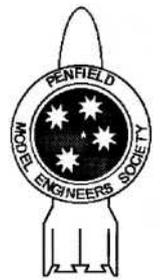


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## Paul has a screw loose!

How to give away the State Sprintcar title meeting when you have led it from halfway through lap 1 until a stoppage on lap 22? And then you find that it won't steer. What went wrong? - a small screw that holds the steering arm onto the front hub came loose and jammed on the mounting rose joint (see the picture). Bugga - its always the little things. Never seen it before, but something to add to the list of things check pre-race!!! Sigh!!! Paul



The clubs Christmas themed Saturday night run in December was a great success. As usual Father Christmas was very popular with the kids. The face painting and jumping castle also added to the fun on this festive night.





The Christmas party held by the Club was reasonably attended. The food was great. Thanks to everyone who brought a salad or a dessert. We tried out a new dessert, which was a big hit with every body. A wonderful time was had by all. Please make an effort to come next year. Ellen and Len



## PMES Christmas Party 2017

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The club would like to thank Paint Supplies for their generous donation. Paint Supplies has given us 12L of Green paint for the Shipping container located by the members car park area. Now we just need some people to volunteer to paint the container.



## SPOT THE DIFFERENCE



Nelson Society of Modellers.  
New Zealand's Nelson Society of Modellers got flooded by a ex-tropical cyclone and a king tide on the 31st of January. They had the place ready in just a few days for their next open day.



Len "Steel rod" Castle has been keeping himself busy with work around the club. Trying to keep his mind of an operation, that had him counting his last days on earth. Some of that work includes these wagons. Dug up from the dump out back and given new life as a display piece. Turns out that the afterlife didn't want him, so he is with us for many decades to come.



El Loco "Agro" and his new Loco.



PER-WAY REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 2018

To SECRETARY P.M.E.

SATURDAY 3rd Warm day 33 degs.

Cleaned up two lengths of old rail and made one 6m ' T ' rail track panel, this panel taken out to the head of the new track. The already placed track panel was butt welded to the above new track and this new panel also butt welded .

The welding was done by Mark.

Mick poisoned all the signs of new weed growth around the track. David helped in this work.

ROLLING STOCK.

Ron fitted brackets to new work wagon for carrying the large spirit level.

WEDNESDAY 7th Hot day 40 degs.

Did not attend due to temperature.

SATURDAY 10th Warm day 34 degs.

Evening Public Run.

Mark cleaned up two lengths of old rail and made into one ' T ' rail track panel, this was taken out to the head of new track.

Signals and Switches were tested , found two air leaks one at switch No 2 and No 4.

Signal No A 6 found to contain water in control box, Signal removed and taken home.

During the run Signal No L B P 1 sometimes would not clear.

WEDNESDAY 14th Nice day 25 degs.

Replaced air line in switch No 2 and the swivel angle connector in Switch No 4.

ROLLING STOCK.

Completed fitting air lines to new work wagon and tested O.K.

Started to paint the truck black.

Geoff gave me the new roller bearings for new 700 loco bogie.

SATURDAY 17th Nice day 27 degs.

The previously placed track panel at the new rail head was fishplated on.

The 36m of new track was dolomited using the ballast wagon , Peter loaded the wagon using the tractor. David and Mark helped in this work.

ROLLING STOCK.

Ron completed painting the work wagon.

WEDNESDAY 21st Warm day 25 degs.

Put new signal base in previously dug hole at SKEETER JUNCT ' B '.

Cut in two new I.J.s at the new switch.

ROLLING STOCK.

Put I.D. numbers and letters on wagon S W 4 A and B, MR and BP .

Transferred tools from old wagon to new one.

SATURDAY 24th Warm day 32 degs.

Fitted longer check rail to ' T ' Junct bladeless switch.

Spent the rest of the day lifting, levelling , tamping and washing dolomite under sleepers.

One truck of dolomite dropped , David ,Mick and Mark helped in this work.

SUNDAY 25th Nice day 27 degs.

Public run day, [ Good attendance ].

Signal L.B.P 1 causing problems .

WEDNESDAY 28th Nice day.

I did not attend other commitments, David cut plastic posts into 118 plastic sleepers

K.W.L. HAMPEL  
TRACK MANAGER.