

W.S.E.C. RALLY 1st. & 2nd. September.

This, the Club's third annual Rally and the biggest yet must be the first engine rally to have been held on a cricket field! The close-cut grass, the chestnut trees around and Lackham House in the background made a setting reminiscent of Longleat, but on a smaller scale. The entry was very good, with 90 engines and 5 tractors, which included a brace of finely restored Allis Chalmers'. The selection of engines was very good and included a couple of diesels which are not seen too often on the rally field. The oldest engines were Bill Appleby's 1908 Victoria and G. Jones' 1910 Petter Handyman.

Our hosts at Lackham were quite surprised at the procession of entries, which started on Friday afternoon and continued until Sunday morning, but their surprise turned to utter amazement at the sight of Ian Craddock's Fordson towing an ancient Reeves Advance Elevator up the drive! Unfortunately Ian was rather late having suffered a broken wheel on the elevator en route. Undaunted however, he left the crippled machine on the roadside somewhere between Hilperton and Lackham and went home for a spare! And who else but Ian would have a spare CAST IRON wheel for an elevator!

Mike Harris and Eric Brain ran a Guess the Date of the Engine competition using Andrew Harris' Lister D, its date of manufacture having been checked by David Edgington from Listers records and found to be 11th. November, 1930. The prize for the nearest guess was a Mameo model steam engine which was won by Rod Dring who guessed 5th. November, 1930. One cynical competitor on handing over his 10p piece was heard to ask, "Which bit of it are we supposed to be dating?"

Tony Jones, our TEE-Shirt salesman, did brisk trade during the weekend and displayed his wares pegged out on a length of washing line. Sunday morning saw a few rather more delicate and feminine additions to his display, presumably the spoils of some Saturday night conquest! This could herald a new trend in Club sales and the idea of male underwear with a piston & con-rod printed up the front was suggested. One 'engine widow' was overheard later saying that we ought to produce a pair with a starting handle on them for her husband!

The 'voting for the best engines' got everyone on their feet for an hour or so on the Sunday morning, walking around the field looking very closely at all the exhibits and scribbling numbers down on slips of paper. The count afterwards revealed the odd inebriate who could not tell his horizontals from his verticals, but in spite of that the voting produced quite clear winners and the results were as follows:-

Club Members...Best Horizontal

Best Vertical

Best Junior Entry

Mike Cannon of Batheaston, for his 1917 Tange lamp-start.

J.D.Ablett of Thornbury for his 1937 Lister A.

Stephen and Tim Emery from Hallatrow for their 1923 14hp. Petter M.

Visitors.....Best Horizontal

Best Vertical

B.P.Merrifield from Andover for his 1927 5hp Ruston Hornsby A.P.E.

K.Kimber from Cadley for his 1930 'Apple-top' Petter M. 3hp.

Once again we were pleased to welcome David Edgington our Club President to present the awards on the field on the Sunday afternoon.

The plaques were presented to each entrant by Mr. Peter Morris, the Principal of Lackham College of Agriculture, who toured the field with Club Chairman, Tom Randall.

The Rally Raffle winners were Master Edward Heal from Hallatrow, who won the

model Antique Fordson Tractor; and John Emery, also from Hallatrow, who won a basket of fruit generously donated (as well as grown!) by Tony Jones.

The Clubs ladies did a tremendous amount towards the running of the weekend. Diana Emery took charge of the programme sales which realised about £20. Jackie Lambert, Marg Appleby and Matg Dring ran a highly successful Club Stall, which was overwhelmed with goods and raised about £55 for Club funds. Thankyou to everyone who gave to and bought from our stall, especially Mrs. Barrington from Curry Rivel, who we hear was up until past midnight on the Saturday baking more cakes to sell on Sunday. (very nice too - I had some for lunch! Ed.) 5pm Saturday saw a gallant band of ladies leaving the field to prepare 100 suppers for the evening gathering, and what good value it was too. It was suggested that we should appoint a ladies committee to run these things in the future and this will be raised at the next Committee Meeting.

This was the first event of its kind to be held at Lackham College and we hope that we made a favourable impression. The admission paid by the public goes towards the upkeep of the Agricultural Museum and I gather from Chris Moody, its Curator, that about £100 profit will have been made.

I am sure that we are all looking forward to next year.

Jethro Tool.

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FOUND AT LACKHAM - One binocular eyepiece. Contact E.Brain. Temple Cloud 52623.

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THE MONTHLY MEETING. 1st September.

This months meeting coincided with the Club Rally at Lackham College and took the form of a social evening in the College Bar. Members and visitors all assembled at 8pm. and the evening commenced with a rush to the bar! The squash court was commandeered for a 'Whisky Rolling' session organised by Mike 'Ruston' Harris. For those unfamiliar with this sport, it involves bowling 10p pieces at a bottle of whisky, the nearest at the end of the evening being declared the winner of the bottle. When every 10p piece off the rally field was lying on the floor of the squash court, it was found the winner was an escapee from the 'Emmett' invasion - up from Cornwall - Mr. Lionel Thomas. Lionel kindly offered the bottle back to the Club for Auction whence it ended up as fuel for a certain E-B!

Meanwhile, the ladies had been selling suppers, and good value they were too for 50p each (no, not the ladies!) The junior members were seen to be having great fun on the table football, when they were not cheering on the Whisky Rollers.

Towards the end of the evening, many of the Club Members were to be seen applying agricultural science, appropriately in the form of liquid fertiliser, to one of the colleges trees, and in the case of one member, to an unfortunate hedgehog, who emerged from the shadows, grumbling to himself as he scurried off.

