Tired Iron

North Queensland Machinery Preservationists
NQMP Inc, PO Box 11, DC Aitkenvale, Townsville, QLD 4814
July 2012

Next Meeting: 7:30pm Friday 3rd August at Brian Pump’s.

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Coming Events

Queensland Heritage Rally
20 - 22 July 2012
Biloela

National Rally
19 - 21 April 2013
Mudgee, NSW

Toomulla Beach Hop
25 August 2012
Toomulla Beach
40km north of Townsville

Giru Show
8 September 2012
Giru Showgrounds

Rock ‘n’ Rodz Nostalgia Festival
15 September 2012
RSL Stadium, Townsville

Charters Towers Festival
22 & 23 September 2012
Venus Battery, Charters Towers

Annual General Meeting

The AGM will be held at the next monthly meeting on
3rd of August 2012 at Brian Pump’s.

Heritage Day

The annual Heritage Day was held at West End Cemetery Park on Sunday 20 May. We were assigned our usual spot under the shade trees at the rear right hand corner of the park and as usual the day was busy with a constant stream of people. Once again we were thankful for the shade cover as the cool winter morning soon warmed up. Attending from the NQMP were Tony Binder, Glen Harris, Keith Hendrick, Shane O’Carroll and Ian Williams.
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**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**
Buzzacott 2C carby complete
Merve Carey 47731260
K series RT
Andy Nicholson 47841171
Panel Beating Dollies and Hammers.
Shane O’Carroll 0432401937

**For Sale**
Victa carburettors $5 each
Howard 2000 tractor $100
Ian Matthews 47731563

**Swap**
Have Webster Tri-Polar flick magneto, fully reconditioned, need good high tension flick magneto (WICO, etc) to suit Ruston Hornsby engine.
Michael Biggs 40962513
PO Box 655 Herberton 4887

**Giveaway**
Whipper-Sniffer collection
Ian Matthews 47731563

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How & When the NQMP - 30 years ago

*Pat O'Brien*

Carmen & I visited my cousin Cliff’s aircraft museum on the Gold Coast about 1978 and knowing my interest in old machinery Cliff arranged for us to visit Reg Schuster at Burleigh Heads. Reg started with a 3hp Richard Hornsby Oil Engine and who built up an admirable collection. Reg and I got on extremely well and we later came back to the Coast to attend the Gold Coast Machinery Rally at the Burleigh Heads School and we were amazed.

Later we attended similar engine rallies in Brisbane and the engine bug was embedded.

I came home with the idea of forming an engine restoration movement in Townsville.

The chance to obtain my first engine came about when asked to quote on a damaged 4WD at Mingela. We then owned Partington 4WD wreckers and travelled the country far & wide buying unfortunate vehicles. Old Mrs. Jean Sugars ‘Maidavale’ welcomed me to her property and offered me a cup of tea in her earth floored kitchen. Of interest Jean Sugars owned and loaned the German wagon for the making of the film “The Irishman”, in fact Jean was born in the wagon on the road to Ravenswood.

Her property had recently been connected to

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power and had no use for the Southern Cross Farm Pumper still mounted on the wellhead. Jean spoke of hating the engine as she had to run it to obtain water and mostly after starting the engine it would see her re-enter the house and stop, very frustrating!

With Jean’s permission we later removed the Southern Cross Pumper, along with a box of new and old spares with part number tags still attached from the old meat shed. Jean was also able to find the original 1928 instruction book and the 1928 receipt for me.

This was the engine that enthused many members to join in the machinery movement.

This was taken at the first National Rally at Carrara, Gold Coast in 1985.

Needing clever help I met up with school teacher and sailing enthusiast Ian Stewart and Don Reid (model steam railways) and after a mention in the Townsville Bulletin (journalist Ron Burnett wrote the article and included my photo along with the Southern Cross) we formed the club at Don Reid’s Cranbrook residence. Other attendees may have been Pat Flecker, Leo Newlands, Nev Bennett and others I can’t think of. Our later meeting were at the West End Special School and that was where the naming of the club was discussed and there after we were the North Queensland Machinery Preservationists.

We had an early membership drive at Stockland Shopping Centre with the Southern Cross Pump Engine performing with its start and fart performance and people gathered to see if it would die between farts! I believe we enlisted Brian Pump with this demonstration and soon had him equipped with a Wolseley engine.

We really became professional when we were asked to display at the annual Bush Children’s Home in Rowes Bay. Here we were noticed by Field Days secretary and talked into a site at the upcoming Field Days.

Editor’s Note: Many thanks to Pat for writing this history of the club. His efforts are much appreciated and I deeply apologise for not printing it sooner.