



HITS & PIECES

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Peter Butterick's 1931 Sunshine Header

**Meetings are held on the FIRST Wednesday of each month at 8pm in the
K88 Room at the Plains Museum**

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hello members,

Well what a good night we had for our June meeting. Thanks to John Hall for arranging with Greg Lovett to view his processing shed. We observed the onion grader and sorter that fills the bags and stacks them onto a pallet then wraps it in plastic for export. The engineering workshop tucked away in the corner building two trailers with tracks weighing twelve tons when empty and the amount of steel in these was incredible.

It was a really good turnout of members with 45 people having an enjoyable night. We had our meeting in Greg's smoko room and announced that our donation to Ronald MacDonald House was \$20,000 which is profit from the Wheat & Wheels Rally. This was to be presented at the CRT rooms on the 10th of June at 12am in Ashburton. We finished with a cup of tea and some hot savouries to warm ourselves up before heading off home with a bag of fresh red and white onions.

Thank you to all who attended this evening.

On June the 10th at lunchtime we had a turnout of about 23 members to come and see the Club present Ronald Macdonald House with a cheque for \$20,000, at the CRT store.

We also had the media there writing articles and taking photos for the newspaper. After the presentation we had a cup of tea and a sandwich and talked amongst ourselves. Thank you to all who came along.

On June the 11th Peter Butterick and myself went along to the MSA to the Trust Power Community Awards night with other groups from around the Ashburton District. It was an enjoyable night. In our section we were presented with a runner up prize and a cheque for \$250.

Our July meeting was our Annual Club dinner held at the MSA. We had a good number of members come along to have an enjoyable night out talking amongst friends.

Marilyn Cross prepared a nice poem about the Wheat & Wheels Rally which she read out to us all.

Thank you Marilyn for all the work you put into this. Marilyn then asked Peter Butterick, David Thompson and myself to go up to be presented with a folder of the poem and the Rally catalogue.

On the 10th of July 29 members travelled to Ronald McDonald House to be shown around and were given a lovely morning tea. We were presented with a model of tractor and trailer on a plaque with the words as follows.

Present to Mid-Canterbury Vintage Machinery Club Inc- Wheat & Wheels Rally

From Ronald McDonald House South Island.

Thank you. "Helping families chase the clouds away everyday"



Pete McMullan presenting a cheque for \$20,000 to Ronald McDonald House.

Left to right: Rob McMillan (CRT), Pete McMullan (MCVMC President), Lizzie Dyer and Meri Wyren (Ronald McDonald House Representatives), Henry Ross (CRT)

After this we got back on the bus and were treated to a trip around the Red Zone by David Beckley from Beckley Coach lines. David then drove us to Wigram air base where we had lunch and went through the museum for a 1 hour viewing of their displays of planes and memorabilia.

Thank you to all members for supporting this bus trip.

From Your Chairman

Peter McMullan.

Ploughing Match REPORTS

by John Hall

MID-CANTERBURY VINTAGE MACHINERY CLUB PLOUGHING MATCH:

On Saturday June 1, the Mid-Canterbury Vintage Machinery Club held their annual ploughing match on the property of Matthew & Julia Paton, Beach Road, Wakanui.

The grass paddock was in excellent condition after the recent rain, and a fine day made it ideal conditions for the match.

Results were as follows:

SILVER PLOUGH:

1st Bob Mehrtens.
2nd Alan Begg.
3rd Robert Casey..

VINTAGE QUALIFYING:

1st Gordon Carter.
2nd Maurice Millar.
3rd Pearce Watson.

VINTAGE OPEN CLASS:

1st Ken Readman
2nd John Tait
3rd Lyall Parnham

VINTAGE CLUB:

1st Geoffrey Corbett.
2nd Colin Boon.
3rd Trevor Begg.
4th Colin Cross

COULTER CUT:

1st John Stalker
2nd Alistair Rutherford

The day concluded with afternoon tea and prize-giving at the Wakanui Hall.

Thanks to the judges and stewards, also the committee who helped make it a success.

RAKAIA PLOUGHING MATCH:

On Sunday 9 June the Rakaia ploughing match Association held their annual ploughing match on the property kindly loaned by Bruce & Erin Wild.

The grass paddock provided excellent conditions for the event.

Results were as follows:

SILVER PLOUGH:

1st E. Gin, Oamaru.
2nd A. Seaton, Kirwee.
3rd W. Seaton, Kirwee.

VINTAGE QUALIFIED PLOUGH-OFF:

1st O. Winter, Rangiora
2nd P. Watson, Ashburton
3rd P. Johnson, Temuka

OPEN CLASS PLAIN PLOUGHING:

1st. L. Parnham, Leeston
2nd R. Watson, Ashburton
3rd. R. Weavers, Methven
4th. J. Tait, Mayfield

O. Winter and P. Watson
will represent Canterbury
in the Vintage Finals to
be held in Blenheim on
May 10-11, 2014



Roger Smith

HINDS PLOUGHING MATCH

June 2, 2013 at Ian Lowe's Property

Report by Neil Ross

Sunday the 2nd June saw about 40 ploughmen competing at Ian Lowe's property. A fine warm day with a strong norwest wind, although the tent and toilet were blown over, excellent soils and good ploughing was achieved.

