

**MEETINGS: 7.30 PM
THIRD WEDNESDAY
OF THE MONTH
IN CLUB SHED AT
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YVMPS NEWS

Annual Echuca Trip

This year we went up to Echuca early Saturday morning as we had footy at the G with Karen on the Friday night. Was a cold foggy morning, and the Stat Nav took us via a real back route – about 30k's of dirt road. Around 10k's out of Echuca the fog disappeared and it was a beautiful morning.

We off-loaded the engines with a bit of help from Jamie and Phil and set up for the weekend. The club was represented by Jamie, Clare, Phil, Tanya, Peter A, David Kennedy and myself.



I took up a couple of small engines – a little N type badged as an International which played the hard to start game – I suspect it needs a bit of a carby clean up, and the Inter pig which also was a little hard on the start. I reckon a couple of really big bumps on the way up may have unsettled them.

David Kennedy had his display of small engines revolving on the Trailer so people could see the difference between them. It was a good display, with one of the engines being a cutaway version, so people could see the moving parts.

Jamie has a small Lister, which needed a little repair to the magneto. Some super glue from Phil was used to rejoin the lead outlet to its base and once fixed, it ran well for the entire weekend.

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Peter has three new engines he had collected during the week and so brought those up to get them going. The International Ideal started and ran well. His “Drummond Bros Willing Worker Engine” was not quite so willing, but after some fuel tank movements and a little belt assist, it then actually ran for a little while. The third engine pretty much fired first spin, making Peter a very happy man. I lost my notes with proper names so will let you try and work it out – that is my challenge for you all.

Phil had a Southern Cross engine and pump – which ran and pumped water the whole weekend. Around the compounds were a number of engines – I focused on a couple of early 3-4 HP Australs which I chatted to the guys about as I need to make a maggie adapter for mine, my engine has a two-hole bracket and the maggie is four bolter so I will do a little work as I would prefer to be able to use the maggie I have. It has a massive spark thanks to the ‘Maggie Man’. Have a look at our face book group if you want to see some more of the photos of the event. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1041784778010140>

Echuca club reckons the number of engines was similar to previous years and they were really happy with the turn-up given the weather in the few days prior. There was not much Echuca mud which is a little unusual. We were given a little badge as a thank you for our participation, so thanks for that.

The steam guys had a few engines out running and doing laps of the oval. It was good to see them there. The miniature model railway in the shed had their track going so kids of all ages could play! The miniature railway was also giving rides. The draught horse groups were there, and like most of us had a good weekend doing their thing and catching up.

Saturday night we headed out to Moama bowls club joining Bruce and Helen Paroissien for a relaxing evening. I get spoilt by getting to stay in their nice warm house. (Thanks).

The weather was quite good over the weekend – with cool starts and sunny days. Peter headed back home Saturday night as he was going to display his engine in Alexandra as part of the truck show on Sunday.

Sunday afternoon we all packed up and some stayed in Echuca for the night whilst some of us headed home. I did a stopover at Heathcote on the way back to catch up with Mum and then did the final bit on Monday.

Thanks again to the Echuca club who always make us feel welcome at their event and we look forward to heading back again next year. Since that weekend Bruce has become president of the Echuca Club and we wish him well in that role.

YVMPS Social Lunch at the Olinda Creek Hotel 02/08/2026

Members and Partners of the Yarra Valley Machinery Preservation Society recently gathered at the Olinda Creek Hotel in Lilydale for a relaxed social lunch filled with good food, lively conversation, and the camaraderie that keeps the Society's community strong.

While our passion is preserving and showcasing antique machinery, these social gatherings are just as important. They provide an opportunity for members, partners, and friends to catch up away from the club and event grounds, share restoration stories, discuss upcoming projects, and welcome new faces to the Society.

The relaxed atmosphere at the Olinda Creek Hotel made it the perfect venue, with everyone enjoying a delicious meal and plenty of laughs. Conversations ranged from the latest restoration challenges to memories of past rallies and ideas for future displays and events.

The lunch also gave the Society a chance to celebrate the launch of new additions to the merchandise range, with the Rally Badge and Hat Pin introduced and alongside the ever-popular Stubby Holder were offered as door prizes, to the lucky winners, congratulations,

1st prize — Rally Badge went to Clare Southwell

2nd prize — Stubby Holder went to Heather Butcher

3rd prize — Hat Pin went to Judy Bennett

A big thank you goes to everyone who attended and helped make the day such an enjoyable success. It's these occasions that strengthen the friendships within our Society and remind us that preserving our mechanical heritage is as much about the people as it is the machines.

If you missed this gathering, don't worry, there will be more opportunities to join us at future social events. We encourage all members to come along, bring a friend, and enjoy the great company that makes the Yarra Valley Machinery Preservation Society such a welcoming club.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our next event!



JUST FOR FUN

Eventually, you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start talking about it.

On the 28th of July I turned 89 and my sister Lynne 85 on the same day.
Niel and Lynne Brain



Our News Letter.

Here are some facts related to producing the News Letter. During the preceding weeks of finalization, each page usually takes around one hour to download from an email, adjust the size and paragraphs to fit the page and re size and crop photos to give the best view and then I put in a frame. We usually have 6 to 8 pages each issue depending on Rally participation and other events. I usually run off the finished issue 7 to 8 days prior to the club meeting so that the snail mail has time to get to each snail mail member. This operation usually begins around 9AM and takes up most of the rest of my day.

What is involved ? First task is to print out all the envelopes, 2nd is to print out all the pages - about 200, (hoping we have no paper jams or ink problems). Next I collate them into the magazine. 3rd task is to staple all together. 4th. Each issue is then folded into 3 to fit the envelopes. 5th. Insert into envelopes and seal, 6th is the job of licking stamps. When all this is done a trip to the PO Box.

Later on in the week I convert the news letter to a PDF document for transmission to Barry, who kindly sends you your emailed version prior to the meeting. Here is stage three on my table. Ed.



What happens to an illegally parked frog?
.....It gets *toad* away.



COMING EVENTS

July 15 General meeting.

August 15 Simon McMahons Shed - with Emerald doing sausage sizzle.

August 19 Annual Meeting

September 6- fathers day - Bellerine Vintage Group Rally

September 12 & 13 - Wedderburn weekend

September 16 General meeting

October 4& 5 Alexandra Railway Museum Rally

October 21 General meeting

October 17&18 Wandin Field Days

November 14 & 15 Bendigo Swap

November 15 Silvan school 150 celebration

November 18 General meeting

November 21 & 22 Lilydale Show

November 28 Yea Show

December 6 Yellingbo Christmas Festival. .

December 16 Christmas break up Party.



**I stayed up all night wondering where the sun went?
Then it dawned on me.**



Here are your TIPS of the Month from Don Wright.

Cut it out and pin it up in the shed.

**How to find TOP DEAD CENTRE when spark plug hole is
above the valves.**

**Use a spark plug body after you have broken the porcelain .
Silastic a small plastic hose in it. Put the other end into a clear
bottle of water.**

**TOP DEAD CENTRE is easy to see when the water either goes
up or down the clear plastic tube.**

TIP OF THE MONTH.

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How to valve time inlet and exhaust valve “Rock”

That is , the centre of one up and one down.

**The crank shaft now on top dead centre, move the cam gear 1
tooth at a time to get the exact spot.**

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