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MEETINGS: 8.00 PM  
THIRD WEDNESDAY  
OF THE MONTH  
IN CLUB SHED AT  
MONT De LANCEY  
71 Wellington Road  
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# YVMPS NEWS

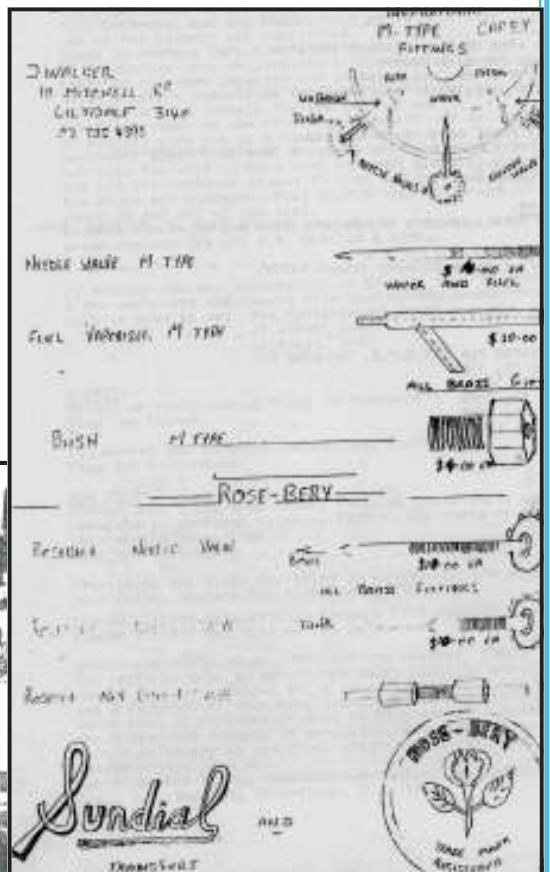
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Special Blue Ribbon Issue

2017

25 years

This publication being Volume 25 marks the 25th year milestone of the Newsletter in its present form, whilst in our club library we have a copy of the first Newsletter dated September 1988, produced by Bob Richardson of Lilydale. It was a simple three page edition which reported on our first Crank up at the Coldstream Airport in September 1988. It reported that twenty seven members turned up bringing thirty two engines; four not running and five unrestored, three of which were running. He also reported that David Aitken's Austral was by far the best presented exhibit; a good example for the rest of us. In the **Wanted:** section Len Prouse asked for a manual of Mod. SE McDonald, and Bob R. wanted old mantel and portable radios. **For Sale;** 1 ton tray truck, 1927 Graham Bros, blue & white leather upholstery, restored ready to show. \$7,000 Bob Richardson (see photo below). Don Walker offered a variety of needle valves to suit Rosebery, Fairbanks Morse Buzacott and International M type, all hand drawn (see below right) Of interest are the **Future Events;** Wandin/Silvan Field days, Yarra Junction Museum, Kilsyth "Walking Stick Club" Rally, Dandenong Show, Lilydale Show, Gisborne Rally, Australia Day Hoddles Creek, Woori Yallock Primary school, and the Yarra Junction Crank Up. The list has not changed much in almost 30 years. Niel Brain Ed.



Do you remember this article from 10 years ago  
 If you can read this, you have a strong mind.  
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**DRAUGHT HORSE FESTIVAL MEETING**

**Saturday 18th March 1PM**  
**Mont De Lancey Heritage Room**  
**All welcome to attend. Lewis Carlton**

**EDITORIAL**

How exciting to be twenty five years old!  
 That's a lot of hard work by a lot of dedicated members,  
 and it shows in the standard of the shed with it's displays,  
 it's well equipped meeting room and the workers who  
 regularly care for the exhibits and talk to visiting groups.  
 As grandparents we have been told many interesting facts  
 about Mont de Lancey and the great things to be witnessed  
 and undertaken.

It is so good that the next generation is learning about  
 their heritage, and in a way they may remember and en-  
 joy.

As well as that side of the YVMPS we here appreciate  
 the dedication of our reporters. We are never sure  
 whether they are spurred on by the pay rates or seeing  
 their names and efforts in print, but they are a credit to the  
 group.

So, 2017 seems to be starting on a high!  
 We hope that continues throughout the year, and that the  
 group grows and celebrates more special occasions in the  
 months and years to come.

Best wishes to everyone from Niel and Heather Brain.



