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N.H.M.A. PRESIDENTS REPORT JUNE 2013

Following on from the 14th N.H.M.A. rally at Mudgee and discussions with fellow enthusiasts it is apparent that Mudgee was a fantastic National Rally.

With more than 1200 exhibitors, an excellent site and plenty of happy visitors, the host club Cudgegong Valley Antique Machinery, are to be congratulated for their attention to detail and excellent event planning. With such interesting and detailed exhibits our members have excelled themselves once again. The surprise ending to the Rally Dinner with tractors, trucks and a traction engine entering the main hall was a sight to see.

The “**Geoff Wishart Trophy**” was awarded to 92 year old *Ernest Lester Smith* from **Woodend Victoria** for his attention to detail with the restoration of his 1926 Moline Universal “D” Tractor and Implements.

The N.H.M.A. Junior Awards went to

***Ben Baker* of the Highlands Vintage Machinery Club Inc.**

***Richmond Bush* – Central West Antique Machinery & Collectors Club Inc.**

***Jarvis Binkin* – Hunter Valley Vintage Farm Machinery Club Inc.**

Each junior recipient was awarded an excellent set of tools to help with their next project.

Another highlight from Mudgee was the allocation of the 15th N.H.M.A. Rally to 3 Tasmanian Clubs:

**Hobart Vintage Machinery Society Inc.,
The Old Bits & Pieces Club of Tasmania Inc.
The Historical Machinery Club of Tasmania Inc.**

The three Clubs will host the 15th N.H.M.A. National Rally at Quercus Park, Tasmania over February 27th – March 1st, 2015.

Good Luck to the members and committees of these clubs. The Rally Committee can be contacted on email – nhmarally2015@gmail.com.

Congratulations must also be extended to The Hunter Valley Vintage Farm Machinery Club for their success in being granted hosting rights for the 2014, 5th N.H.M.A. National Tractor Trek at Dungog, N.S.W. from 18th to 22nd March 2014.

During 2013 the N.H.M.A. Committee of Management will be reviewing our Safety Guidelines in accordance with current insurance, Occupational Health and Safety, WorkSafe and local authority requirements. We must keep in

touch with these organisations in order to maintain our compliance with their changes and to secure and maintain our safety record.

With 180 member clubs that have more than 9,000 nominated members around Australia, the Committee relies on the member clubs to encompass all aspects of safety on the rally ground.

HAPPY RESTORING,

ALAN SHEPHERD
PRESIDENT
N.H.M.A.

Information from the AGM and the Committee of Management:

The Committee of Management will be holding a workshop meeting in the near future to discuss work safe and motor traffic laws & regulations. Currently some of these regulations are mixed in with the NHMA Safety Guidelines. This mix is causing a lot of confusion with clubs, exhibitors and possibly our insurance broker.

The aim of this workshop is to sort what is law or regulation from the guidelines. What is law or regulation cannot be changed or tampered with by anyone and must be followed by clubs and exhibitors at rallies. No insurer would respond to any claim where the law or regulations have **NOT BEEN FOLLOWED**; this needs to be clearly understood by all clubs/groups.

The workshop will be conducted by an accredited OH&S Consultant who is also an affiliated club member who understands our problems and needs. At this stage, the workshop may be held toward the end of July. Once the committee have a better knowledge of what is needed, the guidelines will be reviewed and possibly re-written by a professional person with expertise in this field.

The NHMA Committee attend many club rallies over twelve months. At most committee meetings valuable time is taken up with discussion on non-compliance of guideline issues that arise from time to time. The NHMA provide the 'guidelines' for club use, so that all clubs have common information on how to manage their displays. This principle falls over when clubs have their own interpretation of the NHMA Safety Guidelines, or in some cases re-write the guidelines to suit their own particular situation; our insurer uses our safety guidelines as a risk management tool when setting the premium for our cover; clubs are therefore advised that by removing sections of the official safety guidelines to suit their particular wishes, they may void the insurance cover that is in place. There is only one way to make changes to NHMA Constitution/Guidelines/policy, that is by contacting your State Representatives with suitable alterations that will be discussed at the committee level and changes can then be made after proper discussion and a majority decision.

