

THE GISBORNE VINTAGE MACHINERY SOCIETY INC.

“The Steam Whistle”

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Presidents Report.

Our Rally is fast approaching and this is certainly a time when we ask for member involvement and assistance. Much work has gone on throughout the year in preparation for this event and we hope that all our planning efforts will be complimented by good weather on the day. With respect to Rally planning, some changes will occur in the layout and placement of exhibits to enhance the overall visual impact and to take advantage of our enlarged exhibition space. Please adhere to all directions given by marshalling staff. You may be in a different location this year!!!

We look forward to your assistance on the weekend. On Friday and Saturday a list of tasks will be written on a white board and members are requested to take ownership of a task subject to their abilities, complete it and sign it off as done! This could range from setting up the car park bunting to assisting with clearing our display sites within our sheds. Marshalls are required early Sunday to assist Lindsay our Rally Director in ensuring all exhibitors go the correct location. This is an important task as it puts into practice our months of strategic planning. We also need to clear the exhibit space of all non essential cars. Those who can assist will be issued with a high visibility vest and will be briefed on planning details.

Please be mindful that on Sunday assistance is also required to clear the event after closing time. If we all pitch in, we can usually complete the bulk of it before we lose the sunlight around 5:30PM. The odds and ends remaining typically get attended to on the Monday.

Saturday night will see our dinner being held for all members and overnighting guests. This year, we are having a spit roast with all the trimmings. We will begin with drinks and nibbles at around 5:30PM and will enjoy the warmth of the open fires provided by Dave Hubbard. David is also instrumental in organising and cooking this Annual gala dinner along with Anthony, Elizabeth and myself. (no complaints please!) Dinner will be served around 6:30PM in the Pavilion.

For catering purposes, an RSVP indicating your attendance is requested by Sunday 10th May to reid_tim@hotmail.com. Please BYO your preferred drink choice, however as promised there will be a dozen bottles of wine for dinner as a thank you gesture for your efforts.

This will be a great night to enjoy the convivial atmosphere of the club and to catch up across this busy weekend.

This month we welcome two new members to our Club. Paul Dunn and Rodney Golden join our ranks and we look forward to their involvement with us. Welcome Aboard!

Our Club would also like to send its Best Wishes to member Rod Girvan who is recovering from illness. Our thoughts are with you.

Our pre-Rally working bee is on Sunday 10th May. We will also have a list of jobs listed on the whiteboard on this day. In the week prior, an email will be sent out, detailing those tasks and any requests for tools etc... to be brought along. Please assist where you can.

Included in this newsletter is information pertaining to the Club Permit Scheme. For those of you concerned please read and adhere to the instructions. No variations will be entertained.

Here's to great weather and an even better Rally!
Best Regards,
Tim.

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From Around the grounds

Much work continues on the "Steam Gear" leading up to the Rally. Last night the night skies of New Gisborne were lit up by the late night welding efforts of Dave. He along with Anthony, Drew and Noel have been putting in hours and hours of work in getting the Roller and Portable in good order.

New outdoor light works continue thanks to Drew and Roger. This year we should all be bathed in a glow of lights early on Rally morning in the main arena.

General grounds work continue, thanks to all those who come up in their own time and participate. I doubt that not one day goes by without some members being present at the club. This reflects on the spirit and interest of our great members.

The Rally plans are being finalised. Lets hope for some good weather.

Some recent rains have given us a tinge of green on our grounds. We are still well below our rainfall average, but at least we should have some good green ground cover for the Rally.

On Saturday 16th May (day before our Rally) steam locos R761, K190 and D3 639 from Steamrail Victoria will pass Gisborne station on their way to Bendigo. We might hear them whilst we set up!

The Thorneycroft has a new splash of paint and looks ready for display. Tony continues to work at great pace.

The soon to be named and officially opened "Harry Ripp" Train Shed has a new gravel floor which has now been compacted in readiness for future concreting works.

We have two piles of tree debris to be burnt and the CFA will be contacted to assist with the process.

The Club has ventured into the internet age with the Bendigo Bank internet banking making the club's account balances instantly visible to the Treasurer.

Look out for the "trial" club uniform shirt coming soon.

Western Water continue with works on our perimeter to stop a leak along Webb Crescent. The lush green paddock that sprang up late Summer out the front of the club boundary is now resembling a mud pile after repeated excavation efforts.

Look around your local community, supermarket, shops etc... Can you see a Club Rally Flyer? If the answer is no, please put one up!

We now have a new "old" fridge thanks to the scouting efforts of Roger and Elizabeth Payne.

Donations continue to pour in for our "wheelbarrow raffle", thanks to all the donors and those who ask for such.

