

MID DEVON TRACTOR ENGINE AND MACHINERY GROUP

SECOND NEWSLETTER — FEBRUARY, 1984

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

At the AGM on 8th December, the following were elected committee members for the year to December, 1984 —

Ken Stenner (Chairman)
Norman Down (Vice-Chairman)
Dave and Pearl Colgrave (Joint Secretaries)
Bill Foyster (Treasurer)
Nigel Skinner
Graham Ellicott
Martin Rowe
Janice Down
Chris Goodman

ACCOUNTS

The accounts for the period to 31st October, 1983 were approved at the AGM, and copies were handed out at the meeting. Further copies are available from Bill Foyster.

PUBLICITY OFFICER

We have appointed John Salter as publicity officer. Please get in touch with him about any Tractor Group news which you think could be published. His address is 4, Highfield, Lapford, and his telephone number is Lapford 580.

SUBSCRIPTIONS

The following subscriptions were agreed for 1984 —

Family member £4 Covering husband, wife, and any children under 16.
Single member £3 Covering one member age 16 and over.
Junior member £1 Covering one member under the age of 16.

Subscriptions were due in December, and would all those who have not paid yet, please do so as soon as possible.

WINTER MEETINGS

9th February Preston Isaac — Military Vehicles
8th March Colin Woolcott — Stationary Engines
April to August No meetings
13th September First meeting for winter 1984/85

SUMMER MEETINGS

We know that last year members took their machinery to the following events —

April Spittle Farm
May East Devon Meeting at Woodford Barton
June Yelverton. Chawleigh Fair. Chulmleigh School.
July Chulmleigh Week. Payhembury Fayre.
August Chapelton. Honiton Hill. Oakford Forge. South Molton. Torbay.
September. Eggesford/Trenchards. Poltimore. Stourpaine. Winkleigh Aerodrome.
October Road run from Winkleigh to Thelbridge.

Probably there were others we did not hear about. We expect members would like us to publish the dates of 1984 events in the next newsletter, so please tell the Editor, or any other committee member, of any dates of meetings you have heard of.

The only 1984 dates known so far are —

21st April Spittle Farm
7th July Littleham Fete
4th & 5th August. Torbay

STATIONARY ENGINES

We are planning a stationary engine afternoon, probably in the Chulmleigh area. This could be on a Saturday afternoon in May. Many members have engines, but do not take them to rallies because they are too busy with their tractors. So this meeting will be for engines only and tractors will not be admitted. Members suggestions are needed now, so we can get organised as soon as possible. Chris Goodman has agreed to be the Committee Member responsible for stationary engines, so please speak to him first.

COACH OUTINGS

An outing is being arranged for early May, to the tank museum at Bovington in Wiltshire. After our successful Social in November, we are not looking for a profit on this trip, so club members will probably be charged about £1 and we will be charging non-members and guests about £2.50. In September we will have another coach outing, by popular request, to Stourpaine Bushes. If anyone has any ideas about other places to visit, would they please see Dave Colgrave.

SPITTLE FARM COUNTRY FAYRE AND GAS-UP

This promises to be a most enjoyable rally, if there are as many entrants as last year (and if the weather is a good deal better). As before, this event is being organised by the Heart Foundation, but this year a country fair will be included and possibly some members of the Tractor Group will be asked to help with this. Entry forms for stationary engines and tractors are available from Dave Colgrave, and we hope all members will be able to bring something to the rally.

EAST DEVON CLUB'S SOCIAL

The East Devon Tractor Machinery & Engine Club are holding their annual social and quiz at the Institute, Ottery St. Mary, at 7pm on 10th March. Entertainment will be by the Wag from Widecombe, and tickets are £2 each and are available from Dave Colgrave.

OVERHEARD

Andrew Goodman has taken over his brother's Continental engined T20 and Chris now has the petrol/TVO T20 : will they get confused too? Ken Stenner is hard at work on the rebuild of his Brown & May portable steam engine, which must be ready for a rally this year. David Coward is rebuilding his Allis Chalmers ED40, which was already a runner, and hopes to have it finished for Spittle. Bill Foyster has acquired Wally Balsdon's Oliver 80 Standard, and promises to wash the dust off it before bringing it to Spittle Farm. Philip Place is rebuilding some Petter engines. Dave Colgrave has a "New" Major with two gearboxes, and can't work out whether he has 12 or 18 forward speeds.

FOR SALE

Allis Chalmers "B", about 1950. Good working order. £130 T.R. Daniel, Chulmleigh 80323.
Allis "B" and water washer Fordson. Mr. Pat Pidler, North Furze, Chittlehampton.
13 X 24 ten stud wheels (without tyres) for Marshall. Ken Stenner, Chulmleigh 80342.
Free to good home! Barn thresher by Glass of Okehampton, almost in working order.
Graham Ellis, Chagford 2270.

WANTED

Instruction book for Nuffield 4DM, and seed sieves for threshing machine.
E.W. Daniel, Chulmleigh 80323.
Information/manuals/drawings on Petter A1 engines. P. Place, Chulmleigh 80391 or 80556.
Volunteers to paint the toilet caravan before the season starts. Apply to K. Stenner.
Lots of material for the next newsletter needed by the Editor, Bill Foyster, of
Coombe Barton, Roborough, Winkleigh. (High Bickinton 60289)