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SYDNEY ANTIQUE MACHINERY CLUB INC.

40A Racecourse Road,
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The Annual General Meeting
is on Friday 19th October, at
7:30pm.

The next Committee Meeting
is on Friday 12th October, at
7:00pm.

The next Junior Group
Meeting is on Friday 19th
October, at 6:30pm.

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DEADLINE FOR ISSUE 267 WILL BE 31ST OCTOBER

All correspondence must be emailed to the Editor, Courtney Peters, courtneygracestella@gmail.com by this date to be considered in the next edition. Please note that there is always a need for submissions every month. Please keep them coming.

AIMS OF THE CLUB

1. To encourage the restoration, preservation and exhibition of antique machinery, including stationary engines and related machinery, tractors, vehicles, hobbies, models and collectables.
2. To provide opportunities for the interchange of information through regular meetings and publications.
3. To preserve technical data and general information associated with antique machinery, and assist educational institutions and museum organisations wherever possible.
4. To assist other groups with common interest in preserving, restoring and exhibiting the heritage of Australia
5. To extend to other collectors, their friends and all persons interested in antique machinery, the hospitality, privileges and conveniences enjoyed in connection with the Club.

INSURANCE

SAMCI carries Public Liability and Personal Accident Insurance on behalf of ALL members when taking part in events approved by the Club. To ensure you are covered, participation must be recorded. You must enter your name in the attendance book on every occasion you are in the Club Grounds, and when intending to take part in any outside event, you must notify the Events Co-ordinator or a Committee Member. This insurance does not apply in the use of Club Registered Vehicles.

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FROM THE EDITOR

Please regularly send in articles, photographs and content to be included in the newsletter (from events you attend, or anything you may find of interest), as for the past few issues, I have struggled to fill space in each Newsletter. There is **ALWAYS** a need for submissions and anything would be appreciated. Remember, without submissions there is no Newsletter!

– Courtney Peters, SAMCI Newsletter Editor

CLUB NEWS – FROM THE SECRETARY

CLARENDON CLASSIC RALLY

Congratulations to everyone who volunteered for duties during the rally, and in most cases also exhibited. The rally was a great success, with record numbers of exhibits in almost every category. Everything went pretty smoothly, but as always there are some areas that can be improved.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The next General Meeting on 19 October includes our Annual General Meeting and election of office bearers for 2019. The offices of President, Vice-president and Safety Committee Chairman need to be filled at this stage, so all are urged to sound out potential candidates who may be willing to take on these roles.

There will be no presentation at this meeting due to the extra time likely to be taken up taken up by the AGM and Rally discussion.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Lock into your calendar our Christmas Social on Saturday 24 November at the Club House. For catering purposes registration is required together with payment of \$5.00 per person. Contact Margaret Barrett for registration. All members and their families are welcome.

NATIONAL RALLY

Even though this event is not until March next year, registration, and travel and accommodation plans need to be in place reasonably soon. It is being held at Sturt Park, Murray Bridge, South Australia. See www.nhmanationalrally2019.com for full details. It has been held there previously, when SAMCI members attended in considerable numbers.

In the meantime, events at Campbelltown and Taralga are on the calendar before year's end.

CLUB MERCHANDISE

FOR SALE TO MEMBERS

The large Rally badges at \$25.00 each were very popular, and just a handful are left. We have mugs (2018 plus a few 2017 left), key rings, small badges, hats and caps available.

Contact Margaret Barrett, if you want any of these items.

Large 2019 rally badge, 95mm across as per photo.



SEPTEMBER GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting opened at 7:25pm on the 21st September 2018 at the Club Shed. Attendance as per the attendance book.

Chair: Luke Franks, Minutes: Peter Bradshaw.

Minutes of the last meeting were read and approved, on the motion to accept the minutes by Bevis Apps, seconded by Dave Pagano, carried by members present.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING:

- SAMCI flags for the club and members. Flags are available in two sizes 600 x 900 mm for around \$50.00 or 900 x 1800 mm for around \$80.00. From interest at the meeting by members to purchase a flag this matter will be followed up. Russell Gear also mentioned that small stickers as used on his trailer could also be purchased. This will be followed up also.
- The offer to house the ride trailers under cover by HDAA in exchange for use at HDAA functions was mentioned. This will need to be discussed at a later date.

SUB COMMITTEES

TREASURER'S REPORT: Margaret Barrett. As presented to the Committee meeting.

MAJOR EVENTS: Steve Muscat.

