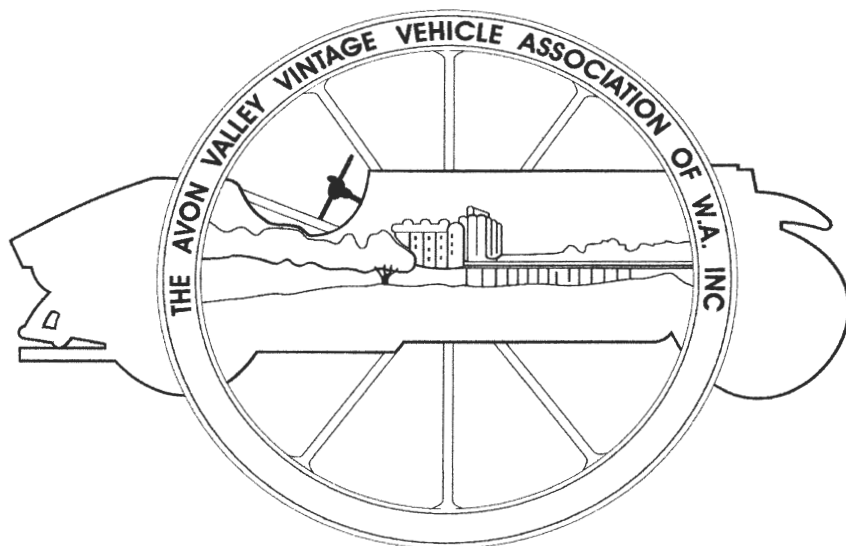


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20 Years.....1985 – 2005

January 2007



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NEXT CLUB MEETING - THURSDAY January 18th 2007
8.00pm AT THE CLUBROOMS 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

Those members who attended the Club's Christmas Dinner enjoyed a pleasant evening and excellent meal. Thanks to Ron and Leanne Lee and their team of volunteers who worked in the kitchen preparing the meal for the great night out.

Congratulations to Arthur Millea on winning The Valley Ford Trophy for Clubman of the Year. Arthur attended all of our local events in the Avon Valley and made several trips to the goldfields all in the little 1954 Ford Consul. Well done, Arthur.

Its back to work again with the Swap Meet just a few weeks away on 18th February, so if you are able, come to the January and February meetings and see how you can help on the day.

JIM DONOVAN
President

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Congratulations to Arthur Millea for winning the Valley Ford "Best AVVVA Club Person" Trophy for 2006.

Thank you to Leanne Lee for 5 years as AVVVA Treasurer. Well done Leanne.

Also, Allan Hicks is wanting to have a short run each month, so if you have any ideas let him know. Time to blow the cobwebs off our vehicles and drive them as the manufacturer intended –
to be driven not hidden!

See you at the February Swap Meet if not sooner.

Fred Singleton.
Secretary, AVVVA

DOWERIN CELEBRATIONS

On the weekend of December 9th and 10th, Dowerin celebrated 100 years of Rail Transport. On Sunday 10th Phyl and I took a run to Dowerin where Steam Locomotive S Class 549 was the main attraction. I had worked this loco many times during my career, it being built at Midland workshops in 1947 and was known as a 'Mountain Class' and named "Greenmount". This loco was taken over by The Australian Railway Historical Society and restored and held in safe keeping since 1998. After talking to the crew I learnt that no problems were encountered on the run from Bassendean.

Celebrations started on Saturday 9th when free train rides were available to all, and a concert at night which was enjoyed by all who travelled from far and near. Also on display were two New Modern Diesel locos. A DB Class which was officially dedicated and named the "Shire of Dowerin" and the latest P Class loco.

Train rides were organised in the Dowerin-Amery Section with Vintage Coaches and the DB assisting from the rear. Long queues were formed for each ride. Several vintage brakevans were available which were full of mounted photos of Steam Locos and items of interest, together with a Locomotive Driver Trainer Simulator.

On return from Dowerin, we called in at the Goomalling Restored Railway Station. This station was restored in 2004 when Goomalling had similar celebrations. It was officially closed but a worker on site agreed to open up and allow us to inspect. The place is a credit to the organising group who also control the local Museum, and would be an ideal venue for the Club on future runs.

Season's Greetings to all.

