

Jells Park Picnic

Saturday 2nd January 2016

What a lovely day we had, after all the hot weather I thought we would be in for another scorcher like last year. Since it was going to be such a pleasant day, not too hot, we took our old 1927 Humber out for the day to Jells Park. Such a pleasant drive and, except for a front end caster shimmy that happens when we hit a bump, we arrived in one piece ready for a relaxing afternoon.



It was great to see so many come in their special cars it really lifted the tone of the carpark and created quite a lot of interest with other visitors to the park as well as ourselves. The line-up of Singer cars was impressive and together with Sunbeams and Humber we seemed to fill the carpark.



It was good to catch up with everybody, especially those who had come much further than the rest of us (Ballarat, Castlemaine and

Hedley) and it is a wonderful way to start the year relaxing under the gum trees. Lotte Linden had prepared a special Summer Quiz for the occasion which had us thinking hard of course. It came to not one but two tie breaker questions before the winners Michelle and Arthur Anstee from the Singer Car Club were declared and handed a well-earned 1st prize. Last place getter, Judith from the Singer club, making a valiant attempt to answer the difficult quiz won an encouragement award for her effort. She was delighted to receive it too.

After our picnic lunch came the Petanque challenge and also a unique way of playing quoits! The game of Petanque was keenly fought and distances between rival balls enthusiastically measured by Laurette of the Singer club. It looked like it was to be a walk over by the Singers but at the last minute the Humber Club dug deep and managed to hold their nerve (or really start to become more accurate) and won the coveted Chug-a-lug trophy this time.

Meanwhile as the Petanque contest was under way an unusual game of quoits had developed where the contestants took turns to hold the spike aloft to try and catch the quoits as they were thrown. They found this was easier than the conventional game of quoits! Anyway we all had fun and lots of laughs, never mind the rules.



Each year we have held the Jells Park picnic within a day or two of the New Year. Sometimes the festive season can be so hectic that we can take more than a day or two to recover so next year we will look at perhaps having the

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picnic in the 2nd week of January rather than the 1st week.

Thank you to everyone from the Singer, Sunbeam and Humber Car Clubs that came and celebrated the New Year together at what has become our annual picnic.

Judy Lewis

