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24 YEARS.....1985 – 2009

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Ford Heaven Tony Pernechele's Car Museum Bailup Farm - Gidgegannup

The AVVVA Club Day for March was a visit to Tony Pernechele's Ford Museum at Gidgegannup.

Tony has a huge array of Ford cars from the very early through to the latest models.

It was a very successful day judging by all the rave reviews I have heard and especially so for the "Ford" lovers amongst us.



NEXT CLUB MEETING - THURSDAY April 16th
8.00pm AT THE CLUB ROOMS FITZGERALD ST NORTHAM

The following Articles/Editorials are published as received and are not necessarily the views of the AVVVA.

Deadline for articles: Last day of the month

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi Members,

It is pleasing to see members turning up at our meetings on a regular basis. It is very important that members continue to do this as there are occasions when decisions have to be made on a variety of matters and we need members in attendance to see that the right decisions are made.

Our last meeting was one of these occasions where there was considerable debate on the future of the A model Fords and it has now been agreed by the members present that these vehicles become a club project to restore. This matter has dragged on for far too long and is now resolved with the view of attracting new members who would like to be involved in a restoration project and to learn new skills.

At the time of writing this report the first inspection day has passed with some 12 or 13 vehicles being inspected leaving approximately the same number to do at our next inspection day. It was good to see the members who were waiting for their vehicles to be inspected engaging themselves in cleaning the gutters of the club building and as a result, we now have clean gutters ready for the oncoming winter.

The Shire has also removed the tree that had fallen over the fence dividing our property and their property. This matter was raised at the time when Allan and I attended an inspection of the building we occupy and the old Railway Station by representatives from the Shire.

Our last club outing to Tony Pernechele's Ford Car Museum was very successful with a good number of members, wives and friends turning up in their cars. At the end of our picnic lunch a raffle was conducted by our treasurer Gary and this was won by Alan Hicks. If you look at the coming events you will see that there are other events coming. So keep these in mind and who knows, Gary may again run a mystery raffle.

Thank you to all who are assisting in the running of our club and the members supporting our outings.

President Stan

Spark Your Dream.....

.....Herman & Cande Zapp from Argentina, together with their 4 children are touring Australia (in fact they are headed to NZ, Asia and Europe) in a 1928 Graham-Paige motor car. They have a detailed website showing their travels from the southern tip of South America to the northern tip of North America which will give you a better idea of what they are about.

Their website is www.sparkyourdream.net

Concessional Vehicle Inspections

Saturday 4th April

8.00 am to 2.00 pm

(The April Busy Bee/Inspection Day has been brought forward because of Easter)

*Please note that 'first time' concessional licences cannot be done on Saturday mornings because the DPI is not open on Saturdays.

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY 19th MARCH, 2009
AT THE AVVVA CLUB ROOMS**

Meeting Commenced at 8.00pm with President Stan Eastwood in the Chair

In Attendance Fred Singleton, JP Mills, Isobel Keayes, Stan Eastwood, June Eastwood, Jim Donovan, Gary Slater, Deanne Slater, John King, Hazel King, Phil Chapman, Allan Hicks, Sandra Ferguson, Mick Oliver, Bert Hayes, Angie Hayes, Colin Campbell, Theo Bekkers (Snr), Bruce Sharman, Arthur Nash

Apologies for Non Attendance Dale Keayes, Bob Starling, Ted Leagas, Kevin Christmass, Leanne Lee, Arthur Millea, Dave Lucas

Minutes of Previous General Meeting Accepted

Moved Jeff Mills *Seconded* Allan Hicks AIF Carried

Guests

Nil

Business Arising from Minutes

Nil

Correspondence Inwards

- Austin News - March/April 2009 newsletter
- Telstra – changes to services
- Past Times – March 2009
- National Historical Machinery Association News
- Council of Motoring Clubs – February Minutes
- Flyer for the Flying 50 on Saturday 4th April and Sunday 5th April, 2009
- Boxing Thistle Media – donation of \$50-00. See further details in this newsletter
- Andrew Wells – information forwarded to all scrutineers from Department for Planning and Infrastructure
- Council of Motoring Clubs – February Minutes. See further details in this newsletter
- The Old Machinery Club of WA – February newsletter
- Confederation of Australian Motor Sport [Dept of Sport and Recreation] – Calendar of Events 2009 email wa@cams.com.au