Colin Campbell

MEETING HELD AVVVA

CLUBROOMS

Thursday, 21st December 2006

Summary of meeting held Thursday 21st December 2006.

Meeting opened: 8.05pm

Apologies: Ted Leagas, Ian Hitchcock, Dale Keayes, Bill & Phylis Kurz, Theo Bekkers.

Minutes of November meeting taken as in Newsletter.

Moved by Clarrie Doust, seconded by Jeff Mills.

No business from November minutes.

Correspondence: In: 24
Out: 3

Correspondence moved Allan Hicks, seconded Lyle Metcalf.

Treasurer's Report:

Donation of \$225 from Carmel Sands noted. Treasurer decided to refund the \$25 Christmas dinner money as Carmel Sands was unable to attend.

Bank Balance \$1,897.81

Leanne Lee handed over the Treasurer's position to Gary Slater.

Treasurer's Report Moved by Allan Hicks, seconded Sandra Ferguson.

Thank you to Leanne Lee for the past 5 years (2001-2006) as AVVVA Treasurer.

The President Jim Donovan then presented Arthur Millea with the 2006 Valley Ford Trophy for best AVVVA Club person of 2006.

Congratulations to Arthur Millea.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Events:

Allan Hicks is wanting to run short events of 50-100 kms around the Avon Valley each month. Suggestions have been Tony Penechele's in Gidgegannup and John Ivey's at Gingin. Any other suggestions are welcome (within 100kms of Northam).

Shed:

The January Busy Bee will be devoted to getting ready for the 2007 swap meet.

Vern Thomas has a friend in Kalgoorlie needing a Chev 4 block, the AVVVA has 2 in the club shed.

New Members:

1. Christopher Denhaan, 495 Coppin Road, Mundaring WA 6073

GENERAL BUSINESS:

1) Allan Hicks mentioned the fridge in the AVVVA tearooms have been turned up far too cold, freezing cool drink cans. Please don't change the fridge settings!

2) Lyle Metcalf asked about the AVVVA's intentions with the Morris Oxford. It was discussed some years ago that the AVVVA would pass it on to a club member, so as not to be another club vehicle.

3) The issue of AVVVA club vehicles was discussed by Leanne Lee and other members.

4) Lyle Metcalf asked if the AVVVA has a policy on donation of vehicles. Is it any vehicle donated or only "special ones"? It can be difficult to decide on a suitable vehicle. Colin Campbell mentioned this has always been a case-by-case decision and is judged on the merits of each case.

5) Leanne Lee suggested the issue of donated vehicles needed to go to the wider members not just those at the meeting.

6) Several members asked if the newsletters were able to be collected at the busy bees in 2007? The Secretary has a list of the 20 members who collect their newsletters at the busy bees and can separate these envelopes from the others.

7) Lyle Metcalf gave a report on the Classic Touring for 2006 and mentioned 2007 will be to the Mid West around New Norcia.

8) Cars over 25 years of age are welcome in the Sept 2007 Classic Tour.

9) Lyle Metcalf asked about the AVVVA shirts and if the members wanted a jacket too. The members decided on the zip up type windcheater (same as previous jackets)

10) Northam Swap Meet 18th Feb 2007, Jan and Feb busy bees would prepare for this major AVVVA event.

11) Jeff Mills will make more signs for the roads of Northam town as someone got lost in Feb 2006!

12) The York Show was discussed as the AVVVA has not attended for some years after problems with the horse owners at the York Show.

Meeting closed 9.05pm

CONCESSIONAL LICENCE HOLDERS PLEASE NOTE:

This article was sent in by Andrew Wells and is from the Veteran Car Club of WA November 2006 Early Auto magazine. For comment and information of all the AVVVA members with concessional licence(s).

Quote:

"and so it has been agreed by management (VCC) that from next year, any member who has not contacted the Registrar before 30th June and wishes to have concessional licence sorted, will be charged \$50, even if the vehicle is off the road and unable to be examined.

No exceptions granted."

Unquote

This is how other car clubs in WA are going with concessional licence, so please think about this, as we will discuss this before the April and May 2007 Concessional Inspection dates. (Includes all vehicles off the road ie., laid up).

Note: Any costs for the scrutineers time and travel would be added to the \$50 late fee charged.

Secretary AVVVA of WA Inc.

2007

Sunday February 18

AVVVA Swap Meet, Henry St Oval.
Northam Showgrounds.