The field consisted of a quad track to horses and vintage to reversible.

A good day was had by all and thanks to Ian Lowe.



Gordy Carter

Silver Plough

T Carter (qualified)

- 1 J Cridge
- 2 B Merthens
- 3 A Begg
- 4 T Carter

High Cut

- 1 J Stalker
- 2 J Thorton
- 3 A Rutherford

Vintage

Qualifying

- 1 B Ward (qualified)
- 2 O Winter
- 3 P Watson
- 4 M Miller
- 5 G Carter
- 6 R Watson

Open Vintage

- 1L Pharnham
- 2 J Tait
- 3 C Boon

Horses

- 1 C Drummond
- 2 D Cottol
- 3 Plott 44 Eron & Bella
(two girls)

Young Farmers Club

J Bird

Classics

- 1 R Weaver
- 2 S Stratford
- 3 J Goldwerthy

KAIAPOI & RANGIORA TRIP

Report by Stuart Hart

On Wednesday June 12, twelve hardy people left the Hotel Ashburton and drove off into the sun for the first part of the journey. Once the sun rose, it became easier to see. With Sat Nav doing it's job, we arrived at Patience and Nicolson in Kaiapoi at about 9.45am.

We were met by the Sales Manager and shown around the factory which has been in existence since the 1940's when it originally made hacksaw blades and drill bits.

The hacksaw blades are now made in Australia but the drill bits, which are mainly for export, are still made here.

This operation is highly technical and fascinating

to watch. Some machines are operated by robots and the rest are manual.

After leaving Patience and Nicholson, we drove to Rangiora for lunch then onto Sparks Museum. This interesting place has collections of just about everything that one can think of.

The tractor collection was the highlight of the visit to the museum, I think. Allis Chambers were the dominant make and I was interested to see an Allis Chambers tractor that I remember grading Harrison Street on, when I was a small boy.

A very interesting and fun day out. Thank you to John for organising this.

A Good Old Bloke

by John Tait

John and Natalie Holdaway have an average age of 80 years and are about to make the move into town.

Natalie will continue with her paintings, but John will be giving up restoring headers.

The Holdaways moved from Blenheim 25 years ago to a much larger farm at Westerfield. This property has some very good soils and a lateral irrigation system has been installed.

Son Michael and his wife run the farm and grandson Joseph bales big square meals for hungry cows, and in the winter does the same over in England.

John has a passion for Massey Harris and has rescued several small tow-behind headers of many colours from the 40s and 50s era.



Some were restored and others were used for spare parts, and they were too far gone.

Its interesting that three of the restored headers were at the Wheat and Wheels Rally recently and two of them were working.

Perhaps it was the move to town that prompted John to relinquish some of his toys.

He offered them to club members, knowing which makes might suit which people.

Keith Howden got the John Deere 12A, Anthony Hampton has the Massey Harris Clipper and John Tait got the International 52R.

We are very grateful to John because otherwise these machines may have been scrapped.

We all wish John and Natalie a Happy retirement!



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NOTICEBOARD

TREASURES REPORT

The annual subs are now overdue please check to see if you have paid. If not: \$35.00 to Anthony Hampton, PO Box 390 Ashburton

UP COMING MEETINGS

August 7th meeting at k88 room. Struan Christie will run through the photos he and Stu Hart took at the rally.

September 4th meeting at K88 room, one of our club members will give a talk on their overseas trip.

FOR SALE Rally DVD. This is a three DVD pack and is for sale for \$25.00 incl. postage and packaging please order by contacting Clare or John Stewart they need to be paid for when ordering.

We will also have **FOR SALE** the still photos that Struan and Stuart took at the rally. Please contact Struan - these are the photos that will be shown at the August meeting.

TRACTOR TREK

Our annual tractor trek will be on the first weekend of December, anyone with ideas of where to go, please contact Pete McMullan.

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UP COMING EVENTS

10 August Ellesmere vintage Club ploughing Match at Lyle Parnhams. Contact Alister Chambers 03 324 3936

11 August Sedgemere Hall Committee Ploughing Match at Lyle Parnhams. Contact Alister Chambers 03 324 3936

14 September NZ Club auction at Keating Park

21 & 22 September Waipara Vintage Festival www.waiparavintagefestival.com

19 October Rangiora A & P Show

1st & 2nd November Ashburton A & P Show

13 – 15 November Christchurch A & P Show

25 & 26 January 2014 Edendale crankup

29 & 30 March 2014 Leeston 150 years

12 & 13 April 2014 Steam Scene McLeans Island

Easter 2014 South Canterbury Traction & Steam 50th Anniversary

Ashburton Show - 1st and 2nd November

The theme for our stand will be 110 years of Ford any one with Ford gear wishing to exhibit, please contact John Hall or John Stewart. Also anyone with modified Ford tractors, e.g. pelican loader, rear diggers, forklifts, drain cleaners etc.

Please let the conveners know as this could make an interesting display.



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