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Forthcoming Meetings

Sunday 28 September	General Meeting at Colin Wagener's, Wistow
Friday 31 October	Auction at Tony Bell's, Broadview
Sunday 30 November	Show and Tell at St. Cyprian's Hall, Melbourne St., North Adelaide
Saturday 6 December	Christmas Luncheon, Maylands Hotel.
Sunday 18 January	Annual Picnic, Cruickshank Reserve.
Sunday 22 February	Component Distribution, venue to be announced.
Sunday 29 March	Visit to the National Military Vehicle Museum.

Retirees' Luncheons

Luncheons are held for retirees at the Buckingham Hotel, corner of Walkerville Terrace and Northcote Terrace, Gilberton. Meeting time is 1200 for a 1230 luncheon. Forthcoming luncheons are;

Wednesday 12 November
Wednesday 14 January
Wednesday 11 March
Wednesday 13 May

President's Report

This new financial year has started out with me taking over from Warren, as President, with most of the committee remaining. Thanks for staying guys.

The auction was well attended as expected and Warren and Peter got through it in record time. We still had time to clear up before dark.

We had the garage sale day at Warren's which was well attended. Followed by the Radio auction at Newton the following day. There were some really nice radios available.

On the Sunday of Les and Bev's meeting, I was with Colin and John Wagener at the Tom Kruse 100th Anniversary Celebration (Birdsville Mailman) at Waterloo. Some years ago after a trip up north with Craig, I was talking to John about it and he told me that his father had gone up to Birdsville with one of Tom Kruse's employees in 1953. The interesting thing was that Colin had taken colour film of the trip. The film Back of Beyond about Tom Kruse, released in 1954 was in black and white.

By chance I recently met Marlene Kruse Haines, Tom's niece. She had spent many holidays out bush with her uncle. She told me about the 100th anniversary and that Ian Doyle was putting together a new documentary for it. I contacted Ian about Colin's film and he went up to see him and talk to him about the trip and also borrowed the film, digitally copied and colour corrected it. He copied it to DVD and returned then to Colin.

Ian was surprised as no one knew the film existed. He has incorporated some of the film in the new documentary. I believe that Colin's film will be also be available as a separate DVD, both of which will be to purchase from the Royal Flying Doctor Service, with all proceeds to them.

See you at Colin Wagener's meeting on 28th September.

Miles Essery
President

Front Cover

A “Firefly Model” Portable Steam Generating Set charging a 6 volt battery which is powering a clandestine Type A Mk. III Transmitter-Receiver. The Firefly was manufactured by Arthur Lyon & Co. (Engineering) Ltd., London during World War II. The steam engine is a Stuart Turner *Sirius* two cylinder directly coupled to a 6/8 volt 4 ampere generator.

Editorial

Since my return in mid-August, the Group has had three events. The 17th of August was a deceased estate auction, with many bargains to be had. The 28th a General Meeting at Les and Bev’s with a moderate attendance of 13 members and the 10th of September a poorly attended Retirees’ Luncheon with only 5 attending.

We wish out Treasurer, John Crawford, a speedy recovery following a foot operation. John has volunteered to print the Group Newsletter for anybody that does not have e-mail facilities. On behalf of those, thankyou John. Although not necessarily final, I will give Peter some more descriptive wording for the reason in having two versions of the Newsletter on the web site. I would also like to take a survey to see how many people need the more basic system.

Below: Retirees’ Luncheon in
September



Above: Deceased estate auction in
August