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Welcome to NHMA News for March 2012:

President's Report presented to 2012 NHMA AGM:

Another year has slipped by and with it another National Rally and what a great rally it was. There was a good number of exhibits and by all accounts a good attendance by the public, a well-organised rally. Congratulations on a fine effort by the organizing committee and all their helpers; you should be proud of your part in putting on such a good rally.

The N.H.M.A. Committee has had a fairly active during the past year dealing with issues as they come in, and working on ongoing issues such as insurance and handbooks, etc which is progressing well and nearing completion ready for distribution.

Also, our Heritage Steam sub-committee is progressing nicely with the Heritage Plant Code of Practice; so thanks to them for their effort. This has not been a small feat, and has taken a great deal of their time and has been a lot of work. Our thanks to them for their input, at times under very difficult conditions and I am sure the movement will benefit a great deal from their work.

As this is my last President's Report, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the NHMA Committee members, both past and present, for their support while I have been President. To you all, I thank you on behalf of the whole movement, as I am sure the majority of people are happy with the job the Committee is doing; and I wish you all, together with all your member clubs, the very best for the future.

We can now look forward to the next National Rally at Mudgee, and I wish the organisers well as they move closer to this event.

Many thanks for the privilege of being a State Representative, the Vice-President, and President of the Association; see you at Mudgee.

Phillip (Ned) Morrison

The 14th NHMA National Rally

is shaping up to be a big event. The NHMA Committee of Management travelled to the AREC Mudgee site, to have a closer look at the facilities for the Rally; the camping arrangements etc on the 3rd of March.

If you haven't booked in for a display site as yet, please do so ASAP, a large number of exhibitors have already done so and the Mudgee Rally, because of its geographic situation, will be well attended by clubs from all eastern states.

The committee was amazed with the quality of the site, having been used for large field days for many years. One huge pavilion, with half of the area to be used for meals, meetings etc; the remaining area will be reserved for covered NHMA displays & trade displays. There is also a skillion on three sides of this pavilion that is covered but not enclosed. Access is very good from the road, which should reduce the queue of vehicles attending. There is also adequate space for engine, static tractor & vehicle displays, tractor pull area etc.

Latest information on Rally Site Accommodation for the 2013 NHMA National Rally.

Powered Sites

If you select this option there is access to a 10amp power outlet (so bring the appropriate lead).

In the initial forms distributed indicated 14m x 3.5m sites, which was based on a caravan only and we had allowed a 2m separation between vans for safety considerations.

However feedback from exhibitors indicates many would

like to setup annexes along with their van. We have altered our planning to allow for 14m x 5.5m sites, this is the area available for your van and annexe. There is a further 2m separation that must be maintained for safety.

Un powered Sites

Unpowered sites are allocated the same 14m x 5.5m. Generators are permitted – however a ‘Campers code of conduct’ will restrict the hours of use - everyone needs their sleep.

Dump Point – will be available onsite for use by caravanners / campers.

Shower and toilet amenities are available on-site.

Remember – the Rally Site is not a Tourist Park, if you require the full range of services of a tourist park there are other accommodation options.

Other accommodation options

There are alternatives to the Rally Site for camping / caravans / Motels / B&B etc. Contact for all accommodation options is Mudgee Region Tourism

www.visitmudgeeregion.com.au ph: (02) 6372 3899

We look forward to a successful Rally in 2013

Regards,

Steve Garland, Manager AREC, Mudgee

The NHMA AGM was very successful, considering the weather conditions that prevailed on the 3rd March. Unfortunately, the Wellington Vintage Fair had to be cancelled, due to the wet grounds; however it was great that a quorum turned up and the meeting went ahead as scheduled.

The Election of Officers revealed a few changes to the leadership of the NHMA. Phillip Morrison has decided that it is time to restore his truck rather than spend most of his spare time on Association and club issues. Phillip has been a State Representative for Tasmania from 2002 – 05; Vice-President 2005 – 08; President 2008 – 11. This is a record that anyone would be proud of, and the Association recognises the time and effort that Phillip and Pauline have devoted to the top level of our hobby. Phillip was presented with a suitably worded ‘Certificate of Appreciation’ at the AGM.

