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OF THE MONTH
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YVMP'S NEWS



Wandin Draught Horse & Yester Year Festival

In this edition we step out from under this old Oak tree at Mont de Lancey and wander around the grounds of the 2024 Festival.

First we see one of the draught horses walking around in circles, harnessed to a contraption called The Horse Works, which in turn is attached via a long belt driving a water pump. Previously this pump would have pumped water from a water hole to the household.

The car park is full and in the foreground is a hay bailer which is being driven by a Lister stationary engine. The hay is fed into the rectangle box, compressed, and forced down the chute to be tied and stacked, ready to be used when feed is scarce.



We now move on to the report sent in by Heather Butcher

It was on Saturday the 24 & 25th of February.

Yesterday many of the Club were up at MDL preparing for the weekend. Don and Jamie took up Jamie's latest tractor, (Massey Ferguson pictured below) to have on display and help with the preparations. This morning we arrived about 8.30am and it was a hive of activity. Most things had been set up but the exhibitors were busy arranging their gazebos and goods. Outside the shed Tanya, Karen, and Sharon were busy getting things ready to sell when Clare arrived with heaps of sausages and hamburgers, bread and all the extras for the weekend. Also a job to keep all the drinks cold which kept them on their toes all weekend. Inside the shed the Tool people and the cooper were kept busy answering questions and showing off their goods. I'm afraid I didn't get to see the engines or many things outside due to the uneven ground, but it was good catching up with all the members when they came in for a cuppa or a talk, and from lunchtime on each day Eleanor Fall stayed with me as company. Maree and Tony Koolen had made the long trip up from Inverloch again with her lovely display of sewing memorabilia. Also Tom Dathan and Jack West made their usual trip from Gippsland Tom displayed a 1936 Hercules 1 3/4 HP engine which was used in Poweltown to pump water from the Little Yarra River (picture below). On Saturday Jamie and Clare organized the catering for our evening meal and it was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone that attended. then Judy and Melissa Bennett put on a 50 Question Trivia Competition. I'm afraid I found it quite hard at times but the winners scored about 21 or 22 and won the main prize, with a few others receiving chocolates also. It was Don's 87th birthday so we surprised him with a big cake and everyone sang Happy Birthday. He said that he wanted to thank everyone for their good wishes and that it was a complete surprise. I will leave the rest of the weekend up to Niel as he does a marvellous job covering all the other things that were happening. In all it was a great weekend.



Many thanks Heather.

Continuing on—we had a great display of working engines. Stuart had three working drag saws and his Austin A40 is in the background, Kellie Newell from Yarra Glen is seen below stocking the 1912 Clayton & Shuttleworth steam portable and the Lanz Bulldog tractor was driven from home to the Rally by her son. Other displays were FJ Holdens, International trucks, vintage motor bikes, old tool collections, black smiths, model steam engines one Overcrank a Horizontal and a vertical steam pump. A cooper was making barrels, and the old homestead, restaurant and museum were all open. For the kids there was face painting, donkey rides, a jumping castle, mini golf, 10 pin bowling and ice creams.

Many thanks to all members who gave so much time prior, during and after the Festival ED



MELBOURNE STEAM WEEKEND March 9/11

The rally this year was extremely hot all weekend. Yarra Valley had a few members attend, and they were Jamie with the 1912 Mogul, Don had a 2 1/2 HP Austral D, Leigh had a R&T with a pump, his little army generator, his Bay view running a sprinkler barrel, and distributor checker, and also on show was his car. Philip Beveridge had 7 Southern Cross mowers believed to be the largest collection in the world and next to him was Tanya Beveridge with her little International Pink Pig and his friend on the bicycle, which created a lot of interest. Stewart Blyth was also there with a Mc Donald diesel. Today was a total fire ban day as the temperature was 38degrees. On Saturday numbers were well down, with the weather stopping the traction engines. The train was the diesel one, and I believe they did about 275 rides . One of the male entertainers collapsed with heat exhaustion and was taken by ambulance to hospital, and we hope that he has recovered OK. Clare and I were the only visitors. The evening meal was done by two young fellows who did a great job in supplying cheese platters, sausage rolls, and hamburger sliders, and due to the heat we all ate in the club room where they had an air conditioner going which helped a bit. On Sunday they had one extra visitor from our club which was Alex Nad. It was still extremely hot and visitors were down again on the day although a reasonable crowd was there early in the day.



By Heather Butcher.

*Thank you Heather for yet another good story.
Now move on to page 4 for pictures and another report from Phil & Tanya.*

Watch your health

If you have a long-term illness or chronic condition, **keep your doctor informed about changes in your health and discuss how often you will need check-ups.** Social support can help you maintain your quality of life when you are not well – plan to catch up with friends and family. Support groups can help too. Being a member of YVMPS is also good for your well being.