Correspondence Received

Moved Bert Hayes *Seconded* June Eastwood AIF Carried

Correspondence Outwards

- Avon Waste – Thanking them for supporting the recent Swap Meet.
- Northam Shire – re the Annual Inspection

Correspondence be Endorsed

Moved Bert Hayes *Seconded* June Eastwood AIF Carried

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's Financial Report –March, 2009

Opening Balance 1st February, 2009 \$4987-23

Receipts

Membership	81-00	
Conc Licence & Plates	17-00	
Swap Meet	8730-60	
Refreshemnts	75-40	
Merchandise	154-00	
Clothing	309-00	
Trailer Hire	50-00	
Parts Sales	<u>50-00</u>	9467-00

Payments

Swap Meet Float	500-00	
Swap Meet Drinks	426-20	
Swap Meet Tea and Coffee	65-13	
Refreshments	46-94	
Inspection Station Fee	69-70	
Stationery	209-16	
Postage	154-00	
Motor Vehicle – Truck Lic	30-35	
H/D Lic	30-35	
Bank Fee (Deposit Book)	<u>4-50</u>	<u>1536-33</u>
		<u>7930-67</u>
		12917-90

Add Cheque W/O		6-00
Closing Cash Book Balance as at 28 th February, 2009		12923-90
Plus Term Deposit		6000-00
Total Funds available		\$18923-90
Treasurer's Report Accepted		
Moved Allan Hicks	Seconded Sandra Ferguson	AIF Carried

Reports

Club Events

Reported by Gary Slater on behalf of the Events Committee.

- Visit to Bailup Farm on Sunday - leave from the Club Rooms at 10.15 am
- Flying 50 on 4th and 5th April, 2009 – as yet the Club has not been approached to display vehicles.
- Anzac Day Service at The Residency on 24th April, 2009. Allan Hicks to organize a trailer for the bike to be on display, along with Theo Bekker's Jeep and Club member's vehicles.
- British Car Day at Gin Gin on 17th May, 2009 will be organized by the Events Committee and Bruce Sharman has also offered his services.
- Moondyne Festival on 17th May, 2009 – as yet the Club has not been approached to display vehicles.
- The Rec Centre has been booked for 21st February, 2010 for the Swap Meet. The bond will be rolled over, and payment for hire of the grounds, \$260-00, has yet to be paid.

Shed

Reported by Allan Hicks on behalf of the Shed Committee.

- Club cars were not inspected on the Inspection Day.
- Frank Tonga won't be present at the Inspection Day on 4th April, 2009
- Twelve vehicles were inspected.
- The Shed Committee is to provide a Log Book for the hoist.
- The owner of a vehicle being inspected for the first time, needs to make an appointment to have the inspection done on a weekday. These inspections *cannot* be done on weekends.

Motion That Mick McColl is fully authorized to use the hoist for Initial Inspection appointments made on a weekday.

Moved Bruce Sharman Seconded Jim Donovan AIF Carried

New Members

We welcome Peter Hanson to the Club. He is the owner of a 1944 Ford GPW Jeep

We welcome Jamie Prytulak to the Club. He is the owner of a 1979 Holden Sunbird.

General Business.

- Phil Chapman and John King, representing the Club, attended a meeting to discuss the construction of a Cultural Centre in Northam.
- Jeff Mills has filled in the large holes, at the rear of the yard, with rubble.
- Phil Chapman has the Club key to the gates at the rear of the building, near the signal box.

Motion As we have no further use for the area we will, after having cleared it of all the wood, approach the Council and they can have the key and be responsible for locking and unlocking the gates.

