



HITS & PIECES

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Ashburton A & P Show 2013

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Ashburton A & P

On the 1st and 2nd November the Club had its usual stands at the Ashburton Show, the weather on the Friday was a bit changeable but Saturday was excellent, there were good numbers on both days in attendance.

The Club's theme this year was 110 years of Ford. We did not manage to get machines to cover the whole 110 years but did manage 100 years, Kevin Beggs Model T car, 1913 to Gluyas Motors NH 6070, 2013.

The oldest tractor was Peter Gluyas's 1927 Cork Ford N, Rob Cooke put in two excellent restored Ford Ns, one a 1929 Cork N the other a 1937 N, Peter Gluyas had an original 1946 Ford Ferguson. Ray Logan exhibited a restored 1951 E27N and Don Wakelin had a 1954 restored petrol Fordson.

Gordy Carter had several tractors all in very good condition; a 1956 Fordson County Crawler, a 1957 Fordson Major, a 1960 Fordson Dexta and a 1973 Ford 3000. The one of Gordon's that got the most attention was a Fordson Roadless Ploughmaster.

Tim Waller exhibited a nice 1960 narrow Fordson Dexta and John Hall had his very well presented 1964 NP Fordson Major.



Sam Keating's mini drag line ditch cleaner.

Johnny Walker had his original 1972 petrol Ford 2000. Cliff Begg entered his Ford 4000 and Peter Martin had a 1978 Ford 7700. This was in its working clothes.

Peter Gluyas had an immaculate 1978 Ford 6600, following this Tryphena Carter had her Ford 4110 4x4.

We had two very unusual tractors on site this year, the first was the late Sam Keating's mini drag line ditch cleaner. This is a Fordson Major front end matched up to a E27N back end running two winches to operate a side mounted boom. The idea is to winch the bucket (scoop) out to the end of the boom lower it into the ditch and winch back in.

The Council liked this machine because it did not make the ditch too wide or deep as some hydraulic machines can. This machine was operated by Sam up until his death in 2006 and was exhibited by his son David. Sam and engineer Sandy Begbie made this machine, a credit to their ingenuity.

The other rare tractor was a replica Fordson Doe exhibited by Peter Wooley. This was two Fordson tractors that Peter married together the same as the Does were in England. It was painted in the Doe colour's of the time: orange and blue and it really looked the part. Peter also had had a very good looking Ford County 1124 which was attached to John Hall's 1968 restored 6 furrow Ford Ransoms plough.

Lastly was a 2013 New Holland 6070 tractor supplied by Gluyas Motors to show how far tractors have progressed over 110 years.

On the other side of the driveway was a very good display of Ford cars and trucks over the time.

The oldest was Kevin Begg's 1913 Model T, Greg Donaldson had two very good looking vehicles: a 1948 Ford Bonus pickup truck and a 1971 Ford Fairmont car. Cliff Begg had his 1942 Ford V8 military car, Ross Worner had a 1961 Ford Zephyr mkII.

Trevor Love exhibited some nice examples too, a 1956 Ford Thunderbird, 1958 Ford Truck and a lovely 2011 Ford Mustang.

Show

Bernie Bradley also entered a 1965 Mustang. The Ashburton Fire Brigade entered one of their vintage fire engines, being a 1938 Ford and Johnny Wallace entered a Ford V8 generator.

This was a great show. The exhibits were well presented and the stands looked good.

Thanks must go to John Hall and John Stewart for organising the tractor stand, and to Struan Christie

for the Photographs, Cliff Begg for organizing the cars and trucks and to everyone else who assisted - well done.



President's Report

Hello Members,

Thank you to all who attended our day out at Andrew Quigley's Contracting Yard and Dairy farm.

It was very good day seeing all the machinery and viewing the layout of the dairy and covered sheds.

We had morning tea which they provided for us. After viewing all machinery, workshop and sleeping quarters, we had lunch in their smoko room. On leaving we were all given a hat to wear.

After that we headed down the road to Charles Ross's place where we were told to park by the shingle pit. Charles did a demo with the loader filling the truck and proceeded out the pit down to the yard where he put a display starting a tractor with either, an older grader being started up, two bulldozers displayed what he does with them,

and also the pivot tractor pulling the grubber and harrows.

It was a good day comparing the old with the new.

Our November meeting we were entertained by John Hall on the time he had packing the container in America with photos put on our new screen assisted by Struan.

Thank you to all the members that helped at the A&P Show with the displays. It was a real credit to you all for the time and effort that was put into arranging the tractors, cars and trucks as I was looking after a stand at the show myself.

Regards
Peter McMullan



Massey Ferguson in Italy

by Anthony Hampton

On Friday 19th July 2013 an Agco representative picked us up from our hotel in Breganze, Italy and we were taken to the Massey Ferguson header factory.

The factory was started by Pietro Laverda on his farm in 1873 producing bell tower clocks, wine making machines and farm implements. The Laverda Company went on to design and build the first Italian self propelled combine in 1956.



Line up of headers ready for export

Between 1971 & 1975 they produced the first combine in the world to be equipped with a crosswise and longitudinal self levelling system.

In 2007 Agco purchased a 50% share in the company and combines were supplied under the Massey Ferguson, Fendt, Challenger & Laverda brands. In March 2011 Agco acquired the remaining 50% of the Laverda Company.

Our tour started from the visitor centre through to the museum showing the machinery built over the years, all nicely restored. This museum was originally the old farm cow barn. Next we were shown to the production line where the combines are built, this building was huge covering 6.8 hectares of a total 24 hectares owned of the company.

While we were there it was their holidays from 1st July to 1st September, so the factory was going through a major rebuild, the assembly line was being made longer – instead of 15 combines being built at a time it was going to be 24. To do this the paint shop and engineering shop were being moved.