All in all, a very successful evening, thanks to all those who participated. and to John Kyte, who, at risk of a complaint from Lyneham, provided a guiding light back to the camp site.

Emerson Brantingham.

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A TIP FROM THE TRADE.

Anyone requiring Diesel injection equipment repairs, whether for tractors, lorries or Lister Diesels especially, will get pleasant & helpful service from: Fuel Injection Services. Chandos House, Durley Lane, Keynsham. (at rear of the cemetery on the Bristol Road.) Ask for Tom Day.

TEMPLETON GRAND VINTAGE SHOW. South Wales.

160 miles is rather a long way to go for a show but we decided to combine it with our holiday. We were kindly offered a camping site in the field belonging to Mr. Wyndham Merriman, Chairman of the S.W.Wales N.V.T.&E.C. The show was in aid of the handicapped children of S.W.Wales. The Wessex Club was represented by Alison with her Massey Harris and myself with a Petter 'apple-top'.

There were 62 engines in all, including a 6hp. 1912-15 Petter Handyman, hot bulb open crank. This was in as-found condition and had been obtained, with spares, from its original owner this year.

It was nice to see Diana and John Emery and the boys on the Sunday afternoon, someone to talk to in our native tongue!

During the afternoon there were many attractions. Hot air balloons, alsatian dogs, motor-cycle stunts, some of the women from 'Cross-roads' and Doctor Who's car which gave rides to the youngsters. Various stalls were organised by the Round Table, Rotary Club, Welsh Lions, etc., all in aid of the handicapped children. Sandwiches and cakes were brought round to all the exhibitors twice during the day, and to end the event a really lovely cast brass plaque was presented for attendance.

Marg Dring.

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ALDERHOLT RALLY. 4th. & 5th. August.

Out of 100 barn engines, only a few of our members exhibited:- Stan Andrews, Harry Champion, Cyril Bird, Terry Heath, Messrs. Crouch, and yours truly! An unusual engine, owned and restored by Mr. L. Deaville from Iver, Bucks, was a Gardner gas engine, size 0, $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{3}{4}$ hp., built in 1902 as a town gas fuelled engine with hot tube ignition. It is now running on propane. (See S.E. mag. No.67, Sept. 1979. Ed.)

This Southern rally, the 6th, is very popular, with a wide variety of steam engines, organs, tractors and cars exhibited. The weather, always an important factor, was good on both days.

After the usual events, a comic football match between tractor and barn engine owners was followed by a second performance by the Ringwood Schoolboy Scramble Club. A two-hour performance of all-in wrestling brought the Saturday events to a close. (Not the tractor owners v barn engine owners AGAIN!?Ed.)

A very enjoyable weekend where there was something for everyone.

Rene & Len Fry. (Salisbury)

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TIP FROM THE TRADE.

AMANCO non-return valves (fuel line) can be made from a CRANE D7I $\frac{1}{2}$ "BSP needle point globe valve body. Remove the valve assembly and replace with a suitable size ball bearing. Plug the top with a standard Crane square headed plug and washer.

FOR SALE...3 $\frac{1}{2}$ hp. tank-cooled Stuart, restored and mounted on a trolley. £150.
Mr.T.Lear. Chew Magna 2859.

FOR SALE...Frame tent, 3 berth. £50. o.n.o. John Emery. Temple Cloud 52939.

FOR SALE...Two Wolseley WDII finned hoppers, one crank case, crank shaft & flywheel assembly. Eric Brain. Temple Cloud 52633.

WANTED....Handbook and Starting Handle for Lister 6/I Diesel. Also-
2 or 4 cast iron wheels, 8 or 9 inches diameter. Have larger sizes for exchange. Eric Brain. Temple Cloud 52633.

CLUB EVENTS.

OCTOBER 29th. CLUB FILM NIGHT with films from John Kyte & Mike Harris.
NOVEMBER 26th. ENGINE PICTURE-QUIZ with Eric Brain. Come and see if you saw the engines in this summer's rallies from the same angle!
DECEMBER 8th. CLUB DINNER & DANCE. Star Hotel, Wells. Roast Somerset Turkey, Stuffing, etc. followed by Christmas Pud. & Brandy Sauce. Get your tickets by using the form attached to this newsletter.

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OFFICERS.

Tom Randall.....Chairman.
Rod Iring.....Vice Chairman.
Diane Emery.....Secretary.
John Spear.....Assistant Secretary.
Stuart Ashman.....Treasurer(Membership, Insurance etc.).
Eric Brain.
Adrian Stride
Bill Appleby.
Herb Gane.
Mike Harris.

Secretary:- 'Odstax,' Wells Road,
Hallatrow,
Bristol.

Treasurer:-Moorledge Farm Cottage,
Knowle Hill,
Chew Magna, Bristol.
Tel:Chew Magna 2655.

MEMBERSHIPS.

Joint Membership(Engaged/Married Couples)...£2.00per year.
Individual Membership.....£1.50per year.
Junior Membership(Under 18).....£0.50per year.

THIRD PARTY INSURANCE.

£1.00 per paid-up member per year.(Not available to Junior
Details available from the Treasurer. Members under 16)

MEETINGS.

The Club holds its meetings at the Old Down Inn, Emborough,
(at the junction of the A367 and the B3139, 5 miles North
of Shepton Mallet.), on the last Monday in every month.
It is as well to check meeting dates since the last
Monday is occasionally impractical. Meetings start at 8pm.

NEWSLETTER ITEMS. Send all contributions, articles, adverts., etc.,
to Tom Randall, Welton Hill Cottage, West Road,
Midsomer Norton, Bath, BA3 2TL.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERS.

David Edgington.(Club President and Editor of
'The Stationary Engine' magazine.)
Bill Foster.