Moved John King Seconded Allan Hicks AIF Carried

- The Hospice has been approached to gain an insight as to what they would like donated as part of the Swap Meet proceeds. They indicated that four bar fridges would be appreciated, if possible. Several quotes were obtained, and after discussion, the members decided on the following:

Motion We purchase four 50 litre fridges from the Good Guys store in Midland at a cost of \$129-00 each. Plaques to be attached prior to presentation to the Hospice.

Moved Jeff Mills Seconded June Eastwood AIF Carried

- Consideration be given to donating part of the Swap Meet proceeds in 2010 to the Royal Flying Doctor Service.
- Opening the Railway Museum – the General Committee is to meet and discuss the lease that was drawn up a few years ago with the Council, the AVVVA and the Railway Preservation group.
- An account has been received from the Council for power and water costs for approximately \$1100-00, dating back to 2007. This matter is to be followed up.
- Ford A Donation/ Restoration project - After much discussion the following was decided

Motion The Club retain the Ford A and restore the vehicle as long as members participated and helped John King and Bruce Sharman to make it a viable project.

Moved John King Seconded Bruce Sharman
For 15 Against 2 Abstained 6 Carried

Further to this it was decided that a standard letter be drafted that would give the Club sole ownership and control of any future donations made to the Club.

- The Secretary and Treasurer advised that they will not be present at the next Busy Bee or the General Meeting.
- All positions will be declared vacant at our AGM in July. Consideration should be given to nominating suitable persons to fill these positions.

- Pale blue shirts, with the Club logo embroidered on the front, are being offered for sale as an alternative to the polo shirts. If you are interested in making a purchase please contact Hazel (9622 8541 or hazelking1@bigpond.com) for more information on styles, prices, etc.

Meeting closed 10.30 pm

Next Busy Bee Saturday 4th April, 2009

Next General Meeting Thursday, 16th April, 2009 at 8.00pm in the Club Rooms

Thank You

Please find enclosed our \$50.00 donation for the kind assistance the Avon Valley Vintage Vehicle Association provided during the filming of our short film "ENEMY".

It was such a pleasure to deal with you all and the inclusion of your beautiful bike and car in the film are just superb. We were looking for a means of establishing the period of time and I can't think of a more visually delightful way? Thank you for all coming down on the day, being so patient and really becoming part of our on-set day.

This was my first experience as a producer and it was so wonderful to be so supported by your organization; particularly by you Hazel, thank you so much.

Thank you. Thank you. Thank you.

Kate Neylon, Producer "ENEMY"

Austins Over Australia 2009

Thursday 9th April to Monday April 13th

Members of the Austin Motor Vehicle Club of WA are hosting Austins Over Australia 2009 to be held in Perth.

The public is welcome to attend the following displays – free of charge.

Saturday 11th April is Whiteman Park Display (West Swan)

Sunday 12th April is McCallum Park Display (South Perth)

Monday 13th April is Bindoon Oval at Bindoon Town Centre, Bindoon

For further information please contact –

Athol Gorn: atholfarmer@optusnet.com.au
(08) 9276 9235

or

Ken Devine: (08) 9390 5310

Northam Flying 50

Saturday 4th – Mt Ommaney Hill Climb

Sunday 5th – Round The Houses Flying 50
Town Centre Family Fun Day

There is an assembly point for those wishing to go in convoy to the Northam Flying 50, April 5th.

Start at Stirling Park Guildford 8.30 to 9.30 a, (over the railway line) entry for car display area Northam \$10 per car + programme or come as you like.

For further information please contact – John Bennington on 9574 4773 or benntoo@westnet.com.au

100 Years Ago

Northam Flooded

The heaviest thunderstorm experienced within the memory of the oldest inhabitants occurred in Northam this afternoon, flooding the town and doing damage the extent of which cannot be calculated. At about half-past 5 o'clock a roaring sound from the north-east was heard. The sky presented a most fantastic appearance with monstrous clouds curling around each other and scudding along at an appalling rate. For about 35 minutes the rain fell in sheets accompanied by gigantic hailstones. Those in charge of the gauge say there cannot have been less than 7 inches of rain in half an hour. Then was heard the roaring of a torrent and water rushed down on the town with irresistible force and in a few minutes there was a depth of four feet of water in the main street.

