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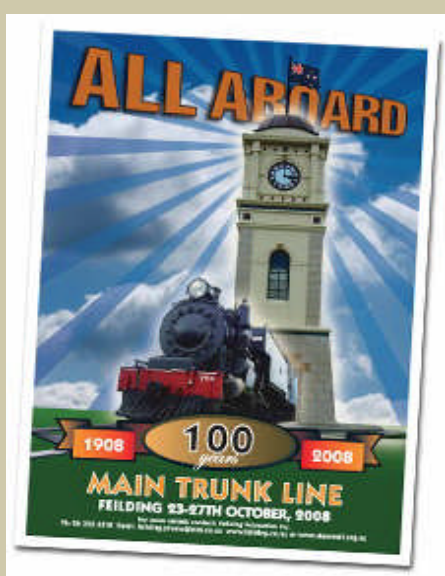
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## WELCOME 2008 ! NORTH ISLAND MAIN TRUNK CENTENNIAL YEAR !

It now seems likely there will be at least FIVE separate functions to mark the Centennial of the North Island Main Trunk line, or important sections of this vital rail artery between Auckland & Wellington. A number of FRONZ member organisations, together with key stake-holders, railfans and the public are in for a treat.

Though it might seem to the uninitiated that the announcement of what is taking place has been slow, those involved know only too well how important it is to get it right first time. Some details are still sketchy but will build upon the following :

**A : PARLIAMENTARY SPECIAL :** Over the three day period from August 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup>, OnTrack and the Crown will sponsor a re-run of the Parliamentary Special that ran in August 1908 to take Parliamentarians to Auckland for the visit of the Great White Fleet. The train will run over three days from Wellington to Palmerston North on 6 August; to Taumarunui on 7 August and finally to arrive in Auckland on 8 August.

Seats are likely to be allocated for MP's VIP's Dignitaries and Celebrities. The train will be hauled by a variety of steam locos supplied by FRONZ members and include former PWD "L" locos 507 & 509 from MoTaT and Silver Stream Railway for a portion of this historic re-run, representing the locos used on the original train.

**B : RAILFAN CELEBRATIONS :** Based at Feilding over Labour Weekend a variety of excursions, short and long will take participants from Woodville to Wanganui and Taumarunui, Watch the website [www.allaboard.org.nz](http://www.allaboard.org.nz) for developing details. Sponsored by the Feilding & District Steam Rail Society and Feilding Promotions, the programme will include locos and rolling stock from a number of FRONZ members and a Cavalcade of Locomotives will be staged at Feilding on Sunday 26 October.

**C : LAST SPIKE CEREMONY RE-ENACTMENT :** Together with the communities of Ohakune, Raetihi & Taumarunui, this event will take place at the Obelisk site on 6<sup>th</sup> November, OnTrack, Ruapehu District Council and others are combining to organise this event which will be aimed at VIPs and community leaders, though there should be some room for the public. The train is likely to comprise Toll rolling stock and may not include steam.

**D : WMR HAND-OVER & PAEKAKARIKI :** Yet to be announced is a celebration based around Paekakariki to remember the hand-over to the Government of the privately-owned Wellington & Manawatu Railway. Likely dates November 2008

**E : TOLL RAIL & TRANZ SCENIC :** We understand the company wishes to celebrate the Centennial of the commencement of regular passenger trains between Wellington and Auckland due in February 2009.

**FRONZ EXEC TO MEET IN CHRISTCHURCH :** During the weekend 1 & 2 February, the FRONZ Executive will meet in Christchurch. This is usually the only time between AGM's that we need to meet face-to-face to deal with business. We hope to meet a number of local member organisations and their people over the weekend. If there are any issues you wish us to address please contact Paul Dillicar or Peter McCallum.

## **CLIMAX 1317 TRUST INCORPORATED**

The FRONZ Calendar Year 2008 is off to a great start with the addition of a new member organisation, bringing our total membership to 68.

The Climax 1317 Trust Inc., was formed jointly by the Te Awamutu Lions Club and Waipa District Council to restore for static display # 1317 which had for many years stood deteriorating on a plinth in a park. The rebuild is well underway.

