

The Generator

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The Palmerston North Model Engineering Club **Upcoming Club Events**

Club Nights typically start at 7.30pm and are usually held at the
The Hall, 435 Church Street, Palmerston North.

Thursday 25 July

Club Night
Mosquito's and Merlin's

Thursday 22 August

Club Night
Surveying using LIDAR

Marriner Reserve Railway

Sunday 4 August & Sunday 18 August

Railway operations at the Marriner Reserve
Trains in operation from 1pm to 3pm
Weather permitting (Richard Lockett 06 323 0948)

Thursdays

Railway operations for club members
Subject to ongoing track maintenance and weather
Contact track manager (Richard Lockett 06 323 0948)

Club Notices

July Club Night

A case of third time lucky, so fingers crossed that no last minute hiccup's arise this month with our Mosquito's and Merlin's evening. Richard Sheehan will give a talk on the construction of his 1/9 scale De Haviland Mosquito, the people and places that Richard had to visit to gather the required information for his project to proceed! Thursday, July 25th, 7.30pm, The Hall, 435 Church Street Palmerston North.



Photo Web

Subscriptions are now due.

Just in case one or two of you haven't yet paid your subscription here it is again! Membership subscriptions of \$40.00 as set at the Annual General Meeting are now due. Please pay Club Treasurer Lawrence Brooshooff at a club night or preferable pay direct into the clubs bank account via internet banking. **Account number 06-0996-0831663-00**
Please remember to use your name as the reference.

Correction

Most of you have been closely following the refurbishment of a aircraft windvane by Chris Morton over a period of time immemorial. It has been pointed out to your editor that he has been incorrectly identifying this aircraft as a Kittyhawk when it is in fact a Corsair!

It would appear that Chris was aware of the ongoing mistake but was keeping his powder dry as they say waiting for the right time to pull the trigger!

An avid reader and former editor of the Generator brought this mistake to the attention of the editor and he pointed out that the only other aircraft with gull wings like the Corsair was flown by the opposition!



Photo editor

June Club Night Report

Our meeting for June was themed around your favourite diecast model and this gathered some interest with seven members bringing along a great selection of models.



An impressive display of club members Diecast models all with a good story. Photo Kyle Mudgeway

Jon Mason was first up with a Matchbox Caterpillar Tractor that somehow survived the sandpit and also a nice model of a TD24 International bulldozer. Chris Saunders had a model of an early road sweeper vehicle and also how he is on the lookout for an early Dinky Centurion Tank. Fin Mason had a few models and also some Tonka tinsplate items which actually did meet the criteria Bruce Geange had a fine collection of models including the 2nd World War D8 bulldozer. Chris Morton as always had some of the more obscure diecast items from his collection, then Owen and Kyle Mudgeway went through there extensive collection of, you guessed it, earthmoving models including one, a motor scraper, which Bruce had done a very good repair on. In all a good evening with lots of discussion generated!



Tonka, Matchbox, Dinky, Ertl, Corgi and more

Photo Kyle Mudgeway

As mentioned Chris Morton brought along some older diecast models some of which were of local manufacture and are worthy of further mention, models from Dinky, Corgi, Ducky, Tink-E and Fun Ho. The last 3 being of local manufacture with the Ducky and Tink-E using prewar Dinky dies to perhaps get around import restriction's.

Report Jon Mason and Editor



Dinky model 225 a Streamlined Tourer from 1935-41. Possibly not original Paint!

Photo Editor

Local manufacture, a yellow Fun Ho Racing car with a Ducky saloon car and 2 Tink-E a bus and a petrol tanker.



Photo Editor



Dinky Johnson Road Sweeper on a Ford D series truck chassis Produced from 1970 to 1977. A limited number were made with a blue cab and are worth a few more dollars to collectors so if you have one look after it!

Photo Chris Saunders

Technicast Weekend

The editor knows of three club members who attended the casting weekend, either having castings done or as an observer of proceedings.

Lionel Ford had made patterns and also his own moulding boxes, the cope and drag in which to produce some castings for his Timothy Hackworth locomotive project and has some nice castings to show for his efforts.

Dave Edmonds was part of the crew from the Vintage Military Vehicle club on hand to assist with the production of castings for something historic no doubt.

Chris Saunders attended out of general interest and has provided these photo's recording the event for us. Thanks Chris.



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New Club Mower

PNMEC has acquired a replacement ride on mower for use at the Marriner Reserve. Our previous ride on, a King Cat Puma was stolen a few months back so we were on the lookout for a suitable replacement machine at the right price of course! The King Cat had been in the clubs care for about 30 years requiring only the replacement of belts and blades plus a rebuild of the cutter deck in that time and it was not new when we acquired via Bob Owen.

Our new ride on is a Canadian built MTD which came to us having been located in a shed having been replaced by a newer machine and looking for a new home and a second go at life via the Mudgeway family. With a lot of work by Kyle, Owen and Doug the MTD has been gone over and brought back to life! Thanks Guy's. Photo Editor



Date and Time			Activity
Thursday	25th July	7.30pm	Club Night Mosquito's and Merlin's
Thursday	1st August	7.30pm	Committee Meeting
Sunday	4th August	1pm to 3pm	Marriner Reserve Railway
Sunday	18th August	1pm to 3pm	Marriner Reserve Railway
Thursday	22nd August	7.30pm	Club Night Surveying using LIDAR
Sunday	1st September	1pm to 3pm	Marriner Reserve Railway
Thursday	5th September	7.30pm	Committee Meeting
Sunday	15th September	1pm to 3pm	Marriner Reserve Railway
Thursday	26th September	7.30 pm	Club Night TBA

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