EDITORIAL



What a good read, and what a good variety too in this issue. . It seemed to cover all areas, with notice of younger member Malachi’s coming birthday, reports of events attended since the last issue, and the repetition of two reports from years past. One great part of this is that

a couple of the articles and several photos were offered, and not dragged from the contributors.

As the editor of another magazine I find that is one of the hard parts, as people seem to think what they write or have to contribute is not worthwhile.

But it is people, it is!!

One of the contributors to my magazine sidled up to me last week with a small, tattered exercise book which she, being a hoarder had found when she was looking for something else. It was her father’s book, from the 1930s, containing the tennis teams, and who won each week, along with the competitors in the Ladies Nail hammering competition and their scores. Of the seventeen participants the best score was 11 seconds, with the slowest being 23 seconds, which I thought was pretty good!



The other competition was the Ladies Cotton Winding competition, held in teams of four with a leader or captain for each group. Unfortunately, there were no rules contained and no winners, and I just cannot imagine how this game would be played without many giant tangles and frayed tempers.

The other interesting fact was that none of the women had Christian names, which reminded me of when Niel’s mum volunteered at the Op shop in the 1970s, and introduced herself to the other helper, saying “Hello, my name is Phyll.” The other lady responded “Hello, my name is Mrs. Y!!”

I’m glad that things have changed in that regard, but I would like to know more about the Ladies Cotton Winding competition!

HEATHER BRAIN.

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Steamfest 9-11/03/2024

As always for this time of year Melbourne Steam Traction Engine Club host Steamfest the 3-day event run over the Labour Day weekend. However, this year was to be a bit different with Melbourne experiencing a heat wave with all three days in excess of 36 degrees Celsius.

This presented problems for the organizers with Saturday declared a Total Fire Ban Day so no outdoor Steam Engines running and as Sunday and Monday would be in excess of their safe working temperature of 32 degrees Celsius and wind gusts greater than 150Kph the sensible decision was made not to run the outdoor Steam Engines at all over the event. For the wellbeing of the horses, they would not attend the event either.

There was still lots of exhibits with Military vehicles, trucks, vintage, classic cars, vintage, graders, bulldozers, dump trucks and excavators not all running, but out for display and of course food vendors and live music. The crowds were down for the weekend probably finding the beach or backyard pool more appealing in the heat. One of the musicians certainly can attest to the heat by fainting while in the middle of a set. First aid officers attending called for an ambulance who experienced their own difficulties getting rear ended while at the traffic lights just before the venue entrance with such force that the rear tyre popped. Another ambulance was called arriving swiftly and attending to the musician who was taken to hospital suffering from heat stress and released later that night with the all ok.

YVMPS and Port Philip members put on a good show filling the two compounds with the help of Chris from Eltham on the Saturday, with numbers dropping off over the weekend as usual.

Stuart B. a relatively new member on his first outing bought along his Macdonald Diesel CPI 6Hp obtained in 2023 from an auction in Sale Vic. With its grooved flywheel and electric starter (not fitted) it is believed to have been fitted to a Genset possibly from Coates Hire. It ran well over the weekend.

Leigh H. arrived in the 1931 Chev Tourer having earlier bought along the R&T Lighting plant, B&S WW2 Generator, Battery pack, Distributor Tester, Hand Pump and the Bayview Sprayer a familiar sight at rallies with the added benefit this weekend providing a mist of water to help cool passersby's. As usual it ran faultlessly and would be perfect for someone to take it over as Leigh is looking to move it on. If you would be interested, please contact the YVMPS club.

Don B. has his Austral by Ronaldson & Tippett out for a run and with its shiny new muffler it seemed to run quieter and cooler than usual, and not boiling despite the high ambient temperatures. A perfect outing except for the wheel falling off when loading it back on the trailer; a project for Don during the week.



Jamie B. saw the return of the IHC Mogul (AKA "The Mongrel") being one year ago purchased at auction and straight to the rally where it required a little coaxing to get going. Not this time as it ran beautifully! Unfortunately, the poor little horse also suffered from heat exhaustion found laying on his side but after a drink was right back at it. Perhaps a bigger horse is needed.

Tanya B. had Piggy out for the second time and after many comments from the first time the Pig was pedaling forward this time. Piggy posed for many pictures over the weekend with kids and adults alike. Special attention came from a Detector Dog in training who at first was terrified of it, then angry, followed by wanting to play with it. Quite funny to watch, as it must have been too life like for him.



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Phil B. Had the collection of Southern Cross mowers on display with all five manufactured models represented, with different variants of some. A few shiny, a couple original and one as found only recently acquired. All designed and manufactured by Southern Cross in Toowoomba Foundry. This possibly represented the largest most comprehensive collection of Southern Cross Mowers in Australia.