Climax 1317 was one of several steam engines used by Smyth Bros and Boyer Ltd to haul logs along bush tramways for timber mills in the central North Island of New Zealand, at Arohena till 1946 and then in Ngaroma till 1954. It was driven by Archie McMillan. The firm had bought Climax 1317 from Carter Timber who had taken over the Egmont Box Company.



CLIMAX 1317 ON SMYTH BROS & BORYER TRAMWAY : Unattributed photo.

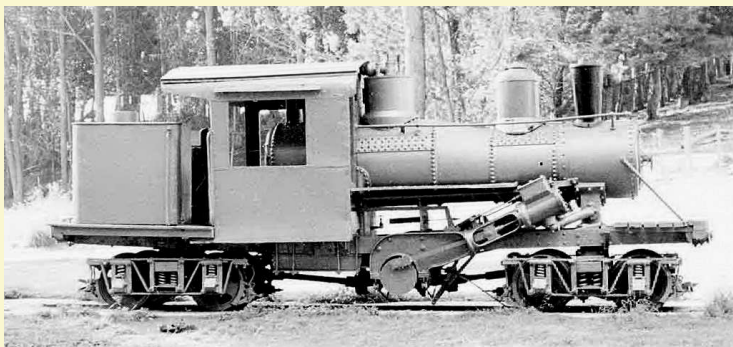
It was gifted to the town of Te Awamutu in the late 1950's by Smyth Bros and Boyer Ltd. 1317 was moved from the Memorial Park to a Council depot in Daphne Street on the 4th December 2004. It had been an icon of Te Awamutu's Memorial Park for aprox' 44 years. The class B Climax was built in 1915 and is one of only six imported from Corry, Pennsylvania. This and three others survive, the others being one each at Tokomaru Steam Museum, the Bush Tramway Club and at ShantyTown.

Joe Tolich, present at the time 1317 was moved out of the Park, was the only surviving member of the party which brought 1317 into Te Awamutu in 1960. The project was undertaken by the Jaycees. A truck was borrowed from Reg Schimanski and driven by George Bain. Mr Tolich recalled the engine was on a raised siding at Ngaroma. Mr Bain backed the truck into the siding and forestry workers pushed the engine onto the truck with another engine. Everyone was surprised at how easily the shift went. Driving into town on the narrow road proved more dangerous, especially when Mr Bain pulled over for a car and the weight of the engine pulled the truck down the camber and off the road. The truck stopped, but was stuck. The team recruited a nearby farmer to pull them out with his tractor. They stuck to the middle of the road after that. The engine was taken through land that is now Christie Avenue and was tipped onto rails on a prior built concrete pad. In 2004, Mr Tolich said amazingly, it slid neatly onto the resting place it had for the last 44 years without a hitch

The move out of the Memorial Park required the track along the Mangaohoi stream to be widened and gravel laid and an access was cut through to Christie Ave'. With the engine supported by a crane, the engine's wheel assembly was pulled out using a digger. Then the engine was lifted and loaded onto wood blocks on a flatbed truck. It travelled to the Council depot in Daphne Street. and was then lowered onto wood blocks. Rails under the blocks were rolled over steel pipes in order to move the engine into the depot shed with a push from a loader driven by Jeff Bowers

Considerable progress has been made in rebuilding the loco since 2004. All offers of assistance are welcome and the best person to contact if you can lend a hand is Russell Easton on (07) 871 5576.

Much of this story acknowledged to <http://acb-3d.com/climaxmove.html> (see Pictures in 3D)



