



08/25 DFBRs Titbits

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The Dunedin Fire Brigade Restoration Society,

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Hello and welcome to this edition of Titbits!

President's Report

I hope you all enjoyed a sunny weekend. Unfortunately, today's weather isn't as pleasant. You may have seen emails from our Secretary about two important upcoming meetings:

1. **Fundraising Meeting:** Wednesday, March 5th at 7 PM at the Burnside shed. This meeting is crucial as we need to explore new fundraising ideas due to our critically low funds.
2. **Constitution Meeting:** Monday, March 24th at 11 AM at the Burnside shed.

To provide some context, revising our constitution is essential to ensure alignment with the Incorporated Societies Act. Updated rules / constitutions to meet the requirements. All organizations must undergo this process to maintain their Incorporated Societies status. The committee has spent considerable time reviewing and making necessary adjustments to meet our obligations and serve the society's best interests.

Please trust that your committee has the membership's best intentions at heart. We are committed to moving the society forward and acting on your behalf in all matters. Your support is vital for our future success.

Kind regards,

Matt Jones

President

Dunedin Fire Brigade Restoration Society

Activities from last weekend.

Appliance's 16 and 20 attended Hancock Park for the American Car Rally which supports the Hospice charity. Jeffrey & Lawson confirmed the day went well with 20 not giving any trouble on this occasion, therefore an assumption that all the inspection, cleaning and fine tuning of the ignition and carburetor was successful.



Thank you Dereck for the Pictures.

Workshop

A busy was had by all those who attended the workshop today. Currently most members are all working on or involved with several projects, all were aided and progressed today with activities on both Appliances 32 and 24 being the most active. Stuart and Larry are making great progress on 24 next week we will attempt to present some updated pictures to show the improvement.

No 32 while not changing in looks has Brakes, a hand brake and clutch along with an engine capable of driving the vehicle around the premise. Today the driver door window has been fitted and door handles and locks made operational again. Work on the rear of the cab continues along with the lockers and rear area. It will not be long before we will be looking to see if funds can be found to return her to the original colour.

Appliance 26 was presented for the WOF which sadly was returned to us rejected, due to the brakes not applying evenly on all four wheels. A common problem when vehicles are not moved for some time.

Other items attended today , battery post replaced, sorting of metals for scrap and attention to the engine of the Cadbury wagon. The engine head gasket was replaced following a serious overheating following the reassembly it has been found that water has entered the cylinders again. As a result the head has been removed again and further investigation into the condition of the head is now proposed.

Fundraising

On Wednesday March 5th of this week at 1900 hours the President and Committee has called for a General Meeting the purpose, to discuss how the Society can improve and expand the fundraising efforts in order to pay the outgoings of the Society as it currently has. Most of you will be aware that we are now liable to pay Rent, Rates and other building operational expenses. Sadly these amounts are not small, as a result we must find ways to continue to pay our way. It is very important that Members and Friends support the Society with by contributing ideas and suggestions that might have potential to help with our income.

Constitution

Another Special General Meeting has been notified for March 24th at 1100 hours. Please plan to attend if you can.

The constitutional document is being reviewed as a result of the governments requirement under the upgraded Incorporated Societies and Charities Act.

We face a very critical period over the next year or two, for the Society to continue we need the members to be active in every way possible, those that are able come to the meetings and support those that devote time and energy to undertake the objectives of our group. Those of you further out who may be unable to visit your messages of support are just as essential in encouraging those on the ground that this work is appreciated and is really important to the preservation of our heritage from a colonial town to the city we have today.

Website

Efforts continue to identify the problem and take appropriate remedial action. I will keep you all informed as to how we progress.

Last week's Question

When was the Castle Street Central Fire Station Opened. The date given in the book by J.S.Little, was 21st July 1931.

Well that's it from me this week very best to you all, regards Errol.