



# AVVVA NEWSLETTER

23 Years.....1985 – 2008

## December 2008

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*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year*



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of  
Love, peace, health & happiness*

## NEXT CLUB MEETING - THURSDAY December 18<sup>th</sup>

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,

Here we are at the beginning of December so Christmas is not far away. With the many Christmas parties that we all seem to get involved in at this time of the year we will more than likely be in for a busy time.

The Club activities have started to slow down as usual with the approach of Christmas and our latest outing to the Avondale Harvest Festival was attended by several of our members. I myself was unable to attend, but I have had a report that those who did had a very good day.

At our last meeting there was considerable discussion regarding the future of the two A Model Fords. These were donated to the club and as these vehicles will end up as one being fully restored it was decided to call for expressions of interest from anyone interested in this as a project with the amount they were prepared to pay for the acquisition of these vehicles. It was generally thought that this would be the best way to go to have the required restoration work carried out rather than the members taking on the project themselves. In saying this it has to be fully understood that the donors of these vehicles have stated that they prefer that the restored vehicle remains within our district. An agreement will be drawn up with the successful applicant regarding this matter.

It is only a few days away to our annual Christmas get together that will take place on the 14<sup>th</sup> December in the form of a Luncheon at the Avon Bridge Hotel and hopefully we will see as many members as can attend at this function.

In closing I would like to extend to all the usual seasons greetings and trust that I can again wish you all well at our luncheon on the 14<sup>th</sup> December.

**Stan Eastwood**  
President

## AVVVA Club Dates for 2009

### Busy Bee

January 10<sup>th</sup>  
February 14<sup>th</sup>  
March 14<sup>th</sup>  
April 11<sup>th</sup>  
May 16<sup>th</sup>  
June 18<sup>th</sup>  
July 11<sup>th</sup>  
August 15<sup>th</sup>  
September 12<sup>th</sup>  
October 10<sup>th</sup>  
November 14<sup>th</sup>  
December – no busy bee

### Meeting

January 15<sup>th</sup>  
February 19<sup>th</sup>  
March 19<sup>th</sup>  
April 16<sup>th</sup>  
May 21<sup>st</sup>  
June 13<sup>th</sup>  
July 16<sup>th</sup>  
August 20<sup>th</sup>  
September 17<sup>th</sup>  
October 15<sup>th</sup>  
November 19<sup>th</sup>  
December 17<sup>th</sup>

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING  
HELD ON THURSDAY 20th NOVEMBER, 2008  
AT THE AVVVA CLUB ROOMS**

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

**In Attendance** David Brinckley, Sandra Ferguson, JP Mills, Isobel Keayes, Allan Hicks, Deanne Slater, Gary Slater, John King, Hazel King, Jim Donovan, Peter Verne, Theo Bekkers (Snr), Stan Eastwood, Fred Singleton, Mick Oliver, Bob Starling, Julian Stanwix,

**Apologies for Non Attendance** Dale Keayes, Sean Scott, Colin Campbell, Phil Chapman, Kevin Christmass, Mike Camilleri.

The meeting opened with the report of the very sad, and unexpected loss of Phil Chapman's wife, Patti. All members showed their respect by having two minutes of silence. Our deepest sympathy goes out to Phil and his family.

**Minutes of Previous General Meeting Accepted**

*Moved* Jeff Mill, *Seconded* Jim Donovan  
AIF Carried

Guests  
Nil

**Business Arising from Minutes**  
Nil

**Correspondence Inwards**

- A letter of appreciation from Gwyn Dean, President of the Mt Helena 'Whim Festival', thanking the Club for supporting the event. Quote – 'Those patrons who have given us feedback on the event have commented on the wonderful presentation of such lovely vintage cars most favourably'.
- Early American Motor Cycle Club re change of address.
- The Council of Motoring Clubs of WA needs a Treasurer. Contact The Secretary, PO Box 742, SUBIACO. WA 6904
- Don Morrison has a 1967 Toyota Corona for sale. Phone Deanne 9641 2806.
- Northam Agricultural Society re AGM
- Indian Harley Club [Bunbury] – individual members will be attending the Swapmeet in 2009
- Classic Car Show at Whiteman Park on 15th March, 2009
- Past Times November, 2008
- Austin News November/December, 2008
- Shannons Auctions
- Bonhams & Goodman