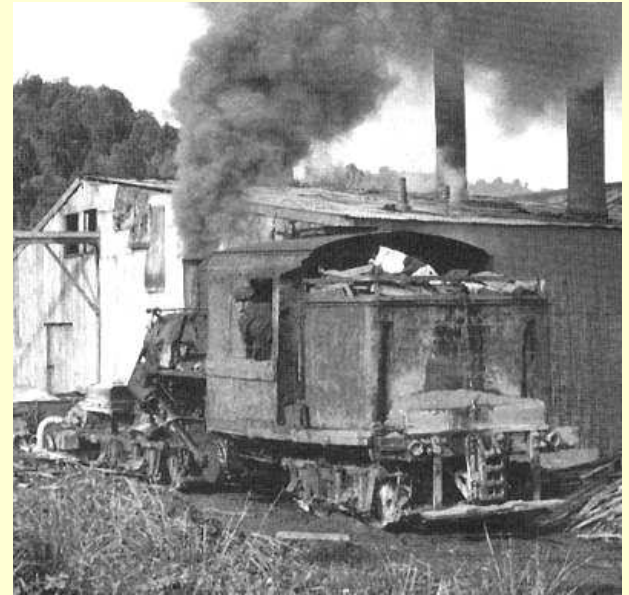
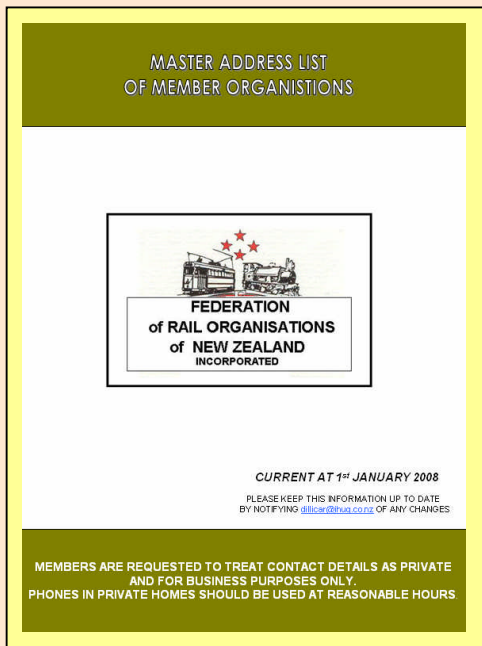
**CLIMAX 1317 settles into Memorial Park, Te Awamutu in 1960.**

Photo : Graeme Bennett

## NEW FRONZ ADDRESS BOOK RELEASED

A big effort has gone into the preparation of a new FRONZ Master Address List which has been released this month. It includes details of websites and principal addresses of Prime Contacts as well as the official Primary Addresses for Notices.

**PLEASE ASSIST US TO MAINTAIN ACCURACY BY POINTING OUT ANY ERRORS, and / or SENDING US ANY AMENDMENTS AS AND WHEN THEY HAPPEN.**



**CLIMAX 1317 AT SMYTH BROS & BORYER MILL  
NGAROMA, 1950's**

*Photo : Trevor Terry*

## TRANSPORT OF DANGEROUS GOODS NZS 5433:2007

New Standard for the transport of dangerous goods  
Standards New Zealand has just published the latest revision of [NZS 5433:2007 Transport of Dangerous Goods on Land](#). The Standard has been revised to reflect the latest changes in United Nations information and the Land Transport Rule and will enable you to comply with mandatory transport regulations and best industry practice.

**The Land Transport Rule is mandatory for all operators and was updated in 2005. The 1999 Standard should no longer be used.**

The revised Standard is presented in two durable ring binders and covers all aspects of transporting dangerous goods, including packaging, segregation, documentation, auditing, and signage. Part 1 contains the Standard and Part 2 contains the UN tables. The two parts are interdependent and are designed to be used together. **A laminated Segregation Wheel is included with each hard copy of the two part Standard.**

It's time to retire your 1999 copy of NZS 5433 [Purchase a hardcopy of NZS 5433:2007 for \\$324.94 ex GST \(retail\)](#) or an electronic PDF or CDrom at a 10% discount. Standards New Zealand members receive a further 20% discount.

[Purchase NZS 5433:2007 online from our webshop.](#)  
Or Call our customer services team on 0800 735 656

## NOTE THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS BOOK CHANGES

### ASHBURTON RAILWAY & PRESERVATION SOC.

E-mail address in green box should be  
[info@plainsrailway.co.nz](mailto:info@plainsrailway.co.nz)

### AWARDS CONVENOR (Reid McNaught) address ..

Please alter to : P O Box 44-444. Mosgiel, Otago, 9053  
Tel : (03) 464 3210

### WAITARA RAILWAY PRESRVATION SOCIETY INC

Graeme & Liz Goldsworthy e-mail address is now  
[Grme-liz@xnet.co.nz](mailto:Grme-liz@xnet.co.nz)

### FEILDING & DISTRICTS STEAM RAIL SOCIETY

Russell Wiseman's phone # should be : (06) 323 5493

### FRIENDS OF WAVERLEY STATION SOCIETY

Delete Murray Davidson from list. Murray sadly passed away on 12 December 2007 and is very much missed by the small team.

