

The Oily Rag

Newsletter of Manilla Vintage Machinery Group Inc

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FUNNY BONE

Time for a bit of Irish humour.....

THE IRISH GUIDE TO MEDICAL TERMS AND THEIR MEANINGS.....

- Artery – The study of painting
- Bacteria – Back door to the cafeteria
- Barium – What the undertaker does after the doc fails
- Bowel – A letter like A, E, I, O or U
- Caesarean Section – A district of Rome
- Cat Scan – Searching for the moggy
- Cauterise – Made eye contact with her
- Colic – A sheep dog
- Coma – Punctuation mark
- Congenital – Friendly

FROM THE MEETINGS



July:

With the annual rally done and dusted for another year, a couple of items were mentioned for amendment next year. The loudspeaker system didn't work as well as it was anticipated at the rally. It couldn't be heard over the noise of motors – and what was actually being said couldn't be understood. President Tim spoke to Mike Rowland (who set the system up), indicating that a lot of improvements would have to be ironed out before next year.

Richard Betts reported on a roving speaker system that he'd been told about. Richard also advised members that the TOMM magazine would now be available online only.

Ted Currey gave a short report on the tractor trek held on Friday of the rally. Only one mishap was a flat tyre but it was inflated enough to get back to the showground. Members who took the time out to visit the Fish Hatchery were surprised at the work being carried out.

Winston Roworth reported that the children thoroughly enjoyed his Rocket Cover Racing Cars at the rally.

Rally breakdown was deferred until the August meeting.

Secretary Bette Langton spoke about the Tax Clinic being developed through TAFE, and could be accessed by Manilla Group. Treasurer David Jones spoke about keeping it local.

Margaret Hurle mentioned that all new members had to be accepted as written in the constitution. Names of 22 new members were read out at the meeting, and all were accepted.



August (AGM/General):

AGM - Positions for 2025/26 include Tim Scanlon (president), George Parris (vice-president), Bette Langton (secretary), David Jones (treasurer), Vinnie Todd (publicity), Ed Leydon (public officer), Norm Gardiner (showground rep), Tony Russell, Les Mauger and Angus Redgwell (safety officers), Norm Gardiner (ground organiser), Tony Russell and Les Mauger (parade organisers), Richard Betts and John Calokerinos (market trade stalls), Ken Roach and Sean Gresser (insurance inspectors), Neil Bonnett (auditor).

In his president's report, Tim's main focus was the very successful rally weekend. He thanked everyone for their massive efforts over the three days, the successful tractor trek which included a well-received stopover at the local fish hatchery, 2025 feature being International IH, another successful street parade with a lot of good public feedback, he thanked the many sponsors, and reported that the Saturday evening dinner was well-attended, and thanked the club for their catering.

GENERAL MEETING:

A big discussion was had on the rally itself – one subject being the PA system which was described as not up to scratch – it couldn't be heard across the showground. Popular suggestion was to purchase our own, with the assurance it would be "all okay for next year".

Purchasing its own defibrillator was a popular suggestion. It could be positioned in the van, as well as be taken on tractor treks. The matter will be followed up.

A table and two chairs needed for the back gate at next year's rally. Secretary Bette keen to chase up re-ordering of the club's metal badges.

The suggestion of purchasing a second square reader rolled into the idea of using wrist bands entirely, and move the van closer to the entry gate for next year. It was also decided to "trial" placing the van on the current Disabled carpark and getting permission to move the carpark outside the gate. Large signs regarding rules etc to be placed on both entries, and current exhibitor cards (which have been abused by some members of the public) to be replaced with wrist bands. Carers for disabled visitors – charge to be the normal \$10 to cover both. People trying to enter as "stall helpers" must pay the \$10 entry also. Under 16 entry remains free.

Tim reported on a very generous donation of \$2500 from one of his garage clients having his vehicle passed for rego. That was given a warm reception by members.

Member Tim Freemantle was thanked for his effort in raising \$1050 for the children's ward at Tamworth Hospital through his second-hand stall at the rally. Tim said he'd sold just about all the donated items, and thanked members and the public for all their support. He received permission to do the same next year, and requested a club banner to use at the stall. Members voted to donate a further \$500

to Tim's takings. The cheque for \$1550 will be presented to the children's ward in the coming days. More on that in the next newsletter.

Correspondence was received from Manilla Hospital Auxiliary requesting donations for the purchase of a wheelchair lifter for the hospital. Members voted on a donation \$1000. And regarding the club's annual donation to Westpac Rescue Helicopter, when handing over the cheque, Tim said he'd organise a visit to the headquarters by interested members for an inspection of the facility.

Something for the kids at next year's rally – a popular sandbag game as suggested by president Tim – perhaps the local Men's Shed could make one up. And Bette to follow up on securing an ice cream van.

A short discussion on a feature for next year – Powered By Villiers was a suggestion.

EVENT CALENDAR

AUGUST:

16th Sandy Hollow Charity Motorfest

23rd – 31st NHMA National Rally at Kingsthorpe Park (Q)

23rd Trangie Truck & Tractor Show

30th Muscle in the Brook at Liddell Recreation Park, Muswellbrook

SEPTEMBER:

6th & 7th Rusty Iron Rally at Macksville

13th & 14th Gunnedah Vintage & Veteran Car Club Meet at showground.

20th & 21st Clarendon Classic Rally

20th & 21st Eulah Creek Machinery Day (new date)

27th Heartbeat of the Hunter at Tocal Ag College

***** NHMA Ian Stewart Young Enthusiast Award:**

Calling on all budding old machinery enthusiasts aged between 10 and 25 to consider applying for this prestigious award, named in honour of Ian Stewart who was instrumental in the formation of NHMA through his TOMM magazine 1986.

The award is aimed at encouraging young people to become involved in old machinery restoration while learning new skills to keep the movement alive for future generations.

There are two categories – 10-16yrs - \$500 and restoration book

17-25yrs - \$500 and restoration book.

All eligible entries will receive an NHMA badge.

Applicants must be between 10 and 25, be an Australian citizen and be a financial member of a NHMA affiliated club.

The range of acceptable activities could include:

- Restoration of an item of historic machinery or motor vehicle.
- Significant participation in a major club project like:
Restoration of a piece of club machinery or vehicle, a major club project like building a club workshop or similar, high level of involvement in the organisation of a major club event such as an annual rally or similar, undertaking a significant role within a club such as office bearer.
- Obtaining a formal qualification/skill such as a high-risk steam licence or similar.

Applicants may self-nominate or be nominated by another person.

All applications must be on official forms (electronically or hard copy) which can be downloaded from the NHMA website, and must be with the NHMA secretary by February 1 at email secretary.nhma@gmail.com. Supporting photos should also be submitted.

NEXT MEETING – Tuesday, September 2 (and then October 7) from 7.30pm at Masonic Hall.
New and current members all welcome.

Anyone wishing to buy, sell or contribute to the newsletter, please contact me on **0428 668854** or via **vinniegreg@hotmail.com**.

Vinnie Todd (publicity)