



# AVVVA NEWSLETTER

24 YEARS.....1985 – 2009

## MAY 2009

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After six years of work, the Dodge Tow Truck made its first run to the Swap Meet in February – the truck went well on the day. Even in the heat there were no problems, until I arrived home. The battery was flat. After some auto electrical fine tuning and a new regulator we had it back on the road again.

With no power steering and no power brakes I slept well that night. We are spoilt these days with modern cars, but nothing beats the adrenalin rush of driving something you have been restoring for the first time.

David Brinkley

**NEXT CLUB MEETING - THURSDAY May 21st**  
**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,

Our last meeting was a very quick one and only the matters that needed attention was dealt with as the Secretary and Treasurer were away on holiday.

I have studied the Lease Agreement between the Shire and our Club, and was a little concerned that the copy I had was not signed or dated. However I was assured that there was a copy in the Club records which was signed and dated. This agreement expires in the not too far future and will need to be renegotiated before it expires.

I have also studied the Donated Items Contract and urge the Club to have one signed and dated now that we have decided to start a restoration project for the A model Ford that has been donated to the Club.

We will have attended a morning tea at the Residency and the Anzac Service that the residence hold each year, also the Moondyne Festival which we attend will have passed by the time that this newsletter goes to print.

Sunday the 17th of May is the National Motoring Day and the Club will be attending the all British Car Day at Gingin so please keep this in mind.

**President Stan**

**AVON VALLEY RESIDENCY VISIT – 24<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2009**

AVVVA members visited The Avon Valley Residency on 24<sup>th</sup> April with old cars. This has been an annual event for some years but this is the first time I have taken part. The visit was much appreciated by the residents and staff who provided a delicious morning tea.

Members who participated in the visit were:-

Stan & June Eastwood – 1929 Chev  
John King – 1928 Austin  
Mick Oliver – 1954 Austin A30  
Theo Bekkers & Kevin Christmass – 1942 Jeep  
Phil Chapman & Bob Starling – 1964 Cortina  
Jim Donovan – Club's 1965 Austin Healey Sprite  
Malcolm Strahan & Allan Hicks – Club's 1928 Harley Davidson & Sidecar

Thank you to the Avon Valley Residency for the invitation and also to Allan Hicks for organising the event.

I hope that I have got everyone as a list wasn't made on the day – apologies to anyone I may have missed.

Regards, Jim Donovan

**ANZAC Parade – Northam**

The ANZAC Day Parade in Northam had fine weather with good crowds lining the Main Street. There was a total of 7 WW2 Jeeps in attendance. AVVVA members who took part with Jeeps were Bob Betts, Colin Betts, Geoff Smith and Theo Bekkers driven by Kevin Christmass.

Members marching in the parade were Allan Hicks, Alf Brown, Mick McColl, Jim Simcock and Jim Donovan.

Regards, Jim Donovan

**MINUTES OF THE GENERAL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 16<sup>th</sup> APRIL, 2009  
AT THE AVVVA CLUB ROOMS**

Meeting Opened at 8.00pm 16-4-09.

Attendances - As per the attendance book.

Apologies - Fred Singleton, Dale, Shaun, Fred Plane. Ted Lucus, Bob Starling.

Guests - Nil.

Minutes of previous meeting - Moved Jim Donovan, 2nd Dave.

Business arising from minutes - Nil.

Correspondence –

Letter from Beverley Agricultural Society re 2009 show and our attendance. Past Times Newsletter.

Acceptance of correspondence, with a motion from Alan Hicks informing Beverley of our attendance at the Beverley show will again take place. 2nd by Bert Hayes.

Outward correspondence - Nil.

Treasurers Report - Nil as Gary was holidaying.

**REPORTS**

Events - Moondyne Festival with 10/12 vehicles attending.

Shed - Allan reported that the Club truck had not been inspected but would be in the near future, all else was in order.

New Members - Nil.

General business - It was brought to our attention that the advert for the Circular Saw be amended as one of the blades had been sold at our Swap Meet. Not sure which one as there was a 23” and a 27” will have to measure the remaining blade.

Bert raised the matter of our coming 25th Anniversary and the need to start planning in the near future as to what the Club should do for this occasion.

