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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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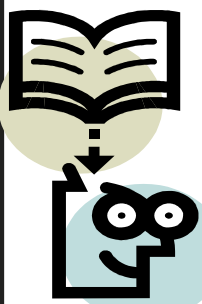


Here is one of the many engines on display in our club shed located on the property of the Mont de Lancey homestead in Wandin North. This Austral oil engine was built by Ronaldson and Tippet of Ballarat Victoria. The date of manufacture was 1920, the Serial No 3091 rated at 6 horse power. It's had a cylinder re-bore to 6.577 in August 1999 by Blooms Engineering of Doncaster, and most of the restoration work was carried out by club member John McIvor of Eltham.

For insurance purposes it is important that the Treasurer gets all monies in by 30 June 2017. Please send your cheque early or pay at our June 21st regular meeting. Thanks Rod

Draught Horse Festival Meeting
Saturday 24 June 1.00pm Bring your ideas!
Heritage Room at Mont De Lancey.
All welcome

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AT LAST!!!

Yes, at last the library list has been updated with all the 'new' entries. They are many and varied. Some copies of the new list will be available from Niel at the meeting. It can also be emailed if you wish.

This substantial boost to the library is thanks to the following,

John Brunsdan , Bill Smart , Hugh Schafer, Bob Carlton, George Smith, Fred Gaudion , Mont De Lancey, and David & Leonie Martinson. Apologies to anyone missed.

Copies will be available at the June meeting. Lewis

On page 4 you will read a rally report by Malachi Wilkinson, assisted by Scott Crawford. Malachi did this for school and his principal suggested he send the finished article to the magazine editor to print if suitable.

Of course we were delighted, as will you be.

Thank you Malachi and Scott.



EDITORIAL.

We are advised by people who write articles about budgeting and nutritious eating not to shop without a shopping list or prior to a meal.

That advice should be extended to editing an Engine magazine, as you will see when reading Heather Butcher's report of the Hamilton National rally followed by her article about the Mont de Lancey Biggest Morning Tea!

Jamie's keeping half of his beef schnitzel and reheating it on his engine the next day brought back fond (?) memories of teaching in a freezing room at Blackburn South PS in the 1960s when the best part of the cold morning session was looking forward to the lunch containing left overs from our previous night's tea warming on our corner heater, to which we were allocated sixteen briquettes which was supposed to keep us all warm! Those times are oft referred to as 'the good old days', but sometimes I am not so sure.

This being one such time.

So anyway, you can see that this is your Winter Gourmet edition of the YVMPS magazine.

Along with all else contained, read and enjoy.

Heather and Niel Brain. Editors

REPORT ON RECENT AUCTION / CLEARING SALE MELVILLE FOREST VIC

The auction was held on 20th April at 1PM, with excited Rod Daniel and Niel Brain attending on an overcast day with the threat of rain, which unfortunately came at 2PM so out with the umbrellas. The items of interest to us were the old engines which were last on the list so the wet duo waited, and waited, and eventually, SUCCESS!. For a full list of the items for auction check out Tom Magazine April 2017 issue No 190.



The Sunshine 7HP no transport \$950.(above left) A Bamford \$300 (centre) A Wolseley shearing plant on transport \$900.(above right) a Lister Junior shearing plant \$500 (bottom left), A number of R&T N types varied from \$50 to \$550. Three Mc Donald diesels all brought over \$500 each. and the New Way went for \$770. **All engines were sold marked as for scrap.** So there can be no come back if they are faulty in any way

Niel Brain.

For those interested, I, Niel bought the New Way.

Here we have one of our foundation members **MAX HOLT**

My parents travelled from Healesville where they lived to Melbourne's Queen Victoria hospital where I was **born** on 12 June 1952. I was the first born and have two **brothers**, Neil and Lionel, and later two **sisters**, Rosalie and Heather followed by Ian (now dec.) I **married** Lyn Hupfield on the 18-8-1979 at Kalorama and we set up our first and only home here in Lilydale. My **children** Paul, Katherine and David have given us four **grand children** ,Harry 6,/Lachlan 6 and Michael 4,/ and Taite 10. I started **primary school** in Healesville, continued on to Mooroolbark Tech, then getting an apprenticeship to **start work** in 1969 at The National Can Co and at the end of my time there I joined Mecron Industries Ringwood doing lathe and milling machine work on die casts and at the same time completing an engineering course at Swinburne Tech,. Hawthorn. In 1964 my father started up a family business in Lilydale, known as Lilydale Brake Service, doing auto repairs and brakes where I worked for the next 38 years until it was sold. Then followed eleven years as a Courier Driver while today I do the odd handy man jobs. **I became interested in engines** at about four years old. It all



started because my Grandfather had a farm at Badger

Creek and I was attracted to the working farm engine, a **1925 open crank Austral 3 HP** which I am pleased to say is my pride and joy. My other engine of interest is the **HAWK**, a small engine about the size of a Small Southern Cross .I first



