

NHMA NEWSLETTER

Number 59

September 2011

Congratulations to the WA Clubs who hosted the 13th NHMA National Rally at Fairbridge Farm, Pinjarra WA. Comments from those flowing through the 'office' were very complimentary. So, the Rally Committee that comprised members from The Old Machinery Club of WA; The Machinery Preservation Club of WA Inc; and the Vintage Tractor & Machinery Association of WA Inc. "please take a bow" !!

Fencing of static tractor displays:

The NHMA is now setting up a sub-committee to address this issue. If there are acceptable ways around this problem the Association is hopeful that this will come from those with tractors. This committee of five members, will be known as the NHMA Tractor Sub-Committee who will report back to the NHMA Committee of Management. Kevin Elphick, NSW State Representative has agreed to chair this committee. So, here is your opportunity to come up with some positive input.

Nominations are now being sought; if your club or a financial member of your club wishes to assist the NHMA with this issue, please contact Kevin by phone, post or email. You will find his contact details on the 'Contact List' in this Newsletter. Nominations for this sub-committee close on the 28th October 2011.

Other News from the Meetings at WA:

1. Jeff Wishart Trophy
2. 2013 National Rally Venue
3. 2012 National Tractor Trek

4. NHMA Committee Changes
5. Merchandise
6. Code of Practice
7. Historic Vehicle Inspection Register
8. Junior Awards
9. NHMA Committee of Management

1. The Jeff Wishart Trophy

Was awarded this year to David & Shirley Boyle, of the Lake Goldsmith Steam Preservation Association Inc.

Since 1965, David & Shirley have been carefully constructing ¼ scale models of farm machinery, ranging from windmills, ploughs, haymaking equipment, gates etc. to a great model of a Field Marshall tractor and a McKay seed drill. At Pinjarra they had a total of 38 models on display. These models had to be seen to be believed!!

The presentation was made to David & Shirley on the Sunday morning as David is not a young man and was not available to receive the trophy at the dinner the previous night.

Congratulations David & Shirley, this was a very worthy exhibit for this award!!!

2. 2013 National Rally Venue

The venue and date for the next NHMA National Rally has been set, please make note in your diary.

The dates for the 2013 National Rally are 19th, 20th, & 21st of April 2013.

The 2013 NHMA National Rally will be hosted by the Cudgegong Valley Antique Machinery Association Inc. The club, based at Mudgee in the central west of NSW, has been fortunate to secure the purpose built Australian Rural Education Centre field day site for the rally, which offers good facilities for events such as the National Rally.

3. 2012 National Tractor Trek Venue

While on the subject of NHMA National events, the Callide Dawson Machinery Preservation Club will be hosting the 4th NHMA National Tractor Trek on the 18th, 19th & 20th July 2012. The club, based at Biloela Qld, has a proven track record for big NHMA events as this club hosted the National Rally in 2007 which was an outstanding success.

Please contact Cindy Cooper on 07 4992 5910 or email cdmpc@bigpond.com You can be assured of a great tractor trek.

4. NHMA Committee of Management Changes:

The NHMA committee has some changes as of the AGM.

Welcome to new members:

- Mr Graeme Bellette from Tasmania
- Mr Ray Blain & Mr Alf Shand from Queensland
- Mr Jayme Marshall from South Australia
- Mr Brian Culley of Victoria

NHMA appreciates the commitment to the Assoc. that is offered. Currently new ground is about to be turned; your input towards solutions at committee meetings is looked forward to.

On a more sombre note the Executive would also like to place on record its appreciation to three

retiring members of the committee; namely Mr Wayne Edmunds of WA; Mr Graham Hein of SA; and Mr Ted Domeney of Tasmania.

These committeemen have assisted the Association in many ways for a number of years & we offer a big 'well done' and thanks for your help in running the Association.

5. Coming Soon:

NHMA merchandise will soon be available from Kym Elphick our treasurer. The Association had a trial run at the National with the NHMA brass rally badge. These had sold out by the end of the rally, so a decision has been made to expand the range of items which may include:

- NHMA Rally Badge
- NHMA Mugs
- NHMA Hat Badges
- NHMA Bumper Stickers

It is thought that this merchandise will be popular with clubs for many reasons, including club awards etc. Kym is now sourcing suppliers & prices.

