



Rusty Parts News

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Upcoming Events:

Monthly meetings- first Monday of the month- 7:30pm Club Rooms, Brayshaw Park

Executive Meeting- Monday 9th June - Club Rooms, Brayshaw Park

Working Bee and Pot Luck Dinner- Saturday 12th July – Club Rooms, Brayshaw Park

A & P Show- November 2014

50th Anniversary Celebrations- November 2015



Photos from the recent NZ Ploughing Competitions



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This is the first newsletter in this format and there is a lot to report from around the park. Several events have been attended by members over the past few months and our displays have generated a lot of interest from both local and visiting members of the public. Thank you to all those who helped **with these events, I'm sure they** enjoyed the outings also! Lots of interesting conversations generated.

Newsletters are one form of communication throughout the Club and its success is only as good as the stories presented for inclusion in it. Having said that, I welcome any stories or articles of interest that can be included in the next and subsequent editions. We have given this newsletter a name, but we would be happy if our readers could suggest a different title. My contact details can be found on the first page of this edition.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW DUE:

Family Membership: \$50 Single Membership: \$40

Methods of payment:

Direct debit to MVFMS 01355 0701919 000

Pay by cheque

Pay in cash to Ross Hamilton (*Please remember to place it in a clearly labelled envelope*)

Roles Within The Club After the AGM

President : Bernard Mason

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Grocery Raffle

A decision was made just before Easter to put a raffle together and take it with us to the events that the Club was to attend over the coming weeks thus to gain a greater exposure and hopefully sell more tickets. Two jars of jam was purchased from the Cottage fundraiser and added to items bought from New World. This was drawn at the AGM on the 19th May. A very happy gentleman by the name of Bob from Page Street won the raffle and I delivered it the following day. A total of \$205 was raised and added to the general fund.

Welcome New Members

We would like to welcome three new members to the club:

Geoff Taylor, David Stone & Warren Johnston. We hope to catch up with Geoff Taylor & David Stone in the near future. We did, however manage to catch up with Warren who has moved here from Christchurch where he spent a good part of his life driving



tour buses for Mount Cook but also drove for them in Auckland for twenty years before the company was sold.

He has had a life time interest in all things associated with being a Blacksmith. **Warren used to watch his grandfather busy at work in his Blacksmith's shop as a boy** and was fascinated with his skills. He obviously watched and carefully listened to **his grandfather because when we caught up with him in the Club's Blacksmith shop** he had the forged fired up and was shaping a piece of hot metal on an anvil that belonged to his grandfather, with all the skills of a blacksmith.

Since becoming a member at MVFM Warren has accepted an invitation to become a member of the Acquisitions & Disposals committee where we look forward to his **input and fresh ideas on this important part of the Club's activities.**

Warren also has an interest in country music & has recently joined the Blenheim **Country Music Society. If you haven't already done so, please** make yourself known to him and extend a warm welcome to him.

Rai Valley 80th A&P Show

Held on 1.3.2014 at Rai Valley Show Grounds on a brilliant fine day.

A big “Thank You” to all MVFM members that took part in helping to get machinery up there and returning back to the park on the Sunday. The 1930 Hay bailer driven by a Myles traction engine was a great crowd pleaser, along with stationary motors and tractors including the Avery Ferguson and others. A display of old saw milling gear from **Brownlee’s saw mill was also a great hit.**

In the large tent was a big display of photos of the early days of Rai Valley.

Ken Barr

Canvastown Gold

The occasion was to celebrate 150 years since Elizabeth Pope discovered gold in the Wakamarina river. After several weeks of continual rain, the **Easter long weekend finally arrived. “Mike Edridge Contracting’ was all ready to pick up tractors and equipment to take to the show on the Thursday but the rain still had not let up which meant it would have been very difficult to load the tractors onto the transport trailer. With a lot of uncertainty as what the weather was going to do, it was decided not to take any tractors from our Club. Jim & Dale Donald and John & Jocelyn Burnett loaded the trailers with some small items from around the Club and away we**

went....lots of surface flooding around Okaramio and Havelock with some paddocks in Canvastown afloat. After putting up the tent in a light shower we placed the various items on tables covered with sacks. We then welcomed a steady flow of people throughout the day all interested in the various items.