From The West Australian

The following was taken from Council of Motoring Clubs General Meeting held on 16th February 2009:

Delegates were advised that there were 4 known **breaches of the code 404 conditions** noted at Big Al's Poker Run last Saturday. Three did not display a window sticker (one of which was also modified with a bonnet scoop) and one had placed the Historic plates in the vehicle behind front and rear window. Owners of two of the vehicles were made aware of the breaches on the day, one was advised at this meeting and the other will be passed on to DPI. **We must protect this system** and all club members are asked to report any breaches that they see to the CMC with Date, Time and Reg No.

The World past the Twenty Kilometre Line

Theo's Story Part 1. 1930-1940

The World was in a big crisis. Banks went bust and people who were well off one day were broke the next, and unemployment was rife. For me, coming into the workforce, an apprenticeship was just luck or impossible. My parents were small-holding farmers and were mostly self-sustaining. There was no Social Service so we had to live with our parents and work on the farm. We got enough to eat but not much more.

One day an advertisement appeared in the newspaper "Workers Wanted" it said. That was good news for me and I went to get more information about the job. The work was in Germany. I had a friend in the same position who was also desperate for a job and we applied for the jobs together. A date was set for our departure by train with the fare being paid by the new employer.

This was very exciting for us, neither of us had ever been more than 20 kilometres from our village and then on our bicycles. The journey took us past the huge Krupp Steel Works, over rivers, past farmlands, forests and more industrial areas, 200km from home to a place called Braunschweig. From there we were transported another 15 km to some timber buildings near the Works where we were to be housed.

On Monday a person directed us to the factory. Our first encounter was the longest. But the work was simple and the tempo was easy as long as you were busy or looked busy it was OK.

When payday came we felt like kings, we had money in our hands. I sent some home and had plenty left for myself. As time went by more workers arrived. A lot of Italians, they were hard workers. They are known as 'no good worriers' and better at making fine machinery, good wines and opera singers. We must meet some of them.

Theo Bekkers

With the mention of the Zapp family travelling in their 1928 model, here is a brief history of **Graham-Paige** cars.

Graham-Paige, U.S.A., 1927-1940

Graham-Paige may appear to be just another fairly obscure American marque which lasted less than 20 years and produced only a few notable models. But indirectly, it gave a leg up to one of the present day's largest volume-car producers and the company itself lives on today in a most unusual way.

In 1927 three brothers from Indiana, Robert, Joseph and Ray Graham, took over the Paige-Detroit Motor Company, a fairly successful firm which had made quite a name for itself since it started in 1908 with cars like the 1921 Daytona Speedster, named after a 102mph (164km/h) record-breaking run by one of its models.

The brothers themselves had made their money from agriculture, bottle-making, and assembling trucks with their own bodies on Dodge chassis and engines: a business which Dodge bought from them in 1925.

As soon as they bought the Paige concern, and its factory in Dearborn, Michigan, the three renamed it Graham-Paige and started to employ their business and salesmanship skills to good effect. They established a first-year sales record with their 1928 range, which was cannily priced and targeted within the market, and in 1929 they made nearly 80,000 cars and had to take over several more plants to cope with the demand – even opening one in Berlin.

But this phenomenal success was not to last – indeed, 1929 was to prove their best-ever year. The Depression began to affect sales badly and the firm only just weathered the economic storm of the early 1930's which claimed so many small companies.

In 1932 it bounced back, now known simply as Graham, with its Blue Streak models, which were low (thanks to a clever chassis design), sleek, and extremely stylish. Though the cars were widely admired, they weren't as widely bought and sales continued to slide. Even the excellent performance of the range, improved further when a supercharged model appears in 1934, could not help to stop their fall, and the only bright spot was the sale of tools and dies for an obsolete model to Nissan of Japan, thereby temporarily saving the company and starting Nissan's rise to its present position as one of the world's biggest volume-car makers.

