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NEXT MEETING FRIDAY, 26th October at Brian Pumps 60 Coates st MtLouisa

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Good day fellow members, almost Christmas, with one more
display so far this year to be held at the Willows State School
Fete.
Kerry and I wont be going as we are going to Biggenden this
week end to run our section cars on the line down there.

Got a good story from Russell from the trip down to Biloela,
he is always trying to get dirt on me so you have to realise that
he stretches things a little, but I suppose I’ll have to publish it.

Found out Merve has the navigational skill of a homing pi-
egeon, while at Biloela he stayed at a little place called Jambin
around 50k north of Biloela. On the Saturday night on the way
home he found himself at Banana some 50k west of Biloela, it
was then that the homing pigeon instinct cut in and he retraced
his tracks then headed north, a 150k round trip and a couple of
hours down the drain. He holidayed over seas recently, but I am
not so sure now.

There is only one more meeting and newsletter this year so
next meeting we will have to decide on Christmas dinner, date
and venue. Keith.

Kool Fix
Trevor & Carol Philipson

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Hello All.
We had a good meeting on the 28th, at Brain’s place, (thanks again Brain). We are (or were, by the time you read this) invited to the Willows School to display our engines on the 12Oct07 at their Friday night Fete, about five members put their hands up to attend. The main discussion for the night was the new guide lines from the NHMA, we changed a few of our “Rules” (now to be known as guide lines), this could be enclosed in this newsletter, if not, definitely the next. We had a good response as to what the wording should be, and I believe we covered all the bases. If you think some thing should be changed or we have left some thing out, write it down and send it in, it’ll be tabled at the next meeting for discussion. Also at the meeting, a question was asked about obtaining a simpler and easier Shade tent, to replace the bulkier Shade tent we have now. After the display at the Model Railway Park, we all saw how easier these newer style Gazebo’s are to put up. One of the members is going to find what the cost of this new Gazebo will be? The larger and bulkier one, will still be kept, but used on the larger display’s we go to. The Xmas night out was mentioned, and a few venues were talked about, but nothing as yet was decided, keep thinking about it, because it’s getting closer. The question about “Custodian’s” was mentioned, and it was agreed that we do have assets, but it was getting late for some and the Cakes and coffee beckoned. I’ll get a list off the Secretary and talk about it again next meeting. The goodies at the end of the meeting are always a treat, and as always Dee’s are the first to go, Keith is getting better with his cakes each meeting and come a close second to Dee’s, he assured us that the Woolworths wrapper was some thing he just had at hand.

Andy Nicholson
National Rally 2007
A Trip to Biloela
By Russell Spence

It was 4 in the morning when we left for Biloela, engines in tow, heading for Dululu to spend the night before a short trip to Bilo, settle in at the motel and set the engines up for the start of the rally. Arrived at Dululu in the afternoon after an uneventful trip, except for Rod’s Ute disappearing from view quite regularly, something to do with a Chinese bladder I think. Andy and I would pull up and five minutes later Rod would appear and away we would go, until next time. The pub at Dululu was an eye opener, built in the 1890s, but it had beds and a shower, even if it was a bit rough.
The night was cold, the bed was hard and the snoring was something to behold. Last time I will ever sleep in an old pub with those two! Off to Bilo next morning, minus 3 Degrees, ice on the windscreen, arrive mid morning and book into the motel. They have me sharing a double bed with Richard? Don’t think so, not my type. Sort that out and head for the rally ground, people and engines everywhere. Found our spot and set up, had a quick look around and headed back to the motel. Keith and Malcolm arrive later in the afternoon so I head straight for Malcolm, there will be a story or two tell somewhere about the trip, but alas, nothing. Not to worry, something will bob up later. We all went over for a feed that night and enjoyed the entertainment on offer, then retired for the night.
Next morning, around 6, it’s cold, below freezing, and I am out chasing the morning sun trying to warm up and Malcolm appears, shivering. “Coldest bloody night I have ever spent”, says Malcolm, and he hails from Cloncurry where it can get cold! Rod had messed with both the reverse cycle air conditioners and had them on cold instead of hot!
Off to the rally and had a good day. Engines ran well, except for one of Merves. He gave up cranking and parked it. Impressive arrays of engines were on display from our Northern members and they deserve a special mention for their efforts.
Keith’s new Fairmont was on display and ran well. Only problem was he wouldn’t fill the tank full of fuel and I was the chief starter and tuner. Had sore arms by the end of the rally.

For all your insulating requirements on roofs, mobile homes, caravans etc see the new space age Thermashield from Jesse’s Quality Paints - Your One Stop Paint Store - 14 Carlton St Kir-
Had a feed and went back to the motel for a yarn, no Keith.
Said to Ian W, seen Keith? “In bed” is the reply. Go and knock on the door and here he is, re-splendent in his brown stripe flannelette pyjamas, the like of which haven’t been seen for thirty years. (See Photo)

Russell.

Next morning back to the rally. Merves engine won’t go neither will Keith’s unless the chief starter is there, Malcolm disappears for most of will the day, bloody tractors, and then it is time for a feed and back to the motel.
Keith’s phone rings, it his wife wanting him to speak to the dog would you believe, and to everyone’s amazement he does, in front of us all. Going to take years before that is forgotten! Better story than the 3000 ton Dragline he couldn’t see.
The last day dawns and Richard and I head over for breakfast and the last day of rallying. Merves engine won’t go, Keith’s only when Ian W or I start it, and Malcolm disappears in amongst the trucks and tractors for another great day.
Richard's engines performed well as did Ian M and the boys from the North. I must confess that I

had had enough by the time we shut down for the last time and loaded up for the long trip home.
Every one had a great time at a well organized event that was a credit to the boys from Bilo. Rod kept disappearing from sight on the way home, same problem as going down, I suspect .Andy slept, which he is good at .Only bloke I know that can fall asleep in a chair, in the middle of a rally, with a heap of old engines running. (See Photo)