Mr. Alan Shepherd was elected unopposed to the position of President of the NHMA. Alan has been a Victorian State Representative for a number of years, taking up the position of Vice – President in 2009. Alan is no newcomer to the NHMA having been heavily involved in the Yarra Valley Machinery

Preservation Society for many years. Thank you, Alan for taking up the Presidency, with so many challenges on the horizon.

Robert Schnooderbeek was elected vice president of the NHMA. Robert is the President of the Central West Antique Machinery & Collectors Club of Molong NSW. Again, the NHMA welcomes Robert to the Association Executive and look forward to his input.

All other Officers remain the same.

Committee Meeting News:

Since the last Committee of Management meeting at the end of January, Kevin Elphick and others have been busy working through the NHMA Safety Guidelines in relation to Static Vehicle Displays [including tractors].

The Committee agreed in principle to the new guidelines that Kevin’s group has recommended. Before these recommendations are ‘set in concrete’ more work has to be done, but the committee is hopeful that the new guidelines can be in place by the end of the year. More on this in later issues.

The NHMA Handbook is finally being printed ‘as we speak’. The Handbook is a ‘live’ document, and when updates are made these will be forwarded to your club address. Possibly the first updates your club will receive, will be the amended NHMA Safety Guidelines. The Handbook has been designed so that various sections are printed on different coloured paper; when you club receives an update, look for the colour paper that the update is printed on, remove the relevant section and place the update in.

Please remember that the Handbook is only as good as the information in it. **PLEASE KEEP THE UPDATES CURRENT. THE HANDBOOK IS TO BE HELD BY THE PRESIDENT OR SECRETARY OF THE CLUB.**

Many clubs in the Riverina area of NSW will be aware that the David Brown Tractor Club has recently organised a Tractor Trek that covered approx.. 1000km and of about 10 days duration. The trek was run to support ‘Country Hope’ a family based, support group for children diagnosed with cancer or similar illnesses.

Neil Cole, Publicity Officer/Newsletter Editor for the David Brown Tractor Club of Aust. Reports that the event went well apart from wet weather & closed roads due to the recent down pours. David was delighted with the financial result however, with over \$11,000 being raised for Country Hope.

2015 NHMA National Rally:

NHMA policy is to rotate the National around the states and 2015 happens to be Tasmania's turn to stage the 'big one'.

As time is ticking away, the NHMA Committee of Management has agreed to put the following timetable in place:

- By the 30th June 2012, a firm written expression of interest is to be given to the NHMA Secretary from any Tasmanian club[s].
- If no expression of interest is received from Tasmania by that date;
- Expressions of interest will be sought by the Committee from any Victorian club[s] until the 30th September. (Victoria is the next state in the rotation)
- Any expression of interest received, will need to be supported by a full written submission by the 1st December 2012.

This time frame is set to enable the committee to have impressive submissions available to place before the 2013 NHMA AGM at Mudgee NSW. This meeting decides the venue of the National Rallies.

4th National Tractor Trek:

As clubs are aware, the 2012 NHMA National Tractor Trek is under way on the 18th July this year. The Callide Dawson Machinery Preservation Club is the host club and on past events an exciting time can be assured. Contact Cindy Cooper cdmpc@bigpond.com for more particulars.



Submissions for the 5th NHMA National Tractor Trek:

Any club that wishes to make a firm expression of interest to host this national event in 2014, should now do so.

The 3rd & 4th National Tractor Treks have been run in conjunction with club events and were very popular. Contact the NHMA secretary should you require more information.

Affiliation & Insurance Renewals:

April the 30th 2012 is the cut off date for this years affiliation & insurance. Should your clubs request reach me after this date, it will not be processed! The request and your club's cheque will be returned to your club.

The insurance broker will begin negotiating a quote for the 2012/2013 insurance year after that date. This takes some time and the actual cost will not be known until about mid - June.

About mid - June the June edition of NHMA Newsletter will be prepared and will be posted together with the Affiliation & Insurance Renewal Form.

I urge all club's to wait until the end of June before ringing or emailing me; this only creates much more un-necessary work.

Good restoring; until mid-June when I hope to have further on any changes to the static display of vehicles.

