

Napier Meeting – November 1985

From the write up by John McDonald.

Date 1st 2nd 3rd November.

This meeting was our most successful yet – with a record attendance, more than ever films and equipment sold and traded and of course the event was televised on “Today-Tonight” programme creating a lot of interest in our hobby and bringing enquiries from interested persons. It looks like our next meeting will be brighter and better than ever.

We spent an enjoyable Friday night at Max Martin’s delightful theatrette in Onekawa. Later, Max turned on a very enjoyable supper, helped by family and friends. Some good films were viewed and plenty of friendly chat.

On Saturday, a very large attendance at Graeme Steel’s residence and theatre in Havelock heralded another action packed film day. We saw a very interesting demonstration of 9.5mm sound by Ken Zambra of Napier. A very early 35mm silent film and projector by Guy Burgess (featured on the TV screen), an early film on the Napier earthquake from Jack Murtagh. Good films were screened by Graeme Steel and ‘Fred’ who came over from Tasmania.

Sunday saw us visit George Ellison’s set-up in Napier and Robert Fulton’s Theatrette in Hastings.

A special word of thanks to the ladies who catered so magnificently for us over the weekend.