Hello All.

Another monthly meeting has passed; nothing new to add, just talk on the up-coming Rallies. People are going to be travelling from one end of the state to the other next month. The Queensland state rally and then back for the Field Day. We have been given a good looking site for this years Field Day, hopefully it works out okay. This year it has been stated that no vehicle movement will be allowed between Midnight Tuesday till 0700 hrs Friday morning, Work Health & Safety rules. So as before, set-up will be Tuesday, I’ll be there and hopefully Merv (as he has the fence), some time in the morning, if you miss us, just plonk your engines on the site and we can adjust on the Wednesday before the hordes arrive.

The site we have been given is just up from where we were years ago (2 Field days ago), so with any luck we can park our vehicles on that dirt road and hop the fence. The girls at the Field Day office said they’d look after us, we’ll just have to wait and see how it goes.

I went up to Kerry’s place Good Friday with Keith to remove one of his gate ornaments, i.e, one CF Ronnie, its now in the pickle and all looks good, fingers crossed.

Last month Glen had some uninvited guests who helped them selves to some of his gear, just the thought of some one getting into your home is bad enough, but when there is nothing you can do, it makes you really mad. All you can do is make it harder for the next time?

I still think an N series Ronnie just above the door is a good idea though!
Keith and I have been looking at the Clubs Annual Fee structure and at the moment its not looking good, things may have to change (of course go up), we have to decide what to do before the fee’s are due and sent out. As we have no overheads it shouldn’t be a big hike, just so we can cover the News letter and postage are the main things, but as always we need your input and idea’s, so if we don’t hear from you, you’ll be happy with what we come up with?

See ya…
Andy Nicholson.

It will never go again  
*By Keith Hendrick*

The Novo that I have been working on for several years finally burst into life the other day. Russell has been taunting me that “it will never go again”. So the other day I asked him over to check out how far I had progressed, he was so impressed that he put the pressure on to get it running, to which I agreed.

While I poured some fuel in the carby, Russell fixed an emergency stop (a long piece of wire tied to the spark plug lead).

Would you believe a couple of cranks and Russell the other side of the bench holding onto the emergency stop wire, it burst into life.

It ran quite sweetly for a while then stopped, we thought it had finished the fuel in the bowl, but the magy was running anticlockwise and unscrewed the bolt. With the bolt tightened and retimed we were off again.

This has been a long running saga, with a lot of help from other members, most of all from Dave who welded the new barrel into the cylinder and Tony Little who supplied a piston. The cylinder is back with Dave at Elarish and he is going to try to weld the water hopper back onto the cylinder.
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I won’t go into anymore detail now but will bring the story up to date in a future newsletter.

Keith
Has anybody out there done this?

Ian Matthews

I have put things away that I might want one day, that day has come,
Now where did I put it?
Damn, go buy a new one, only to come home and the first thing I see in the shed, yeh you guessed it, now I have two, now what do I do? Do I put the new one in a safe place ?????

Confused

Ed: Pick two safe places - you double your chances of finding one next time!

How good is your security?

Glen Harris

As Andy mentioned, my house was broken into last month and a couple of TVs and a laptop was stolen. Fortunately (Ha!) they were professionals - no damage or vandalism and not a hair was out of place. Unfortunately, they came back a week and a half later and broke through the five deadlocks I'd since installed. This time they took a heap of power tools, camera, ADSL modem, server, etc - all the portable consumer items they'd left the first time.

While I'm waiting for the insurance to come through, I'm installing an alarm system, steel grills on the windows and steel grill external doors. I even have a genuine jail cell door from Lavarack Barracks. I certainly won't be trusting deadbolts again, a 60cm crowbar was the only tool they used.