

## Woodies Covid Newsletter #3

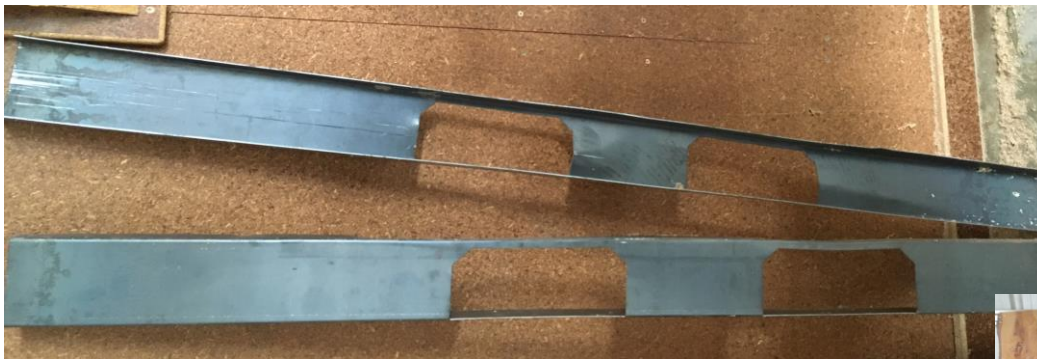
This Newsletter comes to you a month after our AGM, and is in lieu of our general meeting which would normally be taking place on this coming Sunday (19<sup>th</sup> April). We're trying to keep in touch with you as best we can whilst this social isolation continues, so here are some snippets of what has been happening.



Some finished projects, duly delivered.



Does anyone know what this is or to whom it belongs? It could be usefully redeployed if no-one claims it. Found in the Bob Bennett workshop.



Thanks to Dick Smith's friend Ray Bent for the donation of slabs for the Woodies, and which Ian Jackson has kindly offered to collect for us from Ray's home in Lidsdale. The slabs to the right are 400 wide 100 thick and 1100 long, thought to be Oak??



### Moulding planes

A moulding plane (molding plane in the US) is a specialised plane used for making the complex shapes found in wooden mouldings.

Traditionally, moulding planes were blocks of wear resistant hardwood, often beech or maple, which were worked to the shape of the intended moulding. The blade, or iron was likewise formed to the intended moulding profile and secured in the body of the plane with a wooden wedge. A traditional cabinetmakers shop might have many, perhaps hundreds, of moulding planes for the full range of work to be performed.



Graham West, a friend of John McMahon, has this interesting collection of moulding and other planes and Graham is looking for a new home for the planes.

If anyone is interested in adding these planes to their collection or are keen to have a go at using them, contact John on 0407 103 402.

### ***My wish List – by Garth***

With the Woodies in recess, I am working on my old Citroen restoration. Here's what I wish.

I wish I wasn't spending a fortune stripping twenty layers of paint!

I wish I could sand it back with 400 grit instead of 32!

I wish I could steam the dents out of the bodywork!

I wish I could fill the rust holes with glue and sanding dust!

I wish I could finish the body in Shellwax polish

I wish I could turn a new steering wheel on my lathe!

But, most of all ..... I wish they'd made the bloody thing OUT OF WOOD 😊



### **Phil's shed**



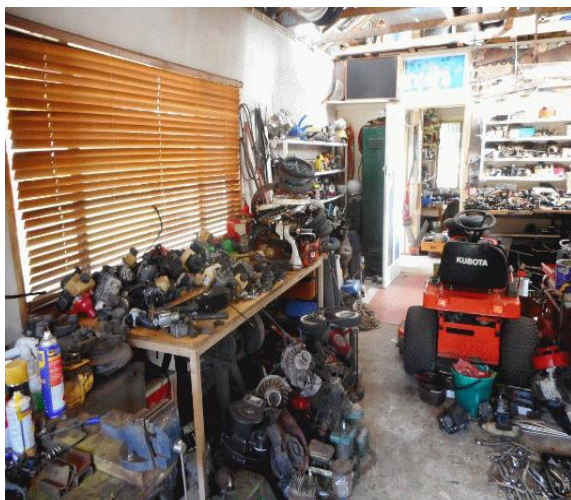
The blue vehicle is an EzeGow golf buggy, built about 1970, came to me completely dismantled, so I have been putting it back together bolt and nut at a time. Working out how it all went together has been a real challenge with some way to go, I plan to focus on it shortly. The Robin motor is interesting. When you put your foot on the accelerator, toe down the motor runs forward and the movement is forward. When you put your heel down the motor runs backwards for reverse. It is an extremely heavy vehicle. The designer must have

built she-man-tanks I have discarded the fibreglass body.

This gives an idea of the of the organization of my workshop full of lots of goodies and works in progress. There is some logic behind its organization.



The back wall full of containers of nuts, bolts, screws, nails, etc.



A table of brush cutter motors which will challenge my creativity, however they will find another use involving creative repurposing. The orange machine is a diesel ride-on mower that I purchased cheaply. Small diesel engines are expensive and hard to come by so this so this was a bargain. I am researching the idea

of converting a horizontal shaft Villiers petrol engine to run on diesel.



A small quad bike I picked up at the right price. I have replaced the small wheels with larger wheels so that it will have appropriate style when I put a wooden body around the frame. The body will look like a mini moke Californian when finished. It doesn't have a reverse which will probably be added later and could even have a differential made out of angle grinder cogs.



I was given a four cylinder engine on a half chassis. It was used to drive a saw bench. I have put front wheels and springs under the chassis. The back axle is from a Singer car. The wheels I am putting under the sub frame have 5 studs but the back axle has 6 studs so I am building some



adapter plates. The engine to diff driving mechanism will be by double v belts with significant reduction ratios – will pull stumps and go very slowly so that the unique end product can be admired by on lookers. I don't plan to have it registered.

A few projects to keep my mind occupied creatively, have a lot of fun and have people tell me I won't succeed. They bring a smile to my face. Some eat crow and some never bother to check the outcome. I also have a little 6 acre area to keep looking neat and tidy. The front yard is a hectare of landscaped garden that seems to some daily attention for a couple of hours. So I can hardly have time to get bored or think too much about life's little inconvenience though I am conscious of its significance and wonder how our society will change when we come out the other side. I hope we can embrace positive change where common sense has a higher priority and not regress into legalism and the taking away of people's freedom.

### ***Remembering Bill Rigney – from Garth & Bob Cassidy***

Bill Rigney. One morning I came across Bill sitting outside Best & Less, head down, having a nanny nap. When I sat beside him and gave him a nudge and started to take the mickey out of him, he said he was just resting his eyes. Which was true. He'd just had a cataract operation. 😊



and finally, just a reminder that the CTW annual fees (\$50) are due by the end of June. Please pay online if you can, **adding your surname to the reference**. Details as follows:

BSB: 637000 A/C 781778524

Otherwise please go into the Greater Bank and pay there – keeping your receipt and let Ian Jackson know. Woodies receipts will be provided in due course.

That's all folks! Please keep sending me items for the newsletter

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