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MiniTech Engineering & Model Supplies

Newsletter

IN THIS EDITION.....

Deceased Estate

This edition features the workshop of the late Keith Bell who spent many years modelling. His equipment is first class and his attention to detail and quality should be attractive to all.

His family have asked that Minitech act as agents for the tender process. See later pages for the list and how you can submit a tender.

Welcome to our newsletter. Our first attempt was very encouraging. Lots of positive feedback and no-one asked to be deleted from the list of recipients. We even had a number who became aware of the newsletter through friends and asked to be included in the address list.

Having said that, let me reiterate that should you wish to be deleted from the address list then you can email us at anytime and we will take care of it. We promise we won't get offended. Click on this with your request and you won't receive anymore.

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We are regularly asked how the economic downturn is affecting Minitech. There is no question we have seen a reduction in the volume of inquiry but as we have always been a "lean and clean" business, the impact has been minimised.

As a small business we try to be as efficient as we can and to represent good value to the consumers.

We value the loyalty we receive and try to provide a level of personal service that is remembered. We hope that you are likewise faring well and are still able to spend time in the shed

This editions main feature is the deceased estate of Mr Keith Bell being offered for tender by his family, who regrettably don't share Keith's passion for the workshop.

Walking through the well laid out workshop under his house was quite sad. It was obvious he loved being there and the quality and care he took in his equipment and his projects was obvious.

Unfortunately it will happen to us all and all we can do is leave a legacy that will reflect accurately on a well lived life and that those remaining will remember us fondly.

New Products....



MATILDA

A new model from the workshop of Edwyn Jones. Model internal combustion engine. 25 x 80 bore and stroke. 70 hours work. \$478.50



SURFACE PLATE
Cast iron 300 x 300. With cover and handles
\$230



SCREW PITCH GAUGE W/TH ACME THREAD
\$30.80



T-SLOT CLEANERS
CHEAP AS CHIPS - YOU COULDN'T MAKE THEM FOR LESS THAN THIS
ONLY \$2.20



Longest Career Position?

30 years state public service, mostly in country towns. Met Jan in Emerald but Goondiwindi had the best golf course

What do you do when you're not working?

Family comes first, then the Shed (steam locos - 45mm and 5in) then Golf (would love to be able to see the ball land) then gardening (darn drought)

Favourite Food?

Pot Roast!!! Fruit cake, sweets of all types (all of which are now on the almost never list).

Best Film you've seen?

"African Queen" An oldie but a goodie, also any film version of an Agatha Christie novel.

What would you do if you had unlimited funds?

After taking care of the immediate and extended family it would be 1. Air condition the shed 2. Travel to Egypt and Greece (Jan's wishes) 3. Travel rest of world (Jan again) with stop overs at railways of interest (that's me) and 4. Buy a golf course with huge flat greens.

How many keys on your key ring?

Five- two for the ute, two for work and one for the garage. (and I don't wear them on a clip on my belt)

What car do you drive?

Mazda Bravo Turbo diesel single cab 2WD ute – basic but functional (A/C is great!)

What would you prefer to drive?

Dual Cab 4WD with better seats - more versatile but still functional

Where would you like to go on Holiday?

UK to visit Anglo/Celtic roots and their railways.

Do you return tools to their place after you have used them or when you finish the project?

Too embarrassing to ask Jan to find them for me so I put them away as soon as I am finished.

Project working on now?

Steam locos of course plus an Edwin plus the raised Garden for the 45mm track

3 people you would like to have dinner with?

3 other modellers

Who would you *not* want to be trapped on a desert Island with?

Anyone who doesn't like me.

BOOK REVIEW	<p>“How to Weld”</p> <p>This is a larger book with easy to read type face and brilliant photographs to clearly show step by step instructions. Also includes diagrams and easy to understand drawings to help the rank amateur who has never had anything to do with welding.</p> <p>Chapters include; Types and properties of metals, Joint designs and welding positions, Oxygen, Acetylene and other compressed gasses, Gas Welding, Brazing, Braze welding and Soldering, Arc welding incl shielded metal (SMAW), gas metal (GMAW) and Gas tungsten Arc welding(GTAW), Cutting Processes, Fabrication and Additional Exercises. First published in 2008 in the USA. 207 page Soft cover for \$44.</p>
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WORKSHOP HINT (Submitted by a Tasmanian)

When machining articles that involve boring two or more holes which must be parallel, one of the methods is, of course, holding on the face plate of a lathe. When small articles are involved such as the con-rod of a small petrol engine, this method is often impractical due to the large hole in the centre of the face plate and the very inconvenient spacing of the slots for the hold down straps and bolts.

To overcome this, an easy method is to obtain a piece of steel about 4” in diameter by 5/8” thick. After drilling and tapping appropriately spaced holes for the hold down bolts, the piece of steel is placed in the 3 jaw chuck and faced smooth, making in effect, a true running face plate with conveniently spaced straps and solid backing for the article being bored.

For subsequent use, the previously drilled and tapped holes are often of use. If not, additional holes can be made. The essential thing is to take a fine facing cut to ensure true running each time the sub face plate is used.

(Minitech welcomes submissions for inclusion in subsequent editions of the Newsletter)

Keith Bell Estate

The family of the late Keith Bell, a committed modeller and home machinist for many years, have arrived at the point where they wish to dispose of Keith's very extensive and high quality workshop.

Therefore in conjunction with his family, Minitech has undertaken to act as agents for the family and receive tenders for the huge array of equipment Keith accumulated over the years. The following list does not intend to itemise all the features of the products described but to briefly indicate what is available.

The description of the goods has been done with the best of intentions to describe the items accurately and honestly but neither we as agents nor the family cannot be held accountable for any errors. You would have to satisfy yourself as to the condition and accuracy of the description of the item in question. There is no warranty on any of the items.

An open day to view the items is scheduled for Saturday 14th March from 9:00am til 12 noon in Brisbane and is by appointment only. You can request an appointment time by email to bob@minitech.com.au

Tenders are to be submitted by email to bob@minitech.com.au before 5:00pm 16th March 2009 with "tender" in the subject line. Each item has a reserve price set and the highest tender above the reserve price will be notified by email or telephone of their success within 48 hours of the close of tender date. An unsuccessful tenderer may not be advised of their lack of success.

By submitting a tender you agree to purchase the item at the tendered price plus 3% service charge and to remove the item from the private residence in Brisbane at your expense within 10 days of being advised of your success.

Minitech may arrange transport or postage by direct negotiation with you if desired.

Payment is to be made by bank transfer or bank cheque. Private cheques need to be cleared before the items are available. GST is not applicable to these second hand products but a service fee of 3% is applicable to all sales.

Any inquiries may be directed by phone or email to Minitech Engineering and Model Supplies.

ALL ITEMS SOLD !!!