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

Venus Battery Charters towers
From left to right. Malcolm Dunn, Ian Williams, Keith Hendrick, Ian Matthews, Russell Spence, Rod Allison, Dan Allison, Gary Blyth and Merve Carey.
Hi all, well this is the last newsletter for the year, which means Christmas is upon us again.

September saw nine of us unloading our engines in front of the Venus Battery at Charters Towers, it would be hard to find a more pleasant spot, about a kilometre out of the Towers center.

Set up along side us were the Burdekin group with a Black Smith and an early Memorabilia display to the front and up the hill a bit. Quite a few people came past checking the display over the two days but we were a bit disappointed as we expected a bigger crowd.

On the last day just before we packed up, a large whirlly wind made a bee line for our tent and flung it into the air. I was the only one able to grab a tent leg, I thought it was going to lift me out of the chair anyway it was flung on to its back looking like a broken spider. Fortunately Glen had bought a broken tent from the dump so we had enough spare parts to fix it when we got home.

This year we had our Christmas break up at Tony and Vickie Binder’s place. For a change we had it a month earlier in November, I think that it was a better time as December can get a little congested. One of our long time sponsors Neil James and his wife came along for the first time. Neil owns Inspirations Paint & Colour.

Tony & Vickie made us welcome, they certainly have put a lot of effort into their house and yard and have a very interesting shed. There are a few things I would like in my shed, so I am going to make a new year resolution, I am going to clean up my shed.

They tell me that Russell was up to one of his party tricks after I left. He tried to put out one of the candles with his backside, by sitting on the flame. But it backfired and he ended up with a burnt bum. I hope he wasn’t trying to blow it out.

Well, that’s it for this year, we still have one more meeting on the 7th December so we all should try to be there. I would like to wish all our members a merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

See you in the new year Keith.
above  Rear of Venus Battery

Below  Russell assisting Dan and Rod sort out a problem with their Petter

For all your insulating requirements on roofs, mobile homes, caravans etc see the new space age Thermashield from Jesse’s Quality Paints - Your One Stop Paint Store - 14 Carlton St Kirwan
Malcolm and Gary checking out the remains of a huge Hornsby out side the Venus Battery

An ancient Electric Motor on display at the Venus Battery