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THIRD WEDNESDAY
OF THE MONTH
IN CLUB SHED AT
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Do you remember ?

This engine and story is taken from club magazine No 196 of October 2019.

"Adam" will now be around 16 years old.

I wonder if he has joined a club in the area near home?



SUNDIAL

Type B. S/N 8677. BHP 2. RPM 600. Built 1945. There were 523 units built that year by H V Mckay Massey Harris P/L Sunshine Harvester Works. Melbourne .

SUNDIAL A 10 year old boy we shall call "Adam" (a good name to start with), has shown an early interest in motors and old engines. He lives with his family in Eaglehawk just out of Bendigo where his Dad is into playing with old tractors, Bulldogs and stuff etc. One day Adam dragged home a couple of old motor mowers he found on his way home from school, with the view of seeing how they work, by pulling them apart in his spare time and hoping to get one going. Over a period of time he has successfully rebuilt and restored one of the mowers (possibly with some help from his Dad). which he now takes out and displays at various shows in the area. A wonderful achievement for a youngster.. One evening while watching TV the program ventured into an old shearing shed where the camera zoomed in on an old horizontal engine with the flywheels spinning. "Gee I wouldn't mind getting one of those" Adam said! "Well" (said his Dad) "We will just have to keep our eyes and ears open and see what we can find". So some enquiries were made and shortly there after Adam became the proud owner of this beautifully restored ***SUNDIAL*** engine which he will now proudly exhibit around the traps for possibly another fifty years or so.

*This engine was previously owned and restored by,
Club Member George Smith (deceased) many years ago. ED.*

NHMA National Rally 2025

The NHMA 19th. A Rally is held every 2nd year with this the 19th NHMA National Rally being held at Kingsthorpe Park, QLD, the home of Farm Fest. It was hosted by a consortium of Steaming on the Downs Inc., Queensland Steam and Vintage Machinery Society and Toowoomba & District Old Machinery Society Inc.

Hooked up the trailer and headed off to the National Rally. We made a stop to see friends in Gulgong and took the opportunity to visit the Gulgong Pioneer Museum, a definite must if you find yourself in the area, with varied exhibits and something for everyone. From there off to Dubbo and met up with Jamie & Clare and then north bound. We managed to dodge the heavy rains that caused flooding, but still quite wet.

On Friday in the town of Oakey (where we were staying) there was somewhat of a Grand Parade as some of the Traction Engines steamed through town passing the primary school with all the children coming out to see.

We set up with the members from Emerald and Baw Baw in a compound close to the main entrance. Jamie & Clare had their Heinrich Hot Air Engine made in 1878, originally found in pieces, some of which had spent some time in a creek! You wouldn't know it now in its pristine condition. Phil & Tanya had the complete collection of Southern Cross Mowers manufactured in the Toowoomba Foundry during the 1960's. Possibly the most comprehensive restored collection.



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Patches, Badges, Coffee Mugs, \$5.00 each,	Peak Cap \$10.00	Fridge Magnet, \$1.00	Pen, \$1.00
Club Shirts \$35.00	Windcheater \$40.00	See Tanya Beveridge	

Wedderburn 2025

Spring arrives and so does the second full weekend of September, which is the weekend of the Wedderburn Rally. Taking Friday off, I headed up to Wedderburn via Heathcote to pop in and see Mum. Whilst I was grabbing lunch for us – caught up with Benn at the Heathcote bakery.

Headed up to Wedderburn and off-loaded my display and set the Hilton up (tent). We wandered down to the pub for a meal together with about 20 of us there. Thank you Jamie for organising that. I won a couple of long necks in the pub raffle. In the menu there is a photo of a group of people having a meal, which turns out to be our club members up there for the 2023 Rally.

I stayed at pub with Jamie and Phil to watch the footy – hopefully another step on the way to the grand final.