A request for an updated Members list with phone numbers and the vehicles they have was lodged.

New name badges were asked for by Dave Brinkley, June Eastwood and Isobel.

Meeting closed at 8.40pm.

*Next meeting 8.00pm on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May** at the Clubrooms.*

## **The World past the Twenty Kilometre Line**

### **Theo's Story Part 2. 1930-1940**

One day at work a German supervisor put me as an assistant to another person. He was a Polish national who spoke perfect German. As the supervisor left he said to me “I don't feel like working today, take a tool in hand and we go for a look around”. I said “What about the job”. He said, “No worries, it will wait till tomorrow”. So we started off, the Works was big, at least one kilometre. I was not used to doing things like that but my mate was quite at ease.

Everywhere he went he would talk to the workers as though he belonged to the team, for me it was an education. I was used to working with hand tools, there I saw all sorts of mechanical machines were used for cutting, lifting, bending, digging, transport, you name it. All designed to make the job easier and more efficient for the workers. It was impossible to see it all in one day.

After midday we saw a canteen and settled down to something to eat and drink. After the rest we set out again and saw in the distance a digging machine at work. We set off towards it and, coming closer, we saw that it was digging a hole about six metres across, the bucket operated by cables bringing up the earth. As we got to the edge of the pit we could hear singing and, looking over the edge we could see a team of six Italians standing in the mud loading the bucket using picks and spades. One of the men was singing a complete opera with high and low notes in his voice, and shrieks and laughs. It was amazing in the middle of that hard labour. I suppose it made the work more bearable for him.

It was time to go back and clock off for the day.

Theo Bekkers

# 1935 Lagonda

Lake Perkolilli

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2009 – Celebration of the centenary of the first car race held in Western Australia.

Lake Perkolilli is at Kanowna which is approximately 30 km north east of Kalgoorlie.



## Specifications:-

4 cylinder 1100cc D.O.H.C.

Twin S.U. Carburetors 1 1/8" bore

Magneto – B.T.H.

Preselector E.N.V. 75. Gear Box

19" Rudge Whitworth wire spoked wheels

13" hydraulic brakes.

The first known owner of this car was Tom Berry of the Kalgoorlie foundry. Tom purchased the car in 1935 and he raced it at Perkolilli. Years later a Mr Stewart Shaw became the owner. He was the manager of the Lake View & Star Mine. After 2 years he sold it to Mr Westerguard of Turner St, Kalgoorlie.

The period between 1935 and 1950, because there were 3 separate licensing authorities in Kalgoorlie, the cars history seems a little vague.

K.R.B. – Kalgoorlie Road Board

K.M.C. – Kalgoorlie Municipal Council

B.M.C. – Boulder Municipal Council

The number plate was K-324 (dot?).

At one stage the car had the number plate BE-331 which was of interest to me - one owner was Harry Whittington of Brookton.

Current owner is Paul Dean, a descendant of the first owner, I think - a bit hard to take it all in, in the short time I had with Paul.

Chris Alabach  
(Chris A. Laidback)

G'Day

We at the Avondale Discovery Centre are planning a get together of Vintage trucks (and their owners) at Avondale in Beverley.

We envisage all will arrive on Saturday, stay overnight and depart on Sunday. At this stage we are looking at early September but need feedback and an idea of attendance.

Any old truck is welcome, restored or not. Maybe we can trade/swap spares.

We have a paddock for camping and toilets will be provided. We have gas BBQs.

At present we have a restored Fargo and Ford model T. We are currently restoring an International C30 with a Chev and a Thornycroft waiting in line.

This is a blanket email to all vintage clubs. Some of you may not have trucks but know someone who has one.

Regards

Alan J Windsor

Avondale Project Committee, Beverley

## Rural Recession or "The Cocky's Lament"

The Rural Recession has been explained in simple terms by an old-time farmer:-

It all started back in 1966 when we changed from pounds to dollars – that doubled my bloody overdraft.

Then they brought in kilograms instead of pounds – me bloody wool clip dropped by half. After that, they changed rain to millimetres and we haven't an inch of rain since. If that wasn't enough, they brought in Celsius, and it never got over 40 degrees, no wonder me bloody wheat won't grow.

