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From the Committee...

Welcome to 2011.

The Committee trusts that all member clubs and their members came through the festive season OK and that all are preparing for a busy year ahead.

On a more serious note, the weather has not been kind to much of Australia with bushfires and unseasonal floods, and now unusually destructive cyclones, having disastrous effects on our activities.

However, the Aussie way of taking knocks in our stride will prevail, I am sure, and we will soon be back to normal.

Congratulations to the Southern Tablelands Vintage Farm Machinery Club on the very successful NHMA National Tractor Trek that they planned and staged recently. A full report [with photos] is in the latest TOMM and will soon be on the NHMA website. The committee wish to thank Tim Geyer for his leadership and input. Well done Tim!!

Important contact changes for the Secretary:

Please note that as from the **1st January 2011**, contact numbers for the NHMA Secretary are:

Phone: **03 5444 1113**

Fax: **03 5441 3668.**

From the **1st March 2011** the postal address for NHMA will be: **PO Box 304 STRATHDALE VIC. 3550.** My email address remains the same: bock-1@bigpond.com

13th NHMA National Rally, 2nd, 3rd & 4th September 2011.

Planning for the National Rally at Pinjarra is now in the advanced stage. The Rally Committee is confident that this will be a grand event and should not be missed.

Should any member clubs or individuals require any updated information on the rally please look this up on the rally website:

www.nhmafairbridge2011.info

Everything you wish to know is there.

Saturday 3rd September is Caterpillar Day
Sunday 4th September is Chamberlain Day

Help is sought from anyone with information on either of these two well-known companies: please contact the rally website in the first instance.

Other attractions for the National include:

- The 'trip across the Nullarbor'
- MacDonald Register
- Something for the ladies attending
- On site catering
- Official Dinner
- Engines; Tractors [over 300 expected]; farm equipment
- TOMM has updates

See you there!

Heritage Steam Sub-Committee Report

The sub-committee has been very active working on this aspect of our hobby. Meetings have been held with Regulatory Officials developing a 'Heritage Steam Code of Practice'. This document will now be called a 'Compliance Manual'

The NHMA congratulates all of the Sub-Committee for their hard work on this matter. Although it seems a long time ago when this issue was taken up, our hobby can now say 'well done' to Bob, Gary and the team for a

result that will be of great value to member clubs.

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The NHMA State Representatives:

The Association is very appreciative of the input that State Reps. willingly give to the hobby each year. In fact, the Association cannot function satisfactorily without our Representatives.

As we are approaching another AGM at the NHMA National Rally in September, some thought should be given to who will represent your State, on the Committee of Management.

Each State may have two ordinary members to represent that State on the Committee. These Representatives are elected at the AGM for a 2 year term.

Nominees need to have a high level of interest in our hobby, and be able to have phone contact [and email an advantage] with the President, Secretary and Committee.

Currently, Queensland has no representatives and Victoria has only one. To be 100% effective, the Committee needs full representation! Clubs are urged to seriously consider this matter and ensure that each state is fully represented after the next AGM.

Notes from the Teleconference 13/12/10

- All but one member was online, this was very encouraging.
- Treasurer Kym reported a healthy financial position.
- Thank you to the Bombala Historic Engine and Machinery Society for the hospitality offered to the Executive members who attended their recent rally. Appreciated.
- Thank you also to the Southern Tablelands Vintage Farm Machinery Club for the hospitality offered to Kevin & Kym Elphick [State Rep. & Treasurer] while attending the NHMA National Tractor Trek & club rally. Appreciated!
- The Cudgegong Valley Antique Machinery Club is being asked to present a 10 minute submission to the AGM; the meeting will then

decide on the venue of the 2013 National Rally.

- Next Committee meetings:
Teleconference: 8/8/11
Ordinary meeting: 2/9/11 at Fairbridge. **All the NHMA Committee of Management, PLEASE NOTE**

Notes for the Club Secretaries:

1. As of the 30th April there will be no further affiliation/insurance transactions processed until July 2011.
2. This year I require an update of your club's contact details i.e. postal address; email address; contact name; contact phone number etc. All this will be included on the Renewal Form to be posted out about mid-June; it is necessary for me to have an up to date record for your club.
3. Insurance cards will not be posted out until after the 1st July 2011.
4. Because the National Rally is being held early September, your co-operation is needed to ensure that most cards are distributed by the first week in August. I have a teleconference meeting on the 8th August, a Committee Meeting on the 2nd September and the Annual General Meeting on the 2nd September. Time will be limited to attend to renewals!
5. I hope to have the insurance/affiliation fees arranged by the end of May. Don't bother trying to find out anything beforehand as it won't be available.
6. **PLEASE START ORGANISING YOUR CLUB MEMBERSHIPS NOW.** NHMA will not know the cost of insurance until about the end of May, but be prepared for an increase with such a large number of claims coming to insurance companies from other types of insurance.

Is there a member club that wishes to run the 2012 NHMA National Tractor Trek???

If so, please contact the NHMA Secretary, who will gladly send information.

Please consider this ASAP