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NEXT MEETING Sunday, February 26th at the Train Park

At Last
Our shed has been built
Stage one has been completed, a 3 bay shed, 9M wide and 10M long with a 3M wide awning. Stage 2, a mirror image of stage one, will be added to the right hand end making it a 20M by 9M shed
Hi all, at last we have good news, Stage one of the Shed has finally been built. We had a few obstacles to overcome and now we have some work in front of us, power, water, internal wall too name some of the jobs.

We are holding our next meeting at the shed to coincide with our display at the train park on the last Sunday of the month, 26/2/17. If it works out all right we will move our meetings from the last Friday of the month to the last Sunday of the month.

The display will be set up at under the awning when we arrive at 8am and we should then have the meeting finishing in time for the 10am start at the Train Park.

I spent a lot time down at the Train Park while the construction was under way and I was impressed by the workmanship of Cameron Mackenzie of Gun constructions, who built the shed on his own.

Had a Working Bee this weekend and mowed the area and had a general clean up ready for the first display this year.

Had a ring round to find what’s doing, new member Jeff Ryan is about to reassemble his restored Southern Cross AKB but has come to a halt with a knee reconstruction.

Tony and Jacko have gone big, both are restoring trucks. Tony is well under way with his early fifty's Commer 30cwt and Shane is working on a 46 Chevy Maple Leaf.

Ian Williams is about to start his Boulton & Paul, while he was waiting for parts, he restored a Swan 240v gen set. I have never seen anything like it, seems to have an AC & DC winding. The armature has 2 separate windings one connected to a commutator the other to a set of slip rings, also it seems to have 2 separate shunt fields and a series field used for starting.

I am still plugging away with the Lalley Light, Jeff Ryan may have found a hand book for it, this is great news as up to now I have been flying blind. Merve is finishing off a donated Atlas rotary hoe.

Thanks to Russell we have short story from Allora. Russell left Townsville a year ago and moved to Gympie to escape the heat. That’s it for the first newsletter for the year, don’t forget that it’s your stories that make the newsletter.

Keith.
Allora Swap Meet

By Russell Spence

Mick and I decided to go to Allora for the annual Swap meet, as I had never been and was keen to have a look. Loaded up the trailer and headed over Friday morning, get there early and get a good spot to display and a good campsite. Had my Farm Pumper on the trailer, and going through Toowoomba on the way over, dragged it past the old Southern Cross Factory, sixty nine years after it left the factory. Arrived in Allora, given a place to set up, in the stables, good spot plenty of shade and camp where you like.

Very friendly and casual, this is good. Lots of tractors, trucks and engines arrived all day.

Saturday was the best day, lots of people looking, lots of engines running, some nice big ones to. The tractor pull was very quiet as they were set up in the main ring of the showgrounds, something I hadn’t seen before, as Show Societies are usually very protective of their main ring. Found out later there is disharmony in the camp over it, and they are not sure they will continue to hold the Swap meet there in the future.

Headed off home, but would go again as it is a good meet, in a good spot, bit hot but so was Gympie so no difference.

Russell.

I recognise Russel’s engine, but something is missing, there is no one bent over fiddling with it. I suppose someone had to take the photo.
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