



The Oily Rag

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NDSCC's Aim

To bring like minded people together for social outings in their vehicles.

Next NDSCC Runs - 20th Sept and AGM - 27th Sept

20th September

Lakeside Classic Car Racing Day

As Peter has already informed members via email, if you are attending this day, you need to meet at the gate in Lakeside Road, Kurwongbah by 8.00am so we can enter as

a club and be allocated a space for our cars. It will cost \$20 to enter. Please let Peter know if you are attending.

27th September

NDSCC AGM

The AGM is being held at Peter & Lyn's place, 19-23 Gail Court Burpengary (off

Uhlmann Rd). The club will be supplying the BBQ food & salads. Members are asked to be there by 10.00am and please bring your own chairs, tables, plates, cutlery, drinks, etc. For catering purposes, please let Julie Walters know if you are attending.

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Report on Run to Somerset Dam - 16th August

Well, guess what – Graeme and I won the questionnaire so here goes with the run report.

Unfortunately there were only 13 of us on this run, and after waiting until about 8.40 for any stragglers we headed out for the run.

We left the car park at Caboolture and headed out towards Kilcoy. The weather was absolutely gorgeous and we continued on to Toogoolawah for morning tea. The breeze came up here and we got a bit cold – but if you could find a sunny spot it was

gorgeous.

From there we travelled on to "The Spit" at Somerset Dam.

After finally parking (unfortunately the race boats were on and they were just finishing when we arrived so we had to wait to get a park), we assembled under a nice shady area and had our meeting and lunch.

Although we were small in numbers we all managed to enjoy ourselves and had a lovely lunch.

Thanks again to Marilyn, Keith and visitor Noel for

the run.

Graeme and I were gob smacked that we won the questionnaire and had a good laugh at some of the answers that we all gave to some of the questions.

After lunch we all packed up and headed home. The drive home was non-eventful and again it was nice to get the cars out and have a longish run in the lovely weather (even though we took the modern).

Looking forward to seeing you all on the next run.

Denise & Graeme

DEADLINE

for next *Oily Rag*

Friday 2nd October

Send information for inclusion to editor@ndscc.com or contact Nicole on 0403 261 895

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Minutes of Meeting Held on 16th August 2009 - Somerset Dam

Meeting commenced at: 11.45

ATTENDANCE:

As per attendance book.

VISITORS:

Noel Neville

APOLOGIES:

Nicole O'Keane & John Pritchard, Rob & Michelle Dix, Geoff Norris & Marita, Julie & Ron Walters, Ron & Brenda Byrnes, Alex & Elaine Gallagher, Pat Vogler.

TREASURERS REPORT:

Submitted by Julie and read out by Denise (see Page 3 for details).

Peter Hobart moved that the Treasurers Report be accepted. Seconded by Chris Tilyard. All in favour.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

Not available at time of printing.

BUSINESS ARISING:

Peter Hobart moved after much discussion that we continue with our QCC membership for at least another 12 months and discuss in 12 months time. Seconded by Graeme Douglas. All members in favour.

GENERAL BUSINESS:

Denise Douglas discussed the Xmas party and said that unfortunately as soon as you mention that we want to book for about 40 people you suddenly have to have a function room and up goes the price. Denise will let members know on the next run the definite date and destination for our Xmas party, after getting a few more quotes.

A reminder about the AGM being on the **last Sunday in September (27th)** to be held at Lynne and Peter's place. Please see the Presidents information on Page 1 for further information. It will be a 10am start with a BBQ lunch after the AGM. All members to bring their own BBQ food and salad etc.

Reminder to members about Lakeside on Sunday 20th September. Take your own shade and BYO food or you can purchase there. Please see Page 1 for additional information.

Members discussed the October run to Tin Can Bay proposed by Ron and Brenda Byrnes. Unfortunately due to lack of member participation, it was decided to cancel the run to Tin Can Bay and discuss further at our next meeting.

A reminder to all club members that all committee positions will be up for renewal at the AGM. Please think about any position you may like to take on – bearing in mind that next year the meetings are bi-monthly only.

Vince suggested a run to Cobb and Co at Beerwah as a run of interest and many members were coming up with ideas for day trip runs to various places of interest. All members were asked to think of suggestions for next year as it is hard to come up with a new place to visit that we haven't been to already.

Peter thanked Marilyn, Keith and Noel for today's run – a beautiful day weather wise and the members that attended had a good time.

CLUB RAFFLE:

The winners of the questionnaire were:

1st place – Denise & Graeme

2nd Place – Peter & Lynne

3rd Place – Chris & Sharon & Kelly & Troy shared third.

After no further business – meeting closed at 12.25pm.

The News Photographer

With his request approved, the Fox News photographer quickly used a mobile phone to call the local airport to charter a flight.

He was told a twin engine plane would be waiting for him at the airport.

Arriving at the airfield, he spotted a plane warming up outside a hanger.

He jumped in with his bag, slammed the door shut, and shouted, 'Let's go.'

The pilot taxied out, swung the plane into the wind and took off.