All enquires are to be made to Kym or Kevin Elphick. Contact 02 6925 3144 or email; kymelphick@hotmail.com

6. Code of Practice:

The Federal Government will soon enact some twenty-one Codes of Practice that will assist industry by having common Codes of Practice throughout Australia. Currently, the codes that are in place in one State may not necessarily be the same as the code for that industry in another State. When this legislation is enacted, the Codes of Practice will be enforceable all over Australia.

The Heritage Plant Code of Practice will cover all areas of our hobby. The Heritage Plant Code of Practice is just one of the twenty one codes being enacted. ‘Work-Safe/Work-Cover’ has been looking at our hobby for at least ten years & the NHMA will have the opportunity to scrutinise the COP when it is released for comment.

Statement on Forthcoming Work, Health & Safety Legislation:

After carefully reading the NHMA Steam Management Committee Update 1: 2011 the NHMA now makes the following statement:

“The Federal Government is currently implementing new Work Health & Safety [WHS] legislation that is planned for enactment in January 2012. One of the purposes of this legislation is to standardise WHS throughout Australia.

Safework Australia [a Federal Government agency] is to produce a ‘Code of Practice’ titled How to Manage Risks Associated with Heritage Plant. It must be realised that there is a wide range of heritage plant, including stationary oil engines, tractors, watercraft, earthmoving equipment and belt driven equipment, as well as steam plant.

The Government, as part of the model WHS procedures has recently developed a standard layout for Codes of Practice that covers ‘risk management, duties & responsibilities’. In other words the NHMA will need to demonstrate how it complies with the Heritage Plant Code in the matters of risk management, training, review of procedures etc. All activities of the NHMA will now be covered by the ‘Heritage Plant Code’.

There will need to be greater vigilance on the part of the NHMA Committee of Management, and the member clubs with regard to:

- *Management responsibilities; records & reports*
- *safety procedures [risk management]; driving & conduct; inspections*

- *documentation; appeals and arbitration, operator authorisation, repairs & construction*
- *boiler & plant registration*
- *training of safety officers and operators of plant*

At this point of time the Association needs to be patient; wait until the Heritage Plant Code is issued for public comment and then take the procedure ‘one step at a time’. The whole process may take some time to evolve; possibly a few years, so there is no need for panic at this stage.

The NHMA Committee of Management wishes to thank the NHMA Steam Management Sub-Committee [with special mention to Gary Barker] for the thought, effort and just plain hard work that has gone into this project which has now been in progress for about ten years.

Workcover has had our hobby on their radar for some years and it is thought that if our hobby comes under the Heritage Plant Code, although procedures will need to be reviewed and modified, our group will still have the hobby under its control.”

Statement released: 8th August 2011

As soon as the ‘Heritage Plant Code of Practice’ is open for public comment the NHMA Secretary will advise all member clubs through normal mail.

7. Insurance Cover – NHMA Club Officials: Historic Vehicle Certifiers and Registrars

Currently, the NHMA has insurance cover for club officials and other club members such as safety marshals. However, a number of NHMA Clubs are registered with their State or Territory Vehicle Licensing Authority for registration of historic vehicles, belonging to club members. Depending on the jurisdiction, this normally requires a club to appoint a member whose responsibility is to

examine a vehicle and sign a declaration that the vehicle is in a safe operating condition. Another member maintains a register listing each approved run for an historic vehicle. As the NHMA Executive has been keen to see these people covered, the issue of insurance for these officials, along with steam training assessors and boiler inspectors, was discussed with the NHMA Insurance Broker at Pinjarra on 2 September.

The advice received was that these officials would be covered under the existing NHMA insurance policy (at no additional cost) provided:

1. A person signing an historic vehicle safety declaration for club members is appointed by the club and signs in the name of the club.
2. That person does not act for safety declarations of another club unless the person is also a member of that club.
3. The NHMA maintains a register of club certifiers and registrars.

To enable insurance cover for people involved with historic vehicle certification and registration of approved club runs, the NHMA Secretary needs to prepare a register. Each club that is registered with a State or Territory Vehicle Licensing Authority should provide the following information by letter or email to Mr Ken Bock by 30 November 2011:

1. Name of the club.
2. Name of State or Territory Licensing Authority that the club is registered with for Historic Vehicle or conditional registration.
3. Name of appointed club examiner.
4. Name of appointed club registrar for approved road runs.

When there is a change of appointment, it is the responsibility of the club to advise the NHMA Secretary.

