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of

Kaipara Vintage Machinery Club

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Presidents Report

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Here we are, well into April, a quarter of the year almost over! Like so many other museums we have closed the doors, working from home in our bubbles.

Looking back over the last couple of months, Annie F has finished painting a No. 8 separator and is now working on an industrial sewing machine.

Terry T repaired a front end loader bucket which is now back on Ann's John Deere waiting for work.

We have a prospective new member, Roy Harper who is fitting in well and hopefully enjoying getting back into the panel-beating trade.

Hubert and Kevin W continue to service the

display tractors - starting the motors and cleaning up the drips on the floor and occasionally going for a bit of a drive outside.

The Fergie 135 is making progress in the R & M department, but still has a long way to go.

I have taken on the job of sorting, sifting and cataloguing the stuff in the containers - enough said!! And to finish off with, the last load of scrap Peter S loaded is still on his truck and transporter, the scrap yard was in lockdown just before he got there.

Take care out there and remember to keep in touch with one and all

Regards

Bill Fitness

Newsletter #101 is partly devoted to celebrating 100 newsletters published since the foundation of the Kaipara Vintage Machinery Club in 2001.

Over the years, Pauline Cates, "Spark Plug", has been devoted to the job of typist and during that time we have never missed a dead line; pretty close a few times - off the press at 4.30 pm, committee meeting 7.30pm.

Linda Gent wrote the first edition, the next year Pauline Cates, who was working for club member, Ray Le Noel was given the job of typing and lay-out. When Ray sold his business, Pauline continued as our volunteer typist for the ensuing 19 years.

We are deeply indebted to her and sincerely appreciate her input. May she continue doing her sterling job for ever.

To celebrate the achievement of 101 Newsletters, we are reprinting an edited text of the first edition.

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Good things take time, or so the cheese add would have you believe. Not necessarily so. The Kaipara Vintage Machinery Club is just one year old and has made amazing progress. This is the club's first newsletter—expect further issues from time to time. If you have any items you would like to see in the newsletter pass your request on to the secretary or take it along to a meeting.

This issue will be devoted to the events of the past year and a little to the future. Feed back will be welcomed - try a letter to the editor. I look forward to receiving mail and will try to accommodate suggestions in forthcoming issues. Mind you the editor has the power to decide what to print and what not to print.

Rusty-nut - Editor

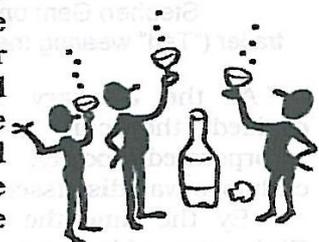
BIRTHDAY GREETINGS



30 August 2002 was the first birthday of the Club. And what a year it has been. President Bruce could not possibly have thought that his simple add in the local newspaper would be so effective. The first meeting, held at the home of Bruce and Edna Galloway at Te Kopuru was attended by six in total with apologies from seven others who had been unable to attend due to weather related problems - can't possibly have been as wet as this year but obviously bad enough to deter those who had a little distance to travel. Those present determined the aims and objects of the organisation would be the restoration and preservation of vintage machinery of various sorts, principally

agricultural and agreed upon the name of the club. After the second meeting a banking account had been opened, enquiries were underway to find a suitable home and the prospect of a display at the Field Days in February 2002 was discussed.

The November meeting was taken up mostly with planning for a public presence in the Christmas Parade on 8 December. The club made a major contribution to a surprisingly good parade on such a very wet morning. It rained steadily right up until the parade started. The sun didn't quite make it but it didn't rain while the parade took place however all the big and small reindeer were thoroughly soaked as was everyone involved at the marshalling point.



AGM : Thursday 19 September 2002 - 8 p.m.

At the January 2002 meeting it was decided the Club needed to become an incorporated society. The constitution and club logo was discussed at length.

By the time the Field Days arrived the club was able to have a major impact and projected a positive image to the public. With screen-printed hats that had been generously subsidised by a local machinery firm and sold to members, it was easy for people to see who was 'official'.

The display was very impressive with a David Brown crawler (Milton Randell), an "N" series Ford (David Dreadon), the Phillips Family Farmall collection, the Vallance Family's treasured 135 Fergusson, Dennis Randells International, Eddie Yakichs Allis Chalmers along with Cecil Lupton's project and a busy little blue tractor from Stephen Gent.

The 1920 Booth Macdonald stationery baler donated by the Jefcoate Family of Turiwiri and the 1955 Super 77 New Holland baler gifted by Wes and Stan Wordsworth of Tatarariki were appreciated by young and old alike.

The display also included a wide variety of exhibits and static displays. It was one of the most popular sites over all tree days of the show and the response was very supportive.

Members were being given machinery, people were becoming increasingly aware of the organisation and treasures were being found in sheds throughout the district - some sheds had not been opened for more than 40 years.

While the hunt continued for a suitable home, meetings were still being held at President Bruce's home with Edna serving supper at the end of the official business and membership was steadily growing.

The Kaipara District Council suggested a sub-lease from the Museum for the area required and approved the removal of pine trees to clear the area.

Big bonfires of tree remains and rubbish burnt for several days. All this was made possible with the help of Milton Randells grunty digger, that busy blue tractor, an assortment of truck when possible and a small number of volunteers.

A building committee is looking into a suitable building. Costs are being investigated as are funding possibilities so that the dream can be realised.

So much to plan so much to do!!

Well that's the abridged version of the first year. On the way, fun has been had by all taking part in the various activities.

A club organised dinner at the Northern Wairoa Hotel, where the President and Secretary wore appropriate chains of office was well attended.

Our Thanks to President Bruce for Sponsoring this First edition of the Newsletter

ANZAC DAY

Saturday

25th April

Due to the Covid-19 shutdown, there will be no Dawn or Remembrance Services this year

"We Will Remember Them"

The Kaipara Vintage Machinery Club has closed the doors to the public until further notice. The office staff are working from home, trying to keep in touch with the other volunteers by phone and also doing a 'look-see' for vandalism and the wee rodents who will be seeking a comfortable winter home. Traps need to be set and "guests" evicted.

KAIPARA VINTAGE MACHINER CLUB

PATRON Bruce Galloway

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