

THE GISBORNE VINTAGE MACHINERY SOCIETY INC.

# "The Steam Whistle"

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## Presidents Report

Your Rally Committee has just about organised everything for another great rally, so a request to all members that we haven't seen for awhile come along ,bring your wife, the grandchildren or a friend and meet some of your fellow club members and see the improvements at the Club. Remember you may set up a market stall, display your hobby, craft work or collectables but be prepared to help out and relieve one of your fellow members when requested.

Our April working-bee had 13 members in attendance a lot of work was carried out. Noel was very happy to see the steam machines put back together, ready for the rally and a lot of camaraderie around the kitchen at lunchtime was noticeable.

Finally it gives me much pleasure to welcome four new members to our Club, they are Peter Patterson (Riddells Creek). Edward Tworkowski (Macedon). Allen Brown (Romsey). Greg Dennis (Fawkner).

On a sad note Noel Smithwick's mother passed away. Our condolences to the Smithwick family from the Committee and the members of our Club.

Regards Trevor D.

## April Working Bee Report

April saw a great turn out off members at the working bee, As Trevor mentioned in his report, we had 13 members turn up and get a good number of things completed.

Mac Reynolds and Bob Hemphill got stuck into slashing grass which made the place look fantastic.

Rod Roberts and Bill Watson got stuck into cleaning up some trees and bushes with the chainsaw.

Rob Thomas, Jeff Shepherd, Andrew Shepherd, Noel Smithwick, Barry Thomas, Mark Graham, and Angus Carter formed the steam team, which got stuck into

- putting the ash pan back on the perry, along with all the connections for the doors etc.
- putting the ash pan and grates back into and under the portable.
- putting the lagging back onto the roller.

Harry Ripp feed us all great sausages

Trevor Dunn got stuck into filling up a trailer load of rubbish.

A good day was had by all and think everyone went home with a good sense of accomplishment, lets try and make sure over the coming weeks we get things ready for the rally.

## Vintage Ploughing Day—Henderson's (Jeff Shepherd)

The Trentham Ploughmen held their annual ploughing day at Bill & Jill Henderson's property on the 10/04/11. The weather forecast was not good for the weekend, it was cancelled on sat night, then on again on sun morning with the promise of a fine day.

The ploughmen that participated were Trevor Brown Fordson P6, John Poulton Grey & Gold Ferguson, Kelvin Henderson Farmall A, Jack Cooper fergy, Bill Henderson John Deere Model D, Jeff Shepherd McCormick Deering W 30. We managed to plough about 6 acres, with everybody getting much better at the art of ploughing. It is good to see everybody's boards nice and polished now.

Thanks to Jill for the warm soup and eats she cooked up for the day. I am sure all enjoyed the day.

Thanks Henderson's.



Ploughing Day was 10/04/2011. In this photo, from L to R: Jack Cooper, Trevor Brown, John Poulton and Jeff Shepherd once again. The two observers are Marg Scobie and Chantal Henderson. (Jack was telling them what he was about to do to finish off)

## Other Club Activities/Outings

### Tractor Treks.

Rod & Mac went up for the tractor trek at Moylan which was a fergy club event with 16 fergies on the 25<sup>th</sup> April 2011. Up and down hills quite spectator views, track was created by slasher. Step but scenic views.

### Diggers Rest.

A number of the guys displayed at Diggers Rest, Rod took his fergy, Monty his Lister lighting plant, and Bill Watson took couple of engines with pumps. Apparently the Digger's Rest cool breeze blew all day and made it no fun.

### Guilford

Bob, Sue & Ron Hemphill attended Guilford Rally. Mac & Rod went up on the Sunday for the tractor trek, which was a group of six.

### Coming Events

#### Tylden Tractor Pull.

Tylden Tractor Pull will be held on Saturday 7 May, at Tylden. This is a good local event, a good event to get to and get some practice for the Gisborne Tractor Pull. For further details contact Jeff Shepherd.



for the uninitiated - Bill Henderson 1927 John Deere - the pride of the fleet, well sort of.



jack Cooper—looking a bit rugged up.



Bill asked that I send this photo as it shows the ploughing that can be done if all things are go-



Jeff Shepherd, on W30 McCormick Deering.

## Working Bee Activities.

**Upcoming working bees**—need to continue/finish on the following, and need members to help.

The other jobs—I believe are still outstanding.

### *Fowler*

Clean Up

### *Perry*

Dog spikes in track where some have been missed.

Spray weed killer along track.

### *7.25 Track*

Raise track out of ground and remove weeds

(Whilst not in use – we need to maintain and possible improve so that if the committee offer it to another club to use at our rally it will conform to the appropriate safety standards).

### *Grounds*

Remove rally signs from around the ground—might be time to put up new ones soon.