The new paint shop was almost complete at a cost of \$29 million. Once a part reached the paint shop there was no human contact with it, all done by robots. All paint used is water based for safety of staff, all welding of parts manufactured was also done by robots. The engineering shop was being shifted with each man dismantling, shifting and rebuilding his own machine in the new shop.



First self propelled header built in 1956

All parts for the combines are built in store, except engines, tyres and cab windows, with 69,000 different parts stored on site.

There are six machines coming off the assembly line a day with 13000 built per year in their different colours and models.

A very enjoyable tour.

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New Committee Meeting Procedure

Everyone should want to be on the committee from now on.

As well as having a say into management decisions you will have the opportunity to improve your wardrobe at the same time.

The trick is to make sure that you are not the last to leave the meeting, as then you have the choice of footwear you want at the front door.

South Canterbury Trip

by John Hall

On Wednesday 20 November 24 club members left Ashburton at 7.30am heading south for a day out.

First stop was Rata Industries factory at Winchester. The business employs 27 staff manufacturing and importing a large range of agricultural implements.

We saw the whole process from welding through to painting and assembling the finished machine. Quite a range from frontend loader attachments, cultivation equipment, mowers, rakes and fertiliser spreaders.

After morning tea we headed for Weston, North Otago. Had our lunch in Parkside Gardens, part of the Parkside Quarries business before a tour of stone quarry and limeworks.

In the stone quarry we saw where they cut the stone out and watched it being cut ready to be used in the building industry. We were also shown the machinery used to remove limestone and cart it to the limeworks.

From a 50 ton Cat dump truck to Cat loaders and dozers. A very impressive operation.

The last visit for the day was to the Mitchell and Webster farm at Weston. They farm over 1400 hectares growing a range of crops, one of which is sunflowers which they use to produce birdseed.

They have a company on the farm called Topflite

which packs the seeds ready for sale to the pet shops all over NZ. We were given a tour of the packing sheds and also looked at their machinery and grain handling complex.

To finish off the day we enjoyed a meal at the Makikihi Hotel on the way home.



Ploughing Match at Clark's

by John Stewart

On Father's Day - Sept 1, the annual ploughing match was held at David and Terry Clarks property at Valetta. Nine ploughmen competed in near perfect ground conditions on a beautiful spring day.

First place: Gordon Carter

Second place: Robert Watson

Third place: Pearce Watson

Prize giving and a cup of tea was held at the Mayfield Tavern afterwards. Thanks to club member John Moore who was ploughing on the day and also supplied the afternoon tea. Thanks also to the Clarks for the use of their property and to the judges and organisers.

Ploughing Fun Day at Donaldson's

by Greg Donaldson

On 19 & 20th October I organised the annual ploughing day at the Donaldson property at Valletta. The weather was great, but unfortunately the turnout was poor, two members came up during the week and only four at the weekend which is a shame as the land owner had got implements out for us to use. This will be the last ploughing day at this property mainly due to poor numbers attending.



NOTICEBOARD

UP COMING MEETINGS

December 4th shed meeting at Tim Waller's and John Hall's both properties are on Wakanui Road about 3km from town boundary. We will visit Tim's shed first, at 7.30 (sign will be at gate). Supper provided, please bring a chair.

February 5th Meeting at K88 Room

WEBSITE

The club has its web page up and running. The address is: www.midcanterburyvintagemachineryclub.co.nz Please have a look, more photos and info are to be put on it yet.

Thanks must go to Ross Worner and his daughter Kate for setting this up. It has been a big learning curve for most of us, and without Kate's knowledge of these things, we would have struggled.

The Club now has an email address this is to save several people having correspondence going to their private email addresses and then having to redirect it. This also means that when officers change the email address will remain the same. The address is mcvintagemachinery@hotmail.com

DISCLAIMER The club has set up this web page to publicise the club and its activities and by being a member you may have your image, name and machinery published on line, this will be at the discretion of the webmaster.

Craig Wakelin will have a paddock to plough in January /February 2014 after Barley has been cut for silage. If any member wishes to get some practice or set up a plough you will be welcome. Contact Don Wakelin 3080422. There will be a loader available. The paddock is at 147 Wakanui Road just past Albert Street, up lane.

FOR SALE 1949 W6 International electric start restored condition, good tyres runs well \$2000.00 contact Trevor Giles 3084945

FOR SALE 1946 W4 International crank start reasonable condition tyres average. Offers. Contact Colin Cross 3084945

The Altex Paint Shop have a paint sale on at the moment 40% off retail if interested contact Colleen O'Sullivan, POBox 142 Tauranga or colleen@carboline.co.nz ph 07 5412 017

RALLY DVD The club still has 40 copies left over to sell could be a good Christmas present for someone contact Pete McMullan

UP COMING EVENTS

7th December Xmas parade assemble at Mona Square 11.30 am for 12 o'clock start

14th December Tractor Trek. Meet at Allan Willetts place Racecourse road at 8am. Possibly going to Mt Sommers loading bank available tractors can be left here the night before. BBQ lunch, please note change of date. More details at December meeting or contact Pete McMullan

January 25th Westland A & P show Hokitika

Jan 25-26 Edendale crank up

Jan/Feb paddock for ploughing at Wakelins Wakanui Road (see note at bottom left)

Feb 1-2 Nelson Vintage Show Higgins Park

Feb – March Vintage Harvest weekend at Pete Buttericks more info later

March 8th Mayfield A&P Show

March 15th Methven A&P Show

Mar 29-30 Ellesmere 150 anniversary weekend

April 12-13 Steam Extravaganza McLeans Island

April 19-20 Sth Canty Traction & Steam Club 50 Anniversary



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