President's Report

Hello All.

A good meeting at Pumipies, lots of talk, and everyone was involved.

It looks like we are going to amend the Club Safety Rules/Guidelines, everyone has a month to work out what we will need.

Any changes will be added to our handout and sent to all our members, who in turn will sign to say they will comply when renewing their membership.

It looks like we are to have a BBQ the first night of the Field Day display along with our monthly meeting, all members and their family are more than welcome.

This is when we can put faces to names and see how really high tech we are at these meetings of ours.

A few of our out-of-towners know what we get up to at these meetings, so don't let the cat out of the bag.

Just a reminder to you all, only NHMA insurance card holders are permitted behind the fence.

With the National Rally being held in September, NHMA have told us to get our insurance money in to them early, so they can post out the new cards, because of travelling time they (the committee) may not be able to process them in time.

We (Merv, Club Treasurer) will have the appropriate forms for you to sign (and take your money) at the Field Day, if we can get this done early we stand a good chance of getting the insurance cards back without an uninsured period.

See ya…

Andy Nicholson
**Victa Lawn Mower**  
*Ian Matthews*

When I first picked up this lawn mower I thought someone had done a good job of making their own mower. I sent a picture of to the "Vintage mower forum site" saying look what someone has done, only to find out that the mower is all original and made by Victa, so the questions started.

What everybody calls model ‘one’ is not really the first one, it is the fourth model made. The first one was the "Peach Tin" model and only a few were made. The next one was the first "Fan" model and as you can see the base plate is flat and the engine is held up the base by 4 brackets and there was only 200 made with only a handful so far found.

The next was the second "Fan" model with the main difference being was the raised base centre to hold the motor, a feature that carried on for many years and there was only 600 made of this model.

The Peach Tin, First Fan, Second Fan models were all made in a shed behind a church, this proved to be too small as every time Victor made one mower he could sell three, so a factory down the road was acquired where Victa went into full production with what we call model one.

This is only a very basic outline of the History of Victa.
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