Good day fellow members, Those who did not go to Walkamin missed out on a tremendous display. I think that is the secret, hold the display with a field day. Most the people who visited the field day checked out our display and were prepared to ask a lot of questions.

The northern members went to a lot of trouble to set up the area to ensure that it was a success. A big thanks to Ray and Lyn.

Its that time of the year again, the annual fee’s. We ask you to get your application in early so that we can send away for the insurance.

Walkamin

Six of us drove up from Townsville, Ian W, Russell, Andy, Malcolm and myself were in the first group followed later by Merve. By the time we arrived at Cardwell there was a steady drizzle of rain. After smoko I pushed on first, to unload a motor at Dave’s place and he then joined the convoy. Next morning was still a little drizzle but every one up there said it would be fine at Walkamin and they were pretty right.

Everybody enjoyed the field day, even though there was a fair crowd, you were able to talk with the exhibitors very easily. There was something there for everyone, the one that stood out for me was the local fire brigade display. I knew that you did not put water on a fat fire but they demonstrated using a tin on a long stick, the resulting explosion was frightening. I don't think any one who watched this demo would ever make the mistake of doing that.

We had our monthly meeting on Wednesday night giving the northern members a chance to have their say. This was followed by a BBQ where Michael showed that restoring machinery was not all that he could do. No one went home hungry, in fact I had eaten too much.

Keith.
Hello All.

What a month, quite a few displays, but by far the best would have to be the NQ Field Day.

A great display and a good range of engines, 54 I think, if its wrong blame Toby he did the count, at one stage there I thought he was going to take his boots of as he kept running out of fingers.

The weather was great clear and cool, it rained all the way up from Townsville and while setting up on Tuesday there was a light drizzle.

We (the Townsville chapter) thought this is going to be great, a wet display, this’ll keep the public away, but it didn’t, we had a good crowd walking along our fence line all the time we were there.

The two days that we were there I don’t think we got wet at all, great displaying weather.

We had our Monthly club meeting on Wednesday night, the numbers were low, but it was great to see the club all together.

The cook did a great job with the steaks and snags.

Thanks again to Ray and his wife Lyn, who put a lot into this Field day display, it topped of a great display.

A good trip home, even found a great place in El-Arish for coffee.

The motel we were staying at the Tablelands Motor Inn, looked after us, very friendly, even though they had two rooms full of Old farts to contend with, looking forward to an other stay with them.

See ya…

Andy Nicholson.

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Top Right.
Rod, Andy, Malcolm, Ian, & Merve looking busy.

Center Left.
Andy pleading with his M

Bottom Right.
John Taylor doing battle with his engine

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Top Left.
Michael and Noel having a blow.

Center Left.
John with his engine from Cairns

Bottom Left.
Lyn and Tony having a chat

Center Right
We thought Russell was having a sleep