

Who Can relate to this???????

Happy Birthday to our August and September born members.
We hope you all have a beaut birthday and many happy returns.



August		September	
Kim Erskine	5	Jed Freeman	11
Marj Grandell	19	Geoff Forryan	18
Bruce Archibald	21	Rod Bain	25
Chloe Laffan	21	Bethany Archibald	26
Rob Garner	24		
Charlie Zammit	30		

"Washing Clothes Recipe" - imagine having a recipe for this !!!

Years ago a Texas grandmother gave the new bride the following recipe:

This is an exact copy as written and found in an old scrapbook, spelling errors and all.

WASHING CLOTHES

Build fire in backyard to heat kettle of rain water. Set tubs so smoke wont blow in eyes if wind is pert.

Shave one hole cake of lie soap in boilin water.

Sort things, make 3 piles

1 pile white,

1 pile colored,

1 pile work britches and rags.

To make starch, stir flour in cool water to smooth, then thin down with boiling water.

Take white things, rub dirty spots on board, scrub hard and boil, then rub colored don't boil just wrench and starch.

Take things out of kettle with broom stick handle, then wrench, and starch.

Hang old rags on fence.

Spread tea towels on grass.

Pore wrench water in flower bed. Scrub porch with hot soapy water.

Turn tubs upside down.

Go put on clean dress, smooth hair with hair combs. Brew cup of tea, sit and rock a spell and count your blessings.

More Than Just A Clearing Sale – Thanks Bob Stuart for this interesting article

Earlier in the year Heather and I attended a Clearing sale at "Brocklesby" NSW which is located about 16 km north of Howlong. It was the dispersal of the owner's life collection and was held over a two day period. The sale included a large fleet of restored and unrestored tractors and vintage engines, attracting a great deal of attention. We attended the second day where I purchased a 1925 4HP Tank Cooled 'Austral'.

On our way to the sale, we had noticed a roadside sign which said, "landing site" ??? so we decided to investigate further, and arrived at Brocklesby, a small country town, unfortunately in decline. It boasted a nice Public Hall and well maintained toilets. In front of the hall there was an impressive memorial to the returned soldiers and alongside stood a display of a radial aircraft engine, photos and accompanying story.

It stated that during WW2 there was a R.A.A.F. airfield at Wagga. The pilots were being trained to fly "Twin Engine Aircraft" in preparation to fly Twin Engine Aircraft Bombers in England. The aircraft were 'AVRO ANSONS', which were a metal tube frame, fabric covered aircraft with a retractable undercarriage, which required 180 turns of a crank handle to raise or lower. On short flights these were often left in the 'lowered position'.

On 29th September 1940 two aircraft were flying over the township, when they collided, the top plane becoming embedded into the lower one, resulting in one of the engines of the upper plane stopping as the propellers were imbedded in the lower plane. The pilot of the lower plane, prior to bailing out, put both motors up to full power and locked the controls. This action enabled both planes to keep flying. The pilot of the lower plane, and the navigators from both planes bailed out using their parachutes, with the navigator of the lower plane sustaining a back injury. The pilot of the upper plane, whose name was "Fuller", discovered he was still able to control the aircraft, so he searched for a suitable paddock in which to land, finding a site 8 kms away from the town. There he successfully 'belly landed' the plane which was still imbedded in the other!

The town's people were so grateful for the pilot's courage and quick thinking to avoid the plane crashing into the town, that they erected the monument in recognition of his valiant effort.

Despite this however, Fuller was docked a weeks pay and confined to barracks for a fortnight by the R.A.A.F. for speaking to the press without permission.

Further information and photos can be obtained on the Wikipedia website.

You Can't Keep a Good Man Down For Long

As most know, our lovable, feral, Jed, Andrew, met with an accident that put him in the ICU unit in a Melbourne hospital for some time. But it is good to be able to report the he is now back home and making a fast track in his recovery. The power of positive thinking, a great outlook and a good woman by his side has played a big part in him being home already. His next task is to get a bit of dirt and grime back into those clean hands.

On behalf of club members, I would like thank Kim for keeping us all regularly updated on his progress and I know that I speak for all members when I say that 'anything we can do for the both of you to don't hesitate in asking.' Keep up the good work Andrew and Kim and we look forward to seeing that cheeky smile as soon as we possibly can.

Wedding Bells are in the Air

Andrew and Kim will be tying the knot on 22nd December.

Our congratulations to the both of you and we wish you love and happiness forever.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Chubba and Vicki Balogh for their 50th Golden Wedding Anniversary on 3rd April.

Chubba and Vicki were already set up in the Western Gums Caravan Park in Kyabram, back in March, in readiness to help us with our preparation and set up for our rally and truck muster, as he usually does. Unfortunately, as we all know, our rally and muster was cancelled, so Chubba and Vicki made the wise decision to quickly pack up and head for home, which is at Burpengary in Queensland, before they were stuck down here in Victoria. Mike Sweeney, the caravan park manager, kindly refunded them their money.

Chubba has kept in contact to make sure our club members are safe from the corona and to send his best wishes to us all.

A new Acquisition

The word around the traps is that our very own Matt Bain is now the super proud owner of a Foden steam engine. Congratulations Matt, can't wait to see it fired up at our rally.

Committee members

All committee members have been re-elected for the coming year.
It was interesting to note that a suggestion and nomination was made for a new position on the committee.
Shown below is the nomination form. (wasn't me, Frank)

Please detach and return to Secretary

Nomination form for

NAME..... Frank Tobias

POSITION..... Chief Stirrer

SIGNATURE..... *Tom Dick and Harry*

Frank was unanimously elected. ☺

Memberships Due

Memberships are due by the end of July, which is when your insurance card expires.

