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# Preserving our Mechanical Heritage

## THE MT ALEXANDER VINTAGE ENGINE CLUB INC.

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES as of 6<sup>th</sup> September 2010 NO 146.

<p><b>President</b> Ray Rice 74 Coolstore Road, Harcourt Vic 3453 Ph: 0354742453</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>PRESIDENTS REPORT</b></p> <p>I hope you find this more interesting instead of my report.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>THE SPIRIT OF RURAL AUSTRALIA</b></p> <p>For sixty years, the valley has heard the whine and gnaw of tooth on wood. Three generations have worked at fell and haul and cut. Blackbutt, messmate, mountain ash, mutton wood. Thirty acres a year fed to the saw in the split-wood mill. Tree by tree they have shunted them in. Length by length they have dropped. Post and rail. Board and beam. Straight- edged, clean. The new cut paddocks fenced, the houses framed. The mill itself---setting stumps and throwing up new walls---- built of the very thing it feeds on. Inside, the sawtooth jockeys breathe the wood and work with splinter ridden fingers. They gnarl and harden. The owner feeds his left hand to the saw and it spiders across the boards, seeking refuge in a pile of strip. He joins the race of quiet men---lopped and stumped, wielding brooms, waiting each day for the saws to stop. Two years on, the mill will shut for good. No more the rip and tear and the thwack of belts. The cleared acres will say nothing, until the new mill opens on the jagged horizon, a sawtooth range already starting on the next town.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Regards Ray Rice <b>President</b></p>
<p><b>Vice President</b> Laurie Adams.</p>	
<p><b>Secretary</b> Graham Mason, P.O. Box 71 Castlemaine Vic 3450 Ph: 03.54762481</p>	
<p><b>Treasurer</b> Alan Burgess</p>	
<p><b>Public Officer</b> Alan Leyshan</p>	
<p><b>Committee</b> Joe Norris</p>	
<p><b>Archives</b> Tony Steiner</p>	
<p><b>Auditor</b> George Milford</p>	
<p><b>John Powell Reserve</b> Tony Steiner &amp; Ray Rice</p>	

## ATTENDANCE

No	PRESENT			APOLOGIES
1.	G. Mason	13	G Tonkin	M Hayes
2.	T Steiner	14	B Patterson	L Burgess
3.	R Rice	15	J Blake	D Burgess
4.	W Mein	16	A Leyshan	D. Bennett
5.	J Norris			J Hayes
6.	A Burgess		Visitor	M Conn
7.	J Chaplin		M White	G Milford
8.	A Tori			G Ralph
9.	B Tonkin			M Mason
10.	J Conn			P Rautman
11.	R Leyshan			P Thompson
12	L Adams			

**Attendance Mov. J Norris Sec. L. Adams**

**Meeting Opened At:7.30 pm.**

**Meeting Chaired By:**

Ray Rice ( President )

Minutes Of Previous Meeting dated 2nd August 2010 circulated in Newsletter No 145 confirmed. Moved R Leyshan. Seconded Adam Tori.

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## CORRESPONDENCE – Dealt With as Read

INWARD.

August 2010 Port Phillip N/letter.

August 2010 Oily Rag. ( Ballan N/letter.)

August 2010 Yarra Valley N/letter.

Letter from Mt Alex. Council re display in market building (No action to be taken.)

Insurance cards from N.H.M.A.

August 2010 Manifold Central Goldfields N/letter

August 2010 Goldsmith Gazette

3 membership renewals.

Bill from John Powell Reserve use of the facilities for year.

Flyers from Colac A & P Society Heritage Festival Feb 5/6 2011.

OUTWARDS.

Letter of thanks for help given in the removal of Thompson Machinery Sent to Les Stutchbree and his workers, John Gordon Thomas, and Leech Cranes.

Mov. R Leyshan . Sec. G Tonkin.