**Correspondence Received**

*Moved* Bert Hayes, *Seconded* Allan Hicks  
AIF Carried

**Correspondence Outwards**

- Four new members P Verne, B Harris, S Huessy, G Dunks

**Correspondence be Endorsed**

*Moved* Bert Hayes, *Seconded* Allan Hicks  
AIF Carried

**Treasurer's Financial Report – October, 2008**

Opening Balance 1st October, 2008 \$12904-83

Receipts

Membership	299-00	
Trailer Hire	50-00	
Donation	50-00	
Club Refreshments	33-75	452-75

Payments

Motor Vehicle – Truck	372-20		
Trailer Lic	97-00		
Postage	320-30		
Stationery	57-32		
Refreshments	33-49		
Insurance – Prop, Public Liab	747-84	1628-15	(1175-40)

Closing Cash Book Balance 31st October, 2008 \$11729-43

**Treasurer's Report Accepted**

*Moved* Jim Donovan *Seconded* Jeff Mills

## Reports

### Club Events

- ☐ The 'Whim Festival' at Mt Helena was very successful and a pleasant day was had by all who attended.

Representing the Club were

David Brinckley	1965 Chevrolet
Mick and Roma Oliver	1953 Austin
Ron and Anne Hayes	1921 Ford T
Andrew Wells	1911 Ford T
Carol Wells	1962 Vanden Plas Princess 3ltr
Col and Phyll Campbell	1965 Humber Super Snipe
Allan Hicks	1954 Morris – Club
Jim Donovan	Modern
Malcolm Strahan	1949 Ford Truck – Club
John and Hazel King	1971 Falcon GT – Rep
Gary and Deanne Slater	1963 Humber Super Snipe
Glenn and Vicki Bertrand	1975 Moto Guzzi - Visitor

- ☐ A very late invitation from Midland Gate Shopping Centre requesting members, with 1920's – 1930's vehicles, to attend the launch of the film 'Australia' on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, 2008
- ☐ At the Avondale Harvest Festival the Club will be represented by a few members, and Jim Gault and Fred Plane, with their stationary engines.

### Swap Meet

- ☐ Alan Hicks to contact the Salvation Army to see if they are interested in selling teas and coffees.

### Shed

Reported by John King on behalf of the Shed Committee

The last Busy Bee was very successful. The battery has been put in the truck. The key to the Zeta has been stored in a very 'safe place'. Spare keys are to be cut for all vehicles.

### **New Members**

We welcome Peter Varne to the Club. Peter has a 1950 A40 Countryman

We welcome Ben and Jody Harris to the Club. Ben and Jody have a 1973 Ford XA Coupe and a 1970 Ford XY Sedan.

### **General Business**

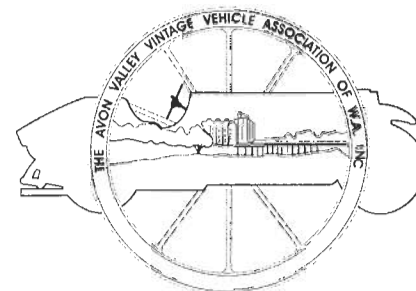
- ☐ The Club has a restoration project involving the Ford A's that were kindly donated to the Club recently.  
**Motion** Members who are interested in this restoration project, please contact the Club. Conditions apply.  
**Moved** Julian Stanwix **Seconded** Bert Hayes  
AIF Carried
- ☐ The Northam Car Club is really the speedway, trading as Northam Motor Sport.
- ☐ David Brinckley hopes to have his restored tow truck on the road for the Swap Meet. He is desperately seeking a photo of the tow truck, and will donate \$100-00 to the Club if someone can provide him with a photo of the truck *before* it was restored. Phone Deanne on 9641 2806 .
- ☐ Is the Club being invited to attend Northam Agricultural Show in 2009?
- ☐ Bert Hayes is using a car to take to Perth on 6<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2008 in response to a request for 1964 – 1967 Holden cars in original condition. Necessary form to be completed.
- ☐ Event Committee to discuss, at a meeting in early January, a Club visit to a motor bike display at Chittering Valley.
- ☐ The colour printer needs servicing, and an estimated cost of \$500-00 for repairs, and a life expectancy of two more newsletters.  
**Motion** The Club purchases a new colour printer for \$899-00.  
**Moved** Fred Singleton **Seconded** Allan Hicks  
AIF Carried
- ☐ Prices for hats and apparel are available from Hazel.
- ☐ A fire hazard surrounds the shed with a build up of dead leaves, etc. Jim Donovan volunteered to tidy the area.
- ☐ 'Men's Breakfast in York' is proving to be quite successful. Maybe our Club should consider attending one of these events. To be discussed at an Event Committee meeting.
- ☐ 'Thank you' to Mike Camilleri for his donation of two boxes of Holden parts for the Swap Meet. He is also available to be rostered for duties on that day.
- ☐ 'Thank you' to Andrew Wells for his donation of a number of interesting magazines to the Club library.
- ☐ Two businesses are no longer interested in advertising in the newsletter.
- ☐ There are thirty-nine unfinancial members of the Club. These people will be deleted from the membership list.
- ☐ At this stage, twenty-six members have booked for the Christmas luncheon at the Avon Bridge Hotel. We are looking forward to a most enjoyable get-together.
- ☐ **Motion** That Deanne Slater be appointed Secretary until the AGM 2009, and receive the full twelve months Secretarial reimbursement.  
**Moved** Jeff Mills **Seconded** Allan Hicks  
AIF Carried