**WE WELCOMED**  
**a new member at our meeting last**  
**month Paul Edgar 0419 369 542**

He gave us an interesting talk about our D.H.F  
 from a visitors point of view. Read it on page 7.  
 Paul is also involved with the organization of the  
**61st Annual RACV KALORAMA RALLY**  
**Sunday 26th MARCH 2017**

*We were all saddened to learn of the death of  
 Barry Thomas's father during the Christmas  
 holiday season. We wish to extend our sympathy  
 to Barry and all the family at this time.*

**Your secret is out George !!**



**LOOK & REMEMBER**

**YVMPS Trip to the Healy Factory**  
**Wednesday 22nd March 8 PM**  
**Next to 'TOTAL TOOLS'**  
**Cr. Whitehorse Rd & Cochrane St. Mitcham**  
**Friends also invited to come.**  
**Why not try a car pool ?**

**SHED ACTIVITES over the past three years.** 2014 saw 23 schools and 1732 children, while in 2015 there were 22 schools and 1592 children and last year 2016, 27 schools and 2277 children. On average 130 adults from organized bus trips also come through each month which is about another 1500 people per year and of course there are the casual visitors on day trips to the property. *At our January meeting we were told of the great flood into our shed and club room over the holiday break. The water cascaded down from the Blacksmiths area and straight in through the door. Thanks to those who cleared out the chairs and dried the carpet and had the place clean and ready for our regular club meeting.*

Member of the Month is Stanley James Rundell

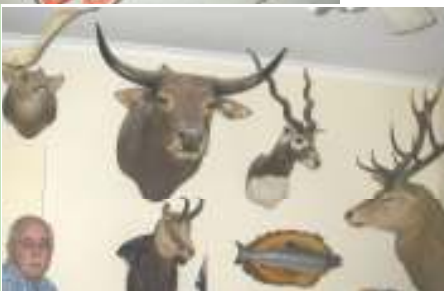


I was born on 10th March 1942 in Omeo Vic. and I have **two brothers & two sisters**. I attended Omeo State school and later Trafalgar S/ S when the family moved down to a dairy farm. In the early 50s we moved up to Albury where I finished my schooling at Albury High. **My first employment** was an apprentice in my fathers engineering business in N.S.W. At the age of nineteen I moved to Melbourne for a couple of years getting a job in Advertising at the Herald Office which is where I first met **Marlene Homfray**. We were **Married** three years later in 1964 and came to live in Nunawading. We had three **children** Mark (dec.) Craig and Kerry and we have four **Grandchildren**, three girls and a boy. Marlene is the keen gardener, (see picture below). I first **became interested** in engines the day I could hold a spanner. In my early 20s I took up driving and maintaining a Ready Mix truck for the next eleven years ,even changing pistons and sleeves etc. overnight so as to be on the road the next day. My next twenty five years were driving tankers for Golden Fleece, Caltex, & Lindsay Fox, after which I establishing my own business “**Australian Dangerous Goods Training**” at Altona which is still in operation today. **I joined YVMPS** in 2014 after talk-

ing to **Stan Beaumont** at the Scherkolts Cottage Rally in Mitcham that year. My **Favourite engine** is the **Tom Thumb** (above left) the other engine pictured is a **Buzacott**. I have numerous model steam engines, two of which are seen below. I am currently in training to get my certificate to drive the big stuff; **Traction engines**, at Melbourne Steam where I will be operating the stone crusher. **My other interests** are hunting, fishing, and shooting. Below are just some of my trophies. I volunteered to organise a roster of eighty shooters to help control the bird problems at various wineries in the Yarra Valley. **A real highlight** in my life was the birth of our first son Mark. Another was in



1982 when I restored an old 1925 Dodge Tourer, and Marlene and I with our three children set of on a journey to Ayers Rock (Uluru), Alice Springs, across to Mt. Isa and back home, mostly on unmade roads. The Dodge ran like clockwork. I have also enjoyed a trip to Darwin on the Ghan in 2014. *The model cannon below works and has a barrel of about 18 inches long and is yet another example of Stan’s abilities.*



From page two.

Figuratively speaking This message serves to prove how our minds can do amazing things! Impressive things! In the beginning it was hard but now, on this line your mind is reading it automatically without even thinking about it. Be proud! only certain people can read this!

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**THE WANDIN SEVILLE REPORT**



Good for **U**  
**AND** your  
 community

On the Monday after the Draught Horse Festival, Lewis and I attended the Wandin Seville Community Bank (Bendigo Bank) Annual General meeting. At the AGM they go through the normal activities of any company, such as electing new board members and acceptance of annual reports etc.

The second half of the meeting was more community focused, with a short talk by a young IT student sponsored by the bank and a young lady who had attended one of their youth leadership programs.

The organisations supported by the bank were then presented with a certificate. Lewis being the man behind this year's Draught Horse Festival proudly accepted our certificate.

We got to meet some of the directors and also some of the representatives of the organisations that the bank support, it was interesting that we work with other groups who are also supported by the bank all doing community focused activities, such as the Seville Festival, and the Festival at Killara.

