as from many affiliate and potential affiliate groups.

Several society general members and several members of affiliate groups plan to approach the museum about becoming volunteers, another is interested in giving suggestions for some displays, as well as several considering donations of important artefacts to fill collection gaps. So some positive outcomes as well as a fun evening!

The Society would like to acknowledge our sincere thanks to MOTAT for supporting us and enabling us to hold this event at MOTAT.

MEMBERSHIP CARDS AND ANNUAL SUBS

Many of you have noticed that the current membership card stock has an expiry of 31 Dec 2012. However starting in the new year we will be establishing a membership subscription year running 1 April to 31 March, with subs due and cards to be issued earlier in March.



Full details and requests for subs (for general members) will go out in **February**.

In the mean time MOTAT gate staff have been asked to accept the current cards allowing individual entry until 31 Mar 2013.

*Merry
Christmas*

Celebrate 30 years of Rail at MOTAT Meola Road

Sunday 16th DECEMBER 2012:

December is Rail Month at MOTAT. Help celebrate MOTAT's Rail section with a month of workshop tours, photographic displays and fun activities. Visit the Rail workshop to see their collection of iconic Locomotives and rolling stock, and meet the volunteers who lovingly restore them to their former glory.

Get the inside story on the history of Rail at MOTAT with rare photographs from its earliest days, and be sure to join in on Sunday December 16th to salute 30 years of Rail at MOTAT Meola Road with special steam train rides and more!

Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th December

- Rail Workshop Tours from 10am - 4pm
- 30th Anniversary for Rail at MOTAT Meola Rd (Sunday only)

Rail tours are also available Monday to Friday at 1.15pm at the Aviation Display Hall front desk. See MOTAT's website at www.motat.org.nz for more information

Upcoming events to pencil in

- **Steam and Vintage Country Festival 2013**
- Glenbrook Vintage Railway, 23-24 March 2013
The MOTAT Society will be at this festival, along with many of our affiliates and related groups with the festival offering a wide range of activities and displays. Check out the Glenbrook railways events' page at <http://www.railfan.org.nz> for more information
- **Toroa Tour, 20 January 2013:** see back page for details.

MOTAT Society Committee

Committee Meetings are held at 6:30pm the **LAST TUESDAY of each month** at MOTAT. You can request to come along as a guest but as this is outside museum opening hours we need to arrange access so let us know in advance.

Reminder to MOTAT volunteers and staff that you can raise ideas with one of the section rep for discussion by the committee.

We are pleased to confirm the following appointments made at the 30 October 2012 committee meeting.

Chair – Andre Pointon (also Steam rep)
Deputy Chair – Leyton Chan (also Tram rep)
Secretary & Treasurer – Bill Rayner

Committee members – Henry Swan (Aviation rep), Lyndsay Whittle (Road transport rep), Pete Cairncross (Rail rep), John Wolf, Bob Jessopp, Ken Pointon, Nick Taylor (also on the MOTAT Board)

Profiles on these committee members can be found in Squeaky Wheel Issue 2, which can be viewed on our website. Also attending meetings to represent the Military section is Toby Hutton.



Toby Hutton has been a volunteer in MOTAT's Military section since 2008 and is a soldier in the NZ Army Reserve. Toby has an interest in politics and has been a high profile candidate in both local and general elections. Toby lives in Browns Bay. He went to Browns Bay Primary

School and attended Rangitoto College. At the end of the seventh-form he enlisted in the New Zealand Army as a field engineer in the Army Reserve. At the same time Toby started work with an Auckland-based construction company with the hope of one day becoming a civil engineer.

SECTION CONTRIBUTIONS

At the committee meeting on 18 September 2012, it was agreed that the society wants to support MOTAT sections in activities which will aid familiarisation, education and information sharing. Applications are welcome from all MOTAT sections for an exgratia contribution of up to \$500-per financial year, for activities which will aid section member's knowledge or broader networking in relation to MOTAT projects.

Applications should be in writing, either by email to admin@motatsociety.org.nz or post to PO Box 44 430, Pt Chevalier, Auckland 1246. Approval by the committee is on a case by case basis and as finances allow.

MOTAT Strategic Planning Workshops

Over the last couple of months the MOTAT Board has embarked on a Strategic Planning process to develop a clear vision for MOTAT in 2025.

They are looking at what it is that MOTAT will be doing in 2025; what it will offer; to whom; for what reasons; what kind of experience?

They are focusing at a high level in the initial phases of the process to define MOTAT's core purpose and direction to develop strategic options to refine and discuss in the new year.

The process is being facilitated by Kevin McCaffrey from Effective Governance Ltd whose role is to manage the process and document the outputs.

As part of this process the MOTAT Society's committee was invited on 19 November to a strategic planning workshop, with 8 of 10 committee members attending.

Workshops have occurred or are planned with the Board of MOTAT, staff and volunteers, and management. In addition discussions will be held with the RFA, Auckland War Memorial Museum, ATEED, Auckland Zoo.

Further workshops and input will be required in the new year from the society, so if society members have any thoughts they would like conveyed, please let us know.

