Apex Event at the Train Park

Jacko sitting on his immaculate John Deere Mower fitted with a Farm Pumper engine.
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Coming Events

Train Park. 25 Sep. 9am.

Babinda Harvest Festival
On 22 October.

QHR Oakey. 28-30 Oct.

Home Hill Harvest Festival.
5 November.

BMP Open Day. 6 Nov.

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Wanted Your stories

Hi all, we said last newsletter that we would be busy, that was an understatement. Starting with the Willows School on Friday night, Ian W, Glen, Merve, myself and Alan down from Innisfail attended. There seemed to be more there for the kids this year and it looked like they enjoyed themselves.

Early Saturday morning saw us on the road heading for Ravenswood for their annual Pioneer Luncheon. This is always an enjoyable show and we get to eat with them, but unfortunately each year there is less and less people attending. Andy came up the back way to join us.

Next day Sunday we were off to the Train Park and after we set up the display, we pegged out the shed. By the time I got home that afternoon I had had enough and went to sleep, trying to catch up on all my midday naps I had missed.

Two weeks later on Saturday10th September we off again to Giru for the show. This year there was a couple of tractors parked where we usually set up our tent so we were a little cramped. In the mean time we were asked to do another display at the Train Park the next day. Apex had some event on at the Train Park.

Pioneer Luncheon at Ravenswood
It turned to be quite a big event with thousands of people there, several rides and at least three food places and all of it free.

Trains were kept busy all day carrying adults and kids, there was even horse rides for kids. We had adults and kids at our fence all day, as far as I was concerned this was the best day that we have had at the train park.

Shane kept at me to go for a ride on the train (bit like a big kid), I wondered why he just didn't go on his own and when he mentioned taking a huge Spiderman dummy with us I smelt a rat, and said that there was no way I would go with him.

Eventually he wore me down and I agreed to go with him but definitely no Spiderman, so off we went. The train makes two circuits an outer one and next round it travels past our compound, if you know Jacko he does not give up easily and I was wondering how he was going to pull it off, I soon found out he had teed it up with the driver to stop the train out side our fence, he was out of the train in a flash, grabbed Spiderman and dumped it in my lap and the train was on its way again.

It all happened so quick I did not realise Jacko was not on board and I was left holding the dummy. The things you do to humour people.

Keith.

Lalley Light 32V DC Lighting Plant
(Cont.) By Keith Hendrick

With a new bush pressed into the front housing, it was time to obtain and fit a new set of points so it was off to Supercheap where they had plenty to pick from. Before I could fit them I had to make a new Cam. Once again I selected 41/40 and turned a short piece down to 19mm in diameter, then I turned the end 10mm down to 17mm in diameter, while still in the chuck I bored the first 15mm to a tight fit on the shaft from the engine. Next I loosened the chuck and slid a one millimetre spacer under one jaw then turned 1mm off the 19mm section. A cheese head screw holds the cam on the shaft and a grub screw stops it from turning.

With the cam fitted it was easy to fit the new points in the can. Although this can was on the engine when I got it, I...
don’t think it is original but it will do for the time being. The can with the points is mounted on a triangle plate screwed to the front of the motor, once again it looks like there were three mounting points but some one has removed the bottom mount. There are 4 holes tapped into the front of the base so maybe they were trying to fit a magneto. The points are fitted to the can and attached to the motor. The can is slotted for the mounting screws, so that there is plenty of adjustment.

The engine was mounted on the base and Ian Williams came around and painted the engine and base for me. So that the engine was mobile, I started on a trolley for it. I selected hardwood timber to mount it on this was sanded and painted with a clear paint.

Keith.