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E-mail: tsi93402@bigpond.net.au

Sunday March 11th

VAA Swap Meet
Vintage Car and Bike Swap Meet
Bassendean Football Oval
Sellers – 6.00 am
Buyers – 6.30 am
Further info please contact –
Ian Corrans on 9297 3960
Rob Stewart on 9296 0628

Sunday March 18th

Classic Car Show
Whiteman Park
NB. AVVVA not attending as a club,
Attend with your make of vehicle eg.,
Austins with the Austin Club etc.
Tickets are required for entry to grounds.

Sunday April 1st

Northam 'Round the Houses'
Vintage Sporting Car Club of WA

Sunday April 15th

The All Australian Car Day IV
Waroona Town Oval – 10.00am to 4.00pm
Enquiries – Event Assist Inc., PO Box 134
Yarloop 6218

FREE ENTRY

Sunday May 20th

British Car Day
Gingin
Jaguar Club of WA

Sunday July 29th

German Car Day
Perth to Northam
Mercedes-Benz Car Club of WA

Friday-Sunday October 12-21

Rally West tour of Southwest of WA in Veteran & Vintage Cars (pre 1931). Further information contact John McLean – 9448 2120 or 0417 189 475

Sunday October 28th

All Ford Day
Phone 0418 883 394

Sunday October 28th

British Auto Classic 2007
Waroona Town Oval & Memorial Hall
Enquiries – Event Assist Inc., PO Box 134
Yarloop 6218
FREE ENTRY

NORTHAM VINTAGE

SWAP MEET



Presented by the Avon Valley Vintage Vehicle Association of WA Inc

Sunday February 18th 2007

Henry Street Oval (Showground) NORTHAM

**Selling: Vintage Cars, Trucks, Tractors, Motorcycles,
Machinery, Engines, Used Spare Parts, Collectables, Household Items, etc, etc, etc.**

Vintage Vehicles for sale ONE ONLY per site

GATES OPEN: Sellers - 6.30am Public Entry – 7.00am

FINISH: 12.00 Midday

Site: \$7.00 each (Admits one)

Buyers \$3.00 per person (Kids Free)

NO DOGS PERMITTED ON OVAL

Food and Drink available

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PART PROCEEDS TO NORTHAM HOSPICE

WANTED FOR AVVVA 2007 SWAP MEET

Clean out your shed and donate your unwanted items to the

AVVVA Club Stall

at the February 18th Swap Meet

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

NO SALE FOR INDIVIDUAL'S ITEMS THIS TIME

(Have your own stall to sell your own items!!)

NOTICE BOARD

MEETING DATES FOR 2007

JANUARY 18th
FEBRUARY 15th

BUSY BEE DATES FOR 2006/2007

JANUARY 13th
FEBRUARY 10th

WANTED

Chev 4 Distributor

to finish a project

Ph: 9622 5543

LOST & FOUND

Found one vintage truck bonnet on
side of highway near Norseman.

Now stored in Boulder

Phone – Ken Clifford
9093 0754

FOR SALE

1926 Overland Whippet

Good condition

\$14,000

Phone: Theo Bekkers
9622 2364

FOR SALE

1 RAC Car Badge
Made from metal with a
Brass Crown on top

From 60's to early 70's

Good condition
Offers

Phone: Kevin on 9883 6050
Cuballing

FOR SALE TYRES

5 only 6-95x14 good tread
\$10 each or \$40 for 5

1 only 6.00x17 &
1 only 5.25-5.50x17 tyre

Both unused remoulds \$35 each

Phone: Andrew Wells
9295 1572

Club Membership (Due June 30 each year) and Merchandise

Couple or single.....\$25.00

Newsletter Postage.....\$ 5.00
(no fee if on e-mail only)

Machinery Insurance.....\$14.00
(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 (2 per vehicle).....\$ 6.00ea

Cap.....\$ 8.00

Embroidered Badge.....\$ 5.00

Name Badge.....\$ 4.00

Shirts and Jackets.....

(POA Ordered in sizes)

MOVING HOUSE?

Changed your postal address??

Changed your e-mail address??

**Please advise the club so we can forward
your newsletter to the new address.**

Write to:

PO Box 755, Northam WA 6401 or

E-mail: 893402@bigpond.net.au