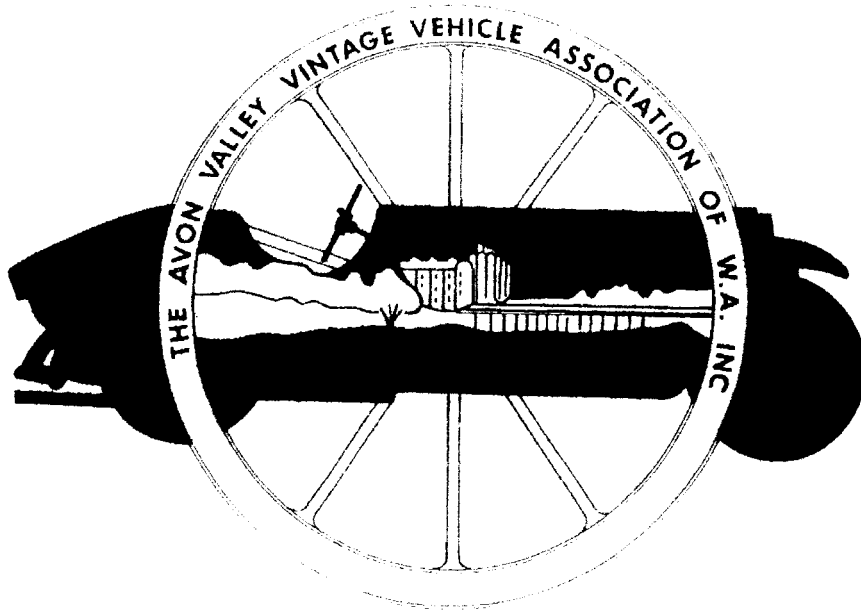


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NEXT CLUB MEETING THURSDAY AUGUST 18 2005

8.00pm AT THE CLUBROOMS FITZGERALD STREET 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

Those members who took part in the trip to June & Stan Eastwoods' home in Toodyay on July 17 enjoyed a great day out. After the heavy fog lifted it turned out a fine day. On arrival Stan & June welcomed us with morning tea and Stan's shed was open for viewing and the 1929 Chev 6 sedan was on display. After a barbecue lunch in a pleasant picnic setting the party set off for a drive to the old Newcastle Townsite finishing at Duidgee Park.

Many thanks to Stan & June for their hospitality and organisation of the event. Members attending were:- Colin & Phyl Campbell 63 Humber Super Snipe, Theo Bekkers & Kevin Christmass 42 Ford Jeep, Garry & Deanne Slater 63 Humber Super Snipe, Chris & Gail Alabach Jaguar XJ6. Travelling in modern cars were:- Jeff Mills, Jim Donovan, Alan Hicks & Sandra, Isobel Keys, Clarrie Doust, Barry & Kath Ferguson, Rex & Chris Downie.

A group of members from the VAA also attended.

The AGM saw little change in most positions. Congratulations to Alan Hicks for accepting and being elected to the position of Vice President.

JIM DONOVAN.....President

COMING EVENTS

Saturday August 20 Beverley Ag Show.

Sunday August 21 Rover Car Club to visit Northam Old Railway Museum, Fitzgerald Street. 8.30am. Details see Bob Thornton or phone 96223707.

Saturday September 10 Northam Agricultural Show. Details to follow.

Sunday September 11. 100 Years of Austin. Fremantle Esplanade opp Esplanade Hotel. Phone Bruce 92719529 or Sandie 93391096.

Saturday/Sunday September 18/19 Northam Motorcycle Festival. Details to follow.

Sunday September 18 Coolgardie Day. Information phone 90266146.

Sunday October 16 RAC 100 years Centenary. Details from the Fremantle Motor Museum. Phone 0407330390 or Website 100years.rac.com.au

Thurs October 20 All stars Concert Northam Town Hall 1pm-4pm. Booked \$15 at Door \$25. RSVP early before Sept 20. Phone Karen 96223886. Over 60's.