Saturday morning loomed with beautiful blue sky and possibly one of the best weather weekends we have had up there. Engines were uncovered and got running. I had a little problem with dirty points which Phil's point file cleaned, and then a new spark plug from Phil's box got it going and ran all weekend. Interesting use of technology – points are hard to see on the breadbox magnetos – so out comes Phil's camera, takes a photo – takes one look at it and tells me to get busy with point file. Went from barely a pulse in the hand to a strong kick with a little cleaning of those points.

Jamie had his new engine out, It started okay but was hard to keep running; again a new spark plug got it going steady all weekend. A visit to the Maggy Man later in the day refreshed Phil's spare parts box. I think he may need a new starter wheel as that was sending lots of little bits out. He got talking with one of the local club members who also have a six horse mule that is located not that far from Wedderburn. Of the small number that were imported two are in Victoria in the custodianship of enthusiasts!

In the compound we had Norm & Kim with a National gas engine, Don and Alison with a New Way engine (one of the ones Bob put up on the group site, Bob has International, I had a Moffat Virtue engine/generator, Leigh had Felix (not the cat), Jamie had his 6 Mule, Phil had Southern Cross Gen set, Casey and Annette with some Lister diesels. On the other side was Benn with a Delco Remy Gen Set, Malachi with duck Plucker, Ben with Roseberry and gen set and Peter with Star engine.

During the day we wandered around and caught up with people and chatted about all sorts of stuff. We had a sausage sizzle for lunch. Barry didn't set his gazebo on fire this year.

The club put on a meal for us Saturday night, which we all consumed and then went back to make sure engines are still running etc. All sorts of lights were set up on the engines. Some had LEDs placed on the engines and some used their generators to light up the area. Ben has some fancy ones on his Roseberry that created different shaped images on the flywheel. He also realised that wood screws and hit and miss engines which have a hard kick don't stay in forever – he found local hardware and got some coach bolts and all good post that.

I took up Moffat Virtue engine. This one has been in the family a few years and has been up to Wedderburn previously. Dad brought the engine from the Linton family in Mitiamo (near Echuca). Actually he did a deal – they had two engines and a generator, the deal was that he restore one of the engines and take that back and he could keep the other engine and generator. He then restored this engine and set it up with the generator. Next time will try and take some other 32 volts stuff, like an old toaster and cook toast for breakfast for any early risers.

Story continued on next page.



Ben Searle had a gen set running and he had an old radiator, which when he switched it on you could really hear the engine governor kick in and the exhaust had a real bark. Also created a warm spot on a coolish night.

One of the local residents was selling some bits and pieces (including engines). Benn W came back with a red Delco gen set, so he has a black and red one – from what he was saying the red one would be one of the last and he believes not many red ones were imported.

Sunday came and was another great day. Feedback is there were around 200 engines on display and it was a good range with some interesting older engines. Bob noticed the number of big engines is dropping, which is possibly due to combination of age of us and cost of moving bigger items around.

Public crowd was down which would have been a bit disappointing for the organisers. The local footy league had their grand final on that weekend and may have been a big distraction.

During the weekend the Wedderburn club started the big Engines in the shed, One of these is the original engine that supplied power for Wedderburn until power was connected to the town. During Sunday the number of cars was increased by a group from Maldon.

Sunday afternoon came and we all got to and helped each other pack. We think Jamie’s trailer may have shrunk a little as he and Phil had a bit of fun getting their engines in side by side. Didn’t grow on the way home and gave them a little challenge when unloading!

I haven’t uploaded heaps of photos as I didn’t take many and there are lots up on our club Facebook group. Scan the QR code below to have a look, Or <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1041784778010140>

Thanks to Wedderburn for a great weekend, and thanks to our members who came up to Wedderburn. .



Hi Folks, Coming Events

Spring starts with S - as it is silly season - trying to do lots of stuff before Christmas smacks into us.

October 4-5 Alexandra Rally Two day event at the Alexandra timber railway museum, A number of us will be heading up - so lets make it a few more.

