

MONTHLY REPORT JUNE 2015

Monday 1st.

- 1 staff
- Setting up monthly reporting forms

Thursday 4th.

- 3 staff Denyse, Graeme & Jim H.
- Jim H cleaning out the left overs from stripping scrap.
- At long last after this horrible weather we can at last venture outdoors.
- The follow up from the tramway museum at Paekakariki re the two AEI traction motors is now mainly sorted logistics wise.
- A hire truck is being organised by Graeme Relf to carry out this task on Wednesday 17th of June.
- Enquiry from Weka Pass Railway on possible purchase of Caterpillar engine parts which we have.(Paul Markholm)

Friday 5th.

- I staff, Denyse.
- Made a cutting disc, punch for blanking the discs also made & fixed the cutting disc to the arbour with contact adhesive.
- The main facing cut was very successful & cut the port face nice & flat ready for the finishing surface of the port face.(TRICO wiper motor)

Saturday 6th.

- 8 staff, B, LS, JB, NA, DB, C Mc, MZ, EM & plumber.
- 2584 body rust patching.
- New toilet underground plumbing fitted, recorded & trench filled in.
- Trico wiper motor port face facing now completed.
- 4 seats squabs completed & fitted. A 56536.
- Binding documents for filing.
- Hours at week 35=6,925 .

Monday 8th.

- 5 staff-DB, EB, GR. JH, BB.
- Charter, Oakura pre school group along with Okato & Urenui play groups.

Tuesday 9th.

- 1 staff. DB.
- Take the battery off charge A 56536.
- TRICO wiper motor, set up valve timing & centering procedures.
- Produce photos & drawing along with written procedures for the manual.

Wednesday 10th.

- 2 staff DB & EB.
- Station Laundry.
- Documents filed.
- Documents written ready for filing.

Thursday 11th.

- 1 staff DB.
- Made an attachment to couple up the TRICO wiper to the shop compressor & test.
- Working well.
- The exhaust needle valve needs some attention by either locktite the body into the discharge cover or tap out the hole & machine a new needle valve & housing.

Friday 12th.

- 1 staff DB.
- Changed out the exhaust needle valve housing & retested.
- Paperwork.

Saturday 13th.

- 5 staff-JH, JB, MZ, C Mc, DB.
- Horrible cold day.

- 3 sleepers replaced at Lepperton.
- Rounding up the de rusting gear ready for Tr 407.
- Taking Mike & Carl through our lease document to acquaint them of the provisions in there.
- JH, on scrap recovery
- Mid winter dinner at the Sun World Restaurant. Only the brave ventured out on a horrible cold night, but we had a good time.

Sunday 14th.

- 2 staff, DB & HJ.
- Working on asset audit matters for the annual audit.
- End of week recording.

Tuesday 16th.

- 1 staff DB.
- Still having niggly erratic issues with the TRICO wiper motor, not reliable enough for my expectations. It is working, but not reliably.

Wednesday 17th.

- 4 staff DB & Graeme Relf , Trevor O, Bryan B.
- Travel to Paekakariki tramway museum to pick up two AEI traction motors for spares on 2584.
- Thanks to the staff of the tramway museum for their help.
- Trevor O & Bryan B mowed the Waitara Road lawns.

Thursday 18th.

- 2 staff, DB & GR.
- Unload the traction motors.
- Return the truck to cross country vehicles.
- The Traction Motors had to be placed on the lawn & covered over with tarpaulins, the ZP was not sorted correctly.

Friday 19th.

- 1 staff, DB.
- Paper work.

Saturday 20th.

- 2 staff, Denyse & Mike Z.
- Dealing with flooded sheds from the two days of heavy rain.
- Just rescued the MIG welder in the nick of time.
- Cleaned out a space in the ZP wagon to store the two AEL traction motors.

Sunday 21st.

- 2 staff DB. MZ.
- 4 weekly returns.
- Mike Zeier cleaning cess drains between Waitara Road & bridge 3.

