Good day fellow members, well Andy’s report made my job easier this month, with his coverage of Biloela.

We will be holding our AGM this meeting so everyone should try to attend.

Still a few application renewal fees outstanding. Try to get them as soon as possible as we have sent away for our insurance.

Two close events, the Good Shepherd Home and the Mundingburra School for us to attend. The Good Shepherd is a short one starting at 10am and running for around a couple of hours.

Brian, Ian M, Merve, Rod & Dan, Malcolm and I went up to Ravenswood a couple of weeks ago to display our machinery. We were in a good spot across the road from the pub where they were holding a Bush Poetry event. Most people attending the event came over and checked out our display. The shop next door to our display also had a large collection of old memorabilia and we were given a conducted tour. I quite enjoyed it.

Received an article on the Atherton Show from Michael Biggs, he also sent some photos but I haven’t mastered my scanner yet so am unable to show them. You will find the article on page 3.

Keith.
Hello All.

Well its AGM time once again, want a change, or like what you’ve got, it’s up to you!

Some of the boys went to Ravenswood on 01Aug09, I hope it turned out ok; we’ll have to wait for a report.

Biloela, a good weekend, but very quiet. Three of us went down, Keith, Merv and I all in our own vehicles, Merv and Keith picked me up on their way through at 6am. A good steady trip all the way down, not to much traffic, we got into Biloela around 3.30pm, dropped off the engines and made our way to the Biloela Caravan park where we were booked in for the three nights.

The accommodation was great, just down the road less than a 1km, a good price for the three of us ($85 per night); you wouldn’t want more than three in the cabins as it would get a little bit too friendly. One thing though is the water it’s as hard as stone, makes a rotten coffee and a bugger in the shower.

Saturdays, we got set up and had our safety brief before any engine was started, one thing you’ve got to hand it to the Biloela people, they had it all set up well.

We were in two sort of pens, one looked like all Biloela people and the other was the rest of us. A few from Mackay and Gladstone and a few blow in’s not to sure where they were from. We only had a few people turn up to see our stuff on Saturday so it was a bit disappointing. Merv and my engines run until we ran out of fuel, Keith’s was very quiet, Some thing about missing a starter (Russell).

Sunday, they had an auction starting at 9am finishing around 2.30pm, a lot of engines and lots of rusty stuff; I reckon they would of bid on a dead dog if it had been put on a pallet!
No recession down there, lots of money was spent. No public came to see our engines though! I didn’t bother starting mine, Merv started one and Keith was still missing his starter. 3.30pm it was finished, 4pm we were all packed up. A good weekend because of the people I went with, (I had a good time), A bad weekend for displaying your pride and joy. Can’t wait for the Field day up north 2011 it’s a hard one to beat.

See ya…

Andy Nicholson.

The Atherton Show 2009

By Michael Biggs.

Nice weather for a change, 4 members displayed 15 engines this year.

Doug Smiths had very nice little Witte engine, a Rosbery which ran like a clock and a 4hp sundial engine.

Noel Akers bought a Ronaldson Tippet4hp diesel with a water pump, a 3hp International and a 4hp Wolsely running a large water pump.

Henk Takken displayed his Ronaldson and Tippet diesel and a immaculate pump.

I bought my Southern Cross Farm Pumper, a 2hp Sundial and 6 small engines, 2 small Villiers, Mk10 and Mk12. as well as a Amplion, a qualcast, a Jap 2A first model and a Brock House Spryt. A very rare engine.

Michael.
Top and Bottom left.
2 beautifully restored International Famous engines at Biloela.

Top right.
It’s that International M again, I don't know what Andy is saying to it.