In regard to the listing of Steam Officials this will be separately arranged by the NHMA Steam Management Committee.

8. Junior Encouragement Awards:

For the past few National Rallies the NHMA has been encouraging the younger members of our clubs by offering awards to our junior participants.

This year was no exception. There were some magnificent displays from the junior ranks and the committee had great difficulty in finally selecting just three displays.

These were:

Bradley Edmunds
Jordan Smith
Nicholas Webb

Congratulations to all the junior exhibitors on the time, effort and dedication that was evident in all the junior displays. Well Done!!!

Important.....

This year a number of clubs have used the old address when forwarding their affiliation & insurance renewals to the NHMA. This results in your letter going to the 'dead letter office' & it can take several weeks for the wrongly addressed letter to be returned to the sender.

Note this change of address for the NHMA, which is now:

NHMA
P O Box 304
STRATHDALE, VIC. 3550

Also, when posting your letters, please place a return address on the envelope; this helps Australia Post should the letter not be deliverable.

9. NHMA Contact Details

NHMA Executive & Committee of Management
2011 – 2012

PRESIDENT: Mr. Phillip Morrison
7 Bellemont Court; Geilston Bay; Tasmania, 7015
Phone 03 6243 5761 Mob 04 1938 5076
Email: gm_ned@yahoo.com.au

VICE-PRESIDENT: Mr. Alan Shepherd
18 Rand St; Greensborough; Vic, 3038
Phone 03 9434 6681 Fax 03 9432 9500
Email: aksurgical@hilink.com.au

SECRETARY: Mr. Ken Bock
P O Box 304; Strathdale Vic. 3550
Phone 03 5444 1113 Fax 03 5441 3668
Email: bock-1@bigpond.com

TREASURER: Mrs Kym Elphick
38 Collins St; Wagga Wagga; NSW 2650
Phone 02 6925 3144
Email: kymelphick@hotmail.com

NSW Representatives

Mr. Kevin Elphick
38 Collins St; Wagga Wagga; NSW 2650
Phone 02 6925 3144 Mob 04 2725 3144
Email: kymelphick@hotmail.com

Mr. Jeff Gooda
P O Box 548; Griffith; NSW 2680
Phone 02 6968 1466 Fax 02 6968 1505
Email: vickimaree53@hotmail.com

Queensland Representatives

Mr. Alf Shand
56 Eighth St; Home Hill; Qld 4806
Phone 07 4782 1453
Email: ajshand@bigpond.com

Mr. Ray Blain
PO Box 1756; Mareeba, Qld 4880
Phone: 07 4093 2148 mob.04 3846 4895
Email: rlblain@tpg.com.au

SA Representatives

Mr. John Victor
P O Box 230; Roseworthy; SA 5371
Mob 04 1781 8551
Email: jvictor@bigpond.com

Mr. Jayme Marshall
PO Box 235; Murray Bridge; SA 5253
Mob: 041903 7756
Email: castiron@internode.on.net

Tasmanian Representatives

Mr. Brian Scott
33 Monuka Drive; Burnie. Tas. 7320
H. phone 03 6433 1173 mob. 04 3233 2566
Email: bt_scott@yahoo.com.au

Mr. Graeme Bellette
17 Selwyn St. Triabunna Tas. 7190
Phone; 03 6265 9401 mob. 04 0856 5702
Email: braidonfletcher@bigpond.com

Victorian Representatives

Mr. Kevin Lord
RMB 1175; Heyfield; Vic 3858
Phone 03 5148 2212
Email: kevinclynnlord@gmail.com

Mr. Brian Culley
153 Middle Rd, Bromley Vic. 3472
Phone: 03 5468 1282 mob. 04 2715 3759
Email:

Western Australian Representatives

Mr. Brian Blum
P O Box 211; Busselton; WA 6280
Phone 08 9752 2173
Email:

Mr. Ralph Thomas
64 Wimbledon St; Beckenham; WA 6107
Phone 08 9458 5435
Email: rwthomas@mail2me.com.au

NHMA Heritage Steam Sub-Committee Representatives. One may attend the meetings

Mr Bob Butrims Phone 04 1812 8123
brob51@bigpond.com

OR

Mr. Garry Barker;
228 Glencoe Rd; Murrumbateman; 2582 NSW
Email: g.barker@adfa.edu.au Phone: 04 0944 6475

**Please Keep this List for Your Club's
Information**