But nothing, it seemed, could halt the company's demise.. The 1938 'Sharknose' range was a brave, if phenomenally ugly attempt to gain attention and though they performed well, they looked like the result of a nasty crease in the blueprints and didn't sell. Floundering badly by now, the last model built, in 1940 was a mixture of Cord, Hupmobile and Graham parts which met the fate it deserved – ignominious failure.

The Company stopped making cars entirely in 1940, though World War II led it briefly into aircraft and marine engines, not to mention an amphibious tractor. After the war the car-making part of this firm was absorbed into the Kaiser-Frazer corporation.

Graham made farm machinery for a while, then became involved in real estate and survives today, in spirit if not in name, as the corporation which owns and runs the giant Madison Square Gardens sporting arena.

Article taken from Encycloedia of Cars
1992 publication

COMING EVENTS

2009

Saturday 4th April

AVVVA Busy Bee/Concessional Licence Inspection Day
AVVVA Club Shed
8.00 am – 2.00 pm

Friday 3rd – Sunday 5th April

Quit Forest Rally – Busselton

Saturday 4th - Sunday 5th April

Northam Flying 50
Saturday – Mt Ommaney Hill Climb
Sunday – Round the Houses Flying 50 and
town centre Family Fun Day
Contact: John Bennington – benntoo@westnet.com.au

Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th April 2009

NHMA Rally. Sturt Reserve
Murray Bridge, South Australia
Enquiries – PO Box 2105 Hackham SA 5163
Phone 08 8382 9413 or email awheaton@adam.com.au

Sunday 5th April

VAA Swap Meet, Steel Blue Oval, Bassendean
Seller from 6.00 Buyers from 7.00am
Sellers entry \$8.00 Buyers \$3.00 (children under 12 Free)
Contact: Robert Hyde 9279 3506

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All Austins from 1905 to the present day are welcome to attend.
Contact: Athol Gorn: atholfarmer@optusnet.com.au
(08) 9276 9235
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Sunday 12th April

All Australian Car Day VI
Waroona Town Oval
Information: www.eventassist.org.au

Easter

All Australian Austin Healy Rally

Sunday 19th April

Mundaring Tourism Association Treasure Hunt (by car)
Starting at Mundaring and concluding at Mundaring Weir Hotel.
(see notice March newsletter)
10.00am to 4.00pm
www.mundaringtourism.com.au
For more information contact Julie Cook on 0422 678 094

When the late Mr & Mrs Henry Ford celebrated their golden wedding anniversary, a reporter asked them, "To what do you attribute your 50 years of successful married life?"

"The formula," said Ford, "is the same formula as I have always used in making cars – **just stick to one model.**"

Friday 24th April

Visit to Avon Valley Residency (47-57 Burgoyne St). Club members to attend and ANZAC service with the residents.
Please contact: Allan Hicks on 9622 1007

Saturday 25th – Sunday 26th April

Transcore Classic Challenge touring road rally
(AEM www.classicrally.com.au)

Sunday 17th May

Bridgetown Heritage Day 17th May 2009. Bridgetown
Show Grounds
\$10 per car entry (Driver free)
Vintage Cars, Vintage Machinery, log chops,
working saws etc.

Sunday 17th May

National Motoring Heritage Day

Sunday 17th May

British Car Day – Gingin

Sunday 31st May

Albany Classic Round the Houses event
Albany (VSCC – www.vscwa.com.au)

Friday 3rd July

CMC Quiz Night (Mercedes-Benz Car Club of WA)

Sunday 26th July

German Car Day – Northam
(Mercedes-Benz Car Club of WA)

Sunday 26th July

1 Day Classic touring road rally
(AEM www.classicrally.com.au)

Sunday 25th October

British Auto Classic 2009
Waroona Town Oval
Information: www.eventassist.org.au
Golden Jubilee of the MINI
If you own a British Mini of any kind or know someone who does please contact Event Assist Inc. PO Box 5146
FALCON 6210
Phone/Fax 9585 1010 Email: ter.syl@bigpond.com

Avon Valley Residency Visit

Friday 24th April

The Avon Valley Residency would like as many Club members as possible, and their vehicles, to attend an ANZAC service with the residents.

