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Stanley Show 6th December

We headed to Stanley Show in rain but it cleared later in the day. We had a good display of old tools, lawn mowers, engines of all shapes and sizes, ducks swimming in a pool, chain saws and hay rake. Those displaying were Viv Voss, Tom Moore, Derrel Haines, Pat & Ray Harris, Colin Anderson & friend, David Burk, Lex Laing, Ivan Best and their wives. All those who attended had a very enjoyable day.

Judy Burk

Devonport Show 28th & 29th November

The Devonport Show saw five members on Friday and six Saturday. We had a good display with Graham and Heather's two Lister engines, Lloyd's Sundial, Fred's Roller, Nigel's cameras etc., David and Judy's MacDonald, lawn mowers, Howard rotary hoe. All who attended had two good days.

David Burk

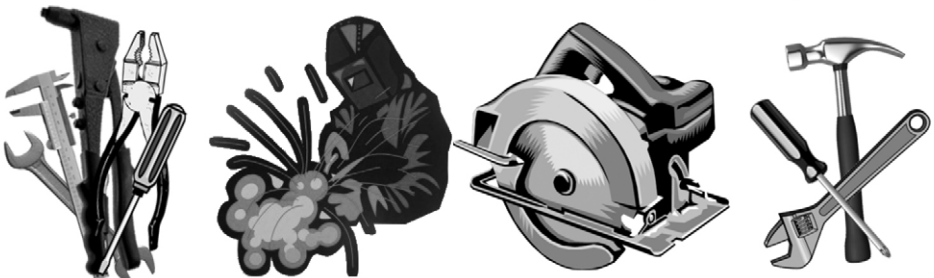
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Cranbook Country Fair 7th December

I received a phone call from Andrew Lyne in October asking if I would like to bring an engine down to the Cranbrook Country Fair. I said yes I would. It was where late member Stan Young was brought up and Andrew was taking some of Stan's gear back to where it had come from and giving it a run for the day.

The fair is no longer held at Cranbrook due to amenities but there are still about 10 - 12 houses in the area. The fair has been transferred to the Swansea School.

On the Thursday Andrew rang me and said look mate I think it is going to be a wet weekend, if you don't want to come it will be OK but Cindy reassured me that there would only be a scud or two on Sunday and the rain would not come till Sunday night so away I went. Going through Lake Leake the fog and rain was that bad I was back to 60 - 70 kph but as I approached Swansea the rain and fog had cleared.

We set up about 8.30 thanks to local Rodney who was a great help. We fired our gear up about 10 o'clock. Not many about but by 11 there was a good crowd and a steady stream through till about 2 o'clock. No rain, just a scud or two, but some locals had forgotten to shut the door on the bay and a cold southerly kept us on our toes and kept our jackets on all day.

Members who attended: -

Geoff Rowlings came along with two of his tandem trailers chockers full of his fantastic display of outboard motors, as always great to see and created a lot of interest.

Geoff Jones brought along lawn mower chainsaws and old tools but the thing that really stood out was the great display of pocketknives. Geoff has a really nice collection in a wooden case. Hope to see them at the rally Geoff.

David Tucker ZB33 1950 BSA motor bike, a very nice bike Tuck. Runs very well and Tuck rode the bike to the fair. After meeting him he informed me that he has quite a lot of other items at his house

- you need to get them out so people can see them Tuck. Hope to see the bike at the National Rally too.

Andrew Lyne bringing Stan's gear back home, the BSA motorbike, Lister J shearing plant, Lister H with saw bench attached and the photos from the early days. A lot of people from the area came up and were talking about Stan and his family and about how pleased they were to see the gear restored and running.

John Spencer CS 3 hp Lister diesel running a sandstone grinding wheel.

About 2.30 we shut the gear down and started packing up with still no sign of rain. Again we called on Andrew's mate Rodney to give us a push and shove, a great help. Andrew's tandem trailer was full to the brim; he even had drums in the back of the Jeep. A slow trip home, about 3.30 while starting to head out of the school gates it bucketed down and the rain was with us. Cindy was right; it did not rain till late in the day. But still we had fog and rain through Lake Leake. All in all it was a most enjoyable day. Keep those crankshafts rotating.

John Spencer

Gowrie Park 27th December

Well what a grand little event this turned out to be, details and pictures coming next newsletter.

The Clever Farmer

Q: Why did the farmer plough his field with a steamroller?

A: Because he wanted mashed potatoes.

A woman walked into the kitchen to find her husband stalking around with a fly swatter.

'What are you doing?' she asked.

'Hunting Flies' he responded.

'Oh. ! Killing any?' she asked.

'Yep, 3 males, 2 females,' he replied.

Intrigued, she asked 'How can you tell them apart?'

He responded '3 were on a beer can, 2 were on the phone!'

Reminders

National Rally 2015

Any members interested in a display of crafts and memorabilia in the craft sheds please get in touch with Kaye Ling on 6428 2541 or email Kaye at rest.down@bigpond.com

Also forms are available for commercial sites on the website with all the relevant details re cost etc. – www.nhma15.com

If you don't have access to the internet and need copies of forms please get in touch with committee or Kaye.

