

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Feb. 23rd. 1981.

This well attended 4th. A.G.M. was opened by the President, David Edgington. Following the reading and signing of the minutes of the last A.G.M. the Chairman, Rod Dring, gave his report. 1980 had been a very successful year. All meetings and club functions had been well attended and no complaints received. This success was reflected in the ever increasing membership list. Many new friends had been made during the year and we had been welcomed during our visits to Bristol Docks, R.A.F. Wroughton (Sc. Museum's open day), R.A. Lister's works, the pumping stations and at Yatton where we held our rally. Rod also mentioned the annual Jumble Sale which had been both profitable and enjoyable, and the Dinner at the Portway which was enjoyed by the 91 members attending. He thanked the ladies of the club for their continued help with catering and club stalls. Thanks was also extended to the committee for their support throughout the year. New ideas were now needed for 1981 and Rod hoped these would come from members and not only the committee.

Fund raising had been good during the year and the club had been able to purchase an epidiascope, for use at meetings, and to make a subscription to the charity CLIO (Cancer and Leukemia in Children). This subscription entitled us to one year group membership. Rod ended his report by reminding us that we were now in our 5th. year as a club and suggested a birthday celebration perhaps at the club rally in July.

David thanked Rod for his report and for his work throughout the year.

Having distributed the balance sheets the treasurer, Stuart Ashman, told the meeting, in detail, how money had been raised and spent during the year. The main expenses were the News Letters and the postage. High membership numbers meant more News Letters and Stuart appealed to members to help save a little of the ever increasing postage by taking News Letters for other members whenever possible. Insurance certificates were not yet to hand but would be ready before the rally season started.

Stuart was thanked for his work during the year and for producing and explaining the balance sheet so explicitly.

The following members were elected to serve on the committee for the year.

Chairman; Rod Dring, Vice-chairman; Ian Skuse, Secretary; Diana Emery, Treasurer; Stuart Ashman; Eric Brain, Herbie Gane, Tom Randall, Tony Jones, Rob Lambert, Bill Appleby, Adrian Stride, Ivor Yeo and Len Fry.

The President's address followed.

David recalled early memories of steam rallies where the Stationary Engine section usually consisted of one or two Lister D's or Wolseleys tucked away in a corner almost out of view. What a difference a decade had made!

This club started when steam and traction engine clubs were having their hay-day and some thought an "engine only" club would not succeed. Now clubs were being formed almost every month. David concluded by saying Stationary Engines were an interesting and worthwhile hobby and long may the movement prosper.

David then asked if there was any other business as this was the time for members to not only ask questions but also to air their views.

The following points were raised;

1. When could members expect their Insurance Certificates? Stuart said he hoped to put them in the March News Letter.
2. It was asked if the President could be seen more often at club meetings. David gave his apologies for not being able to attend meetings. This was due to the increasing volume of work involved with the Stationary Engine Magazine. Rod Dring said this was fully appreciated and that the club was grateful to David for making an appearance as often as he did. Tom Randall endorsed this and thanked David for his contributions to the News Letter and wished other members would contribute as often.
3. It was asked if Engine Literature could be on sale at club meetings. It was hoped that books and badges would be available at the next meeting.
4. As this year was to be the last S.E. magazine rally at Longleat, it was asked if the W.S.E.C. could arrange this event in future. David said he thought we would find this far too expensive as advertising alone would cost at least £500. This would be further discussed at a committee meeting.

There was no other business so David closed the meeting, wishing us well for 1981.

The rest of the evening was spent-literally-on refreshments, raffle tickets and subscriptions. I don't know who took the most cash-the bar, Stuart or Herbie!

I do know of 4 teenage members who really enjoyed this years A.G.M. They must have made a mistake and thought it was taking place in the bar!

I'm sorry I didn't make a note of the raffle winners but I'm sure they were pleased with their prizes. (I had hoped to win Herbie)

The evening ended and everyone made their way home, some having quite a distance to travel. It was agreed that the club had started off it's 5th. year in a way that could only lead to another successful year.

Diana Emery.