Sunday November 13 Chidlow Show. Phone Ruth 95723675.

Sunday Nov 13 Maurice Brockwell Memorial Run. Departs South Perth.

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Sunday Feb 19 AVVVA 2006 Swap Meet. Northam Showgrounds.

FROM THE SECRETARY

The Annual General Meeting is now over and congratulations to all those members who volunteered for a committee position.

Our Editor has asked for more reports on shows and events which members attend. Or maybe you went for a trip to somewhere interesting in your old vehicle? Give us your report, then all the members can read about your adventures.

I hope to be able to improve the Newsletter now that we have a new photocopier. Just be patient and see. (I hope you will agree!). We now have 70 members getting their Newsletter from the website, so if you do not need it posted, please advise me and I will take you off the mailing list. Also, please provide me with your e-mail address.

Another improvement is that all membership fees are now on one computer. In 2005 the Treasurer was able to send 25 accounts to our

advertisers and 80 accounts for the overdue memberships. In 2006 we will be able to send an account to every single member and every advertiser. About 300 accounts in total! This is a big effort from the Treasurer, so many thanks to Leanne Dunn.

All looks good for the year ahead. See you at the events to come.

.Happy Motoring FRED SINGLETON

CELEBRATE SENIORS RACE DAY

Thursday August 25. FREE ENTRY
Displays of Seniors equipment - Northam Share & Care Services on hand to provide assistance in Health and welfare needs. Gardening presentation by Northam Garden Centre. For info contact club office 96227765

SUMMARY OF JULY MEETING

Apologies: Dale Keayes, Ted Leagas, Alan McCandlish, Ian Hitchcock, Frank & Kaye Lewis, Andrew Wells, Julian Stanwix, Sandra Ferguson, Kevin Jones.

Minutes read: Accepted by Clarrie Doust, seconded by Jeff Mills.

Business arising from those minutes: Nil

Correspondence: In: 38. Out: 9. Moved Alan Hicks, seconded Marg Hill.

Treasurer's Report: Bank Balance: \$11180.08..

Committee Reports:

Events Committee:

- 1 Ron Morris spoke on the 2006 Vintage Swap Meet. Entry to be \$3.00, Sites \$7.00. The food stall to be a local community group and a fee be charged for the stall.
- 2 Ron Morris mentioned the Northam Ag Show. The AVVVA may again be on the basketball courts but the ramp needs attention ASAP.
- 3 Leanne Dunn spoke on the annual Dinner at the Northam Residential College. A possibility of holding the Christmas party there also.
- 4 Stan Eastwood gave a report on the club run to Toodyay. Approx 40-50 people attended. 2006 same event??

Shed Report:

Phil Chapman reported the shed hoist is booked for repairs.

Registrar's Report: Nil.

New Members:

Andrew & Sue Sams 55 Lockyer Avenue, Northam 6401

Peter Newton 240 Mayo Road Gigegannup 6261

Jo & Tony Morley PO Box 191 Halls Creek 6770

General Business:

- 1 Phil Chapman mentioned the AVVVA needs a new vacuum cleaner. Moved by Rex Downie that one be purchased. Seconded by Bert Hayes. AIF. Passed.
- 2 Phil Chapman suggest4ed the AVVVA put a padlock on the door leading to the long room for security.
- 3 Phil Chapman mentioned the electric fuel pump on the Morris car needs attention.
- 4 Alf Brown needs a diesel pump for a tractor.
- 5 Ron Lee needs mag wheels for a mini moke.
- 6 Bob Thornton mentioned the Rover Club is visiting the Old Railway Station Museum on Sunday August 21 at 8.30am.
- 7 John King is the contact for the AVVVA trailer hire. Phone 96228541

Meeting Closed: 8.40pm followed by AGM.

Next Meeting Thursday August 18 2005.

A TRIP TO BOULDER FOR ANZAC DAY & A WEDDING.