joined Melbourne Steam and then Port Philip clubs in the mid 1980s. **When did I join YVMPS ?** This is where it all started. In 1988 **Don Walker, Len Prouse, David Aitkin, Bob Dyer**, and secretary **Max Holt** put up the necessary funds to form an engine club and ad-

vertised a general meeting in the St Johns church hall Seville to gauge the local interest, expecting four or five other interested people to turn up. To our surprise the hall was packed and thus began **YVMPS**, a strong club with almost 100 members, a magnificent shed and club room so that we may continue to enjoy our hobby. My **other hobbies and interests** are fishing with my grandson, watching grand children play sport (basketball), exploring family history (which is a never ending search,) researching old engineering companies at the Melbourne library and on line, (currently I am researching the Murtoa Inland Freezing Works). Other research has been about the steam ship SS Great Britain, a **highlight** being walking on its deck in the UK. I have also done some research on The Empire Flying Boats known for their Island hopping to refuel. People I have enjoyed talking to are **Erne Scott** of **H.V. McKay** fame (Sunshine Harvesters) and **Phil Irving** of HRD Twin Motor Cycle engines and the Repco Brabum. Engine, but **The Highlight of my life** was getting married and having a family.

Y.V.M.P.S. MERCHANDICE Available at meetings and Rallies

Patches, Badges, Coffee Mugs, \$5.00 each, Peak Cap \$10.00

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 caps and badges.

SHED NEWS



Our guys who open the shed each time a tour group comes through have been busy once again. In May seven adult groups totalling 190 travelled from Edithvale, Seaford, Cranbourne, City of Whitehorse and Bayswater to enjoy the grounds of Mont de Lancey and tour through the shed. There was also six primary School visits where 372 children experienced the sounds and smells of our engines in action. The month of June was just as busy. These visits all take place during the week so it is a great commitment by our members who give of their time. Also there are casual visitors who turn up during the week along with the weekend open times too.

It's a big contribution and commitment from the team. Thanks guys.

RALLY UP DATE

On the 1st. of April, Benn and I, went to the 'Yarra Junction Crank Up'. It was great. I was at the farm pump and the Lister Junior. The rarest we took was a two stroke Villiers. Only two of these Villiers are known in Australia. I also displayed a Villiers pump, a Mamod steam roller, Welasco stationary steam engine and a Stuart stationary steam engine. It was a great weekend out. We went on Saturday but the event went Saturday and Sunday. We got tired and packed up before dinner, sat around the fire and talked. We had dinner and the chats continued. I had a sausage on bread with onion and sauce. Benn had salad and sausage. There was some other brilliant engines there too, and the steam engines sounded great. All their parts were moving nicely.

By **Malachi Wilkinson**, the rally update reporter,
with some help from Scott Crawford.



HAMILTON NATIONAL RALLY 20TH – 23RD APRIL 2017



We set off early with a full load and three engines on board with fine weather until we reached Skipton, then the drizzly rain started and stayed. We signed in, found our compound, were met by Alan and Kerry and we unloaded. Due to the weather we set up three gazeboes and tied them together so we kept dry all weekend. Yarra Valley group had a whole row of engines which made a great show. Alan had his 1896 Olin engine, Don Wright had his 1900's Victor Alamo, Jim & Stuart Bennett both had their Alamo engines approx. 1915. It created quite an interesting display with the three Alamos all together. Next was Don Butcher with his two Sundials A & B, and then Jamie with his 1904 Tangye which was being shown for the first time. Next was Stan Rundell with 1912 International Tom Thumb and his mate Keith Whitehead from the Albury club with a 1918 Hercules, then Barry Thomas



with his 1928 International M, 1939 International L.B. and his International Ideal running the Grisler, He also had an air cooled engine. It was so good to see so many of our club members make the effort to come all the way to support us, particularly Barry Found (Grumpy)



and Sylvia who have both not been well for some time, also Noreen (on her scooter) and Norm Watchhorn, Keith Moar and Bob Glenister. It was disappointing that Ron, Bill and Brian were unable to make it, but we hope that they are all keeping well now.

Thanks to Barry and Jamie who both brought stoves so we were never hungry and the kettle was on whenever a cuppa was needed. We were also sharing our compound with Ken from the Eltham club and a couple from Ararat, who also kept the food coming. We had a very friendly group who all got on so well the whole weekend. On the Friday evening Barry, Don, Jamie & I went out for dinner, with Jamie's beef schnitzel being so large he wrapped part of it in foil and reheated it on his engine the next day. We even had a taste test of two boiled fruit cakes, one cooked by me and the other by Jamie, so we were never hungry. Friday evening there was the AGM for the NHMA, which went quite late, then on Saturday evening the ones who didn't go to the official dinner all went out to a hotel for tea. We were lucky with the weather over the whole weekend as during the days we had no rain, apart from when we were packing up each day when it drizzled and rained. It was also lovely to meet Brian Scott and his wife from Tasmania who were NHMA



members and had come with Kerry and Alan. Thanks Brian for all the help that you gave everyone over the weekend with nothing being too much trouble.