- APRIL 11/12 CRICKET St. THOMAS RALLY, near Chard, Somerset.
- APRIL 19/20 WESTON ZOYLAND PUMPING STATION RALLY. A small, informal rally - room for around 25 engines. Plaques will be given. Entries (no forms) to Diana Emery, 'Odstax', Wells Road, Hallatrow, Bristol. Please give this event your full support.
- APRIL 19/20 DART VALLEY RAILWAY RALLY, Buckfastleigh, Devon. Contact Mr. R. Villis. 34, Waterleat Road, Paignton, Devon. Tel: Paignton 557447. Entries close March 20.
- MAY 2/3/4 WHEELS OF YESTERYEAR, Battersea Park, London. Contact Ted Wright, 34, Elborough Street, Southfields, London SW18.
- MAY 3 HAWKCHURCH STATIONARY ENGINE RALLY, near Axminster. Contact Wally Hull, Courshay, Hawkchurch, Axminster, Devon.
- MAY 4 MAY DAY FAIR, Nailsea Comprehensive School, Nailsea, near Bristol. Scouts fund-raising event. Plaques. Contact David P. Smith, 22, The Bramleys, Nailsea, Avon.
- MAY 3 LAMBOURN RALLY. Details:- P. Porter, Burgess Farm, Woodlands St. Mary, Lambourn. Tel:- Lambourn 71826. Closing date 6th. April.
- MAY 3/4 SEDGMOOR RALLY, Bridgewater Fair Field, West St., Bridgewater. Contact Dave Squire, 17, Grasmere, Wembdon, Bridgewater, Somerset. Closing date March 31st.
- MAY 15/16 GLOUCESTERSHIRE VINTAGE MOTOR TRANSPORT CLUB RALLY. Contact D. Haines, Bulley Close, Churcham, Glos. Closing date March 30th.
- MAY 16/17 PUNKNOWLE RALLY at Looke's Farm. West Dorset Vintage Tractor & Engine Club. Contact Mrs. Whitty, 8, North St., Charminster, Dorchester, Dorset.
- MAY 16 STOCKBRIDGE SALE. Pearson's annual sale of vintage vehicles, machinery, etc.
- MAY 16/17 SOUTH BRISTOL RALLY. ~~Entry form with this newsletter.~~
- MAY 24/25 MARKET LAVINGTON RALLY. Entries to John Kyte, 10, High Street, Market Lavington.
- MAY 25 MECCARI RALLY. Melksham Chamber of Commerce Festival. Engine & tractor entries to Bill Foster, Fourways, Sandley, Gillingham, Dorset.
- MAY 30/31 ABERGAVENNY RALLY.
- JUNE 13/14 HOLTON STEAM RALLY, near Oxford.
- JUNE 13/14 CAMERTON RALLY. Entry forms from Tom Randall, Welton Hill Cottage, West Road. Midsomer Norton, Bath. Entries close April 16th. Approx. 50 engines only.
- JUNE 20/21 THE SECOND GREAT WORKING OF STATIONARY ENGINES AT LONGLEAT. If you have not sent your official entry form in yet, you are probably too late!
- JUNE 28 WINGS & WHEELS, Shepton Mallet Show Ground. 20 engines only. Details from Tony Andrews, 32, Stoneleigh, Westbury-sub-Mendip.
- JULY 4/5 HEDDINGTON & STOCKLEY RALLY, near Calne, Wilts. Contact Mr. G. Hyde, 34, Goatacre, Calne, Wilts.
- JULY 11/12 WESSEX STATIONARY ENGINE CLUB RALLY, Yatton Rugby Club, Yatton, Bristol.
- JULY 11/12 ~~Entry form with this newsletter.~~ Plaques. Open to non-members. Entries close 1 June.
- JULY 11/12 POOL NORTH SCOUTS GROUP STEAM RALLY, Lytchett Matravers, Pool, Dorset. Contact B. R. Wilcox, 99, Wimborne Rd., Corfe Mullen, Wimborne, Dorset.
- JULY 18/19 BICTON STEAM 81, Yettington, East Budleigh, Budleigh Salterton, Devon. Contact J. Crawley, Field House, Turvey, Bedford. MK43 8DU
- JULY 18/19 LECKFORD HUT Tractor & Engine Rally.
- JULY 19 SOMERSET VINTAGE FARMING SOCIETY, COUNTRY LIFE RALLY, Failand, Bristol. Details from M. Day, 33, Marion Road, Hanham, Bristol BS15 3LE.
- JULY 24/25/26 NETLEY MARSH RALLY. Contact D. Burdle. Fernbank Cottage, Ringwood Road, Netley Marsh, Southampton.
- JULY 25/26 MORE WHEELS AT LONGLEAT. In aid of Dr. Barnardo's, 431, Bromley Road, Downham, Bromley, Kent.
- JULY 25/26 ROSS-ON-WYE Rally, Much Marcle. Contact Mrs. E. A. Powell, Wallwyn Court, Much Marcle, Ledbury, Herefordshire HR8 2L.
- AUGUST 1/2 ALDERHOLT STEAM RALLY, Plumley Farm, Somerley, Hants. Contact R. C. Hood, Fernlea, Camel Green, Alderholt, Fordingbridge, Hants.
- AUGUST 8/9 DEVIZES STATIONARY ENGINE RALLY. Contact P. Steele, 'Tugela' Wick Lane, Devizes.
- AUGUST 8/9 YEOVIL FESTIVAL OF TRANSPORT, Barwick Park. Details from Bill Foster?
- AUGUST 15/16 WEST OF ENGLAND STEAM ENGINE SOCIETY RALLY, Silverwell Farm, St. Agnes, Cornwall. Contact W. L. F. Carne, 87, Roskear Rd., Cambourne, Cornwall.
- AUGUST 15/16 LANGPORT. Somerset Traction Engine Club Rally at Low Ham. Contact S. Blackew. 2, Westport Lane, Isle Brewers, Taunton, Somerset.
- AUGUST 22/23 FAIRFORD TRACTION ENGINE RALLY & SHOW, Fairford, Glos. Contact A. J. R. New, 9, The Plies, Fairford, Glos.
- AUGUST 30/31 NESTON PARK RALLY, ATWORTH. Wiltshire group of the N. V. T. E. C. Contact G. Escott, 21, Forest Road, Melksham, Wilts.
- SEPT 13. SCIENCE MUSEUM OPEN DAY & RALLY, WROUGHTON, near Swindon, Wilts.
- SEPT 27/28 SODBURY VALE PLOUGHING MATCH & RALLY.
- OCT 3/4 JOHN KYTE'S GARDEN RALLY.
- OCT 11 WILTS AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION SOCIETY RALLY & PLOUGHING MATCH.