Ray Crocker and Barry Brooks and our 1926 Chevrolet 4 Ute

On approaching Hines Hill on the return journey we were looking for a place to camp for the night when we detected a minor ticking sound coming from the engine. Pulling over to assess the problem, the dreaded misfire developed. It was decided to push on to a truck bay near Hines Hill Tavern as the long shadows were fast approaching.

Quite a few suggestions later as to the reason for our predicament, my leaned friend asked "Can you see the valve stem in No 4 inlet valve spring"? "No" was the answer. The valve had pulled through the Colletts and dropped down the valve guide, but luckily had not gone right through.

By this time the sun had almost set, so a plastic torch was used to see to remove the spark plug. Then we could see the valve hanging in the cylinder. After a lot of messing around the removing the vacuum tank we were able to push the valve shut and tie it closed with some string. Then, removing the valve spring, push rods and rocker arm we re-assembled the vacuum tank and tested the engine on 3 cylinders and it ran OK. At this point the torch battery was nearly flat and the cook had gone on strike, so no camp fire meal! Following one or two nightcaps we retired for

the night. Arising before dawn we packed up to go. 'No breakfast' (Hard man this Ray).

Departing Hines Hill at approx 6.00am we made pretty good time on the flats, only stopping to check the tension of the string holding the valve closed and heat from No 4 cylinder discharging directly at the vacuum tank.

Up hills from Northam to Mundaring was a different story. Apologies to the truckies who thought we had parked halfway up the hills! (One must not stray over the white line on the side of the road EH).

We arrived home about 12.30pm a distance of some 224km (plastic miles) on 2 cylinders without any further problems.

TRY THAT IN A MODERN CAR.

The moral of this story is - 'You should not travel into the hinterland without a piece of string'.

Ray & Barry

FOR SALE

1967 Torana 2 Door. Good mechanical order
\$700 ono. Phone Joe Paulson after 4pm
90454119

4 x 550x13inch 6ply tyres

1 x 670x16inch 6ply tyres

Holden Red 186 Motor, no manifold.

3 Bar Stools

37/38 Chev Engine

Hillman Motor & Gearbox

3 Prefect tyres, wheels & Hubcaps

Offers to shed committee or see Phil Chapman

Fargo Ute for parts. Vauxhall Car for parts

Bedford Truck for parts.

Phone 96223002.

1947 Fordson Tractor Engine. Petrol/Kero,
Long Motor. All there except inlet manifold
and carbi. Phone Steve Brown-Smith on
behalf Corrigin Hist Society on 90632246

1953 Austin Somerset Sedan A40
New white walled tyres. Full Registration
Many Spares Reduced to \$6000 neg
Car at Australind Phone Bill Relph
97960111

WANTED

Volunteers to move the bricks near to the spot for future paving work in coming months. Bring you wheelbarrows to the August Busy Bee. See Shed committee or Phil Chapman for details.

Any spare parts for a 1929 Essex.
Also old WA enamel No. Plates, I have many to swap. Phone Steve Brown-Smith 90632246

By a collector and AVVVA Member.
Early Australian Military insignia including hat badges, buttons and belt buckles with emblems, particularly WA items. Cadet badges also of interest
Julian Russell phone 93850419 or
e-mail j.russel@ecqc.com

BUSY BEE DATES FOR 2005

AUGUST 13

SEPTEMBER 10 - OCTOBER 15

NOVEMBER 12 - DECEMBER ??

MEETING DATES FOR 2005

AUGUST 18

SEPTEMBER 15 - OCTOBER 20

NOVEMBER 17 - DECEMBER 15

Safe and Happy Motoring

SECRETARY....Fred Singleton

Financial report 30th June 2005

It is my pleasure to present my third financial year report.

1st July 2004 started with a Bank balance of \$9250.84. There was no increase in Members' subs, however a new fee of \$5-00 to assist cover the newsletter postage costs was introduced, payable from July 2005 for existing members and September 1st 2004 for new members. This resulted in 40% of postage costs being received by June 30th.