October 17 18 - Wandin Silvan Field Days Another two day event - but very local - Wandin East sport complex Remember is it a Friday and Saturday. Setup can be done on the Thursday afternoon

November 15 -16 Bendigo. Annual trip to Bendigo for those that don't have other reasons to go there. Leigh has indicated he will probably have his bus there so can meet and drop stuff off. He has indicated the car club is looking at dropping the sites after this year, I am wondering if as a club we should grab one and use it as a combined stall and a rest stop.

November 16 Lilydale Show. We have offered to do display at Lilydale show - will be along the east side of the pool - outside of course. We need to have thing roughly in place by 8:00 AM This will be our first year back so let's see how we go.

November 22 - BBQ Bunnings We are booked for a Bunning BBQ on Saturday 22, at the Croydon Bunnings - the one on Maroondah Highway near Chirnside Park. We currently have a small number of volunteers lined up to help and are looking for some more who can give a few hours to help the club. We need to cook and have food available from 9 to 4. If you can help please let me know. I will also say this is not one for the older members as it is standing in the same spot for a few hours cooking and serving.

November 22 Yea Show This is on again - not sure if I am game after last year where I ended up taking fending and stuff in the car as the ute decided it wasn't going to play ball. Yes this is on the same day as Bunnings and I hope we have enough helpers for both amongst our 80 or so members.

November 29-30 Lavender Farm We have been asked to participate in the Lavender farm weekend - I think we look at this a bit later into Spring (silly season).

December 7 Yellingbo Christmas Festival. Not quite Spring anymore - but with the way it is sticking around Summer may be a bit slow coming. This one is in our backyard so hopefully we can do a good display and Judy can win some more firewood.

That is all I have - if you know of others we should be supporting please let me know and I can add them to the calendar.

Happy rallying and safe driving to and from.

Barry.

For those that were unable to get to Wandin last week, a couple of notes from the AGM.

Sharon gave a financial report of the year advising books have been successfully audited. Stuart gave a short speech to thank everyone who helped the club in a very successful year for our group. Thanks Phil and Lewis for doing trailer, the group doing visits to MDL and the Butchers for taking care of merchandise

Your committee got sacked - well we politely vacated the chairs and after elections by Niel we have the following committee and roles. **President** Stuart Bennett **Vice Pres** Lewis Carlton **Secretary** Barry Thomas **Treasurer** Sharon Barker

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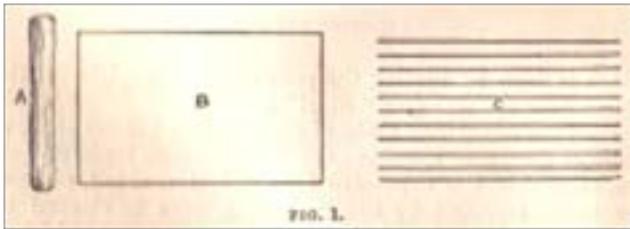
Social Media Team Barry Thomas, Jamie Butcher, Phil Beveridge, Stuart Blythe.

Please give the committee support and if you have any ideas about the events/things the club could do - don't be afraid to share with one of us.

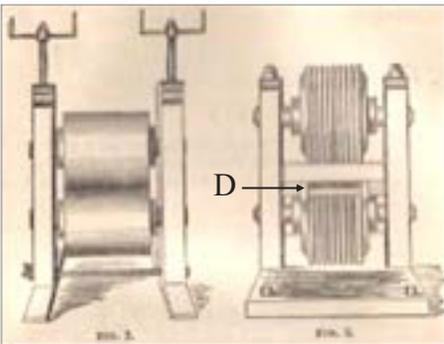
Thanks Barry.

copy book of 1859

In the manufacture of wire, the metal from which it is to be made is first cast or wrought into an ingot (A). It is then passed between rollers (2) which flatten it into a sheet (B), which is next carried between other rollers (3) having their surfaces so cut that the projections on one of them fit into the hol-

