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NEXT MEETING: 7pm Friday 25th March at Brian Pump's, 60 Coates St, Mt Louisa

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President's Report

Hello All.
A nice quick meeting was held at Brian's, a few items were brought up.

Are we going to have a Monthly Meeting while we're at the Field Day? Is there going to be a BBQ?

Keith should have made some phone calls by now, he'll let us know what the go is at this month's meeting.

It was also suggested that a Club Newsletter be sent to the Club in Charters Towers each month, every one was for that, will have to check with the Club mailman (Keith).

We had a Newsletter from NHMA, which was tabled at the meeting, once again they state that no new insurance card will be issued after the 01APR, anyone who joins after that date won't be insured until the new cards are issued.

Ian M had a lot of treasures to get rid of, not sure what was left, but a lot did go.

The Townsville council are chasing us again to display on the 15May11, will have to check with Keith to see how that is going.

I went to the Townsville Boat & Camping Show, at the Showgrounds, if your thinking of going next year I wouldn't bother. What a rip off $8 each to get in.

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

Wanted
K series RT
Contact Andy Nicholson 47841171

Wisconsin AENLD crankshaft & conrod or similar, approx 3 1/4" throw for freelance engine.
Contact Toby Aitkinson 40962892

For Sale
Greenfield Mower
Robin motor, tiller included. One little old lady owner, only mowed on Sundays.
Contact Brian Pump 47745214

John Taylor

It is with sadness we let members know that John Taylor passed away on Friday the 25th of February.

John was well liked and respected and will be missed by family and fellow club members.

He was born in Mackay 10th March 1931 and was bought up in Homebush during the depression. At age 13 he was loading cane by hand.

John moved to Ayr where he was married and got a job at the Kalemia Mill. From Ayr he moved the family to Tinaroo where he worked as a form setter in the construction of the Dam.

On completion of the Dam he again moved the family, this time to Walkamin and continued to work on the channel system associated with the Dam.

John built a house and workshop at Walkamin where he built up a business repairing tractors and farm machinery.

A lot of time was spent visiting old mine sites and early settlement areas where he collected old bottles and all manner of memorabilia.

He had a deep passion for restoring old engines and delving into their history.

John is survived by three sons.

Keith
Call For Articles

Glen Harris

As you can see by the remainder of the Newsletter, I've run out of content. I'd like to thank Andy, Ian M, Keith and Shane for their contributions over the past couple of years, both in writing up rally reports, and for original articles to fill in between rallies.

We have five or six newsletters which are outside the normal rally season, but it would only take half of our membership to write one article every five years to fill the gap. An article does not need to be a meticulously constructed literary masterpiece or an epic saga of the battle against age and corrosion.

Taking an hour or two to jot down 200 to 400 words is quite sufficient. A dozen paragraphs, perhaps 30 sentences. If you have a photo or three, that helps enormously. I'm more than willing to transcribe handwritten pages, and I can scan and return photographs or slides.