



The Steamfest Committee. Otorohanga District Council. P O Box 11, Otorohanga 3940 – www.steamfest.co.nz

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Phill Ward
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Dear Phill,

Many thanks for your participation, along with the Model T Club, during our Steamfest Weekend. Your group participation was really appreciated, not only by the committee, but by the general public too. We have had some really great feed-back. The Model T's chasing the train were quite spectacular.

The sad thing for us organisers is that we were unable to spend much time with you and the other car owners, nor were we able to properly walk around and look at the cars or other exhibits.

However, I was on both trains, directing proceedings, during the Train Races and caught glimpses of the cars racing along the roads. But it wasn't until I was looking at You-Tube and Facebook videos that I realised you had quite a mini fleet of Model T's competing.

I hope you can join us again next year when I hope to have a proper film team on the job making a short documentary about Steamfest.

So, what's happening with Steamfest 2018? Well, we are meeting weekly as a committee and monthly as a wider group. And, of course, the key players are working most days on Steamfest stuff. I am still hopeful that we will have Stephenson's Rocket here for the 2020 event which will be held in the summer/autumn period. The National Railway Museum in York has agreed to loan us the Rocket (replica) on the proviso that we have it flown out and back, (presumably in an aeroplane). Furthermore, they require that two minder/drivers accompany it on the plane.

So add that to the cost of building 550 metres of standard gauge track, I guess I am looking at a budget of, what? Perhaps \$100,000.

Thanks again for your great support, and let's keep in touch.

Kind regards from the Steamfest team


Barry Marx