Once in the air, the photographer instructed the pilot, 'Fly over the valley and make low passes so I can take pictures of the fires on the hillsides.' 'Why?' asked the pilot.

'Because I'm a photographer for Fox Cable News,' he responded. 'And I need to get some close up shots.'

The pilot was strangely silent for a moment.

Finally he stammered, 'So, what you're telling me is . . . You're NOT my Flight Instructor?'

'Life is short, drink the good wine first.'

Contributed by Irene Pritchard

Treasurer's Report as at 16th August 2009

Balance brought forward		1673.80
<i>Plus</i>		
<u>Income</u>		
New Membership (Bloomfield)	40.00	
Stock	50.00	
Raffle	62.00	<u>153.00</u>
		1826.80
<i>Less</i>		
<u>Expenditure</u>		
Bank fees	1.40	
Petty Cash	20.00	<u>21.40</u>
Balance at bank		<u>\$1805.40</u>

Membership is closed at 61

Grandpa and Aust Tax Office

The ATO decides to audit Grandpa and summons him to their office. The auditor was not surprised when Grandpa showed up with his lawyer.

The auditor said, 'Well, sir, you have an extravagant lifestyle and no full-time employment, which you explain by saying that you win money gambling. I'm not sure the ATO finds that believable'.

'I'm a great gambler, and I can prove it,' says Grandpa. 'How about a demonstration?'

The auditor thinks for a moment and said, 'Okay. Go ahead.'

Grandpa says, 'I'll bet you a thousand dollars that I can bite my own eye.'

The auditor thinks a moment and says, 'It's a bet.'

Grandpa removes his glass eye and bites it. The auditor's jaw drops.

Grandpa says, 'Now, I'll bet you two thousand dollars that I can bite my other eye.'

Now the auditor can tell Grandpa isn't blind, so he takes the bet.

Grandpa removes his dentures and bites his good eye.

The stunned auditor now realises he has wagered and lost three grand with Grandpa's lawyer as a witness.

He starts to get nervous. 'Want to go double or nothing?' Grandpa asks 'I'll bet you six thousand dollars that I can stand on one side of your desk and pee into that wastebasket on the other side, and never get a drop anywhere in between.'

The auditor, twice burned, is cautious now, but he looks carefully and decides there's no way this old guy could possibly manage that stunt, so he agrees again.

Grandpa stands beside the desk and unzips his pants, but although he strains mightily, he can't make the stream reach the wastebasket on the other side, so he pretty much urinates all over the auditor's desk.

The auditor leaps with joy, realising that he has just turned a major loss into a huge win. But Grandpa's own lawyer moans and puts his head in his hands.

'Are you okay?' the auditor asks.

'Not really,' says the lawyer. 'This morning, when Grandpa told me he'd been summoned for an audit, he bet me twenty-five thousand dollars that he could come in here and piss all over your desk and that you'd be happy about it!'

Don't Mess with Old People

Contributed by Ron Byrnes



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Queensland Vintage Aeroplane Group

Festival of Flight 2009 weekend

Saturday 29th to Sunday 30th August

held at Watts Bridge Memorial Airfield, Toogoolawah

Sunday 30th August at 0700hrs we arrived at Centenary Lakes, Caboolture for that glorious drive to Watts Bridge Festival of Flight, but – dear oh dear! 0725hrs and nobody from N.D.S.C.C. in sight.

I turned to my navigator and was about to say how Robinson Caruso must have felt, when all of a sudden a glamorous Mustang came bounding over the speed bump up to our selected parking place. Ah! All is not lost. 0730 hrs and wow.. two cars, so we waited a wee bit longer. Not a sole turned up so the direction sheets were tied to the tennis court fence as previously arranged.

Now for the good bit, the journey to Watts Bridge was uneventful, safe to say that the morning tea stop at Kilcoy was welcomed and also a chance to look over cars from the All British Car Club.

On arrival at the airstrip we dutifully parked the cars then headed to the good stuff "Aeroplanes". Although there were not as many as last year the variance was excellent. Oh the sound of those radial engines, it's like Harley's on steroids!



The war birds certainly get people in, they belong to a wonderful era, forgetting the war of course. I reckon the Batchelor family (Mustang) had a good time as they had big broad smiles all day long, even Bob Pritchard looked excited with the event.

An organizer said it was too windy to carry out the full aerobatic program and a lot of the smaller planes stayed on the ground – BUT - those who took to the sky made the day worthwhile.

Michele brought me a raffle ticket for Fathers Day and one of the prizes was a flight in the D.H. Dragon, what she was not told was that you had to be present at the draw – you guessed it – my ticket won and we were at the opposite end of the airstrip away from the raffle drawing area – bugger!

My pick of the aircraft line up were the two Avengers, they are so large, it's hard to imagine them being converted for aircraft carrier use. Other notable crafts were a Lockheed 12a, CAC Mk11 Mustang, Yak 52's, Harvard's, Caribou Transport, Stinson's, Tiger Moths, Moth Minor and many other small planes. I haven't mentioned all of the War birds because there are too many and I am sure John P would like to add a few of his photos to the article. I am sure John will add his comments in the magazine as he camped up there from Friday with Bob and a few mates.