Of particular interest was the knife cleaner, the old Erickson telephone, Kodak camera, Bear trap and chain saws. No one had a definite answer to the question on this item shown below. Suggestions ranged from a pasta maker to a wringer for socks!! or a machine to run leather through as part of the process for making shoe laces. One young man took a photo of it to put on Facebook to see if any of his friends could identify it. We put together a grocery raffle which was going to be drawn on the night of the AGM in May. This was well supported by the interested visitors. The day attracted a large number of people and although several events had to be cancelled due to the weather conditions, I think the organisers would have been pleased with the turn out. There were some very interesting talks from local residents about the history of the area. People were entertained by several groups including the Barber Shop Singers and the local Kapahaka club. The usual country style morning and afternoon tea was available along with hot coffee from the cart and also chowder and Maori bread. Traditional chutneys and jams were on sale. A lot of effort had been put into the collection of photos and memorabilia which lined the hall and the old store. Outside people could try their luck at panning for gold. Children were thrilled to find a speck of gold in the bottom of their pan. The local



pub accommodated those who were feeling thirsty and the organising committee had a Country Dance planned for the evening.

Picture of machine in question.....



59th New Zealand Ploughing Championships ... 12th May



A very enjoyable weekend was spent at Spring Creek for this event. A good turnout of members helped set up a display which generated a great deal of interest from spectators at this event. Several tractors, old ploughs and a number of small items from around the Park were taken out and these combined with a display from the Tua Marina Club created a great atmosphere among the crowds. The weather was warm although Helen, Ross and Roger may disagree after their efforts taking people around the event on Thomas! The wind did get up and a hot cuppa was needed.

The raffle was taken for another outing and we did well with the takings over the two days. The chair that Roger had made several months ago was taken out for the weekend and thanks to Jim and Helen we have sold one and maybe two. The initial price was lowered but Roger should be thanked for his efforts with this. I think everyone will agree that these are worthwhile events to attend. While providing a display it is also another form of advertising for the Club and a means of networking with both the local and out of town community.

Cottage Restoration Update



Nothing new has happened at the cottage in the last couple of months. We are about to start. Ladies keeping the gardens tidy. Graeme has helped with weeding and has done weed spraying. Eddie and Ross Cooke keep the lawns tidy. Brian Pinnell is home from touring. He has kindly offered to help with the building of the wash room and dairy. Graeme Shefford will also help when he can. The site for the cow shed has been approved. It is to be placed at the back of the cottage in line with the wash room and dairy. The wood workers have agreed to dismantle the cow shed. John Simmons has kindly agreed to level the site for the cow shed. Thank you to all. A big thank you to those who have made jam and pickle and donated books for the cottage fund. Also thank you to all who purchase the goods, without you we would not have the money to finance the project.

Shirley Shefford

Machinery Log Sheets

I'm in the process of writing up log sheets for tractors and other engines around the Club. If you have any information that could be included on these please let me know. A lot of information is unavailable so please contact me if you can add to what we have. Also, if you see that the information is incorrect let me know as this can be easily changed on the computer and a new sign written up.

Jocelyn Burnett

Thomas the Tank Engine

A big thank you goes out to Eddie and Alison, our resident caretakers. They have been doing a great job looking after the park. Every night Eddie goes for a walk to ensure all the buildings are secure which sometimes they are not. Alison does a great job cleaning up after us in the Denton Building among lots of other things she does. They also, along with their grandson Justin, make themselves available every Sunday to take visiting families for a ride around the park on board Thomas & his carriage for a gold coin donation. Justin has been responsible for cleaning out the carriage each Sunday before the visitors arrive. Eddie and Alison provide the fuel for Thomas at no charge to the club!! This is all great advertising for our club as no doubt these people go away and tell other people about our club. Thanks you guys for taking the initiative, giving up your own time and covering fuel expenses to allow this much enjoyed activity.