SAMCI had a very good rally with around 5,200 visitors over the weekend. The visitor numbers might have been a bit lower than last year due to many other events held on the same weekend. Passenger on the LVR train were down. At the rally there were 327 Kenworth trucks, 155 heritage trucks. The 5" gauge railway made around \$1500.00 for rides. Luke Franks thanked Steve Muscat for his enormous effort in organising and supervising the rally and unanimous thanks of support was given by all members present. Luke

also made mention of a greater number of volunteers and helpers being available across the weekend making the running of the event easier on everyone.

Marie Warby mentioned that there is a need to develop a succession plan for all important positions within SAMCI so that in the event of an emergency some other person can step into those positions if required.

Ron Irving also mentioned that at the rally there were 115 stationary engines, 23 pumps, 5 model displays, 67 lawn mowers, 3 collections of tools, 12 stationary steam engines and 130 tractors.

CATERING: Luke Franks thanked Tim Brodie and all the catering helpers for their enormous effort over the two days supplying a very good meal on both days. It was mentioned that people had still turned up for a meal without a ticket. It was suggested that in the future if this happens these people pay an extra \$10 for the meal.

FUTURE EVENTS: The next event will be the Campbelltown rally in October which has been sanctioned by SAMCI.

JUNIOR GROUP: Had a good rally with the Saturday being better than the Sunday.

LADIES COMMITTEE: Gayle Miller. Barbara Scanes wished to thank all the members that helped on the stall and a thank you to the Little Wings members who also helped. It was a very big stall with a great number of saleable items. There are some items that have been put into storage for next year.

MODEL AND HOBBY: Went well but there were three stall holders that paid but did not attend the rally.

NEW MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS: SAMCI received 3 new membership applications for John McGrath, Travis McGrath and Anthony Snedden. These membership applications were discussed in the meeting and all members present voted to accept these applications and allow membership.

GENERAL BUSINESS

- Photos of engines from a deceased estate which are for sale were tabled for members to view. These engines are in the Newcastle area and contact details are available.
- An Allen Oxford scythe missing a motor was also offered for sale and placed on the table.
- It was mentioned that there are two dead trees in the SAMCI grounds which need to be removed. The grounds committee to be notified. One of the dead trees caused damage to a car and engine during the rally and members should be aware when parking in the grounds. The tree of concern is in the opposite corner along from the toilet block.

- Four books have been donated to SAMCI to be use for raffle prize at the Christmas function. Thank you to Bill Ebzery of the Jowett Car Club for this donation.
- The next SAMCI general meeting will also include the AGM. Luke Franks will be stepping down as President along with Warwick Fotheringham as Vice President. Members are asked to consider these positions and nominate to fill the vacant positions.
- Marie Warby asked the question as to why no lunches were provided to members on the Thursday, Friday and over the rally weekend. Luke Franks stated that the committee under advice from members not to provide lunches as it was thought that it added to the already heavy catering workload and to simplify the catering role and to a lesser extent that people who did not really help with rally work and setting up were getting a free lunch.
- Bill Robertson was bitten by bees while in the shed, he is alright now but SAMCI needs to purchase another 2 Epi-pens, one an adult and one for a child use. To be raised at the next committee meeting.
- The SAMCI raffle ticket prizes were won by 1st prize David Livingstone, 2nd prize Rudy Heynsdyk, and 3rd prize John Sultana.
- At the next Rally the first aid tent needs to be placed on the entry corner so people needing assistance can find it easily. A member of the public could not find the tent at the last Rally.
- Golf kart usage at the next rally should be restricted to only official rally karts, no private karts to be used during the Rally.
- There were a lot of visitors from other states and New Zealand who mentioned to members that the CC is a very good rally and congratulated the organisation of the Rally.

Lucky number draw was number 49 won by David Livingstone. Meeting closed at 8:20pm.

THE CLARENDON CLASSIC 2018 – AS SEEN THROUGH MARIE WARBY’S EYES

Well without doubt this year’s Rally has been the best ever! But... I enjoy all the dopey things that happen behind the scenes just as much as the actual Rally!

Take for example, this year’s bloopers for the want of a better word, particulars when...

** Club Member Bill was washing up the trifle tray when a very indignant bee, didn’t take too kindly to Bill disturbing his dinner, because the afore-mentioned bee was enjoying eating the left-overs on the tray. So, he swooped on the unsuspecting Bill, and stung him right on the lug-hole! Well, Bill danced around the kitchen better than an Indian doing a war-dance... Squarking he had a bee allergy. Which was the signal for the ever-vigilant Tim, who armed himself with his trusty Epi-Pen, and charged in, and plunged it into Bill’s leg.

Well it did not end there, as First-Aid Tim then called the ambulance to cart Billy-Swollen-Ear off to hospital for a few hours observation!