By Heather and Don Butcher

Maybe it's because it's nearly lunchtime, and the stomach is beginning to rumble, but in my opinion the food mentioned in the article above rates almost as highly as the engine descriptions!

Editor.





POWELLTOWN RALLY
100 Year Celebrations

Here we have a collection of Men and Machines enjoying a day out in the timber country of Victoria.

Pictures sent in by David Ball.

Strangely not a photo of David !!!



BIGGEST MORNING TEA AT MONT DE LANCEY 25-5-2017



It was the second year that I have attended the Biggest Morning Tea at Mont de Lancey. This year I took along my daughter and three friends as well, and the number of people there was twice as many as last year.

Everyone enjoyed themselves and a magnificent spread was put on with the cups of tea. This year Over \$2,000 was raised from raffles, monetary donations, as well as goods from the shops and



traders and a special donation from the Worri Yallock school Freda and her sister in law Barbara, Pam & Jim Copeland, Ron Arbuthnott,, George Smith and my lot were all there to represent the Yarra Valley Machinery Preservation Society. A lady called Cindy gave a short talk on reaching your goals in life. In all a very successful morning was had by all. A very big thank you also to Glenice and Frankie for the help that they gave my daughter for the nursing home she works at with donations for the dementia ward. It was very much appreciated.

By Heather Butcher

Always borrow money from a pessimist. He won't expect it back. **Oscar Wilde**
Don't worry if plan A fails, there are 25 more letters in the alphabet. **Anonymous**
Heard about the new 'Denim Pillows' ? They are making 'Head Lines' **Channel 7**

HEYFIELD RALLY 20TH & 21ST MAY 2017

We left home at noon and arrived about 3pm. to be met by Tom Dathan who showed us the spot that he had reserved for our engines. Then the rain started. It only lasted for about an hour, just as long as it took for us to set up! Don and Allison Wright arrived at the same time as us, and they set up camp with Kim & Norm Dalziel (from the Emerald club). That evening we had a BBQ and sat out around the fires, before moving over the road where we stayed in the Railway Motel

Jamie brought along his 1904 Tangey, Don Butcher had a 1925 Lister (which eventually went after he remembered that it would run better with the fuel turned on.) next was Don Wright with his 1HP approx. 1914 Novo, which proved to be very economical . We were all near Tom Dathan from Heyfield who had a New Record Dragsaw set up with a poor Teddy Bear who looked like he was being sawn in half , and Jack Kelly had five engines and a small churn on display. There were many other engines from a variety of clubs also. The question of the weekend to Jamie, re the Tangey was "What is the best type of wood to burn in your engine?"

Saturday morning the sun came out for a beautiful day , there were plenty of trucks, cars, motor bikes and tractors on display also a tractor trek, and a tractor pull, as well as stalls and food vans.

It was terrific to see Sylvia and Barry Found come all the way to visit us.



On Saturday evening we had a lovely 3 course meal put on by the Lions' Club and there was plenty of laughter and hilarity when the raffles and fines were drawn. Jamie who said he never wins anything won the first one drawn then the second last one, and I also won a prize which made ours the most successful table on the night.

Sunday was a very busy and sunny day and we had a visit from Freda and George Findlay as well. The Grand Parade was lead off with ten huge Traction engines which were all very old, but ran well. In all it was a great weekend.

By Heather and Don Butcher.



TIME FOR A COUPLE OF SMILES!!!!

Little Johnny comes downstairs crying His mother asked, "What's the matter now?" "Dad was hanging pictures, and just hit his thumb with hammer," said little Johnny through his tears.

"That's not so serious," soothed his mother. "I know you are upset, but a big boy like you shouldn't cry at something like that. Why didn't you just laugh?"

"I did!" sobbed Johnny.



Little Susie, a six-year-old, complained, "Mother, I've got a stomach ache." "That's because your stomach is empty," the mother replied. "You would feel better if you had something in it."

That afternoon her father came home complaining that he had a severe headache all day. Susie perked up, "That's because it's empty," she said. "You'd feel better if you had something in it."

COMING EVENTS

*Denotes YVMPS event.

Contact Alan Shepherd for phone numbers.

JUNE

10th-11th Echuca Steam Rally

12th * Monthly Meeting

JULY

5th Wentworth Junction Rally

19th * Monthly Meeting

AUGUST

16th * Monthly Meeting

SEPTEMBER

3rd Bellarine Vintage machinery Group

9th-10th Wedderburn Twilight Rally

17th Metcalfe Vintage Tractor Pull

21st * Monthly Meeting

24th-10th * Tulip Festival Note days to be confirmed.

Membership Fees

Once only Joining	\$5.00
Insurance & NHMA levee	\$20.00
Annual membership	\$30.00 (plus ins.)
Associate (Wife)	\$10.00 (plus ins.)
Junior/ student (10-18yrs)	\$7.00 (plus ins.)

BUY, SELL & SWAP.

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If you would like some grease, bring a container to the club shed. There is 50 KG to be shared around. It is Shell Retinax A . Now known as LX. It is free, no charge.

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