Windy Weather

The weekend of 23-24 of May saw some very high winds around the country that caused some damage and unfortunately the old header shed at the back of the park did not escape the winds. When Ross Hamilton went to check on the buildings he saw the roofing iron lifting 4 or 5 inches. On Monday he and Ken Barr moved some of the machines out so they could re-secure the purlins and the iron. Thanks for the great effort and **I'm sure we are all pleased that we didn't lose the roof completely!!**



50th Anniversary



Preparations have started for the Club's anniversary next year. Ken Barr, John Simmons, Ross Hamilton and other members have been busy getting the display area ready. They have filled in some humps and hollows with some spare top soil from further up the park.



It's great to see "Old No.6" is busy at work again carting and spreading the top soil. Just like old times aye John!! The organising required to make the anniversary celebrations a success will require a significant input from all club members. An organising committee will soon be formed so please get involved to help make this a successful and memorable event. If everyone gets in behind this event and does their bit to help, more displays will be available for the public to view.

Working Bee and Pot Luck Dinner

Saturday 12th July 2014



ALL MEMBERS are urged to help out on this day to have a winter clean up. Please come armed with a broom, shovel, loppers, chain saws AND a lot of enthusiasm to get the job done. We would like to sweep out all the main sheds of dust & leaves, trim trees around the park and generally have a good tidy up. A list of jobs to be done has been formed and we anticipate that we should be finished in plenty of time before daylight ends!!!!!! Anything NOT on the list will not be done on the day; we want this to be a productive day without everyone going off on a number of tangents. At the end of the day we hope to see the fruits of our labours.

If you can only help for a short time it will be much appreciated....morning or afternoon. Obviously if the weather is indifferent we will be limited with outside tasks but there is plenty to be done inside.

LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL THERE.....9AM START.



At the end of the day a Pot Luck Dinner will be held in the Clubrooms at 6pm and we can relax and enjoy a Mid Winter get together. A good variety of wine will be provided by Giesens Wines but BYO beer or other preferred beverages. Bernard Mason has recorded the filming that was carried out at Brayshaw Park during the Heritage open days in February and thought we might be able to watch them before dinner.

We will be running a mystery raffle on the night, tickets will be \$2 each. All proceeds to the club!

POT LUCK DINNER.....6PM START with filming of the TV show beforehand.

Congratulations

Happy Birthday to all who celebrate their birthday in June.

Illness

To any Club Members who are feeling under the weather at the moment either with a cold or something more serious, we hope that each day will bring an improvement and you will soon feel better and be back on the road to good health.

Displays

The more we look around the park the more we realise just how much has been donated to the club over the years. While a lot of this donated material has been put on display there is still an awful lot that could be sorted, cleaned up & put on display. Roger Schroder has done a great job cleaning up the collection of scales donated by the late Michael Swindles & displaying them in a corner of the Denton Building.

We have other such collections that could be put on display. Examples of these include a large collection of rotary hoes, lawn mowers, butter churns & milk/cream separators. These items do not need to be overhauled & painted to look like brand new (but you can if you want to), just a clean up & put on display. We have plenty of resources available to help with displays. If you are interested in taking on a small project like this then please come forward & let us know. Getting involved with a small project like this can be very rewarding from researching the items, getting the items on display & the social interaction that goes with it.

If you, or if you know of anyone that maybe interested in undertaking such a task **that isn't currently a member** please invite them along so we can show them around our club. These people do not need to be mechanics, engineers or such, just have an interest in our past.

John Burnett Curator

Restorations



After a bit of research and Jim Donald applying for some funds from the Marlborough District Council, **“Kate”** the McLaren Steam Roller is finally going to get some fire back into her lungs. Jeff Rowberry & Peter Tester are leading this project to restore Kate back to her former glory. She has been moved into the building beside the Wood Workers where the work will be carried out. Kate was given a hydraulic drive some years ago so she could at least be self propelled. We have some of the parts

required to get her **“steamed” up again like new boiler tubes but some parts will need** to be manufactured.

More on this restoration in the next news letter.