All in all, it was a jolly good day. Don't forget same time, same weekend in 2010.

Rob Dix



More on the Festival of Flight weekend at Watts Bridge



Dad (Bob) and I arrived on the Friday afternoon and set up camp until Sunday. This weekend is becoming a bit of a ritual for Dad and I and we had a fantastic weekend as usual. There wasn't as many aircraft fly in as there has been in past years, but visitor and car club attendance numbers were probably the best ever.

On the way up I followed Dad's FX in my EJ and we had a great run until he pulled over at the Toogoolawah turnoff to let me know that he had just realised that he'd forgotten to put the esky full

of meat and all the other bags of food in the car. All the food was left at home in the garage.... we'll, once we'd made sure that the grog was safely stashed in the onboard eskies, we continued our journey. A big special thanks goes to Mum (Irene Pritchard) and Cousin Pete (Peter Byrnes from Pine City Towing) for relaying the food supplies to us later that night.

Saturday morning generously allowed us a sleep in as we were enveloped in a 'pea soup' fog until 11am. The fog was probably one of the factors that kept the aircraft attendance low this year as most usually fly in on the Saturday; that and the so called, economic downturn.

Saturday morning; just as we were about to prepare some lunch back at camp; next thing we hear a loud Pssssssshhhhhh noise. "What sort of plane is that!?" someone called. "Shit, the gas hose on the camp cooker has blown", I cried, not knowing whether to run to turn off the gas bottle or run in the opposite direction! After a few seconds the sound started to diminish and I thought, that's lucky, the gas bottle must've been nearly empty. While inspecting the gas hose and not finding anything wrong with it, Dad's mate Don had wandered around the other side of my EJ and discovered my left front tyre flat. The valve stem had blown out.



I've got 7 inch wide mags on it but I only keep a stock standard spare otherwise my esky won't fit in the boot. So I got out the spare wheel, and started to fit it until I suddenly realised it wouldn't spin. The stock HR wheel I had purchased for a spare turns out to be not a HR wheel at all. It wouldn't fit over the HR disc brake callipers. (I'd put a HR front end in my EJ in the early 1990s) Hmmm, lucky the rear drum brakes are still a standard size. We had to remove the back mag wheel, put the spare on there and put the back mag on the front.

I once saw a scissor jack break a pin while changing a tyre. It dropped the car on the ground and luckily didn't hurt anyone. Since then, I've always carried a bottle jack as well as the stock Holden scissor jack in the EJ and this was one occasion I was thankful I had the 2 jacks in the boot.

So that's my personal story. Other NDSCC members who attended that Rob Dix might not have run into were Geoff Norris and Marita Holst. Not to mention the cars, planes and aerobatics, but I guess you'll have to attend next year to experience that for yourself.

John Pritchard





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Swap Meets & Show 'n' Shine Events

13 September

Sandgate PCYC Car & Motorcycle Show, Deagon Sports Oval, Kempster Street, Sandgate.

Sandgate PCYC is hosting its Annual Car & Motorcycle Show. Starting at 9:00am with presentations due around 1:30pm. There will be 10 prize categories and a lucky door prize draw for everyone. It will be a real family day, food, rides & jumping castles, with plenty of parking, catch the train to Sandgate railway station, or hop on a bus. For further information, please contact the Manager John Hanley on (07) 3269 5358 or 0458 973 818, email:

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31st October and 1st November

Gold Coast Autorama 2009.

More details will be posted on the web site <http://www.geocities.com/autorama09> as soon as they are available or phone Peter on 0413 379 410 or Mark on (07) 5533 7107, email: autorama09@yahoo.com.au

29th November

BEAUDESERT LITTLE ATHLETICS SWAP MEET (Formerly Tamborine Swap Meet), Beaudesert Showgrounds

Gates open 4am for vendors and 6 am for buyers. Sites cost \$5 (6m x 8m). Entry: \$2 per adult (16yrs and over). No animals or livestock; all catering rights are reserved.

This swap meet is organised by the Beaudesert & District Little Athletics Assoc Inc. as a fundraiser for their Centre. All monies raised goes back to the community. All workers are volunteers for their community. For further information, please contact (07) 5541 2028 or email: whitehell@optusnet.com.au

Boat Launching Procedures

This guy just bought a new boat and decided to take 'er for the maiden voyage this past weekend.

It was his first boat and he wasn't quite sure of the exact 'Standard Operating Procedures' for launching it off a ramp, but he figured it couldn't be too hard.

He consulted his local boat dealer for advice, but they just said "don't let the trailer get too deep when you are trying to launch the boat".

What was he doing wrong?

Well, he didn't know what they meant by that as he could barely get the trailer in the water at all!

Anyhow, here's a picture below. See for yourself and see if you can figure out what he's doing wrong.

Contributed by Nicole O'Keane