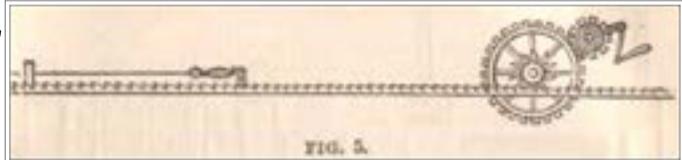
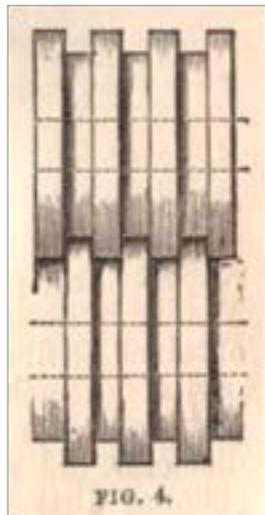


lows of the other, forming so many cutting edges or shears (4), from which the sheet of metal comes forth at D, fig.3, cut into strips or square rods (c). These rods are then drawn with great force through



a plate of hardened steel having a series of holes, gradually diminishing in size, bored through it, which is called the 'draw-plate'. The wire (of what-

ever metal it be) has to be made red hot from time to time, to soften or 'anneal' it, for the compression produced by the drawing so hardens it, it becomes brittle. A pair of nippers holds the end of the wire, and these are moved along a sort of bench by a 'rack and pinion' (5). When all has passed the first hole, it is drawn through the second, and so on to the size required. When the wire is pretty fine, it is attached to a cylinder, which on turning round winds it off and at the same time draws it through the plate, as shown in the engraving, it being made to pass over a small charcoal



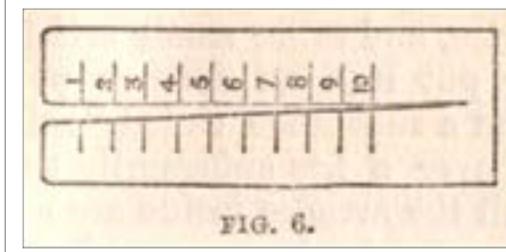
fire previous to entering the draw-plate. Different metals have different powers of 'ductility,' consequently some can be drawn much finer than others. Dr. Turner says, "The only metals remarkable in this respect are gold, silver, platinum, iron and copper. Walliston de-



vised a method by which gold wire may be obtained so fine, its diameter shall be only the 5000th part of an inch and 550 feet of it are required to weigh one grain. He obtained a platinum wire so



small, its diameter did not exceed the 30,000th part of an inch. It is singular, the ductility and malleability of the same metal are not always in proportion to each other. Iron, for example, cannot be made into thin leaves, but it may be drawn into very small



wires." The sizes of wires are ascertained by a small instrument

Hi Folks, Deceased estate (John Hunter)

Jan, John's wife has asked if I could share photos of his ute and trailer that she is looking to sell. These both look to be in good condition, and knowing John they would have been set up right. If you are interested in talking to Jan - the email is jhunter44@optusnet.com.au



DOWN SIZING SALE.

Here we have a collection of eight engines, all engines are complete but have not been out on display since 2023. Unfortunately they have all put on weight, and I can no longer start them. **There are three Moffat Virtues. Two Petters, one air cooled. A Rosebery. A Lister D. A32Volt generator with globes. A water pump display. A spare Transporter. And an assortment of drive pulleys.**



Please give Niel Brain a ring on 9878 7929 \$300.00 each.

nhbrain@tpg.com.au

Pick up Nunawading 3131.



whatever happened to our sexual relations?

I don't know. I don't even think we got a Christmas card from them this year.



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COMING EVENTS

*Denotes YVMPS event.

Contact Barry Thomas for phone numbers.

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Associate (Wife)	\$10.00 (plus ins.)
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FOR SALE **2 Faneco Dragsaws**
1 Massey Harn's Dragsaw.
1 1/2 HP Hercules engine.
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John Mannion 0417 037 655

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