Possible tip run to get rid of some of the rubbish around the Ractliffe.

Slash grass and spray for weeds around as required

FOR SALE—Gary Gladigou

1. Fowler Crane 25 - 40 cwt - suitable for a truck, good for yard use - \$250

2. 1960 Knocker Commer chassis and 16" Tray to suit. Truck runs, has 5 speed box and 2 speed Eaton diff. Cabin requires attention. POA

I can be contacted on 0357 841763 or 0428 841763. I can sent or email photos of all of the above.

## For Sale

Southern Cross Single Cylinder Diesel Engine

Mark y-b Engine no 44441

Plus instruction manual \$200 0N0

Noel Smithwick Phone 54296316

Bamford Diesel approx 6 HP

Not going but in general good condition,

Needs injector pump repaired/serviced and head gasket

Andrew Thomson (Lancefield area)

54335185 or 0432 539 992

FOR SALE J.A.P Made in London 1 H.P \$60

Qual/cast Suffolk 1.4 H.P. \$60

Briggs & Stratton Early model. 2 H.P. \$60

Phone Penny 97444396

FOR SALE: "GARAGE CLEANOUT"

Villiers Engines 10 of

Mk 10 to 25 Manual and kick start.

R&T model 'N' 3 hp with 12 v. generator on transport,

240 v. air compressor.

Kelly & Lewis 1 1/2 diam. pump.

Phone John for condition, details and costs.

Sunbury John 9744493, mob. 0439390114.

## Top 10 Ford Model T Tech Innovations That Matter 100 Years Later

The Model T was full of clever design and engineering features, many of them quite ambitious for a low-priced vehicle. Here are the 10 most significant keys to the T's success.

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### 5. Flywheel Magneto

Henry Ford was a stickler for keeping mechanical devices as simple as possible. This dogma included integrating the T's ignition-system magneto into the engine flywheel. This setup eliminated the storage battery--just another thing to go wrong, thought Ford--and helped ensure a car that started reliably with its hand crank, anytime.

### 6. Fully Enclosed Powertrain

Unlike most other cars of its era, the Model T featured a one-piece steel cover enclosing the underside of its engine, flywheel, transmission and universal joint. This cover dramatically helped contain the lubricants within and kept the car cleaner than many of its contemporaries.

### 7. Three-Point Suspension

Henry Ford was raised on a farm, so he wanted the T to handle the worst rural roads. So he designed the car with a suspension system in which the engine/transmission unit and front and rear axles were mounted in a triangular configuration, atop front and rear transversely-mounted leaf springs. The three-point arrangement gave ample axle articulation on rough terrain, while permitting the chassis to flex without twisting the engine.

### 8. Left-Hand Drive

By placing the steering column on the left side of the car, Ford spearheaded the left-hand-drive configuration. The T's incandescent success quickly forced standardization of the layout in the U.S. and European auto industries.

### 9. Stone-Simple Serviceability

With a few simple hand tools, some baling wire and the most basic mechanical skill, a Model T owner could keep the car running almost forever--which is what many of them did during the T's heyday and for many years after.

### 10. Easy Modification

As soon as the T's sales took off, mail-order companies sprang up to help owners modify their Fords for endless uses. With a few tools and a little time, the T could be transformed into campers, portable sawmills, tractor-trailer rigs, grain threshers, and sporty racers, to name just a few. Auto historians credit the Model T with launching today's multi-billion-dollar aftermarket industry.

## Red Plates Permit Scheme

Remember if you have a vehicle on red plates and you are renewing registration—make sure Jeff gets a copy of your registration details.

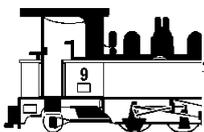
## Rally Stuff.

Every one needs to be on their guard and get ready to hop in and help on rally day, every one knows what needs to be done, and every one appreciates if we all get together and have a great day. Set up on Saturday through to close down on Sunday—we all need to put in our own bit to make this day a success for the club.

## Calendar of Events

2011

May 1	Working Bee—Steam Park.
May 7	Tylden Tractor Pull.
<b>May 15</b>	<b>Gisborne Rally &amp; Tractor Pull.</b>
May 21	Central Goldfields Tractor Trek.—Dunolly
May 21-22	Borders Fly Wheeler Rally Barham
May 27	Committee/General Meeting—Gisborne Council Building.
June 5	Working Bee—Steam Park.
June 4/5	Central Victoria Rally.—Camp Quality Event Tractor Trek on Saturday 10 AM
June 11/12	Echuca Steam Rally.
June 24	Committee/General Meeting—Gisborne Council Building.
July 22/24	Great Wentworth Tractor Rally.
September 2/3/4	National Rally Fairbridge Farm Pinjarra WA.
September 10/11	Wedderburn Rally



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