President's Report

Hello All.

My input is no longer required.
A copy of the Minutes are available upon request.
Thank you for all your support.

Andy Nicholson

Annual General Meeting
2011

This year's AGM will be help on the 26th of August at Brian Pump's house at 7:30pm.
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

Victa carburettors $5 each
Ian Matthews 47731563

Giveaway
Whipper-Sniffer collection
Ian Matthews 47731563

Magnetic Island Museum
By Keith Hendrick

Earlier in the year, while the club was displaying at the Townsville City Council Heritage Rally at the West End cemetery park, a lady from the Magnetic Island Museum asked if we would be interested in restoring an old engine for them.

An email with a few photos was sent over and it was soon determined that it was a Ronnie. This engine was used on a pineapple farm to pump water for the crop. After a short discussion at the next meeting I was nominated to look after it.

Last week Ian Williams and myself made the trip over to the Island to check it out and if possible to get it to run. This was my first trip to the Island in around 30 years, so I was looking forward to it. Back in the seventies we used to holiday each year during the August school holidays and we loved beaches and the lay back life style.

We were met at Nelly Bay ferry terminal by an old friend and work mate who has retired to the Island. I was not impressed with the development at Nelly Bay as I preferred the old Island. But as we toured around on a quick sight seeing tour the old Magnetic Island re emerged.

The Magnetic Island Museum consist of the Picnic Bay school and yard with a holiday hut known as the Butler Hut shifted in from the beach front. Overseeing all this, is a voluntary group of dedicated ladies.

The Ronnie was located under the school building and we soon got under way with tools, petrol and oil provided by my mate. It did not take long find that we had some compression and that no water had found its way into the cylinder. Probably helped by the right angle bend on the top of the exhaust pipe.

While Ian cleaned the Maggy points I removed and cleaned the plug and squirted some oil down the plug hole. Turning the engine over showed that we had a good spark. Next the carby and fuel
tank were removed, this was the first set back, the fuel tank had a sludge of old fuel and water in it. Ian cleaned the jets and the carby was re installed without the fuel tank.

The moment of truth had arrived, while Ian held a small plastic bottle of fuel up the intake I started to crank and crank, I had visions Merve cranking his Ronnie. However with Ian working the controls and a dash of Start You B----- we soon had it under way.

The engine ran quite well and soon attracted the ladies from the Museum, they thought it was brilliant, did not expect to see it running so soon. Over morning tea they decided to leave the engine as is and not have it painted up.

I have bought the fuel tank home to try to clean it out but have found a few rust holes that will need repairing. It will mean another trip to the island, to install it with a new carby gasket and give the engine an oil change. But we are looking forward to it.

Keith.
North Queensland Machinery Preservationists

Good Shepard Hospice

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