Hanomag Z25 John Neal reports the Hanomag restoration is progressing with a lot of the parts cleaned up ready for appraisal with regards to getting some prices ready to get the parts re-assembled. More on this project with some photos in the next edition

Completed Restoration



Ted Hutcheson has completed the restoration of this David Brown 30T with the help of Alan Petersen, Alan McWha, Bruce Davies and several other enthusiastic helpers. Well done you guys. **What's next? Maybe** some blue, orange or green machines!!

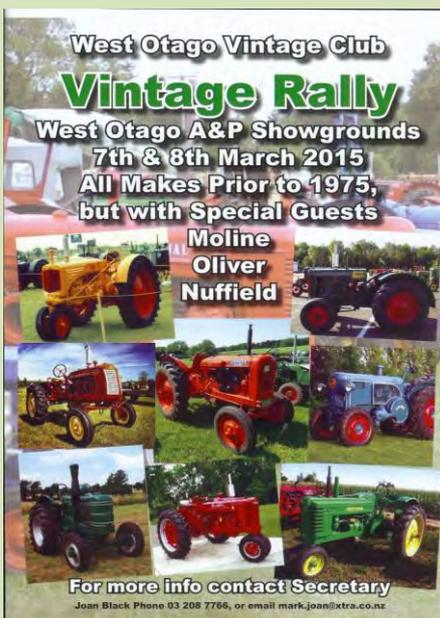
Acquisitions We have been fortunate in acquiring a Caterpillar D4 7U & an Austin Loadstar from the Ryan Family of Seddon. These machines will be delivered to the park soon. Thanks to Jim Campbell for securing this acquisition. A Massey Harris No.8 seed drill has been donated by Don Cromarty. More on these machines in the next edition.

Disposals



This old Fordson E27N has been dismantled & sold for parts on TradeMe. Thanks to everyone who has helped with this project. The parts have been sold to people restoring one of these tractors in Riverton, Ashburton, Wanganui, Taranaki & Kaitia. We received nearly \$1200.00 from these parts & we still have some items remaining like a good engine & radiator.

John Burnett – Acquisitions & Disposals



Please note the date of this event. If anyone is interested please contact Godfrey Earle or see the flyer on the notice board in the Denton Building.

Get involved

It's great to see all the members that get involved in the Club activities from week to week. These are the people that are rostered on to man the front desk during the week so we can have the Club open for viewing to the general public which includes visitors from both NZ and overseas, members who show up every Saturday to complete restorations, members who carry out routine maintenance around the park, not only on club buildings but also on machines that have flat tyres, flat batteries and broken pieces that require some TLC.

To all the club members that we don't see very often, we know life is very busy but this is your club too. Just a small amount of your time to help with manning the front desk once a month or a morning/afternoon to help keep the small amount of gardens tidy would be much appreciated. Saturday morning smoko is a great chance to catch up with everyone, all the gossip and **what's happening** around the park. The Club has a lot on its agenda this year with several issues that need some careful thought and planning. Please get involved, put your hand on the steering wheel and have your say in the **Club's** running and future direction.

Jocelyn Burnett

Oh, the pity of old age.

When I went to lunch today, I noticed an old man sitting on a park bench sobbing his eyes out. I stopped and asked him what was wrong. He said, "I have a 22 year old wife at home. She rubs my back every morning and then gets up and makes me pancakes, sausage, fresh fruit and a nice cup of tea."

I said, "Well, then why are you crying?"

He said, "She makes me homemade soup for lunch and my favourite biscuits, cleans the house and then watches sports TV with me for the rest of the afternoon."

I said, "Well, why are you crying?"

He said, "For dinner she makes me a gourmet meal with wine and my favourite dessert and then makes love with me until the wee hours"

I said, "Well, why in the world would you be crying?"

He said, "I can't remember where I live!"

Next Issue

If anyone has any articles that they would like included in the next issue of Rusty Parts please get in contact with me; my details are on the first page. The next issue will be out in September. The caption below sums up how we felt about computers when writing this news letter.

Jocelyn Burnett



We hope you have enjoyed this edition of Rusty Parts. No doubt there will be lots of suggestions on how we could improve it, what we have missed out, what we should do & **items that aren't quite correct!!** Any constructive criticism will be welcome. Until next time all, the best to our club members & families.