Concessional fees also remained the same with over \$750 being received. Membership dues also stayed the same, with over \$4000 being received.

Advertising income was received from 17 advertisers and is currently an area that needs a overhaul, due to slow and non payment of fees. Many businesses have requested a tax invoice be provided and accordingly this has been done this year. As at the 30th June 18 advertisers were unfinancial.

A small loss was incurred with Machinery Insurance, as the premiums have increased to \$13-00 and the current fee payable is \$12-00, However this only affects 19 members.

Members were again generous with their Donations the major donors being Carmel Sands \$230, Derek Dillany \$150 and Dunroon Racing \$100. All donors, large and small are recognised and thanked for their generosity.

Trailer Hire again covered costs associated with the Club Trailer and the sale of machinery parts, both on the spot and at the swap total \$474.

The swap meet was again a success, with gate takings, sausage sizzle and sale of spare parts totalling \$4688-75.

On the expenditure side:

Bank charges were \$45-90 Club Committee reimbursements \$1400 and sausage sizzle reimbursements of \$500 is a small price for the club to absorb when one considers the varying amount of work done at Busy Bee days. It is worth noting that Colin has not requested nor sought an increase for the three years I have been Treasurer, and it is clear good financial management is in place. However, the number of members attending club Busy bee days continues to drop, and this area will require an assessment to ascertain what members want out of a busy bee day.

The postage and printing costs for the club newsletter was \$1600, and the reduction from previous years is as a direct result of Mr Singleton sourcing lower printing costs, and a major acceptance of on line newsletter access. We should also acknowledge the tremendous amount of maintenance and work done on the website, thanks to both Michael Courtney (for which he receives a complimentary membership) and Fred Singleton.

Donations of total \$550 to the Northam Hospice and \$100 to the Tsunami appeal were also provided.

Expenses of Club Vehicles totalled \$625, with the majority being spent on the restoration of the Morris (\$275). Again recognition must be given to the tireless workers in the shed, and the businesses who donate both their time, skills and resources to the upgrade and maintenance of these club vehicles.

Insurance is again our major expenses with a total this year \$2200, covering Club, Machinery Insurance, Public Liability and the Shed and Club rooms.

Repairs to the building, equipment and general mait totalled \$900 whilst office supplies, office postage, delivery and misc office supplies totalled \$450.

Swap Meet costs continue to increase with the greatest expense being advertising \$865.36. A close focus on expenditure was maintained with the fair this year, and these expenses were under budget. Total \$1700.

The installation of the telephone has brought an additional cost of \$400 this year, however again great restraint is being shown with its usage.

Water rates of \$220 were also paid.

The lowest balance this year was \$5721.88

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for the patience you have shown to me this year. All of the various sections within club have been collated, and a great deal of cross matching has occurred. In what we believe is a first for the club, and invoice has been issued for every member, detailing their particular fees required. All members who remained unfinacial as at the 30th June are pregressively receiving these invoices, and we expect our non collection ratio to significantly decrease. I would like to particularly thank Fred for his attention to detail, and the many hours he has spent perusing financial records.

The recent purchase of a club fax machine has added to the Club's assets, and we are awaiting the professional delivery of the photocopier and laser printer. Several of our Club Members have already viewed these items and agree with me that we indeed secured a bargain. These items will combine to greatly assist all club members involved in the membership base of the club.

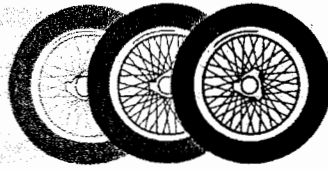
I would ask that the members consider the purchase of a digital camera during this financial year. Digital camera's can be purchased for between \$250 and \$500. The acquisition of this will ensure the club maintains a living meory of history, particularly in regards to our memers and the restoration of our vehicles. Consideration will also be needed this year into the service/repair of the shed hoist. Little if any maintenance has been performed over the past two years, and we should not let a major expense occur due to the non maintenance of this item.

