President's Report

Hello All.

A very quick and enjoyable meeting, a few missing from the usual crowd, but still a good meeting.

Thanks goes out to Ian M and Brian P for representing the NQMP in helping George Nutt’s daughter sort out all of George’s treasures for a garage sale.

It’s not a nice subject to talk about, but I hope it helped in a very sad task; it’s the least we as a Club can do for a passing member’s family.

We were lucky to have Ian and Pumpee available, otherwise it would have been a daunting task.

Keith has sent off a few letters, and Merv is checking out a new shade arrangement, his mandate is: something cheap and easy to erect, but it must be strong and not too girly.

Seeing Merv is a man of many talents, he should #*&** this in.

I have done very little this month; I had a phone call from a Member in Ingham, wanting to know what a decent price would be for a little Howard tractor.

He doesn’t want to insult the owner and doesn’t want to pay too much, anyone know what he should pay? Send me an e-mail or phone and I’ll pass the info on, or pass your number onto the member concerned.

See ya…

Andy Nicholson
North Queensland Machinery Preservationists

Wanted
Sell - Buy - Swap - Info

Stories Wanted
Contact Glen Harris on 0418450032, post to PO Box 2054, Townsville, 4810, or email to newsletter@nqmp.org

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

Jondaryan Woolshed
By Keith Hendrick.
Part 2

The Jondaryan Woolshed complex looks like it is built around the original woolshed with other buildings moved in from around the district. Up front is a well restored bank building, to the left is a hall from Flagstone creek, School and black smith shop. To the right there were several sheds housing a large number of engines and tractors. Straight ahead there was a large area set aside for the tractors and the compound where we set up. Behind us was the Jondaryan railway station with a 7 ½” miniature train layout that circled our compound and ran past an old cheese factory behind us.

Both Russell and I got to drive the 1200 class English Electric model train, the one we drove had a Cola motor driving a hydraulic pump, it could get along alright, I recon hundreds of people went for a ride on it over the three days.

The engines on display were too numerous to list, they ranged from working clothes to better than showroom finish. John Carnsew from Cairns brought his model traction engine, my Novo was

Photo 1: Myself driving the 1200 class English Electric model train, anxious owner looking on.
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first in line, this was its first outing and it ran like a little clock for the three days, Russell’s ex-army 24v DC gen set was next, Ian Matthew’s Cooper next, Alf from the Burdekin was next followed by Tom Callow. Merve placed his Ronny with his Farm Pumper on the back fence, with a member from the Mackay club next.

Several clubs including Townsville, Ayr, Mackay, Bileola, Gympie and many others participated. There were some extremely well made working models on display as well. I think the tractors were better catered for, there were two grand parades each day along with tractor pulls and other activities, a loudspeaker could be heard all day long promoting some tractor event.

Russell and I left Monday morning for our trip home. We headed out to Miles before turning north heading for Wandoan, Taroom and Theodore. The road was far better than when I last travelled on it nearly 40 years ago. As we passed the North Queensland Field Day site we dropped off my engine for another two days running before heading home after a hectic week.

Keith.

For all your insulating requirements on roofs, mobile homes, caravans, etc, see the new space age Proshield from Jesse’s Quality Paints - Your One Stop Paint Store - 14 Carlton St Kirwan
Photo 4: Shearing Quarters at Jondaryan Woolshed.

Photo 5: Looking across part of the tractor compound from the cheese factory, woolshed in the background.

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