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Coming Events
All British Day
19 June 2011
Cathedral School, Townsville

Dam Fine Rally
2 July 2011
Ross River Dam, Townsville

Good Shepard Hospice
20 July 2011
Townsville

Ravenswood Show
TBA

13th NHMA Vintage Machinery Rally
2 - 4 September 2011

Ingham Wings and Wheels Airshow
2 - 4 September 2011

Giru Show
10 September 2011

President's Report
Hello All.

As you know we missed out on May's meeting, it clashed with a very important TV Program, so we had a special meeting at Shane's with a BBQ on 4 June 2011.

June's meeting will be at Pumpees on 24 June 2011.

The meeting at Shane's was very good, a good turn out, and lots of discussions.

It was decided that we will have an “Attendance Book” which will be filled in at each display.

The “Safety Officer” (wearing his vest) will ask every person behind the display fence to add their name, date, what club they are affiliated with, insurance card No., and sign it. No signature, no engines will be started!!! This means everyone behind the fence must sign.

There are three reasons behind this;

1. To insure all persons behind the fence are covered by insurance, in case of an accident.

2. If someone has to claim, they have the peace of mind knowing the the person is insured.

3. If we have a claim against us, we have a record that the person claiming was actually in our display area.

We were also lucky enough to have Keith give us a talk about Generation, it was a hard subject to deliver, some knew a little, some thought they knew more, and others that didn't know a thing about it. Now we are all confused and will ask Keith to fix any electrical problem we have. No, really, it was good to find out a few things.

See ya...

Andy Nicholson

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June 2011

NEXT MEETING: 7pm Friday 24th June at Brian Pump's
A Member's View

I had a great time at this year's Field day, and what feedback I've been getting, others thought the same.

A group of us arrived Tuesday around 12 o'clock, thinking we would be early, only to find most of the work had been done. Ray did a great job which wasn't easy, no sooner had he positioned the fence when an other Ute load of engines arrived.

The accommodation that we had arranged was good, nice and clean and had easy parking. The owner looked after us. Sponsorship was discussed, during the two day display we had one official visit us at smoko both days. Not much was said but I think we gave a good impression, so it may look good for the next Field Day up north.

The display itself was (as it always is) great, lots for "Joe Public" to look at, which they did, and the interaction between Club members was first class. The second day of the display I had trouble with my engine (which is unusual) and within seconds Michael B was there giving a hand, it started and ran for the rest of the day.

There was a couple of Hiccups - one was fixed and the other won't happen again, as he won't be invited to display with us again, but neither spoilt a great two day event.

There was plenty to see at the Field Day and a lot of bargains to be had. There was a lot of interest shown at our display, more than we ever get at the Townsville Field Day. Tony L's antique Cappuccino machine had a good crowd, especially on the cold mornings. Ray B will have to sink a new bore, the one he was pumping from, the water didn't look the best. David M's little Lister Z was different, looked very similar to another make, but he assured me it was a Z, I'll take his word for it. Ian M had a great engine, after the two day display he seemed to have more oil than he started with, and he shared it around with his neighbours. Toby A had one of his specials which had the public staring, and Tony R with his Corn stuff, still waiting.
for the Popcorn.

Oh and not forgetting Peter H - for some reason whenever I passed, I had a craving for Fish&Chips.

To all the members who attended, you did our Club proud. Well done, this is one of the reasons our Club is in demand.

see ya
Andy Nicholson

Far North Queensland Field Day
By Keith Hendrick

I was looking forward to the Walkamin field day and I wasn’t disappointed. With perfect weather and crowds of interested people.

We must have had over half of our members at the field day, bringing over 40 engines.

With several members from the Burdekin Machinery club, Allan our member from NSW and nine members from Townsville, Dave, Paul and Morris from Elarish, Peter from Innisfail and the rest from the Tablelands and Cairns. Col from the Bileola club, now residing at Mareeba, bought along three of his many tractors.

With so many engines and tractors the compound had to be rearranged to fit it all in, thanks to Ray Blain we all made it. They tell me in two years time the field day will move to Mareeba giving all of us plenty room.

I have not been to a display where so many people showed so much interest. And no wonder, people entering northern gate the first thing they saw was Tony Little’s well restored hot air engine. It has to be up with the best displays there. All day long it pumped water into an old tank mounted on a rustic tank stand, it really looked the part.

At the other end of the compound Tony Riodan was shelling corn driven by a Lister D, the corn was then fed into a grinder driven a Moffat Virtue. I feel that these displays gave people a
good insight into how people lived and worked in the old days.

I must mention Toby’s effort, he made his own engine out of bits and pieces, and he told me that he did not make any drawings but built the engine in his head. Not only did he build it from his head but it was an upside down vertical engine, but there’s more, it was a six cycle engine. Toby told me this was done by engine builders to get around the Otto four stroke patents.

You could go on for pages because there were so many well restored engines there but I am already looking forward to the next Field Day.

Keith.

See more photos at the NQMP website!