## REPORTS

### TREASURERS REPORT.

Alan reported that we have a credit balance of \$4296.79

Moved A Burgess Sec B Tonkin.

### MARONG PICNIC.

At Marong 5 of our members showed engines and 3 displayed vehicles. It was a good day and the weather was good. Graham Tonkin enjoyed the free breakfast that was put on only for people showing engines. It is a good outing and well worth going to.

Report By Robert Leyshan

### ECHUCA

While enjoying a few days away Betty & Graham Tonkin spent some time in Echuca, while there they visited the Holden Museum. They enjoyed their time in there. They then spent some time finding the beer can museum, they reckon it is quite a good display and well worth a look. Betty assures us that she did not help the owner add to his collection of empty cans.

Report by Betty Tonkin

### THOMPSON PROJECT.

Jim Chaplin reports that they have the shed finished and some of the Machinery has been put back together there is still a lot of cleaning to do also the switchboard is ready to be cleaned and can be put back together the frame is in the shed waiting to be bolted to the wall. Ken Hansen sometimes comes down to work there during the week any body is welcome to come out then or most Saturday,s. usually between 10am and 4 pm. Anybody wanting to know more about working bees please get in touch with Ray or Graham

Report by Jim Chaplin.

## GENERAL BUSINESS

### 2011 RALLY.

It was suggested that if we are going to have a feature engine and tractor we should decide at the next meeting so Sec can put the Rally add in TOMM magazine.

Next meeting we will have to form an events committee to try and build on the success of previous Rallies.

It was suggested that we get in touch with John Paull ( Ferguson Club, Bendigo.) and send him some maps to see if our tractor members and him would like to map out a tractor trek as part of our Rally.

It was suggested that we could get a hat pin made similar to our Rally badge (only smaller ) with no date on it to sell at future Rallies.

Displays like Billmans Foundry casting metal are crowd pleasers ,but insurance cover was the problem maybe the Club could pay the \$16.50 to cover the people doing the display.

Ray spoke to a bloke who is in his 70s he has a small traction engine that needs a boiler inspection, if this has been done Ray has extended an invitation to have it at our Rally next year. It is in the negotiation stage at the moment.

#### TRACTORS.

Ray Rice has spoken to Laurie Adams about what the tractor members want to do ( maybe organise a tractor pull ) Ray will leave it up to them to get back to us. ( No progress as yet. )

#### WEDDERBURN RALLY.

A few members have said they are going to Wedderburn, And are expecting it to rain (especially this year.)

#### REMINDER :

If you have something to sell or need a special part or treasure let Ray, Allan or Graham know and we will put it in the newsletter.

#### ANOTHER REMINDER.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW OVERDUE.

#### CLUB OUTINGS.

Sec. has been working on this, but waiting for the weather to improve.

#### OTHER.

Betty Tonkin asked if the door on the cupboard that we keep our cups in could be fixed.

We will have to organise a working bee to move the gate post at the top of the ramp, Also maybe try to fix some of the damage to the shed doors.

Ray Rice and Laurie Adams have been invited by Adam Tori to go to a meeting of the Ballan Club, Ray said he was looking forward to going.

It was asked if we should invest some money , put this discussion over to next month .

A big thankyou to Tony Steiner for printing preliminary flyers for our 2011 Rally at such short notice.

We welcome for sale ads for the n/letter but if you sell all or some of what you advertise please let us know.

WANTED\*\*\*\*\*WANTED\*\*\*\*\*WANTED

Wanted to buy,

VILLIERS MARK 25 FUEL TANK

Approx 1 gallon

Phone 54842552 Marshall Dixon.

This add should have been in our last n/letter but the Sec. stuffed up (sorry)

## COMING EVENTS

WHEN	WHERE
<b>OCTOBER</b>	
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Central Goldfields Rally at Dunolly.
2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Dunmunkle Sumpoilers Rally.
9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup>	Dunmunkle Tractor Trek.
23 <sup>RD</sup>	Muckleford Steam Festival. (More details nearer to the event.)
29 <sup>th</sup> & 30 <sup>th</sup>	Goldsmith Rally.
<b>NOVEMBER:</b>	
13 <sup>TH</sup> & 14 <sup>TH</sup>	Bendigo Swap Meet.