Barry Thomas



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Y.V.M.P.S. MERCHANDISE

Available at meetings and Rallies Patches, Badges, Coffee Mugs, \$5.00 each  
 Fridge Magnet, \$1.00 Pen, \$1.00 Club Shirts \$35.00 (Old stock \$30.00) See Treasurer Rod.

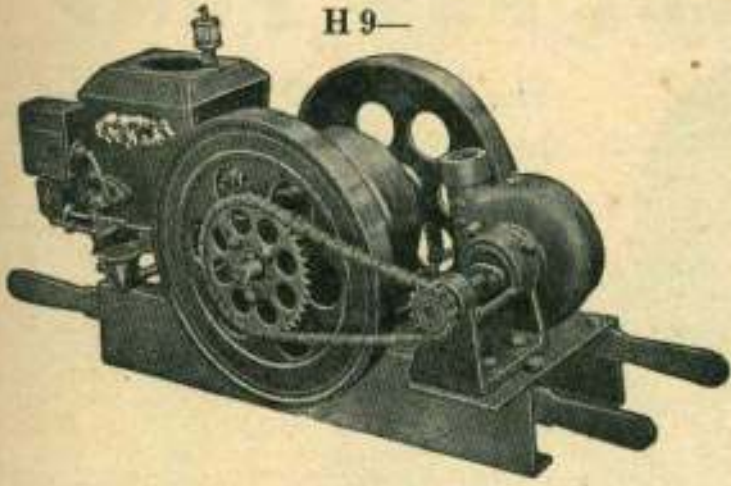
Will some one take over this job of keeping an eye on stock levels and selling at meetings & rallies? Come on members, if you find the engines are getting a bit heavy try displaying

As this Catalogue was compiled during a period of fluctuating prices, those shown may be changed without notice.

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| 2 in., 40ft. head  | 60 0 0   | YUDVY |

This advertisement was published in the Mc Pherson's catalogue No 33 dated November 1932 Here are some other comparisons in to days dollars. In 1932 a new house and land cost \$6,500, a new car \$610, the average weekly wage was \$33.00, a loaf of bread 7 cents, and a gallon of petrol 10 cents. So you can see that this engine would have set you back about two weeks wages. I also used a money converter to bring these prices into to days equivalent .The house would be \$298,842, the car \$38,042 the weekly wage \$1994, the bread \$3.58, petrol \$5.12 (gallon) and the engine at 52 pounds and 10 shillings now converts to \$3,196.88c which is not far off the two weeks wages that it was when new . Ed.

### DRAUGHT HORSE FESTIVAL

Being on the gate directing traffic out of the venue we received many favourable comments about the day, such as what a wonderful spot this is, a great day out, will be back next year, I didn't know the place was here, loved the horses, Great value , then **POW**—Why don't all the engine guys smile ? I know the days were long but do your best to at least look as though you are enjoying the day ( or perhaps your engine misbehaved ?? ) never the less I guess we all had a good time and it was worth the effort. Ed.



### **An apology from the editors of this magazine.**

*It has been pointed out that numerous spelling errors occurred in the December issue of the news letter. How many did you find ????????*



*A Draught Horse*



*This is a draft horse !*

### **Draft horse Festival Revisited**

Apparently someone up the top end of the centre compound was attempting to run a flat belt on while an engine was running. The result was a crushed finger that from all reports should have had stitches! **This procedure should only be attempted by an experienced operator.**

I would suggest that the majority of engine enthusiasts would not come into this category. **Ed.**

This article to the left was found in our News Letter Vol 10 Issue 73 April 1998 *We can all make mistakes Sometimes Niel* Editor was David Aitkin.

# AUSTRALIA DAY FESTIVAL MARYSVILLE 2017



Our club put on a great display of fifteen vintage engines which attracted the public in their droves. The oldest engine was probably Don's *2 1/2 hp New Way* built around 1910 and retrieved from the scrap yard last year and now running as good as gold. His other engines were a 6hp compact *Villiers* boat motor and an 8hp twin cylinder *Chushman*. One of our newest members,



Alan Rayson lives in Marysville (and has rebuilt after loosing every thing including a chain saw collection, in the recent fires,) displayed a trailer mounted water pump driven by a *Lister Junior*, also a *Lister D.* and an *N type R&T* which I suspect still has the original spark plug. Stewart



Bennett had a *Cooper* and a static *Villiers Dragsaw*. Barry Thomas presented three one and a half hp engines, a McCormick Deering Mod LB a Mod ART and an International M. David Ball showed us all up with his immaculate *2hp Cooper* and a *4hp*



*Massy Harris*. Niel Brain's *Moffatt Virtue Golf ball machine* kept the crowd amused all day as well as the *Seesaw train* exhibit. Norm Watchorn had his faithful *1950 Wolseley* driving a water pump just next to where Lewis Carlton's old *Witte engine* was thumping along, Maybe this was the oldest engine on display? Many thanks Lewis for transporting the club trailer. I always



enjoy the drive up to Marysville especially the section from Healesville onward through the timber country, which has all recovered from those devastating bush fires of 2009. We all had a relaxing day and our engines all behaved well. There were Australia Day presentations in the main tent followed by a



loud pop group to entertain the young people, a number of Vintage cars, the Holden SS club and four Harleys also added to the festival.