** But... My good friends did it end there? .. No! .. Because the next morning we were all in the Club House standing around Bill on his return, commiserating with him about his night’s adventures. Next thing Morrie comes staggering through the door looking worst for wear.. Because he just fell out of the golf buggy! Well then, we all turned our attention to Morrie with his bleeding elbow, bent glasses and bungy knee. Once again Doctor Tim, charged in with his over worked first-aid kit swabbing and bandaging Morrie’s injuries! Meanwhile ‘Bill-The-Bee’s-Worst-Enemy’, started squarking out again .. (and I quote) ... “Morrie only fell out of the golf cart to take the attention away from me!”

*** But out on the Rally grounds .. there was another battle going on... Steve Muscat was being inundated with mobile phone calls all day with either complaints or compliments. His phone became glued to his ear and it didn’t help that he was not in the same place longer than two minutes ALL weekend. Also, it put further pressure on him when the stropky announcer would rip into him each time when he would ring her politely asking if she would broadcast a particular announcement over the P.A. Then, in her own theatrical way, that stropky announcer would yell at him every time to “shut up and clean your ears out, as I had already announced that!”

Anyway, it was a good ending for Steve, as with a bit of help from a very strong crowbar, he managed to prise his mobile phone off of his ear a couple of days after the Rally!

** Meanwhile, a pregnant lady decided it was time to give birth, but this time an ambulance was immediately called, (after all, Tim's Epi-Pen can only fix so much!) Well the Ambo's raced to the scene... only to go to the wrong area, ending up at the Kenworth Klassic site looking for a pregnant lady. Well, as my cartoon depicts most of the Truckies over there always look pregnant with their big bellies. But eventually the Ambo's found their way to the impending mother-to-be and rendered assistance. But... once again, all is not like it seems... because as the pregnant lady was whisked away she vowed to name her baby... 'Steve!' Now fellow Club Members, you all know I am not one to cause trouble, but we have several 'Steve's' in our Club... For example, Steve Muscat... Steve Penza... Steve Brown... Etc... Etc... HmMMMMMMMM!

** But could it get any worse? .. Yes! .. Because that beautiful, well known announcer, was then heard announcing to all exhibitors to "register immediately" or she would send some Sydney Antique Machinery Club members around armed with water pistols to make sure they did! Well... next thing the 'BWKA' (Beautiful Well Known Announcer) was confronted with a very frightened Stall Holder who happened to be a lovely lady from overseas, who didn't have a real good command of our English Language or our wonderful Aussie humour!

The lovely lady from overseas stood bolt upright in front of the 'BWKA' with her eyes as big as dinner plates saying... "why-you-shoot-us -with-guns?"

Then after the 'BWKA' sorted out what was rocking this lady's boat... in her direct well-known manner she simply said, "Madam, for goodness sake, this is Australia... we don't run around bloody well shooting people for just not registering!"

"So-sorry-I-didn't-understand!" The 'LLFO' (lovely lady from overseas) replied!

To which the 'BWKA' in her usual no-nonsense way bravely continued to announce 'Chinese burns' to all those others who still hadn't yet registered (hoping of course the lovely lady from overseas wouldn't think she was then going to set fire to anyone)!

*** Then, after all that little 'Darby'... Russell's 3 inch Steam Traction Engine was put to bed in the Club grounds for the night... and what do you know? A 'widow maker' (a Gum Tree branch) fell on him causing him some severe pain and damage. So poor little Derby is still taking pain-killers, plus, undergoing medical, physio, and mental counselling because of it! In fact, be warned everyone ... please do not mention tree branches in front of little Darby ever again... as his whistle will give a piercing screech as he starts shaking violently then he will charge off to hide behind Russell or seek safety behind his big mate the old Deutz Engine!

So, these events are only a small portion of what really happened behind the scenes at our magnificent 2018 Clarendon Rally... But it's enough for me to now script it all and submit it to Channel 9 as their next top rating reality show! - Article and cartoon by Marie Warby.



NATIONAL TRACTOR TREK – YOUNG – 19-22 SEPTEMBER 2018

On Wednesday 19 September, 150 tractors of all makes, shapes and sizes, drivers and support crews descended on Young, the Cherry Capital of Australia. Young was hosting the National Tractor Trek of 2018.