This year membership payment can be made by either **Direct Debit** or **Cheque**.

If you have any questions, please contact me on 0439 448444.

If paying by cheque, please make payment to - Kyabram Vintage Engine & Machinery Restoration Group, and post to P O Box 855 Kyabram 3620

If you would like to pay for your membership via direct debit, please email your membership form to me at thomobarb@bigpond.com and then complete the direct debit to:-

Bendigo Bank -
BSB: 633 - 000
Account No.: 111145652
Account name: Kyabram Vintage Engine & Machinery Restoration Group
Reference: your surname

Please remember to reference your name so that we know who the money has come from.

Drinks for Sale (rally left overs)

The following drinks will be out of date by the time we have our next rally so we are hoping to sell them off to recoup some of our losses from the 2020 rally, that didn't happen.

Coke	30's	\$18.00 a slab
Solo	30's	\$18.00 a slab
Solo	24's	\$10.00 a slab

Please ring Barb on 0439 448444 if you would like to help us recoup some of our costs

Many thanks to those who have helped us to recoup some of our costs so far.

NHMA Tractor Trek

The 8th NHMA Tractor Trek was to be held at Wedderburn on 2nd – 4th October 2020.

Due to Coronavirus (COVID-19), the NHMA National Tractor Trek is postponed for 12 months

Did You Know

You can't breathe through your nose with your tongue sticking out.

You just tried it, didn't you?

You realized that it is possible only you look like a dog.

Just for Fun

Farmer Mick decided his injuries from the accident were serious enough to take the trucking company, responsible for the accident, to court.

In court, the trucking company's fancy lawyer was questioning Farmer Mick. "Didn't you say, 'I'm fine', at the scene of the accident?" asked the lawyer.

Farmer Mick responded, "Well, I'll tell you what happened. I had just loaded my favorite mule Bessie into the..." "I didn't ask for a long, drawn-out story," the lawyer interrupted, "just answer the question. Did you not say, at the scene of the accident, 'I'm fine'!"

Farmer Mick said, "Well, I had just got Bessie into the trailer and I was driving down the road..."

The lawyer interrupted again and said, "Judge, I am trying to establish the fact that, at the scene of the accident, this man told the Highway Patrolman on the scene that he was just fine. Now, several weeks after the accident, he is trying to sue my client. I believe he is a fraud. Please tell him to simply answer the question."

By this time the Judge was fairly interested in Farmer Mick's answer and said to the lawyer, "I'd like to hear what he has to say about his favorite mule Bessie."

Farmer Mick thanked the Judge and proceeded, "Well, as I was saying, I had just loaded Bessie, my favorite mule, into the trailer and was driving her down the highway when this huge semi-truck and trailer ran the stop sign and smacked my truck right in the side."

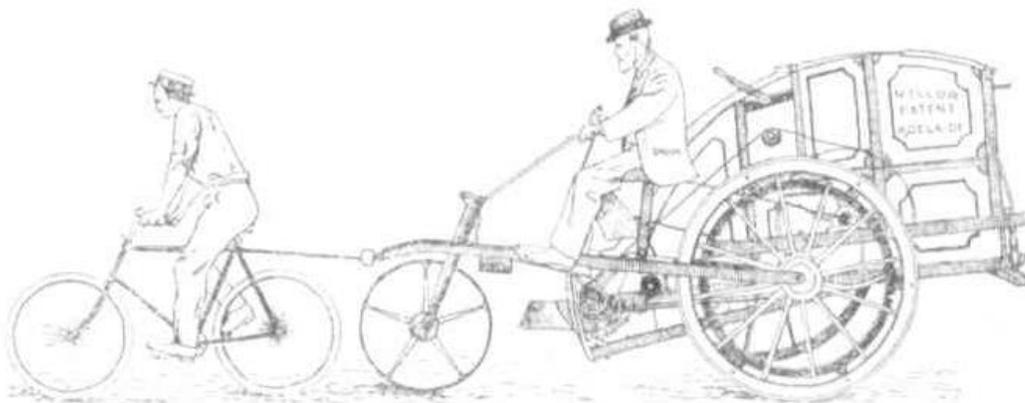
He continued, "I was thrown into one ditch and Bessie was thrown into the other. I was hurting real bad and didn't want to move. However, I could hear ole Bessie moaning and groaning. I knew she was in terrible shape just by her groans."

Shortly after the accident a Highway Patrolman came on the scene. He could hear Bessie moaning and groaning so he went over to her. After he looked at her, he took out his gun and shot her between the eyes.

Then, he came across the road with his gun in his hand, looked at me and said, 'Your mule was in such bad shape I had to shoot her. How are you feeling?'"

The Mellor Patent Bike Stripper

The machine as shown in this illustration which is manufactured by J.F. Mellor, Adelaide, has attained a high reputation throughout Australia on account of its adaptability for achieving good results in loose soil and on land where stumps are prevalent. It is, in fact, specially recommended for that kind of country, although equally successful wherever utilized. The stripper is fitted with new patent spring steel tooth (save-all) comb patent damp-weather attachment (easily altered by the driver), and an ingenious self-steering carriage, invaluable for rough country. At the Smithfield trial of implements held in December 1901, Mr Mellor was awarded the highest possible number of points for the machine on account of its lightness of draught (25 per cent below other exhibits), and also the maximum number of points for the simplicity of construction and least liability to get out of order. Mr Mellor is also a manufacturer of spring-steel ploughs, steel shares for ploughs and scarifiers, and makes a speciality of prong mouldboards, new combs, and 'damp weathers' for any make of machine.



**HAPPY FATHERS DAY TO ALL OF OUR DADS,
GRAND-DADS AND GREAT GRAND DADS
WE LOVE YOU VERY MUCH xxx**