Agfest 2015

All members wishing to attend and display at AGFEST 2015 to have your names in to Wayne Woods or Fred Harris by Feb HMC Club meeting. If you do not comply, result will be no gate pass, no entry.

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LIFE OF A MF 135 – PART 1



On the 17th of October 1974 a brand new MF 135, 3 cylinder diesel, 8 speed tractor was delivered to our family farm at Table Cape. It was purchased to replace a Ferguson 4 cylinder FE 35 diesel and work alongside our 1967 3 cylinder, 6 speed diesel MF 135.

Over the next 20 years they worked tirelessly on a variety of farming tasks on our very steep 50 hectare farm bordering Fossil Bluff. The MF 135 was well suited to this terrain and proved to be an invaluable addition to the dairying property.

In the spring they were both used for ploughing, discing, cultivating and harrowing before drilling or spinning on fertiliser, grass seed, oats and chou moullier. Also at this time of year an MF 80 fully mounted forage harvester was attached to the 135 to make silage for autumn and winter feed. Following silage making the 135's were used for mowing, raking, baling and carting hay.

Other attachments included a grader blade to keep all the gravel roads and table drains up to scratch, a post-hole digger for fencing upgrades, a rear end loader and tip-trailer for numerous jobs around the farm, a carry-all and an MF jib crane for all the heavy

lifting.

In September 1990 whilst feeding out hay on the rugged sea frontage, my late father accidentally left the hand brake off on the 1974 135 or didn't engage it properly, and it made a rapid descent towards the ocean with our nine year old son jumping off the carry-all just in time. Several cartwheels later, some horrified gasps and head shaking from above, it came to rest upside down against a Blackwood tree growing in amongst a stand of tea trees that bordered the cliff face. This lone sturdy tree saved the poor girl from a terrifying 30 metre drop into the abyss below. As fate would have it she was rescued with the aid of a MF 135 and a Ferguson winch! After a month of both major and minor repairs and some well earned TLC it was back to work for the old girl and she barely



*Above - Oops!
Right - Sept 1990 -
Rescued from the
fall*



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missed a beat.

Then in 1994, the farm was sold and everything else with it at our farm clearing sale, apart from the 1974 MF 135 and a few attachments. I restored the older model 135 prior to the sale along with other farm equipment.

We moved to Leith and for the next 17 years the tractor was used in a variety of new ways. It was the best vehicle for launching our boat off the sandy beach and into the Forth



*Above - New forks.
Left - Feb. 2000 -
Mini restoration.
Below - March
2000 - Ready for
orchard work*



River, and this was a regular occurrence with our three eager young fishermen on board. As we lived at the end of a no through road we had numerous requests to help unwitting drivers pull their bogged cars out of the beach shingles, the 135 made easy work of it! During the spring/summer months I used the tractor and a Howard slasher to cut grass blocks and paddocks around the local area building up a loyal clientele over many years. The tractor also came in handy when clearing parts of our double block that had become overgrown, pulling out undergrowth and stumps etc, and the rear end loader was the ideal tool for stoking our twice yearly backyard garden heap burn-offs.

In 1999 and 2000 I secured a contract to use my tractor at Parramatta Creek Orchard to cart bins of apples from the rows to a pickup area. In order to carry out this work the MF 135 had to be modified for the orchard. This required narrow back wheels, removing the roll bar, fitting a down swept exhaust, a low air breather and attaching a set of forks.

In late 2009 I became ill with a hip infection and I was forced into an early retirement due to complications. We also had to sell up at

Leith - March 2000



Leith and then moved to our new home in Penguin. The MF 135 was taken to Brian Ling's property and is now in the process of being restored to its original condition.

The restoration process will be detailed in Part 2

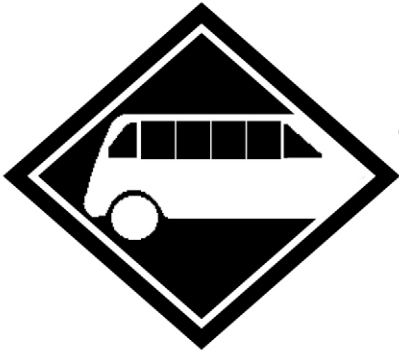
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WANTED TO SELL

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Please note if you require a name tag please let Ian Bessell know. Contact details are on page 2 thank you.

Next Meetings

February 4th

March 3rd

Meetings start 7.30 p.m.

Members please bring food for supper.

If you have an item of interest for show and tell please bring along and share or even a good joke.

The NHMA Mission Statement.

The NHMA Inc is an Association of enthusiasts from across Australia, formed in 1987 by a small band of clubs with similar interests that provides a fellowship with common interest of collecting, restoring, displaying of Heritage Farm Machinery, Tractors, Vehicles and Associated Memorabilia.

The necessity of a working handbook for NHMA member clubs has grown over the past years. The issues of insurance, safety matters, club record keeping have and will continue to become more complex. It is also becoming more difficult for clubs to elect officers who are willing to take on these positions that are vital to the clubs future. The guideline handbook is now updated regularly, to keep up with latest developments. The main theme is on SAFETY FIRST AT ALL TIMES.

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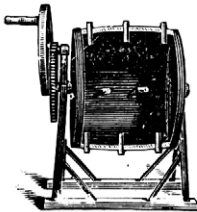
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