If we have missed any dates that you know about, send details to Tom Randall - address in above list - together with adverts, (sales, wants, exchanges, etc.) newsitems, articles, etc.

CLUB EVENTS.

- APRIL 27 THE EPIDIASCOPE ENTERTAINS. Old engines, old engine owners(!) and possibly an excerpt from Breaking Glass!
- MAY 26 THE MAY MEETING WILL BE ON A TUESDAY - Topic to be arranged. The Eastwood Farm visit will be held over to a later date.
- JUNE 29 ANNUAL CRANK-UP in the Old Down Inn car park.
- JULY 11/12 WESSEX STATIONARY ENGINE CLUB ANNUAL RALLY, Yatton Rugby Football Club Ground. Entries welcome from both members and non-members for all classes. Forms from Diana Emery, Odstax, Wells Road, Hallatrow, Bristol. Please send s.a.e.
- JULY Hopefully the visit to Eastwood Farm, on Mendip will be arranged towards the end of the month.
- AUGUST 24 Proposed 'Bring-and-Buy' sale for engines, spares, what-have-you. Please note that this is NOT the last Monday of the month.
- DECEMBER 12 ANNUAL CLUB DINNER at the Portway Hotel, Frome.

 THE SOUTH SOMERSET AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION SOCIETY are having an open meeting on MAY 18th., at their usual venue, ASH Village Hall, and have extended an open invitation to any Wessex member who would like to go along. There will be a skittles match and a Bring & Buy stall. (Incidentally, nice to see Brian Crudge back on form as the new editor of SSAPS newsletter.)

