



MPC Newsletter

No 6

May 2011

This newsletter is just to give some updates on the activities of the Club over the past three months and a glimpse into the next three.

The Club revised its constitution last year in line with the guidelines set down in the Associations Incorporation Act (1987) The constitution is now called the Rules of Association. They have been accepted by the Commissioner for Consumer Protection and a copy is held in the Club room for your reference.

We have had some interesting club meetings this year; last Wednesday evening Jim Watson showed a collection of photographs he got on a day out. The photos showed an incredible collection of motorbikes and some engines of various types, very hard to identify as everything was crammed into a selection of sheds. The collection seemed to have no organisation or order but went on and on and on. I wonder how many of our wives could cope with such a project in their back yard.

The restoration of club engines on Tuesdays and Sundays is going ahead with eagerness; our goal is to get ready the Club display for the National Rally at Fairbridge in September. The Club engines for our display at present stands at the Akroyd, Hornsby, Trusty, Excelsior and pump, Southern Cross lighting plant, BFW Tractor, Ajax Pump, Kelly and Lewis Pump, Sydney steam deck engine and Clayton and Shuttleworth traction engine. Transport for the Club engines is being part financed by a very generous donation from the MRA.

A lot of work is still to be done so if anybody not directly involved to date wishes to give a hand on Tuesdays or Sundays come to the Club on any of those working days and you will be most welcome. I shall be taking Arthur my portable steam engine and Tangye pump to provide steam for the Club engines.

The rally registrar (valued Club member Les Jones) for the rally exhibits is becoming a little anxious at the lack of registrations to date, so let's support him by those members intending to display at the rally to get the registration form filled in. The forms are available on the web at <http://www.nhmafairbridge2011.info/> or from Leslie Jones at email address jonesey01@netspace.net.au.

The Club project to get the Clayton & Shuttleworth Traction engine restored for the rally is going ahead well with the new boiler fully fitted in the horn plates and the build of the motion gear is well under way. The first steaming to check the boiler and motion gear (that's the bits on top that go in and out and round and round) is intended to take place on Sunday July 24 when the Vintage motorcycle club are making their yearly visit to the Clubroom. The driving wheels will take a few more week before they can be fitted and road tests take place (not on the real road at first but our aim is just that, to get registration plates and give the motoring population a taste of history, while terrifying them in the process *and probably our driver as well*).

The day should be a great day as the vintage motor bike club are supplying the BBQ for all MPC members as well as themselves. They arrive on a wonderful selection of vintage bikes for us all to see. It will be a great day out so come along. Let me or a committee member know if you are to attend for catering purposes. We do not want the embarrassment of the Christmas party where many more Club members arrived without notification and food ran out.

The main income for the Club is the shows ably organised by Steve Barlas who is doing a excellent job. His idea for shows, which is beginning to work well is-

“Members who participate in the shows enjoy showing their engines and have companionship of other members. We have a very faithful core group of members and their wives who always attend; I would really like more people to join this group. The wives enjoy each other’s company, sharing food, conversation and a good look around the shows.

Showing our engines is not just for the public- we share knowledge, ideas and know-how with each other and even rebuild and maintain engines together. Why not join us and make the most of your MPC membership and get out into the country”.

The show calendar for the rest of the year is

31st May Tuesday, Toodyay and Midland “Men’s Shed” will be visiting the Clubrooms
6th June, 2011 Woodloes Open Day. Set up time between 8am and 9am
25th June, Saturday The planning meeting for Fairbridge
24th July, The visiting by the Vintage Motor Cycle Club
August 31st to 7th September Fairbridge National Rally. (Rally days are 2nd 3rd and 4th September)
18th September Trek The Trail Shire of Mundaring is between Wooroloo & Chidlow. Set up time between 8am and 9am.
15th October Toodyay Show
October Kelmscott Show
November Canning Show
13th November West Balcatta Primary School P&C Association. Set up time between 8am and 9am.
November Caversham Historic Motoring Fair ?

Even if you do not have an item to display on the day try to come and enjoy the company and support your Club, is a great day out.

Latest news just in

The MRA have asked us to move all our equipment from Bay 2 in Block 3. (That is the rat pile at the east end of bay 2 and all machines that belong to us). We will be given the area at the end of our clubrooms that is at present occupied by the Perth Theater Group to move into. This area is much smaller than the area we have spread into in bay 2. This means that we have to reduce the “rat pile” to what is important to the Club and scrap the rest. If any Club member has personal stuff including engines in bay 2 they MUST remove it or it will end up in the scrap bin and the proceeds go into Club funds. **This will not go away if nothing is done so be warned remove your stuff NOW or its gone.**

Happy restoring,

Peter Dymond (President)