Good day fellow members, still a couple of members haven’t sent in their dues, they will be missing out on insurance shortly if the dues aren’t paid.

We have had our AGM, almost no change in positions, Merve is still the President, Ian Williams the secretary, Richard Hubinger the treasurer and I have the newsletter. New member Rod Allison picked up a rally officer position.

Members should note, all club correspondence should go through the clubs PO box 11. Exceptions are any mail for the newsletter should come directly to me.

Must apologize for some error in the last newsletter the main being June instead of July, Trevor's wife Carol did not go to America and Merve had not left for his trip overseas.

A story from Ray Blain will be printed in the next newsletter and Merve drops a line for the Presidents report this letter.

Keith
Wanted
Sell—Buy—Swap—Info

Wanted Your stories
Contact Keith Hendrick on 47888551 or mail to
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Thuringowa 4817

For Sale Large qty of 4” x 2” timber suitable for engine chassis. $25

3HP air cooled Southern Cross engine. $300

Complete Howard Junior Rotary Hoe with another Howard Junior less the engine. Both for. $250.

Contact George Nutt of
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Wanted cast iron hopper lid for 2 1/4 hp moffit virtue V3
24 tooth maggy gear for 4hp sundail
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Small number of YB/YC Southern Cross engine parts for sale
Trevor Larkin, 4 Opal St, Mt Isa, 4825

Wanted Cylinder for a Southern Cross ET-B 2.5 hp Diesel
Contact Roger Paul on
47888940

Wanted 2 valves 5/16” stems
1” head also a 3 1/4” piston.
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North Queensland Machinery Preservationists

Presidents Report
By Merve Carey

Hello Fellow Members,
Looking back over the year I think you would all agree with me that it has been a good year, both with venues traveled to and displays participated in. There have been quite a few new members joining the club, bringing with them new ideas and methods. They have been most welcome.
The club banner has flown from Atherton Tablelands to Victoria with various members attending different displays.
I feel that not having been invited to display at a number of venues during 2004/5 was a disappointment, but a word or two in the right place can change this.
From all reports I have heard there are many new restorations about to burst onto the display scene. Also I would like to thank the other committee members who have worked very hard in the club’s interests.
As the club looks forward to 2005/6 with more displays, I would like to thank the club for its support.
Merve Carey

Old Wheels in Motion at Biloela
By Keith Hendrick

On Friday the 14th July Richard and I departed at 5am heading for the Old Wheels in Motion rally at Biloela, the rally run by the Callide Dawson Machinery Preservation Club.
Travelling as a passenger in Richard’s 2 ton truck was a new experience for me, I had plenty of time to look around and I had good vision. It’s different in my starlet all I can see is the grass on the side of the road.

Richard makes easy work of loading engines
We arrived around 3.30pm and went straight to the rally ground, where we were issued a folder with our rally pack (all the information needed to make our stay enjoyable, even a street map.). The people from that club are very professional, they thought of every thing and so everything went smoothly. I feel confident that they will be able to handle the Australian Rally in 2007.

Richard’s crane made short work of unloading our engines, having done this we went to book in to our cabin. A different one to last year, a bit better than last year, octagonal in shape with a reverse cycle air conditioner, boy did we need that.

The Callide Dawson provided the meal that night as well as prepaid dinner and breakfast for the next 2 nights. Richard and I never went hungry, we seemed to always be eating.

Next morning we headed out to the rally ground around 7am for breakfast, golly it was cold I had on 2 coats, the first was removed around 10am the next about 11am. The weather turned out perfect and the sky was very clear.

The engines were housed in two fenced compounds complete with access gates. Each compound had around 20 engines.

A third compound had a well restored steam portable driving a three head gold stamper, a Lister, Massy Harris, Bradford and a Star.

All were immaculately restored and painted, they may have been owned by one person. I was talking to the young fellow who painted them, it was a credit to him.

I saw him the next day and his lip was badly split and a tooth was broken off, it seems he was cranking the Bradford the previous day and the crank handle slipped off.

Off to the left of the engines were the tractors, three rows of them about 75 in all. Parked beside the tractors were some implements such as graders, headers, hay bailers and a seed planter. Another compound had a working demonstration with a percussion type drilling rig. Next to that was a compound, where they demonstrated chaff cutting using a horse powered gadget to turn the chaff cutter. I remember seeing part of one of these gadgets on our farm as a kid.

In the same compound they were demonstrating rope making. Other activities included working horses and tractor pulls.

There seemed to be quite a few retired men off the land, one old fellow told me, while looking at my farm pumper, that the farm-pumper killed more sheep than any drought did, I could quite believe it.

After an enjoyable day we fronted up Saturday night to the dinner and the nights entertainment.

A brother and sister were singing country and western while a younger brother was on the drums. I enjoyed their singing in fact, I recon the brother was as good as some of the recognised singers.
Later on every one was entertained with a quiz, mostly farm related, our table managed to get 15 questions right, only 50 percent.

Sunday again turned on perfect weather, with much the same activities as the previous day. We started to pack up later in the day and most people left that afternoon. Richard and I stayed on for the auction and dinner that night. The highlight of the auction was the Caterpillar Twenty Two, which was started up and driven forward and back. It had been sprayed with a quick coat of paint to clean it up a bit. I recon the bloke who bought it will have some work in front of him. Dinner brought the end of a good and enjoyable weekend, one that I would do again if I can.

Keith