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<b>FEBRUARY.</b>	
5 <sup>TH</sup> & 6 <sup>TH</sup>	Colac Heritage Festival.
20 <sup>th</sup>	Ballan Rally and Tractor Pull.
25 <sup>th</sup> 27 <sup>th</sup>	Ballarat Swap.
<b>MARCH.</b>	
13 <sup>th</sup>	Bullarto Tractor Pull.
<b>APRIL.</b>	
16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup>	MAVEC RALLY GUILDFORD
	Meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Next meeting to be held at Guildford Clubrooms 7.30 pm. Monday 4<sup>TH</sup> October

Have a laugh.

A bloke comes home early from work and catches his wife in bed with the local baker . I am ashamed of you he screams at her why are you in bed with the baker when it is the butcher we owe money.

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 Mary answered a knock at the door, I am collecting for the Home for Alcoholics said the caller. Well come back around nine oclock, Mary said ,my husband will be home then and you can have him.

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 Sid the Aussie battler was told if he didn't sell more toothbrushes he would be fired. One month later his sales record had soared and the manager called him in to explain the dramatic turnaround. Sid explained that he got sick of calling on pharmacies. He set up a little table at Flinders St Station with some dry biscuits and dip. Try my new dip he would say and a constant stream of people did so. When they enquired about the ingredients of the dip Sid told them Its garlic and chook manure. They would go Aaaaaaargh!!!!!! And spit it out. Then Sid would say do you want to buy a toothbrush?

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 Mrs Flanigan described herself as a sprightly old girl, she boasted I see seven gentlemen a day. I get out of bed with Will Power, then I go to my John, next its breakfast with Uncle Toby and Billy T. Then I spend the rest of the day with Arthur Ritis or Al Zymer until finally I go to bed with Johnny Walker.

RONNIE N TYPE (BALTIC SIMPLEX) 3 H.P. ON TRANSPORT \$300

FORDSON MAJOR TRACTOR E27N 1951 MODEL NEW FRONT TYRES REAR TYRES GOOD RUNS WELL \$2200

1973 CADDILAC 4 DOOR DEVILLE PILLARLESS RHD ENGINE & AUTO RESTORED NEW WHITE WALL TYRES DONE 66000 MILES SINCE NEW RED PLATES CH 8832 \$25000

COOPER 3HP SHEARING PLANT COMPLETE BUT NOT GOING ENGINE RUNS WELL NEW WATER TANK \$450

PETTER WATERCOOLED 3HP FULLY RESTORED ON TRANSPORT \$595.00

WOLSLEY 3HP ON TRANSPORT NEW GAL. WATER TANK RUNS WELL \$600

LISTER D APPROX 2HP ON TRANSPORT FULLY RESTORED \$450

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FOR SALE

1 X 1937 N TYPE RONALDSON TIPPETT

on Transporter

3 H.P. No. 11439 900 RPM

In Good Condition

\$600.00 Cash Only ---- NO OFFERS

Selling due to ill health.

1 X 1933 N TYPE RONALDSON TIPPETT

on Transporter

3 H.P. No. 8863

In Good Condition

\$700.00 Cash Only \_\_\_ NO OFFERS

Selling due to ill health

Contact PAUL RAUTMAN

DRUMMOND NORTH.

Phone 54239197

PLEASE NOTE, Paul included a photo of the I.D. plate for both of these motors but unfortunately they would not copy properly. Sorry Paul.

WANTED WANTED

6 h.p. J.A.P. motor suitable for a Howard Rotary Hoe, Phone Ron 0356623781

Enamel Ronaldson & Tippet shearing plant sign, phone Mick 0419373006

