



# Northern Views issue 351 OctDec '24

**Website** [wmec.org.nz](http://wmec.org.nz) Now under our direct control. Have a look! All details associated with world wide information including booking private functions and associated costs etc and standard running days. Initially magazine is only sent to paid up members. Discussion as to placing this on the WWW need committee approval.

## **Clubrooms and Running Track at Whangarei Heritage Park SH14 Maunu**

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Postal address **Whangarei Model Engineering Club(Inc), P.O.Box 10233, Te Mai, Whangarei 0143**

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**Club Notices** Running days : 3rd Sunday each month from 10am till 2pm –  
Next one is on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025 10 am - 2pm

Mid-week Workdays: - Generally Every Wednesday, 10 am - 2 pm

Extra running days in January 2025 will be School Holiday Wednesday runs on the 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>. A members day only is scheduled for Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February. This to include a committee meeting and a 1 hr private run.

Private bookings: NIL in January

## **LIST OF MAIN CLUB OFFICERS**

**President:** Chris

**Vice President:** Terry

**Secretary: and Magazine Editor** Tony

**Treasurer:** Bruno

**Boiler Inspector:-** Brian

**MEANZ rep:** Chris

**Committee Members:** Lloyd, Rankin

**Charters and Bookings:** Contact the President

**Rates for private bookings vary. Please see Website for details**

**It is requested that members contribute articles/ photos for publication !**

**If I have no contributions, there will only be some odd photos dealing with**

**current club projects underway or not previously covered. This is the case with**

**this issue.**



Our vice President Terry driving his lookalike steam engine past the picket fence between the signal box and the snackshack. I include this to indicate the extent of Terry's work in removing all the nails that had mainly rotted away. He then replaced the nails with screws treated to be in treated timber. The heads will be backfilled, cleaned down and painted hopefully in the New year.

Chris lining up the new curve around the mountain after shifting a massive rock

A Repaired brake mechanism on a



passenger trolley and Rankine with his steamer at the station checking levels prior to departure.



Workshop Re sleeping some of the track from the viaduct on new restrained metal.

Changikng batteries on the EV





**Clearing the steam up Bay for proposed fixed cover shed for the Traverser**



**Driver under training before independent passenger carrying**



**Laying refurbished track after preparing the metal base and ensuring retention**



The Santa Fe Engine front bogey front axle collapsed when required for a run. With the help of Chris's home based hoist the front end was lifted and after a struggle the front bogie was removed to show the damage.

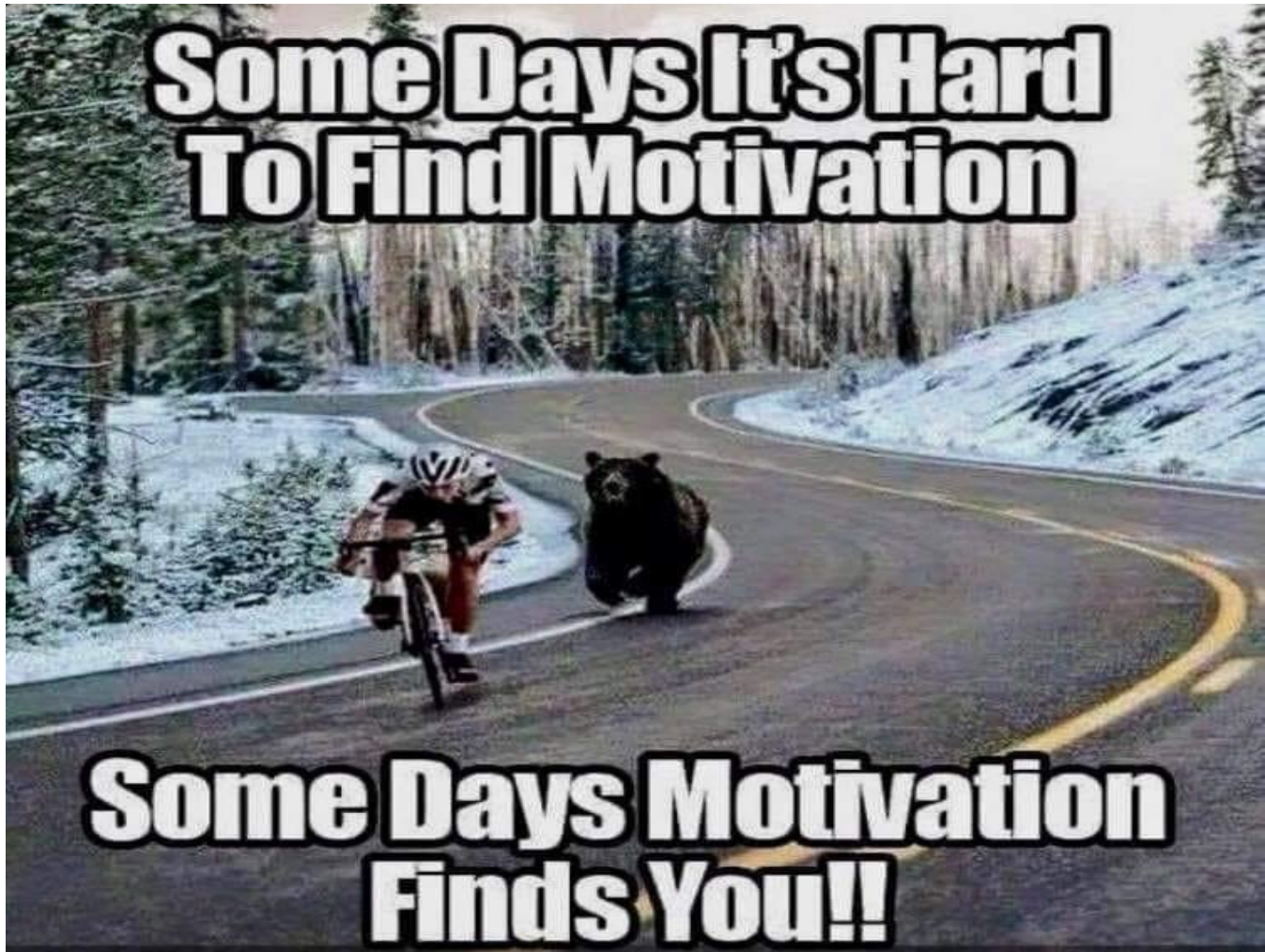
Thoughts about repair and change of sprocket and wheel fixing to the axles is part of the Christmas puzzle. How did it happen and why did none of us drivers notice a deterioration?

There will no doubt be a solution put forward by each of us! So what's unusual about that?

HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL MEMBERS . Restart club activities on January 8th.







**This is how I felt when getting this latest Magazine ready for sending out to members!**

**Fortunately I have an electric bike. And I do try to stay on the left hand lane.**