Like the Macedon Ranges surrounds and much of regional Victoria, European wasps have taken up residence at the Club this last summer/Autumn. Two nests have been identified and treated.

During the process a fairly quick time trial was conducted by two members. One member was attempting to escape the nest area and swarming angry wasps at top speed on a Bobcat and another was running at a time not far off a qualifying time for the Stawell Gift.

MEMBERSHIP

By now you will have received your membership renewal invoice for 2015/2016. Membership fees are due June 30 2015. Please note that we need to keep up to date records so please check the data and correct as necessary, and always please send the form back in the envelope included. If you have a Club Permit please refer to changes to requirements elsewhere in this Steam Whistle.

Also in the package is a membership list for all members information and use as desired. Committee decided earlier this year that this list should be made available for members only use, so please do not share any of this information outside our club.

It has been recommended by NHMA that due to changes made in November 2014, a copy of SAFETY GUIDELINES should be sent to all members, and Tractor Pull Guidelines Australia Wide have also been included. Please read and practice these requirements. These 2 documents are also included in the package.

Last but not least is one of our rally flyers with a relevant request on the back. Please help if and when you can.

If you have any questions about any of this please give me a ring, or email.

Lindsay Elliott.



RALLY

After many months of planning, mailing, emailing, telephoning etc, the Rally is just about in place, This year we have the traditional Tractor Pull, Steam Exhibits, Stationary Engines, Market Stalls, Mini Train Rides, Classic Cars and Trucks, Plowing.

Food is well covered with traditional barbeque fare, Soup and damper, Wood fired Pizza, and a Vegetarian catering stall, and of course, coffee. New for this Rally is a Giant inflatable slide and Jumping Castle, which we are providing free to children. There will also be Camel Rides, and the traditional Animal farm and Dingo display. Many of these will be located down behind the mini rail track. Two portable toilets will also be provided there.

Also new is the operating display of the Club's Thornycroft Amazon Crane Truck, keeping that company will be a WW1 Thornycroft truck by Ern and Gavan Lester-Smith and the 20's Albion truck by Noel Smithwick. And of course Monty's Market. In the Ractliffe there will be the regular displays and this year Postie Fashions for the ladies. Also wool Spinning and a display of very collectable picnic sets.

Public Parking will feature defined entry at Station Road end and Exit onto Webb Crescent at loading ramp end so we most likely need some members to help in these areas.

Manpower will be needed on the Working Bee day Sunday 10th May, and on Friday 15th May, and Saturday 16th May. A list of jobs will be displayed in Ractliffe. We need members on Rally Day to park display cars and trucks, man the Museum, perhaps for 2 or more shifts here, Dave and Drew have set up the wheelbarrow raffle and they will require some help selling raffle tickets. Some members will be required to assist with the Tractor Pull, being ably run by Robert Green.

Lunch for members setting up on Saturday will be provided and Saturday night dinner is to be a 3 course meal of Pre-dinner drinks and nibbles, Soup of the day, Spit Roast and all thee trimmings, and sweets and coffee. And, Breakfast on Sunday. We need a breakfast cook to be assisted by Dave Hubbard. Members will be required to help by clearing tables etc from Ratcliffe after breakfast about 8:00am (no later). This is important as we need to get exhibitors set up.

If you are able to help, we need your help, Please phone Lindsay and let me know when you can help. Even if it is only a few hours on any of the days listed. It all helps.

Please call me. Lindsay Elliott, Rally Director, 0457 152 211 or (03)54273 113. Looking forward to hearing from you.

Rallies and Other Events.

Club members have been seen or heard at some of the following events , I will be tracking down photos to add to future editions,

Mt Alexander—The Hemphill Family—there will be photos next newsletter.

Lockington Rally representatives from the Thomas, Reynolds and Roberts families

Castlemaine—Maldon Tractor trek—representatives from the Reynolds and Roberts families,

And I suspect there may be some others I have not been told about.

The editor's 50 cents worth.

We are about to go into the winter quiet period for rallies and other events, but before we do, on MAY 17th we will all be putting out best sides forward for a successful rally in Gisborne. This is the show piece of the club activities and it promotes the club around the Gisborne area. The rally committee have been working hard to make it a family focused event to make the event a day for the whole family.

Post that you can all have lots of time of to get stuff ready for spring—with one little excursion up to Echuca, for some of us anyway. Come an see the Thomas's there.