### WATERCARE SERVICES LTD : Head Office location change to

Private Bag 92521, Wellesley Street, Auckland  
Phone (09) 539 7553 for Harvey Stewart

## FRONZ EXTENDS SINCERE SYMPATHY to

**Rob Merrifield**, Past President of NZ Railway & Locomotive Society, whose wife Linda was killed in a tragic motor accident near Hunterville, just prior to Christmas. Rob., and son Alistair, were hospitalised by the event. Linda's funeral was held on Monday 7 January and was attended by Clark Simmonds on FRONZ behalf.

## 2008 FRONZ CONFERENCE @ HAMILTON

We're on the final lap of organising the FRONZ Conference for Hamilton at Queens Birthday Weekend - that's Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May thru Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June. Full details and registrations will be released in mid-March with bookings open late March til 20 May for Conference (unless sold out prior) and until just 1<sup>st</sup> May for Accommodation at the Conference Hotel ( Hotel Ibis which is brand-new and just opened). Venues and reasonable prices have not been the easiest to arrange, and in order to limit costs we have had to limit the size of the venue to the first 90 delegates to book. The main Conference Venue will be the Waikato Museum Lecture Theatre on Victoria Street, a 450-metre walk from the Hotel. Please start thinking NOW about who is going to represent you, and plan to book early.

THE PROGRAMME IS NOT YET COMPLETE AND OFFERS OF PRESENTATIONS ARE WELCOME. Please contact Paul Dillicar [dillicar@ihug.co.nz](mailto:dillicar@ihug.co.nz) with offers as soon as possible. Similarly, if you have items you'd like to see debated at the AGM, don't leave it til the last minute to advise us.

We are arranging for an Auckland to Auckland "package" for those delegates who want it, departing from Auckland City (0840) and Airport (0930) on Friday morning 30 May and traveling via Waihi (Goldfields Railway & Victoria Battery Tramway) to arrive in Hamilton in the evening. This coach will return to Auckland via the Bush Tramway Club's "Pukemiro Line" on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June in time for airport departures after 3.30pm (check-in time). There will also be a coach from Hamilton back to Hamilton to/from the Bush Tramway Field Trip for those delegates who are not interested in the Auckland option.

Watch this space, but you may like to think about making travel arrangements now to take advantage of cheaper air-fares.

Any questions : Give Paul a call on (09) 626 3758 or (027) 274 2121



## TE PAPA MUSEUM – SPONSORED SEMINARS

National Services Te Paerangi Seminar -

aimed at anyone involved with **EDUCATION IN MUSEUMS**

Day: Tuesday 19th February 2008 Time: 9am - 5pm Venue: Level 4, Education Room, Te Papa.

During this one-day seminar you will have the opportunity to discuss a possible approach for creating an education programme from start to finish and how to work with teachers through the web.

Registration fee? \$40.00

What should I bring? Pen and paper to take notes, BYO lunch (morning & afternoon tea will be provided)

How do I register? Please call our freephone 0508 678 743 Or email: [natserv@tepapa.govt.nz](mailto:natserv@tepapa.govt.nz)

Post your cheque for \$40.00 registration fee made out to Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa to: Phoebe Arthur, National Services Te Paerangi, Te Papa, PO Box 467 Wellington



## WELCOME BACK "MAIN TRUNK RAIL OHAKUNE INC."

This small band of people, who have suffered from ill-health and lack of resources has re-joined FRONZ as our 69<sup>th</sup> member organisation. Welcome back - especially in the year of the NIMT Centennial.

## MAINLINE STEAM IMPORTS TWO FORMER ZIMBABWEAN STEAM LOCOS

See TV3 coverage at

<http://www.tv3.co.nz/Video/Steamtrainsprovingpopularamongtourists/tabid/309/articleID/42683/cat/64/Default.aspx>



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