

# OBERON HERITAGE



Collectors Club Inc.

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*Photo by unknown*

**A winter's view of L.C. Williams' garage on Oberon Street sometime in the 1950's.**

**NEXT Meeting – Tuesday 18th October 2011, Oberon RSL Club at 7.30pm.**

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## President's Report.

Members have been busy attending events both near and far over the last month. The "Haulin' the Hume" was a great success according to all reports with in excess of 140 heritage trucks partaking in the run to Yass. I have included an article and some photos of our visit to Richmond Vale Railway (near Kurri Kurri) on Saturday the 17<sup>th</sup> of September which was an excellent experience riding the steam powered railway and a very interesting facility. Burruga Sheep Show was also a great little event with a good collection of vendors, working blacksmith, small engines and lots of sheep! Put it on next year's to-do list and we can put a few vehicles on display.

If you intend travelling to Taralga for the 19/20<sup>th</sup> November, book early if you want to stay at either of the pubs in Taralga, if not, you can sleep out at the showground and share breakfast with Barry Hughes and Peter Back who will be camping next to their vehicles with all the home comforts that they can load onto Barry's truck!

The 2012 Fair is progressing nicely and our second Fair newsletter has been posted (or emailed) to our growing list of Fair sponsors, entrants and visitors.

Congratulations to Barry Hughes for becoming inducted into the Trucking Wall of Fame at Alice Springs, well done Barry!

Safe steaming.

Jim



## Events Diary

5 <sup>th</sup> October	Oberon Men's Shed Opening Ceremony
15 <sup>th</sup> October	Kanangra Family Classic Fun Day at Oberon Common.
15 <sup>th</sup> October	Campbelltown Steam & Machinery Museum open day
15 <sup>th</sup> October	Urana Vintage Rally - Urana Vintage Machinery Club Inc
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	OTHR Spring Open Day at Oberon railway station.
12 & 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Armidale "Heritage at Work" Field Days.
19 & 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Southern Tablelands Heritage Rally at Taralga.
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Power Inventions Expo and Rally - Young and District Antique Engine and Tractor Club Inc
26 <sup>th</sup> January (Thursday)	NRMA Motorfest, Macquarie Street, Sydney.
10/11/12 <sup>th</sup> February 2012	Highlands Steam & Vintage Fair, Oberon.
21 & 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Ironfest at Lithgow.
28 & 29 <sup>th</sup> April	Maitland Steamfest

## The Secretary's Column

Correspondence to secretary with a number of emails redirected from David McMurray various topics covered.

One email we need to act on regards no registration form on the website, I believe we are waiting on costs in order to make this happen. I have responded, but need to follow up as soon as possible.

An invitation to the opening of the Men's shed on the 5<sup>th</sup> of October Jim has added to events I believe, also we need to follow up on the \$200 promised for help last Fair (paid Ed).

We do need to start filling the schedule of events page it's looking pretty sad the only thing that's happening is the "Australian Organ" If the section organisers can please scratch something down on a bit of paper to fill the empty lines, times and other details can be changed later.

We also need to do some serious work on the pre start/tool box meeting agendas for the tractors and vehicles heading to the Caves. We only have 4 more opportunities for club input to get these right before delivery to the happy travellers, I travelled the 2 mile hill every working day for nearly 9 years and feel we need to be sure we have all bases covered with that leg of the trip, even to the point maybe of a bit of traffic control at the top of the hill to warn the descending vehicles to consider driving on the right side of the road.

On the collection front, the Louisville is back in the land of the living, ready for Taralga. The HD14 Allis that my brother Leo and I saved from the scrap dealer a number of years ago has done a couple of laps and is about ready to knock something over and the 71 Capri has a brand new battery. The 1976 Kawasaki Z900 still has a oil leak and the 1970 Cooper 250 cc motor cycle is still all over the bench and there is 2 acres of old machinery that looks like it should be restored but may have to wait for the next generation.

Enjoy your collections.

Pat

## Meeting Minutes

MINUTES of MEETING NO 43 of  
OBERON HERITAGE and COLLECTORS CLUB INC  
Held on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2011 at the Oberon RSL, Oberon, NSW

Jim Hawkes opened the meeting at 7.40p.m.

**PRESENT:** Alan Laing, Jim Hawkes, Jim Perrot, John Nunan, Rodney Dunn, Stewart Gunn, Lyndle Hawkes, Barry Hughes, Dean Evans, Dietmar and Kathy Sajowitz, Kathy Tucker

**APOLOGIES:** Alice Perrott, David McMurray, Pat Dwyer, Ben Nunan.

**VISITORS:** Nil

**MINUTES OF MEETING:** Minutes of Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August, moved that they be accepted by Stewart Gunn and seconded by Jim Hawkes, carried.

**BUSINESS ARISING:** Nil

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Outward:

- 12 items
- Newsletters to members
- Emails 25

Inward:

- Ten magazines from other clubs
- Commonwealth Bank statements
- Sponsorships

Lyndle Hawkes moved that the correspondence be accepted, seconded by Kathy Sajowitz. Carried.