Sydney Antique Machinery Club was well represented. 14 tractors, 16 drivers and riders took part. The Vella family, arguably the backbone of the Sydney Club, was represented by Charlie, Austin, Josh and Matt, there was another Charlie Vella there as well, Charlie Bartolo, Ian Browning, Col, Warwick and William Fotheringham, Ray Galdes, Sam Masini, Vince Commins, Ian and Pauline Knox, Alyssa Garth, Kent Graves, Tim, Kevin and Christine Brodie, Chris Horton and Peter Jope. Between us, there were Chamberlains, Massey Fergusons, David Browns, Bulldog and a Porsche 910, not quite a 911 but Alyssa managed to get it going reasonably well, a Fiat and a

John Deere. As well as the drivers, our loyal support crew of Jenny Fotheringham, Noeline Vella, Denise Brown and Maryanne Masini, were there to help us when needed...

There was a welcome barbeque on Wednesday night, breakfast and dinner was supplied by the host club. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea were supplied on the road. After breakfast on Thursday morning, as the tractors were being readied for the day there was a plume of blue smoke rising into the air and looked like smoke bombs had been let off. The SES volunteers that were helping could have been forgiven for thinking they were starting the day with a fire fighting exercise or perhaps the real thing.

The 150 tractors were split into two groups, 85 and 65, the orange and the green teams. After a drivers briefing on Wednesday morning we were off through various country roads, farmers paddocks, a few main roads - very little of those. Being in the green team, we were given morning tea at a woolshed on a 3rd generation cropping and sheep farm. This farm stood out, there is a metre of rich red soil on top of granite, grass cover during the drought was excellent and the canola crops were really spectacular with their yellow blooms. Even kangaroos and an emu must have thought it was a good patch and have taken up residence there. The countryside was a bit like patchwork - greens and yellows. We then moved on to Wombat, a little village outside of Young. It is on the Mid-Western Highway on the Wagga side of Young. There is a model train display there, it is massive and really worth a look. The tracks were running through a shed and out into the open, where a passenger train and a good train were lapping, each going in different directions on the two side by side tracks. There were other trains all running, doing various tasks in the shed and out in the open. To be continued in next month's newsletter – Report by Vince Commins, and photographs supplied by Ian Browning.



SAMCI member's tractor line-up.



Early morning start-up



A small part of the model train layout.

EVENTS CALENDAR

DATES	CLUB, FUNCTION AND CONTACT	LOCATION
12 th – 14 th October, 2018	Little Wings, Central West Tractor Trek. Geoff Porter: cwtractortrek@outlook.com	Molong Showground, Molong, NSW.
12 th – 14 th October, 2018	Dungowan Village Fair, Tractor Trek on 12 th , Fair on the 13 th and 14 th .	Dungowan Recreation Ground, Dungowan, NSW
21 st October, 2018	Convoy for Kids, Truck Convoy to Olympic Park. See website for entry conditions.	Huntingwood Road, Huntingwood, NSW
13 th – 14 th October, 2018	Campbelltown Steam and Machinery Museum, Oil Steam and Kerosene Field Days. Club display.	86 Menangle Road, Gilead, NSW.
9 th – 19 th November, 2018	Bombala Historic Engine and Machinery Society, 11 th Biennial Rally. Bruce Bell: 6458 3273	Bombala Railway Park, Bombala, NSW
16 th – 18 th November, 2018	Southern Tablelands Vintage Farm Machinery Club, 14 th Annual Rally and Tractor Trek. Jacqui Corby: 4840 2139.	Taralga Showground, Taralga, NSW
24 th November, 2018	Sydney Antique Machinery Club, Christmas Social. Registration and payment of \$5.00 to the Treasurer.	Club Grounds, Clarendon, NSW
26 th January, 2019	Hawkesbury Antique Machinery Club, Australia Day.	Australiana Village, Wilberforce, NSW
22 nd – 24 th March, 2019	17 th NHMA National Rally, see website for registration details: https://www.nhmanationalrally2019.com	Sturt Reserve, Murray Bridge, SA
23 rd – 24 th March, 2019	Blacktown City Council, Blacktown Show Ron Irving: 9631 5647	Blacktown Showground, Blacktown, NSW
30 th – 31 st March, 2019	Haulin' the Hume, Historic truck run on old Hume Highway to Yass. Bruce Gunter: 0459 991 929	Camden Equestrian Centre, Camden, NSW
28 th April – 3 rd May, 2019	Rattlin Bones & Engine Groans Machinery Society, Rattlin Round the Barringtons Tractor Trek. Bill Oxley: 0477 044 704	Dungog, NSW

FOR SALE:

Austral 4HP Serial No. 5076.
Good condition. Deceased estate of the
Late Geoff Murrey SAMCI.
\$4500.00
Contact: Jim 4579 7184



The events in **red** are those sanctioned by Sydney Antique Machinery Club Inc.
**Please note: If any member wishes to attend an event not marked as sanctioned, a contact with a
Committee Member is all that is necessary to get the event sanctioned.**

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