**Meeting closed 9.55 pm**

*There is no Busy Bee for December, 2008*

**Next General Meeting on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2008 at 8.00pm in the Club rooms**

# NORTHAM VINTAGE SWAP MEET



Presented by the Avon Valley Vintage Vehicle Association of WA Inc

## Sunday February 15<sup>th</sup> 2009

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## AVVVA SWAP MEET

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2009

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# WHAT IS A GRANDPARENT?

Grandparents are a lady and a man who have no little children of their own. So they like to spend time with other people's kids.

Grandparents don't have to do anything except be there when we come to see them. They are so old they shouldn't play hard or run. It is good if they drive us to the shops and give us money.

When they take us for walks, they slow down past things like pretty leaves and caterpillars.

They show us and talk to us about the colours of the flowers and also why we shouldn't step on 'cracks'.

They don't say, 'Hurry up'.

Usually grandmothers are fat but not too fat to tie your shoes.

They wear glasses and funny underwear.

They can take their teeth and gums out.

Grandparents don't have to be smart.

They have to answer questions like 'Why isn't God married?' and 'How come dogs chase cats?'

When they read to us, they don't skip. They don't mind if we ask for the same story over again. Everybody should try to have a grandmother, especially if you don't have television because they are the only grownups who really like to spend time with us.

They know we should have snack time before bed time and they say Prayers with us and kiss us even when we've acted bad. *A grandfather is an old man who gets married to a grandmother.*

A 6 year old was asked where his Grandma lived.

'She lives at the airport. When we want her we just go and get her. Then when we're finished having her visit, we take her back to the airport again.'

Grandpa is the smartest man on earth! He teaches me good things but I don't get to see him enough to get as smart as him!

When they bend over, you hear gas leaks and they blame their dog.

*For all of you out there fortunate enough to be one of "these wonderful people" I am sure you will identify with a lot of it and get a chuckle from it....*

*.....to those of you not yet there, now you will know what is expected of you and the joys to be had.*

## **Northam Flying 50.....**

.....starts on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April with the Mt Ommaney hill climb and Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> is the Round The Houses Flying 50 plus town centre Family Fun Day. There are extra demonstrations this year, sprint cars, Hurricane Go Kart racing (town centre separate track), river demo – lots to see and do.

Why not come along and join us at Bernard Park – perhaps use the Time & Place to run your own Concourse or Show & Shine among friends and like-minded people.

Bring the family.

More details at a later date, meantime you can email:

**John Bennington – [benntoo@iinet.net.au](mailto:benntoo@iinet.net.au)**

## **BRITISH AUTO CLASSIC 2009**

**Sunday 25th October 2009**

**Waroona Town Oval**

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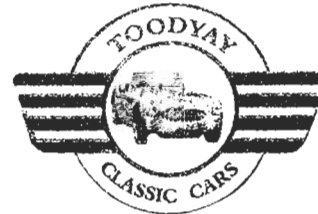
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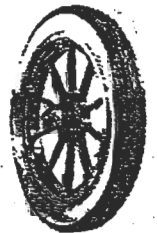
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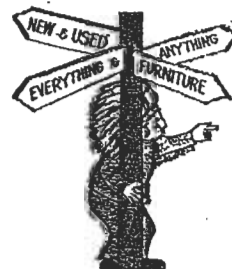
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## COMING EVENTS

### 2008

#### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December

AVVVA Christmas Luncheon  
Avon Bridge Hotel, Northam  
12.30 pm

#### Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December

AVVVA Meeting 8.00 pm  
Fitzgerald St Northam

### 2009

#### Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April

Northam Flying 50  
Saturday – Mot Ommaney Hill Climb  
Sunday – Round the Houses Flying 50 and  
town centre Family Fun Day  
Contact: John Bennington = [benntoo@iinet.net.au](mailto:benntoo@iinet.net.au)

#### Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2009

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Murray Bridge, South Australia  
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Phone 08 8382 9413 or email [awheaton@adam.com.au](mailto:awheaton@adam.com.au)

#### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April

All Australian Car Day VI  
Waroono Town Oval  
Information: [www.eventassist.org.au](http://www.eventassist.org.au)

#### Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> to Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2009

Austins over Australia 2009  
Perth, WA.  
All Austins from 1905 to the present day are welcome to attend.  
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#### Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October

British Auto Classic 2009  
Waroono Town Oval  
Information: [www.eventassist.org.au](http://www.eventassist.org.au)  
Golden Jubilee of the MINI  
If you own a British Mini of any kind or know someone who does  
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### “Not Much”

In the 1950's and 1960's I was employed by a builder. He was a good man to work for. The only trouble with that was the projects were far away. One of those jobs was in Boulder, a place close to Kalgoorlie. We had to stay there for a week or so and I was boarded with a single man, who was employed as a miner.

One night he told me the story of a miner, living on the edge of Kalgoorlie and working for a company mining gold, who was nearing his retirement. He had saved enough money to buy a small second-hand car, a Morris, to go shopping and places with his wife after retirement. He also used the Morris to go fossicking in the bush once or twice a week. After each trip his wife asked him 'did you find anything?' He always replied 'not much'. After a number of years his health went down, and his last trip was one way to the place where everyone has to go eventually.

The funeral was held and friends and relatives gathered there from far and wide to wish him farewell. After some time had passed an old friend came to visit Betty, his widow. After some time the conversation turned to the Morris. It was of no use to Betty as she didn't drive. A deal was made for the little car and a condition of the sale was that the new owner had to take Betty shopping once a week.

The Morris was started and went off to its new home. The next morning he looked at his new possession and saw that it was full of dust and grime, so he got to work and cleaned it outside till it gleamed. He then started on the inside. The front floor mat was torn and when he pulled it out something fell out of the corner. It was an old tobacco pouch and it was quite heavy. When he opened it he found it was full of gold nuggets. His head started spinning. 'No-one knows about this but me.'

But soon his better part took control and the next thing he did was start the Morris and went to see the widow. She was very surprised as Bob had always told her he got 'not much'. Betty changed the contents of the pouch to folding money and got a head stone made for Bob's grave, listing his trips to the bush. At the bottom of the stone she had it inscribed "Not Much".

Told to me as a true story.

Theo Bekkers

## Wanted for **AVVVA 2009 SWAP MEET**

*Clean out your shed and donate your unwanted items to the*

## **AVVVA Club Stall** at the **February 15<sup>th</sup> Swap Meet**

Note: Any items put on the AVVVA Club Stall will be considered a  
*Donation to the club and sold as such*

# NOTICE BOARD

## MEETING DATES FOR 2008/2009

THURSDAY DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup>  
THURSDAY JANUARY 15<sup>TH</sup>

### FOR SALE

1975 Holden Gemini Sedan

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Items needed for restoration:-

engine parts, tracks, road wheels, gear box parts, tools, turrets, tool boxes, radio gear, ammunition bins.

Phone Tony - (08) 9530 1222  
Please leave message if no answer.

## Concessional Vehicle Inspections

REMINDER - NEXT MONTH IS 2009 AND IT IS GETTING CLOSE TO THE TIME WHEN ALL CONCESSIONAL VEHICLES HAVE TO BE EXAMINED AGAIN. SO GET THEM, AND YOURSELF, READY.

## BUSY BEE DATES FOR 2009

DECEMBER – NO BUSY BEE  
SATURDAY JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>

### FOR SALE

1958 Dodge Power Wagon Truck  
1 ton

New Tyres - Canvas cover on back –  
Rear seat folds down in back  
\$15,000 ONO  
Bob Betts - 9362 1125  
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2 x Circular Saw Blades  
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1 x 27 inch

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\$200  
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### FOR SALE

Saw Bench - \$150 (not motor)  
BBQ 2 Burner Modular Brick - \$100  
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### FOR SALE - DODGE 4'S

1917 Tourer

Vehicle is mostly complete having been stripped, chassis is powder coated  
\$4,500

1919 Light Truck

Original condition and complete  
\$7,500

1924 Tourer

On Concessional Club licence, older restoration  
\$14,500

All cars running, multitude of parts including engine(s) and gearbox also for sale.

Vehicles' are located near Northam, Western Australia.  
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