The club put on a meal on the Saturday night for those who stayed. A big shout out to Melbourne Steam Traction Engine Club for doing their best in difficult conditions. *This report sent by Phil & Tanya.*



BIRTHDAY PARTY



All YVMPS Members invited

to Malachi's 18th

Saturday 13th April

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On Saturday the 9th of March the NSW Variety 4WD Adventure group made their lunchtime break at Mont de Lancey —

having travelled from Merimbula via Mallacoota, Buchan, Lakes Entrance, Dargo, Sale, Craig’s Hut, Mansfield & Marysville over several days to finish at Kalarama in the Dandenongs. Around 40 vehicles each with two or more people, spent a couple of hours having lunch and taking in all that is on offer here. We had a constant stream of people through our shed and many great conversation were had by like minded people. Our crew consisted of Ron, Niel, Lewis and Barry. We had Len’s Petter Fielding engine running along with the Wolseley lighting plant, the Monkey machine, Stuarts Lister and Fred’s Billabong shower. What a great place to visit was the general feeling and was a good end to their Adventure.



Malachi Wilkinson one of our younger members often displays a table of up to 10 model steam engines at the various rallies he attends. Here is his Rally report from one such occasion when he was just 12.- issue no 182.in 2017 . *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.*

Thanks Mal. for all your reports & photos & I hope you have a happy birthday. Ed.



GOING TO MARKET

We all know the story about the piggies that went to market, apparently this one had a different priority, It was heading to market to get some International red as that is the colour International pigs should be. Although the really old ones are grey. Nice display that got people's attention. Put together by Phil and Tanya.



Are you puzzled by the article above ?
Well this is Tanya's exhibit at the recent Draught Horse Festival comprising of an International Pig stationary engine built 1936. The trike was for her 4th birthday fifty years ago; the pig on the bike from Harvey Nature strip and the shoes & bear etc. from an Op. Shop, and they peddled all weekend. **A great display—well done.**



WE NOW MOVE BACK TO ISSUE 129 AUGUST 2008.

Where in we find an article from Tom Dathan.

I wonder where it is now??

A long time client of mine, who lived in Gladysdale was putting his property on the market and was going to have a garage sale. I was asked if I knew anyone who might be interested in purchasing an old dragsaw. Of course I knew many people who would have been obliging, but no one more than myself. After negotiating an extremely cheap price, I proceeded home and quickly returned with a tandem trailer, loaded and returned home.



Finding some info on the internet I learnt it was an Oregon frame New Record

with a 1A- 2hp horizontal Rosebery engine (rebadged as New Record) circa 1923-30. (?) The overall condition was poor. The flywheels and piston were free running but the valves were seized. After removing the engine and dismantling everything, I found the bore was badly scored due to a loose gudgeon. I shelved the engine for a while and proceeded to work on the chassis. All the steel parts were removed, de-rusted, cleaned and painted mid Brunswick green. The axle and wheels got the same treatment. After many hours of scraping the dirt, grease and grime off the timber, it was sanded, filled, primed, undercoated and received about four coats of red enamel. I lost count of the hours, I was covered in rust, dust and paint. New pins, bolts and bushes were turned on the lathe. Getting back to the engine, it was delivered to Jim Bennett who rebored and sleeved the cylinder. New rings and valves were purchased and fitted. The engine had about four layers of old paint so it had to be totally stripped off. After all the parts were refitted and assembled the engine was painted. Finally the engine was refitted to the frame on new timber rails as the old ones were broken. The project was starting to take shape as all I had to do was fit the Maggy. This is a Wico EK, . The time had finally come to try and start the thing. With help from Stuart and Jim Bennett, some fine tuning etc., the engine burst into life on Sunday, 25 May, 2008. After hundreds of hours of hard work and patience, I now stand back and admire a beautiful piece of machinery. I am looking forward to my first rally. All in all, the project probably only cost me about 1/2 K which included rebore and sleeve, paint, some bolts, a condenser, a spark plug, rings, decal and a couple of valves. I'd like to sincerely thank club members who gave me advice or information. Thanks especially to Jim for all his help with the engine etc. (And for putting up with my pestering.) Tom Dathan



COMING EVENTS

*Denotes YVMPS event.

Contact Barry Thomas for phone numbers.

*April 6 Wimmera Mallee Historic Vehicle– Horsham Showground's

***April 6/7 Crank Up**

April 13th Malachi Wilkinson's Birthday (Your Invited see page 5)

*** April 17th general meeting**

April 26, 27 28 NHMA Tractor Trek - Deniliquin

April 27 & 28 Lockington Rally May 4 & 5 Lake Goldsmith

***May 15th General meeting**

May 18 Heyfield Vintage Machinery Rally

May 18 Gisborne Steam Rally (to be confirmed)

***June 19th General meeting**

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