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A snow blowing locomotive on display at Skagway, Alaska

# EVENTS

Please refer to the separate sheet for the events list. Contact John Booth if you have any event related questions. Print the sheet out and stick it on your fridge 😊

If you were wondering why your newsletter editor has not been at the last few meetings, here's why. A few pictures of stuff I came across in Alaska and Canada



A roadside museum in Yukon displaying some of the machinery used in constructing the Alaska Highway



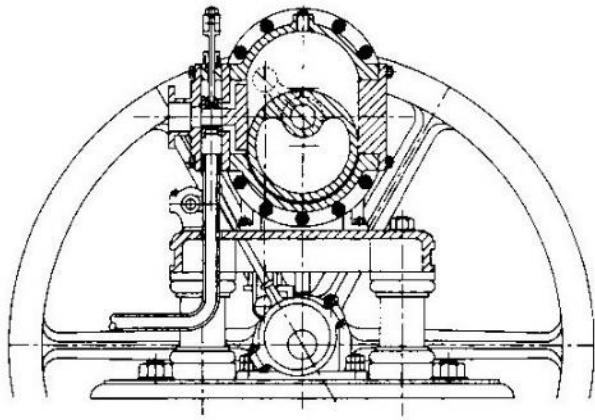
A display at Chicken, Yukon, Alaska on the Top of the World ighway



Displays of gear from the Vancouver Island logging industry in Duncan, Vancouver Island



# THE SIMPSON AND SHIPTON ENGINE



The engine was not a success and the company failed. It was considered too complex and liable to wear.

This engine was patented by two Manchester engineers, Joseph Simpson and James Alfred Shipton in 1848. It is a rotary steam engine, but it still uses connecting rods to drive the crankshaft. The “cylinder” or perhaps better described as a chamber, sits on a table carried on four short columns. Inside the chamber is a “piston” lying on its side. Passing through the piston is an eccentric shaft, connected to the outer ends of the shaft are cranks. Connecting rods drop from these cranks to the crankshaft carried on bearings fixed to the base. Steam enters the chamber through a balanced slide valve and impinges on the side of the piston rolling it around inside the chamber.



A Simpson and Shipton engine in miniature

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## MEETINGS

Meetings are held in the Penguin club rooms on the first Tuesday of each month at 7.30 pm. The September meeting is our AGM. All positions will be declared vacant.

# TILT PRO

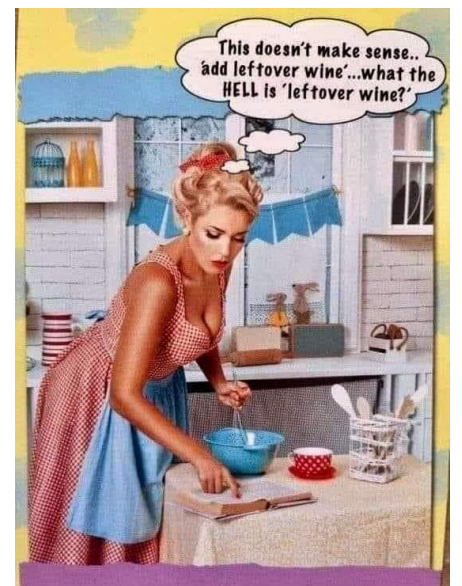
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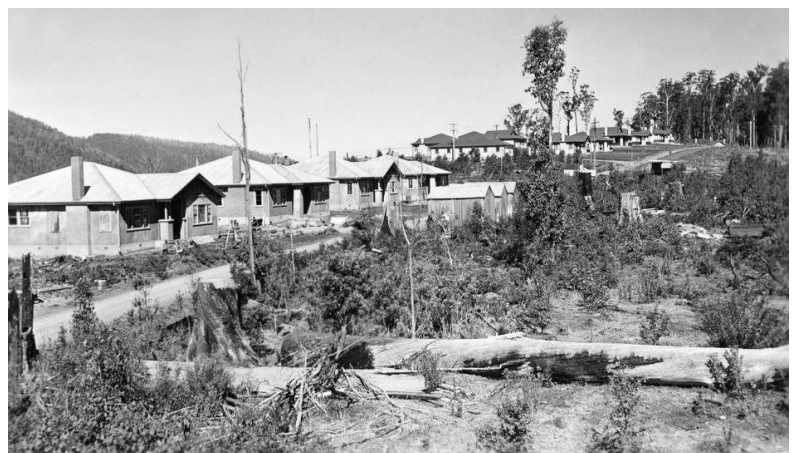
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<b>Motor</b>	Older style motor to power a 40-foot boat	Roy Jennings	0422 550 151

