President's Report

Hello All.

Just a general discussion on the past display’s, the Field Day and the Townsville Heritage display. Both were enjoyed by the members that attended, and I think the general feeling was that they will be attended again when they come around.

The “Card” i.e. an official Club Card, was also discussed, and a few good ideas have come out of it, next months meeting will see a revamped design and a few “Rules” as to their use, all this at the June meeting at Pumpies.

A few of us went to the All British Day, a good day all in all; a bit sunny but next time we’ll take the shade tent and not rely on the tree for shade.

We were asked over the fence about our thoughts about displaying in Ingham around September 2011, Fathers day I think.

We’ll know more when it gets a bit closer, so keep an eye open.

See ya…

Andy Nicholson

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Engines Wanted
"K" series R&T
Contact Andy Nicholson

Heritage Day
Shane O’Connell

On Sunday 16th May the Townsville Heritage Day was held at the West End Park on Ingham Road. The West End Park is situated in the front of Townsvilles oldest cemetery.

The NQMP was once again there to wake up the dead with our KA-BANGS & KA-PLOPS emanating from our engines. A top day with Merv, Ian M, Brian, Keith, Glen and myself putting on a display that was very worthy of representation of our fine club.

The event officially was set to start at 11am, but I was amazed at the number of people flowing through the displays from as early 9.30. It was rewarding to talk to both

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young and old folk and listening to their stories of years gone by where engines similar to ours on display were an everyday part of their lifestyle.

I chanced to meet a very softly and well spoken young gentleman named Lauchlin who was autistic. Young Lauchlin was absolutely fascinated by our engines and referred to my Lister as The Lean Mean Blubber Machine as I had used some old green coolant for this engine. His Dad had to hold him up for quite while as did most parents there with young children to peer into the coolant tank which was steaming away nicely. TOP STUFF !!

See you all at the next meeting, Shane.
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