Around 3.15 pm the crowd had thinned out so every one hopped in and helped with the packing of the club trailer and likewise with our own engines before we headed back home. Thanks guys it was a good team effort which topped off a great day. On my way down the Black Spur a car heading up with a boat trailer sounded as though the wheel bearings were about to pack it in !! I hope he did not cause any of you serious problems on the road home. Niel Brain



## Mont De Lancey Draught Horse & Vintage Machinery Festival

As it turned out, it was our good fortune that I tripped in our driveway and had to have my trousers dry cleaned because it was at Gwen's tailors and dry cleaning in Blackburn South that we were given a flyer advertising the Mont De Lancey Draught Horse and Machinery Festival. Our son's fiancée (Charlotte) had her German mother and her mother's German lady friend staying with her in Belgrave and we thought a brief visit to Mont De Lancey could be of interest. Little did we know what was in store.

So I fired up my 1947 Riley (the Germans call it an "Oldtimer"), loaded the Germans in and off we went. We live not far away at Mt Dandenong so it was only a short drive before we arrived. The gate volunteer offered a park with the cars of interest, but as we only expected to stay an hour or so, we parked in the general car park, which by that time (10.30) was filling up rapidly.

In a separate car were my wife our 2 year old grand son Liam (he speaks both German and English) and Charlotte. I thought we'd walk to the homestead in a few minutes, have quick a look around, grab a cuppa and leave. Happily that was not to be the case. It took us at least 40 minutes to tour the Draught Horse display on the way in, much to Liam's delight and the Germans were hooked! As it turned out, a few years ago year we met Ben (a lovely draught horse,) plus a couple of others and their drivers at Bonnie Doon. They were on the road from Mansfield, so a good chat ensued.

When we entered the homestead grounds proper, a whole new (olde) world emerged. Entry into the homestead grounds was via the visitor centre which amongst other really interesting exhibits (including many historic photos and artefacts) was a magnificent Thomas the Tank Engine and Lego / Meccano display. Liam idolizes Thomas, so it was ages before we were able to move on. He was even offered a "lucky dip", with a small Thomas toy which he treasured.

Then to the tea rooms for a cuppa to boost our energy for what was obviously going to be a fantastic day.

Rather than the odd hour or so we expected, we wandered the grounds for the best part of the day. The historic displays were wonderful and the shearing exhibition quite an education for the Germans who had never seen a sheep being shorn.

We spent a good deal of time looking over the stationary engine display which, being a working display attracted a lot of interest. We bought lunch in the grounds, were entertained by a great "bush" band, checked out the pioneer ways, tooling etc, gave Liam a donkey ride, had a tour of the original home, and church (recently relocated onto the property), and generally were swept back in time to those pioneering days. At first very romantic, but of course the reality of life those days was quite different. And all of this for just a few dollars entry. Excellent value and a really memorable day. A credit to all involved.

See you at the next Open day.

The Edgar family



## COMING EVENTS

\*Denotes YVMPS event.

Contact Alan Shepherd for phone numbers.

### FEBRUARY

- \* Colac Heritage Festival Sat 4th & Sun 5th
- \* Monthly Meeting Wed 15th
  - Ballan Vintage Rally Sun 19th
  - Ballarrat Swap Meet Fri 24th & Sat 25th
- \* Mont De Lancey Festival Sat Sun ??

### MARCH

- Ballan Swap 4th
- \* Wesburn Primary School Fete Sat
  - Warby Club Rally TBC
  - Yarra Glen Swap Meet Sun 12th
- Melbourne Steam Fest. Sat 11th, Sun 12th, Mon 13th.
- \* Monthly Meeting Wed 15th.
- \* Trip to the **HEALY FACTORY** Wed. 22nd 8pm
- \* Yea Show & Shine Sun 26th

### APRIL

- \* Yarra Junction Crank Up Sat 1st Sun 2nd
- \* Kurth Klin Festival TBA

## YVMPS NEWS

### Membership Fees

|                            |                     |
|----------------------------|---------------------|
| Once only Joining          | \$5.00              |
| Insurance & NHMA levee     | \$20.00             |
| Annual membership          | \$30.00 (plus ins.) |
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 THE GATE!**

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