Many Thanks to MOTAT for use of Office Space

As part of efforts towards closer co-operation between the MOTAT Society and MOTAT we would like to thank MOTAT very much for making available some shared office space in the admin block at MOTAT's Great North Rd site for use by the Society for administration purposes.

The Society has use of the space on Thursdays and Fridays and administrator Tessa Phillips plans to be in the office most Thursdays and Fridays during term time school hours (eg 9:30am-2:30pm), where possible, so feel free to drop in.

MOTAT Board Appointments:

As mentioned in the last issue of this newsletter, in October five 2 year appointments were made to the MOTAT board. Here are profiles of some of these

Grant Kirby, MNZIS, ONZM

- Society Appointee (new)

Grant originally qualified and worked as a registered surveyor and became a senior manager at the Auckland City Council. He became involved in many projects including being appointed project director for the Viaduct basin upgrade for the Americas' cup and for the construction of the Britomart railway station. He became a management trouble shooter and was involved in many organisational reviews and restructuring including frequent involvement in offering assistance to MOTAT starting in the mid 1970's and ending with his appointment as Director from 1994 to 2001. He drafted and promoted the MOTAT Act and was involved in managing the Auckland City Art Gallery and redrafting legislation for the Auckland Museum. He has been chairman of the Local Government Commission and is a current member. He was appointed commissioner to replace the Rodney District Council in 2000 and was made an officer of the New Zealand order of merit (ONZM) in 2002. Grant is interested in mathematics, physics, history, and all things mechanical. He has restored 2 cars which are now in the MOTAT collection.

Nicholas Taylor BA, LLB

- Society Appointee (Re-appointed)



My background is in history and archaeology. After graduating I worked as a professional archaeologist for a time before undertaking law. I am currently a Barrister and have been for the last 16 years.

I have active interests in model engineering, steam engines, boat building, jewellery making, Damascus knife making, vintage car and motorcycle restorations, antique firearms restoration, and an interest in vintage and Warbird aircraft. I am a volunteer in the steam section at MOTAT.

James Doughty, LLB / Bcom (Econ),

- RFA Appointee (last term as Society Appointee)



James is a director of Claymore Partners, a specialist corporate & commercial law firm. He works with boards in his professional capacity and also sits on several privately owned company boards and a charitable health trust. James is a Westmere resident, is passionate about MOTAT and its advancement and Auckland's progress to becoming the world's most liveable city.

WALSH MEMORIAL LIBRARY – seeking input

During November, the Library has been preparing the groundwork for our digitisation project but there is a lot to do before we lift the lid on a scanner! One of the key elements of a successful project is to know exactly what material is wanted by users of the Library. If you have an interest in the Library, now is your chance to have a say as we are seeking proposals from MOTAT Society members.

There are about 15 criteria that we will use to prioritise items but here are a few key pointers for you to keep in mind: items of key historical content, items of significant research value, material that will complement MOTAT exhibitions and public programmes, material that is 'out of copyright', material that supports collaborative work with partner organisations.

One of the project outcomes is to publish images and information from the museum's collection database to the internet. Of course we can only do this for items where we have the right or permission to do so. We plan to progressively upload thousands of images and hope that your proposals will be amongst those available!

To send us your ideas, please email Caroline Foster-Atkins: library@motat.org.nz

Ph: Library & research Coordinator: (09)8155810, Library Assistant (09)8155811

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MOTAT Society Affiliates

As part of ongoing work to establish strong relationships with kindred groups, the MOTAT Society would like to announce recently confirmed affiliations with the following groups:

- Waitakere Tramline Society (Inc) - www.waitakeretramline.org.nz
- Devonport Historical and Museum Society - www.devonportmuseum.org.nz
- Railway Enthusiasts Society Inc. (Glenbrook Vintage Railway) - www.railfan.org.nz
- Toroa Preservation Society Inc. - www.toroa.org.nz
- Association of Book Crafts (NZ) Inc – (who do bookbinding workshops at MOTAT - see facebook at www.facebook.com/NewZealandABC)

The Society looks forward to a fruitful exchange of ideas, knowledge, and enthusiasm, and thanks them all for their support. If your group or club is interested in affiliating with the MOTAT Society please contact Tessa at admin@motatsociety.org.nz or ph (09)8156625.



MOTAT Society Members Outing

Sunday 20th January 2pm until 7pm



Tour of SS Toroa, Selwood Road, Henderson

2pm-3:30pm. For detailed map see www.toroa.org.nz

(Parking at Selwood Rd. End of Lincoln Rd on-ramp)

The SS Toroa is the only steam-engine survivor of the fleet of Waitemata harbour double-ended Ferries. On-site visit including information about the restoration and a close up view of the work in progress.

Followed by: **Sausage sizzle + BYO if you wish.**

At Bob's house - 143 Don Buck Rd, Massey

With a chance to look at the National Film Unit documentary film

"Down And Out On The Waitemata"

Featuring the SS Toroa in it's heyday

(Directions from SS Toroa: Drive back across the motorway and turn right into Triangle Road, turn left into Waimumu Rd at the roundabout, and at the end turn left into Don Buck Rd.

Park in Don Buck Primary School Car Park opposite 143, or on the road.)

To register contact Bob Jessopp 833 7162

or email: jessopp@xtra.co.nz