FOR SALE.....BRADFORD GAS ENGINE. Age not known. Complete except for the gas inlet regulator and a little plumbing. 27" dia flywheels, 8" stroke, 5" bore (about 4h.p.?) Asking price £650. Also various other items for disposal, including Rowtrac garden tractor on spade lug wheels, with plough, bouter and harrow (£120), Blacksmith's bellows & anvil (£40), Horse-drawn plough, Horse-drawn mower, 120-year-old band saw, various pulleys, wheels, bearings, etc. Contact John Crossman, Hornsbury Mill, Chard, Somerset. Tel:- Chard 3317.

FOR SALE.....TECALEMIT PORTABLE COMPRESSOR, with electric motor, all mounted on a trolley. also 1942 NORMAN LYON Flat Twin engine in very good order, and a generator to suit same. Offers to Mike Hodgson, 3, Lilac Court, Keynsham, Bristol. Tel: Keynsham 2696.

FOR SALE.....BOX of assorted MAGNETO'S, about 20 in various states, mostly Wico A & Lucas A, Open to offers as a job lot, will not separate. Also Allis Chalmers instruction manuals & Parts Lists available for copying, but not for sale. Contact Mogg & Jackson, Cherry Orchard, Ash Lane, Wells, Somerset. Tel: Wells 72394.

FOR SALE.....LISTER D TYPE with flat pulley, £10 also new piston & rings for same, £5. Also WICO Impulse Magneto, ex. Petter A1, in working order, £10. Harry Champion, Cherry Patch, Sheldon's Corner, Chippenham, Wilts. (Also, thanks, to David Edgington for the BSA fuel Tank!)

FOR SALE.....RUSTON HORNSBY single cylinder engine. Mark IVTH, 1060 r.p.m. Needs exhaust & starting handle. Offers to R.J. Thorne, 24, Tregelles Close, Highbridge, Somerset.

FOR FREE!.....Back Issues of W.S.E.C. newsletters. 1979, May, June, July, Sept., Dec. 1980, Jan., March, April, May, June, August, Sept., Oct., Nov., Send s.a.e. stating requirements to Eric Brain, 5, Greenridge, Clutton, Bristol.

For all Villiers, J.A.P., M.A.G., Kohler Engines & Spares, Gardiner-Marshall and Kohler Generators, Wipac Magneto's & Spares, Amal & Zenith Carburettors, Contact MEETEN'S INDUSTRIAL LTD. 263/269, Coombe Lane, Wimbledon SW20 ORH. Tel:- 01-946 4244/5

FOR SALE.....Two BEAM TROLLEYS for running hoists on an R.S.J. One suit 4" flange, one suit 3 1/2". Both 2 ton s.w.l. £5 each. Tom Randall. Midsomer Norton 418926. Also disposing of lots of 1 1/2" dia brass tube @ 20p/ft.-lengths up to 4ft., approx 70ft. of 1" dia electrical conduit in lengths up to 10ft., together with box of fittings, junctions, bends, etc. £5 lot. Also 40 to 1 reduction gear box, V-pulley input, sprocket output, £4. Lots of solid C.I. wheels, 25p. ea.

WANTED.....FELLOWES MAGNETO, high magnet type, any condition. Desperately needed to complete restoration. A.Gwillam, Stanedge, 9, South View, Addington, Liskeard, Cornwall.

WANTED.....ROCKER SHAFT, Rockers & push rods for Bamford EV1. Buy or borrow. Tom Randall.

FOR SALE.....STUART TURNER petrol engine, about 1937, in excellent order and mounted on a trolley. Has been rallied. £90.00. Tim Lear, 'Stoneridge,' Dark Lane, Chew Magna, Avon. Tel:- Chew Magna 2859.

SPARK PLUG CLEANERS!

Has anyone bought and used one of these new spark plug cleaners, currently featured in several of the mail order catalogues (Gratton's, etc.)? The going rate is £4.99 and they run off a 12 volt battery, Abrasive grit and a feeler gauge are supplied. If anyone has used one, let us know whether or not they are any good!