**REPORTS:**

1. Treasurer: Dean provided a balance sheet showing a good bank balance, available on request.
2. Secretary: Refer to Secretary's report.
3. Membership Secretary: New member Dietmar Sajowitz.
4. Registrars Report: Various movements to club nominated events.
5. Events: Burruga Sheep Show, excellent day.  
Haulin' the Hume – fantastic!

**General Business.**

1. Shift General Meeting changed to 2nd Tuesday of the month. Moved Jim Hawkes, seconded Dean Evans. Carried.
2. Australia Fair Organ. Club Keen to keep the Organ for Saturday. Jim to book driver Friday and Saturday accommodation in Oberon.
3. Entrants Form. Road Run deadline 3rd Feb 2012
4. Wristbands for exhibitors- Dean will look up on ebay for different coloured bands.
5. Cost of Jenolan Caves. \$20.00 and dinner \$55 Includes Bufori Ticket?

6. Jenolan Caves gradient for 5 mile and 2mile. Newsletter to include safety warning for brakes and steep gradients.
7. Stewart and Dietmar to speak with RTA for road run planned route.
8. Jim to contact trucking companies to advise of road run and possible delays
9. Duckmaloi Risk assessment to be completed by Stewart and Jim.
10. Cost for Guinness Book of records to be determined by Kathy T.
11. Junior fun tractor pull, coordinators to set aside time to allow junior participation.
12. Dinner and dance on Saturday night to be a 7.30pm dinner start.
13. Much Discussion regarding stall holders. Insurance and stall holders
14. Fair Newsletter Approx 500 have gone out.
15. The Club will send a card to Mat McMahon for the passing of his Mother Moved Jim Hawkes, seconded by Barry Hughes. Carried.
16. Tilt Tray for tractor trek, Rodney to follow up with various operators.
17. Kath to look into book of 100 Bufori Tickets and meeting the requirements for distributing after a \$50 spend.
18. Friday 28th October photo shoot at Jenolan Caves combined promotion for Caves and club trek. Times to follow.

Meeting closed 9.20p.m.



*George and Geoff discuss serious matters over the tray of the TK Bedford at the 2011 HS&VF*

## *Richmond Vale Railway - Pelaw Main*

With the lure of donkeys and steam, a beautiful combination, Jim and I set off for Kurri Kurri very early in the morning one Saturday in September. Our destination was the Richmond Vale Railway and old colliery near Pelaw Main. The weather was sparkling and the traffic sparse, at that time of the morning.

We arrived at 10am just in time for opening and headed straight for the donkeys. The Donkey Welfare with Heart donkey sanctuary near Maitland cares for orphaned, homeless and sick donkeys, no questions asked and gives them a safe home for the rest of their lives, which can be

anything up to 50 years. A real treat awaited us in the form of 10 day old Aria, a jenny foal born to Missy who was in foal when she was rescued some months before. While all male donkeys are gelded and a policy of not breeding exists in the sanctuary, foals born to rescued donkeys are accepted as part of the family and have the happy prospect of living their life in the sanctuary. Needless to say Aria was too gorgeous for words and very pat-friendly.

A guided tour of the old pit buildings was on offer so we lined up to inspect this interesting and derelict site. The was pit closed in 1960 by Coal & Allied, but the site was originally owned and operated by James and Alexander Brown who, one could only call, entrepreneurs. The colliery produced its own power and sent "left over" power to the nearby town of Kurri. The quality of the utility buildings was high with tessellated tile floors and decorative fittings. Hundreds of workers lived on site and it could probably be called a

village in itself with school and cricket teams. A magnificent turn of the century building housed the administration which is now a museum with collections of mining memorabilia. There were two shafts that lowered the men and horses into the pit and brought the coal up. The horses which numbered about 200 at the height of production were left down the pit all week and raised on Friday to be lead through a bath. According to the guide all the horses knew the days of the week and could not be persuaded to stay one more hour than necessary "down pit". The mind boggled at this information imagining the food and water required to keep 200 horses alive and healthy underground and gives a new meaning to the term "shovelling s...t"

After lunch at the excellent facilities at Richmond Vale we boarded one of the carriages hauled by "Marjorie" an 0-4-0 saddle tank steam engine made in 1938 by Clyde Engineering, for the journey to Pelaw Main , another J & A Brown pit and historical site, a 50 minute round trip.



Richmond Vale Railway Society has built a 90 metre shed to house their restoration work and better carriages.

This site is open regularly every month and is well worth a visit. Special guided tours by request.

A perfect day. I won't go on about the flat tyre we had on Sunday morning.....



*Steam engines, both stationary and rail are to be seen at Richmond Vale Railway*



*The Mt Victoria 8hp Marshall at the 2011 HSVF, first big outing and hopefully we will see it again in 2012.*

**Southern Tablelands Vintage Farm  
Machinery Club**

**2011 Heritage Rally**

Sat 19th and Sun 20th November, 2011

**Taralga Showground**

Bannaby Rd, Taralga, via Goulburn, NSW



Free onsite camping  
Live steam displays  
Steam threshing and baling  
Vintage tractors, cars,  
bikes and trucks  
Sheep shearing



Stationary engines  
Vintage tractor pull (Sat)  
Tractor trek (Sat evening)  
Live entertainment Sat night  
Kids heritage games  
Lots more for the whole family



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