## WANTED TO SELL

Item	Details / Price	Contact	Phone No.
<b>Farmall wheels 32", one with tyre</b>	\$150	Carl Dick	64376165
<b>4 old stationary motors</b>	\$1200. 1 x Rosebery and 1 x horizontal Crossley	Carl Dick	64376165
<b>Single cow electric milking machine</b>	\$400	Barry Smith	0427 876 108
<b>Various iron wheels Villiers motors Allis Chalmers WD parts</b>	Prices negotiable	Barry Gillies	0457 449 621
<b>AOS6 International tractor</b>	In good order. Open to offers	Colin Good	0429 666 933

## CLUB MERCHANDISE

Cloth Patch \$10	Car Sticker \$1	Metal Badge \$8
Limited quantities of T-Shirts & Polo Tops Contact Karyn Haines		

# MEMBERS GEAR DRAGSAW RESTORED BY JOHN BOOTH

**WHAT A DRAG.** This beast refused all attempts to get it cutting wood until it was faced down by the formidable team of HMCT members at AGFEST.

The saw is a 1943 New record. The engine is a 1943 Buzzacot / Roseberry 2Hp. John is the third club member to own the machine. It had a lot of small problems which prevented it cutting wood. After sorting valve problems, choke problems and a governor problem, it was running but still not able to produce the power to cut. Before and during Agfest, there was an all-out effort put in by Leon Gardam and further work was done by John, Peter Unwin and Greg Richards. And.....

**YAY, IT CUTS!!!!!!!**

By the end of the exercise, John had a functioning saw, even though it now has a string of names never given to it by the manufacturer.



Have you ever seen such dubious looking mechanics?



Greg found a few logs to test the saw with



Happy John was presented with the first slab cut by the saw which had been spirited away and signed by all of the members present



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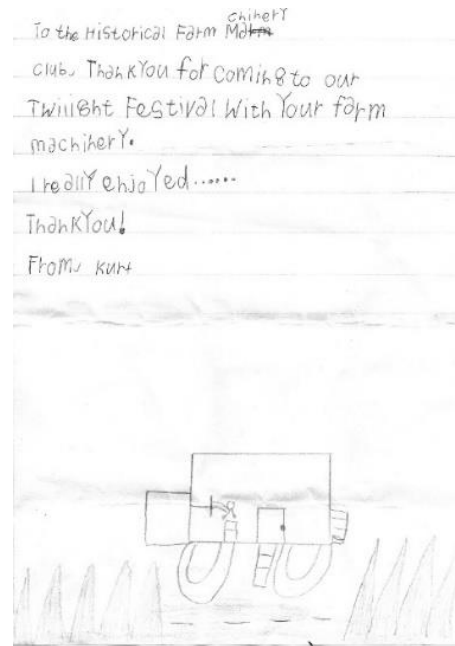
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The children at Sprent school were very pleased with the club's display. Two of them wrote to John to express their thanks



Sadly, we said farewell to far too many of our members over the last 4 months. The club extends condolences to the families of the following members:

Margaret McCall

Frances Ransley

Tom Moore

Eddie Cooney

All of these members have made valuable contributions to the club and to the community generally and will be sorely missed.

We also send our condolences to Harry Nolan on the passing of his wife Heather.