Then they changed acres to hectares, and I ended up with only half the land I had. By this time I'd had enough, and decided to sell out. I put the property in the agent's hand and then they changed miles to kilometres. Now I'm too far out of town for anybody to buy the bloody place.

# COMING EVENTS

**2009**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

Bridgetown Heritage Day 17<sup>th</sup> May 2009-03-05 Bridgetown Show Grounds  
\$10 per car entry (Driver free)  
Vintage Cars, Vintage Machinery, log chops, working saws etc.

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

National Motoring Heritage Day

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

British Car Day – Gingin  
This is the AVVVA's Club event for the National Motoring Day.  
Please contact Gary Slater for details of departure times etc.  
Phone: 9641 2806 Email – [deannes@westnet.com.au](mailto:deannes@westnet.com.au)

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May**

Albany Classic Round the Houses event  
Albany (VSCC – [www.vscwa.com.au](http://www.vscwa.com.au))

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July**

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

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July**

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

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July**

1 Day Classic touring road rally  
(AEM [www.classicrally.com.au](http://www.classicrally.com.au))

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> August**

Beverley Agricultural Show  
Secretary – Teresa Reid 9646 0979

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October**

British Auto Classic 2009  
Waroona 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 please contact Event Assist Inc. PO Box 5146  
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**2010**

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

Brookton Old Time Motor Show  
Pres: Brad Mills 9642 6002 Email - [brad@otms.org.au](mailto:brad@otms.org.au)  
Sec: Suzanne Turner 9642 6014

**2011**

**Easter – 22<sup>nd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> April**

Austins Over Australia for 2011 is at Forbes, NSW.  
All the information is at [www.amvcnsw.com.au](http://www.amvcnsw.com.au) and click on the AOA 11 link.  
Happy & safe Austining!

Teacher: Donald, what is the chemical formula for water? Donald: H I J K L M N O Teacher: What are you talking about? Donald: Yesterday you said it's H to O
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## ALL BRITISH DAY AT GINGIN

**17<sup>th</sup> May 2009**

This annual event attracts about 1,000 British Car owners with their treasured British vehicles.

There is no entry fee and any vehicle with British links can come along and join in the display.

There are Veterans, Vintage, Classic and Modern British cars at the All British Day in Gingin.

Cars for display are asked to be at Gingin by 10.00 am and most stay until 3.00 pm.

The public are invited to view the cars from 10.00 am and enjoy the side show exhibitors with arts, crafts and food available.

*Bob Betts was invited to use his military vehicles for a little old time war theme movie that was shot in December at C.Y. O'Connor Beach. The title of the film is "Conscience" and it is made for showing at Festivals and the like. He took his Willys jeep, the six wheel jeep (which was used extensively), and Julian Russell's Willys jeep and they were very much appreciated.*

**Update:** The film "Conscience" will be shown in Cannes later this year and was previewed by the Betts family on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

Teacher: Now, Simon, tell me frankly, do you say prayers before eating?  
Simon: No sir, I don't have to, my Mom is a good cook.

Teacher: Harold, what do you call a person who keeps on talking when people are no longer interested?  
Harold: A teacher.

Teacher: Winnie, name one important thing we have today that we didn't have ten years ago.  
Winnie: Me!



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Newsletter Postage.....	\$ 6.60
(no fee if on e-mail only)	
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)	\$ 6.00 ea
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## MEETING DATES FOR 2008/2009

THURSDAY MAY 21<sup>ST</sup>  
THURSDAY JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup>

## BUSY BEE DATES FOR 2009

SATURDAY MAY 16<sup>TH</sup>  
SATURDAY JUNE 13<sup>TH</sup>

## AVVVA APPAREL

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

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  
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## 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

1948 Dodge Truck  
6 cyl, Flat Head Motor, column change gear box  
Complete, no tray, no licence, not running  
**\$1,000.00 ONO**

**Phone: 9621 2242**

## FOR SALE

1960 Mark II Zephyr  
Automatic  
(the grey one in Tony's museum)

Please contact Tony on **0427 743 338**

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

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Thank you  
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