Lining up for the Townsville 150 Pacific Festival Parade.
Tony, Shane, Keith, Ian and Merve.
Hi all, well last month we reckoned that we would be busy and we were right. We had our best display ever for West End Heritage day, we had a large crowd of people come to view our display. Jacko stole the show again with his washing machine.

A few days later we were set up at the Field Day, a huge plot of ground was set aside for us big enough for all of us to park our car side by side at the back. Unfortunately exhibits as well as crowds were way down on last Field Day. Alan Murray came down from Innisfail to display at West End and the Field Day.

This month we were invited participate in the Townsville 150 parade. Tony led with his ute with my pedal lathe in the back and me peddling and his large Lister and Shanes washing machine and Hills Hoist in the trailer. Ian Matthews followed in his ute with Merve in the back with his Ronnie. Ian had his large Southern Cross was in his trailer. Both vehicles and trailers were then loaded with smaller items on display, his was topped off with flags and our sign.

This would have to be the best display that I have been in there were a large crowd of people lining the Strand, and most were waving at us. I felt like a celebrity up there on the back of the ute.

This weekend we have the all British Day display run by the Jaguar club.

Back to earth, there are still a few outstanding membership renewals to be sent in, we need them so that we can send away for our insurance. I don’t think NHMA get too excited when we send for insurance in dribs and drabs as they have thousands chasing insurance this time of the year.

Keith.
With the water tank and fuel tank fitted it was time to push it outside and give it a start.

With assistance from Ian, Russell and Tony. Ian used his electric self starter to get the engine running, while it was running he placed a load on it by using a piece of hard wood held against the flywheel.

With the engine out of the way it was time to inspect the generator and I discovered a second series winding not being used, just going to a terminal. When I connected a battery to the terminal it spun the generator in the right direction, this was exciting as I could now start engine from the battery's.

The switch board was next, the wiring was a bit sad and there was no start button on the board. Originally the board was mounted on the side of the engine shed so first up I made up a frame to straddle the generator and mount the board over the generator. I mounted the frame on rubber mounts and I also placed rubber mounts under the board.

The switch board was the rewired and push button start switch was fitted to the top center of the board. I used one of the 2 output fuses in the starter circuit. The rest of the board was cleaned up and both meters pulled apart and freed up.
The finished engine was once again pushed out side but this time we were able to start it with the start button. I only hooked it up to two battery's giving it only 24V DC instead of 32V DC. It worked ok and spun the engine ok with the de compressor engaged but you must ensure that the rheostat is set at minimum field otherwise the 32v generator will be driving too much current into the batteries.

Keith