Monday 22nd.

- 2 staff DB & JH.
- Clean up most of the silt from the flood on the floor of # 4 shed.
- Bind documentations.
- Start preparing material on traction motor change out methods on Dsc locomotives.
- Walk the section between Waitara Road & Richmond Road checking the culverts, OK but the flooded steams were higher than the pipes, but they coped OK.

Tuesday 23rd.

- 2 staff. DB & JH.
- Scrap recovery Jim hook.
- Culvert & full track inspection over full length of line.
- Drainage coped quite well which is excellent due the work that has been put in..
- Got a big surprise this afternoon from the council to inform me that I had been nominated & accepted as an outstanding
- Volunteer for the wider community & will be recognised by the council along with a few others.

- Right out of the blue this was.
- I believe it is very hard to get this award.
- Thanks to whoever put my name forward.
- Having been a volunteer in Wanganui from 17 years of age, in Upper Hutt & the new Plymouth district for a total of 59 cumulative years doing what one enjoys is quite a shock.

Wednesday 24th.

- 3 staff DB , GR, JH.
- Fork lift came over from Hickman's transport load the 2 Traction Motors into the ZP & trimming the pallets back with a chainsaw, they are a very tight squeeze & could not shut the doors due to a slight bulge, going to attack that on Saturday.
- Doing more work on the manual for the Dsc bogies.
- The formal invitation from the NPDC arrived in the mail.

Thursday 25th.

- 1 staff DB.
- Working on Dsc Bogie manual.

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Saturday 27th.

- 5 staff, JH, JB, NA, DB, MZ.
- Finally turned one of the traction motors turned 90 degrees in the ZP , which took a while so the doors could be shut. DB, JB. MZ.
- New Toilet underway with insulation & framing carried out. NA, & JB.
- Rubbish cleaned up & burnt JH.
- Pine needles cleaned off bridge 2 DB, MZ, NA.
- Roofing iron sorted for the new toilet & stacked. MZ & NA.

Sunday 28th.

- 5 staff, Denyse, Eileen, Graeme, Heather & Mike.
- Travelled down to Wanganui early in the morning at day break to assist the Steam Rail Wanganui crew with the daunting process of cleaning up the extensive flood damage.
- We were met by a grey lunar landscape & thick slush.
- Photos do not show how bad it is.
- Taking a line from the river to the tide mark on the mesh fence I estimated the water level rose about 14 feet (of millimetres!).
- When we arrived Blair Jordan & his team were already into the clean up.
- Nobody stayed clean that is for sure.
- Morning tea was an experience standing in the interminable slush at the window of their smoko room AKA the refurbished signal box with Colin passing out the cups of tea & Eileen's cake, was just like fronting up at the Pie Carts of some years ago.
- Looking across the river to Putiki Pa , there were a digger & accoutrements of locals, wheel barrows, shovels etc doing the same.
- The women from both groups mucked in with the men & worked just as hard & that needs to be acknowledged.
- Although this effort spurred the process along somewhat, there is still a huge amount to still do.
- As always it is our pleasure from the WRPS to assist where we can, & we left Steam Rails site satisfied that we did our bit.
- The Steam Rail ladies laid on a BBQ lunch in not the best of conditions which was very welcome & time to mingle & chew the fat.
- We left at 2.00 pm & getting out of grubby clothes & footwear was not an easy task.
- The conversation in the car was somewhat subdued in thinking about the position Steam Rail is in was quite sobering.
- On the way home we called in at both Waverley & Patea to check on our assets at those sites.
- Prognosis—we felt tired but happy that 5 of us went out of our way to assist & that is a very good feeling.
- Thanks to all.

Monday 29th.

- 1 staff DB.
- The trail of washing from yesterday, along with foot wear was first on the agenda.
- A photographic CD was produced for Steam Rail of the happenings of the day by all present from us at the WRPS.
- Paper work.

Tuesday 30th.

- 1 staff DB.
- End of month paperwork.

Denyse.