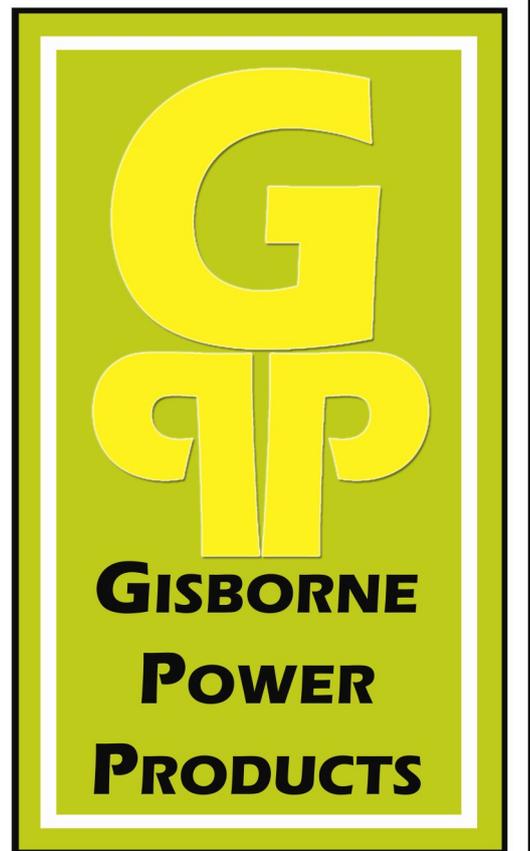
What I would like to see is more photos and articles etc of stuff you folk are doing so in the spring we can have a more membership input and photo based edition of the Stream Whistle covering he rallies and activities we are all doing.

This one has a some serious stuff that is important—but I will be mixing it up in the coming months to make this newsletter cover off the important admin/safety side of our hobby and club, along with reports and photos of club and member activities.

Useless Fact for this newsletter

Banging your head against a wall uses 150 calories an hour.

HMM—does this relate to the previous topic



Club Permit Scheme

Members Obtaining a Club Permit (Red Plate) for the first Time.

- You must be financial member of our Association.
- You must have a Roadworthy Certificate (A tractor is the exception that requires safety certificate which our CPS officer (Jeff Shepherd) can help organise)
- You must provide to our CPS Officer six dated photos of the vehicle. Dated photos of the front of, rear of, Left Hand Side of, Right hand Side of vehicle and drivers seating position including dashboard and ID plates must be supplied to the Club CPS officer.
- Obtain a Club permit Scheme application form from Vic Roads.
- Fill in form and have all documentation to present to our permit officer for verification and signing off.
- Get the CPS Officer to sign required paperwork
- Present completed paperwork to Vic Roads with payment.
- You will receive a Log Book and CPS plates.
- A copy of the completed registration certificate is to be presented to our CPS officer for record keeping. The club record of your vehicle permit registration needs to contain the photos, registration application form, and registration certificate.
- Note: to avoid a fine remember to make an entry into your logbook each day of use and carry your current permit certificate, along with label attached to window.
- Allow plenty of time for this permit registration process

Renewing your Annual "Permit Renewal"

- You will receive your permit renewal approx. 30 days prior to expiry.
- If you are a financial member you may re apply.
- Fill in the form and have it signed by one of our Clubs Authorised signatories.
- Present the completed certificate to Vic Roads with payment.
- A copy of the completed renewed registration certificate is to be presented to our CPS officer for record keeping
- Allow plenty of time for this renewal process

Membership Currency

For valid permit use your club membership must always be current. If club membership is not current at 30/6 each year , the club is legally required to inform Vic Roads within 7 days and your permit will lapse.

Modified Vehicles

CPS now allows vehicles with modifications to be registered under the CPS . For details go to:

www.vicroads.vic.gov.au/safety-and-road-rules/vehicle-safety/vehicle-standards-information

Vehicles that were not originally manufactured in Australia and do not have a previous Australian registration history and were manufactured after 31 December 1968 (in case of motorcycles 30 June 1975) must obtain a VASS certificate to demonstrate that the vehicle meets the ADRs that applied at the time of manufacture.

Vehicles recorded as STATUTORY WRITE OFF cannot be included in the CPS.

Club officials who can sign renewals are:

Trevor Dunn, Jeff Shepherd, Robyn Smithwick, Noel Smithwick and Tim Reid

Calendar of Events

2015 (yes 1/4 gone)

May 9 Geelong Swap Meet

May 17 Third Sunday - Gisborne Steam Rally
Come setup Saturday and display/rally Sunday

May 17 Hamilton Rally

June 6 & 7 Echuca Steam Rally

August 2 & 3 Speewa (First weekend ??)

August 29 Federation Picnic

September 12/13 Wedderburn rally and tractor trek

November 14/15 Bendigo Swap Meet

- General meetings - always 7 PM last Friday of the month,
- Committee meeting- second Fridays at 7 PM
- Working Bee Days - Second Sunday of the month

Please send me any calendar entries to be added.

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