Please contact **Allan Hicks** on **9622 1007** if you are able to attend.

Northam Residential College



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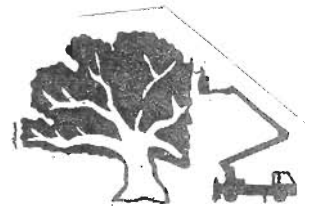
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Machinery Insurance.....	\$16.00 per person
(for Stationary Motors)	
Concessional Licence - Per vehicle per year.	\$ 5.00
(for all concessional licensed vehicles each year)	
Monthly Newsletter Advertisement.....	\$35.00
Bumper Badge.....	\$25.00
Concessional Plates "Historic" (2 per vehicle)	\$ 6.00ea
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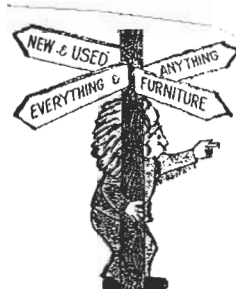
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NOTICE BOARD

MEETING DATES FOR 2008/2009

THURSDAY APRIL 16th
THURSDAY MAY 21st

BUSY BEE DATES FOR 2009

**SATURDAY APRIL 4th **
SATURDAY MAY 16th

AVVVA APPAREL

With the exception of the caps, all items have the AVVVA Club Logo embroidered on them.

Polo Shirt (royal blue) - \$35.00
Men's Long or Short Sleeve Shirts (light blue) - \$35.00
Ladies Long or Short Sleeve Shirts (light blue) - \$35.00
Fleecy Sweatshirt/Pullover (Royal Blue) - \$42.00
Jacket (Royal Blue & Gold) - \$45.00
Wide brim hats (Sand) - \$25.00
Caps (Royal Blue)* - \$8.00

**These have a printed logo, not embroidered
I hope to have samples left at the AVVVA Club rooms as well as have them on club days.*

For further information/orders please contact Hazel King
Phone: 9622 8541
hazelking1@bigpond.com

WANTED

I purchased the 'top of an Aero Morgan grill' at the recent Swap Meet.

Now I am wondering where the rest of the car might be!

Or.....is there anyone who has an interest in Morgans, especially a three wheeler, which I think this grill might belong to?

Anyone who can help out, please contact Mark on 9387 3897 or 0432 910 742

FOR SALE

1983 Toyota 4WD Diesel Landcruiser/Troup carrier
Reliable motor, regularly serviced, registered
\$5,700
Contact Wendy on 9641 2070

FOR SALE

1960 Mark II Zephyr
Automatic
(the grey one in Tony's museum)
Please contact Tony on 0427 743 338

FOR SALE

1 x Ford V8 24 stud side valve motor and gear box.
Needs rebuild. Out of a 1954 5 ton truck - **\$550**

1 x Ford V8 side valve motor and gear box. Out of a
1948 truck. Needs rebuild - **\$450**

Will deliver to Northam - Phone Peter 0427 155 354
9022 9413

MAKE AN OFFER

4 cylinder OHV Austin engine
Suit 1949-50 x 30 cwt truck

Contact - Allan Hicks
9622 1007

FOR SALE.....\$200

2 x Circular Saw Blades (with teeth to cut firewood)
1 x 23 inch.....1 x 27 inch
Includes shaft complete with bearings
Saw Bench - \$150 (not motor)

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Part restored - mechanics almost complete - can be driven.

New wood spoke wheels - steering wheel.

Ample body parts - mainly good order.

Full details phone Jim - 9586 4223
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