Further reading on safety & risk management for your members can be found at:
<http://www.safeworkaustralia.gov.au/sites/swa/about/publications/pages/heritage-plant>

Insurance:

With this Newsletter is your club's 'affiliation & renewal' form. **THE ONE ON WHITE PAPER IS TO BE COPIED & USED FOR THIS YEARS RENEWAL; THE ONE ON GREEN PAPER IS TO BE PUT IN YOUR HANDBOOK.** Please remove and discard the 2012-13 'green' sheet. The cost of affiliation remains at \$3.10 per member and the cost of insurance also remains at \$13.40 per member, making a total of \$16.50 per member.

During the negotiations, it was revealed that the premium was set from the number of 'affiliated members' that clubs indicate on the renewal form. From now on, the premium will be set on the number of 'insured member' only.

This year please make it very clear to all your members that if they want insurance cover through the NHMA scheme, they need to pay for insurance [and hold their 'pink' insurance card] with the club of their choice. Clubs who have 'affiliation only' and source their insurance outside the NHMA scheme, cannot expect any cover whatsoever!

Secretaries are asked to please include the date of birth for all junior members [10 – 17] when supplying the list of names with the renewal request.

Speaking of renewal requests, the Sydney Antique Machinery Club won the contest for the highest number of requests with seventeen over the nine month renewal period! This club was followed by Hunter Valley Vintage Farm Machinery Club with fourteen, closely followed by a club with eleven and two on ten requests.

Please be advised that there is no trophy being awarded; all the secretary and treasurer ask is that club secretaries please go about your club's renewal process early; having most of your renewals in the first batch. The insurance year commences at 4.00 pm on the 31st July 2013, why not ask your members to get value for their money with a full twelve month cover!!

It is evident that some clubs/exhibitors don't fully understand the NHMA policy on the issuing of the public liability insurance cards. It is not a condition of affiliation that all take up the NHMA insurance offer, however, if a financial member aged 10 years and over wishes to enter a rally compound during the event, that person must have written proof that he/she is a financial member of an affiliated club which has \$20,000,000 public liability insurance cover. The NHMA Public Liability Insurance card is just that; written proof of cover. With NHMA policy, husband & wife [or partners] cannot use the same card, just as they cannot use the same drivers licence! Club secretaries should fully inform members of this information when collecting renewals for this year.

The Junior Awards at the recent National Rally were again of a very high standard. Those on the committee really had a difficult job in selecting the top three junior exhibits. One disturbing factor brought to the committee's notice was that under-age juniors were operating machines. Currently, the NHMA insurance arrangements cover juniors from 10 years to 17 years, for both public liability and personal accident cover. It should also be noted that at the other end of the scale, those over the age of 80 do not have any personal accident cover, but your club still has public liability cover.

Joke Time:

A few minutes before the church services started, the congregation was sitting in their pews and talking.

Suddenly, Satan appeared at the front of the church.

Everyone started screaming and running for the front entrance, trampling each other in a frantic effort to get away from evil incarnate.

Soon the church was empty except for one elderly gentleman who sat calmly

in his pew without moving, seemingly oblivious to the fact that God's ultimate enemy was in his presence.

So Satan walked up to the man and said, 'Do you know who I am?'

The man replied, 'Yep, sure do.'

'Aren't you afraid of me?' Satan asked.

'Nope, sure ain't.' said the man.

'Don't you realize I can kill you with one word?' asked Satan.

'Don't doubt it for a minute,' returned the old man, in an even tone.

'Did you know that I can cause you profound, horrifying AGONY for all eternity?' Satan persisted.

'Yep,' was the calm reply.

'And you are still not afraid?' asked Satan.

'Nope,' said the old man.

More than a little perturbed, Satan asked, 'Why aren't you afraid of me?'

The man calmly replied, 'Been married to your sister for 48 years.'

NHMA HANDBOOK Amendments:

Please find enclosed with this newsletter:

A copy of the current contact details for the NHMA. Please remove the old details from your club HANDBOOK and replace them with the new ones in order to keep the Handbook up to date.

Green copy of the affiliation & insurance renewal form, for the Handbook

And a revised 'Appendix 3; Form of Appointment of Proxy' on pink paper