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NEXT MEETING FRIDAY, 7th September at Brian Pumps at 60 Coates st MtLouisa

Ingham Show 2012
Left to Right. Keith Hendrick, Ian Williams, Glen Harris, Merve Carey and Ian Matthews.
Hi all, I am back, trialling a new look newsletter.

We had our AGM on the 3rd of August and there has been a reshuffle, Russell Spence has been replaced by Ian Matthews as President with Kerry Gavan and Shane O’Carroll as Vice Presidents.

Glen Harris replaces Keith Hendrick as Secretary. Keith Hendrick keeps the role of Treasurer. Also I have replaced Glen Harris with the Newsletter.

Two Rally Officers were appointed, Shane O’Carroll and Ian Williams. Three Safety Officers appointed, Shane O’Carroll, Tony Binder and Ian Matthews.

Ray Blain keeps the job of Northern Member Representative and Merve keeps the job of Custodian of Club Equipment.

North Queensland Machinery Preservationists had 9 members representing it at the QHR rally at Biloela. Ray Blain won an award for his engine. Will round up some photos next newsletter.

The Burdekin Club has won the right to hold the next Queensland Heritage Rally in 2014.

We have few displays in front of us, one that just came in is from Ravenswood where they are holding their annual Pioneer Luncheon. We attended last year and had a good time. They would like us to start and display their engines along side ours, as we did last year. They also provide a top luncheon for our members.

The Giru Show runs from 1pm to 8pm on the 8th of September.

The Willows School would like us to be set up by 4.30pm and the show kicks off at 5.00pm finishing at 9.00pm.

The Charters Towers Heritage & Cultural Festival. Runs from 10am to 4pm each day on the 22 and 23 of September to be held at the Venus Battery. Any member wishing to attend can talk to me about accommodation.

Keith.
Seven members traveled up to Ingham from Townsville for the Ingham show. As we only went for the day of a two day event, we left very early Friday morning arriving with plenty of time to set up.

The site allotted to us was the bottom left hand corner opposite the bird pavilion, it was a little out of the way but was very handy to the back entrance allowing us to get away very easily that afternoon.

Across the road was a row of tractors and above that was a display of old machinery and hand tools.

I have seen quite a few of these displays and enjoy seeing things that were in use when I was a kid, but no matter, there is always something I haven't seen or can identify.

We were fortunate to watch a demonstration of broom making, I never gave it much thought before but there was a fair bit in it and he made it look easy. I know one thing the last broom I bought was pretty pitiful compared to ones of the past.

Some time in the morning a bloke came strolling down the road walking three ducks dressed up in period costume.

Controlling the ducks was a border collie. You had to see the intent look in the dogs eyes, I think he was waiting for the ducks to put a foot wrong.

A quick look through rest of the show bought to light some rides far wilder than I can ever remember going on.

I am glad my grand kids are old enough to go by themselves.

There were quite a lot rides and side shows there and we enjoyed our selves, although the crowds were a bit quiet in the morning, they were building as we were leaving.

Keith.
Hand operated Washing Machine at Bileola

I have never seen one of these before. This one is a two speed job.

As you wind the handle the driving gear engages with a semi circle of teeth when it arrives at the end of the semi circle, the gear lifts the semi circle gear and run underneath turning the shaft in the other direction. When it reaches the other end, the semi circle gear drops down and the driving gear runs along the top turning the shaft back again.

Keith.