So in total after all bills have been paid, allowances for outstanding cheques and deposits, the total amount in the Bank as at 30th June 2005 \$11180.08cr.

THE AVON VALLEY VINTAGE VEHICLE ASSOCIATION OF WA (INC)

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- PRESIDENT:** Jim Donovan 221 Wellington Street Northam 6401 Phone 96222386.
- VICE PRESIDENT:** Alan Hicks 80 Newcastle Road NORTHAM 6401 Phone 96221007.
- SECRETARY:** Fred Singleton 28 Killick Street Northam 6401 Phone 96221192 (6-9pm).
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- PATRON:** Max Trenorden, Carmel Sands.
- REGISTRAR & COUNCIL OF MOTORING
CLUBS REP:** Andrew Wells PO Box 309 Mundaring 6073 Phone 92951572.
- GENERAL COMMITTEE:** Theo Bekkers, Bert Hayes, Jim Simcock, Ian Hitchcock,
Ted Leagas, Colin Campbell, Ron Morris.
- SWAP MEET COMMITTEE:** Rex Downie, Alan Hicks, Bert Hayes, Fred Singleton
- STATIONARY MOTOR
COMMITTEE:** Fred Plane, Tony Narducci, Barry Ferguson, Ian Hitchcock,
Les Pedlar.
- COMPOUND SUPERVISORS:** Fred Plane, Tony Narducci.
- SAFETY OFFICER'S FOR STATIONARY ENGINES:** Fred Plane, Tony Narducci.
- MOTOR CYCLE COMMITTEE:** Mark Matthew, Mick McColl, Mick Oliver, Chris Archer.
- AIS EXAMINERS:** John Cain, Mick McColl.
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Frank Tonga. John Cain, Chris Alabach, Malcolm Barker
Doug McWilliams.
- SHED FOREMAN:** Jeff Mills, John King, Alan Hicks.
- SPARE PARTS MANAGERS:** Ted Leagas, Alan McCandlish to assist..
- LIBRARIANS:** Bob Starling, Julian Stanwix.
- NEWSLETTER EDITOR:** Margaret Hill 513 Roediger Drive Northam Phone 96221919.
- EVENTS ORGANISERS:** Jim Donovan.
- WEBSITE ORGANISER** Fred Singleton
- AUDITOR (not elected)** 2005/6 Chartered Accountant, Ken Wolfenden, Northam.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

As at June 22 2005 - **Bold letters** indicate a Council of Motoring Clubs of W.A. (Inc) event

2005 2005 2005 2005 2005

- July** **12** **CMC Quiz Night - Cannington showgrounds [dog track] (MMWA) NOTE NEW DATE**
 17 Shannons York Festival of Motoring - York (
 20 **Risk Management Seminar at VCC Clubrooms - 8pm (9310 2475)**
 31 German Car Day - Perth to Northam (Mercedes-Benz Car Club - 9402 4112)
- August** **15** **CMC Annual General Meeting**
- September** 8-11 Targa West tarmac rally - Perth & Chittering areas
- October** **9** **French Car Day - Stirling Square, Guildford (SIVA- 9298 9064)**
 16 RAC 100th Anniversary Rally - Perth to Cottesloe (Fremantle Motor Museum - 9336 5222)
 17 **CMC General Meeting**
 22-29 Ferrari Club Australia National Rally - Perth and southwest (FCA WA- 9384 8375)
 23 Daimler Lanchester Owners Club Concours - Stirk Park, Kalamunda
- November** 13 **Maurice Brockwell Memorial Run (MMWA) departs South Perth**
 11-13 Telstra Rally Australia (Eventscorp - 9270 3311)
 20 Fiat Lancia Car Day - G.O. Edwards Park, Burswood (Fiat Lancia Car Club - 9451 8765)
- December** 4 Classics in the Park display & charity rides - Perry Lakes (Automotive Events Management - 6389 0300)

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- March** **19** **Classic Car Chow (CMC - 9310 2475)**
April **2** **Australian Grand Prix, Albert Park Melbourne**

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