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NEXT MEETING FRIDAY , 30th January at Brian Pumps at 60 Coates st MtLouisa

David Brown 2D
Similar to Graham Gow’s Tractor
Hi all, well it’s a new year and already January over half gone. Hope everybody enjoyed the Christmas-New Year break.

Don’t have any coming events to list but we will be going up to Ravenswood to start their engines some where around March-April, we should have a date next meeting.

Thanks to Graham Gow I have a story for this month about his David Brown 2D light row crop tractor. I had to manipulate the newspaper clippings though, so as to fit them in.

I have just finished CR Ronnie diesel (below) driving a 32V DC generator. I hope to turn it into a story for the newsletter. Sorry about the background.

Keith.
David Brown 2D
Light Agricultural Tractor VAD/12

By Graham Gow.

The David Brown 2D was indeed an unusual looking tractor, with a diesel engine on the rear and a tubular chassis frame which acts as an air reservoir for the pneumatic implement lift system via a small on board compressor.

Specially designed for row crop work. The mid-mounted tool bar afforded the operator excellent visibility. A wide range of wheel adjustments catered for a wide variety of crop widths.

Only 1,655 of the basic row-crop model were made from 1956—1961.

By pure chance I saw the subject tractor in a dealers show room at Gordonvale. Realising just what a rare bird it was I purchased it on the spot for $500.

A nice pick up as it was in running order with 2 near new tyres, plus the operators instruction book included in the deal.

It represented the NQMP along side the clubs Case tractor at the Cairns Centenary Show in 1991. a good contrast, with the smallest and one of the largest tractors. Proving popular with the crowd.

During 1992 I had the tractor repainted in the correct colour, “Hunting Pink”. Much later the motor was overhauled with new rings and gaskets fitted.

In 1994 it was transported via tilt tray to the Caboolture Historical Village, here it was used as the workshop hack for some time before being retired to the tractor shed.

On my arrival at Caboolture in 1996 the 2D participated in a number of parades and appearances at local events.

It was tidied up and again repainted in 2012 since then it has been an object of marvel and curiosity by many visitors to the tractor display building.

Most people have never seen or heard of one before and is now regarded as the rarest exhibit in the village tractor collection.

Graham Gow.
Graham can’t resist the pull of old tractors

If you thought tractors weren’t interesting then think again.

Twin Cities motor enthusiast Graham Gow has a machine that defies convention.

His David Brown model 2D is one of only 2000 ever made by its English manufacturers.

And it doesn’t operate on the conventional hydraulic system.

It boasts an air compressor which pumps up the pressure when it’s time to go to work.

Even its engine is unique, located at the rear of the machine rather than the front to facilitate easier driver viewing.

Mr Gow has been fascinated by historic vehicles for many years but he couldn’t believe his luck when he chanced upon the David Brown.

“It’s like a little market garden tractor,” he said.

“Only 2000 of them were made between 1955 and 1961.

“It’s a very rare machine.”

By DANNY KEENAN

Mr Gow found it at Gordonvale near Cairns.

A farmer had traded it in on a new one and Mr Gow snapped it up.

“It was working when we got it but it had to be painted and worked on.

“It’s special to people like myself who appreciate it for what it is.

“For it to be up there (Gordonvale) was unbelievable.”

Mr Gow has exhibited the tractor at the Townsville and Cairns shows and various other displays.

He’s had it for about three years and he’s not likely to part with it in the near future.