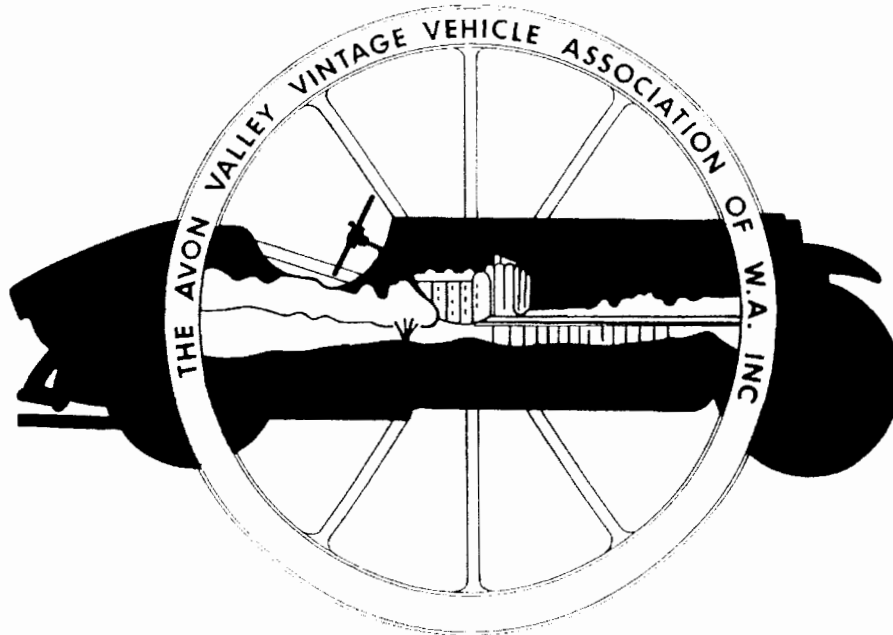


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20 Years.....1985 – 2005



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NEXT CLUB MEETING THURSDAY MAY 18 2006

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

Membership fees are now due before June 30. Please forward all renewals promptly to assist the treasurer with the financial report at the July Annual General Meeting. If you have recently joined and paid full membership you will be financial to June 2007.

On ANZAC Day, Geoff Smith and Bob Betts provided 1942 Jeeps for ex-servicemen unable to march. Jim Simcock, Allan Hicks Alf Brown and I marched in the parade.

If any members are having problems getting their vehicles to the scheduled inspection days or your vehicle is laid-up, please let the registrar know to avoid any problems with your concessional license.

JIM DONOVAN.....President

VALE BOB THORNTON

On Saturday May 6, our old mate Bob Thornton was laid to rest at the Northam Cemetery. He passed away on Tuesday May 2 at Northam Regional Hospital. Bob was born in 1928 and worked around WA for many years including some time in the mining industry. A life member of our Club, Bob always supported any activity to the best of his ability. He was also a life member of VAA and the Vauxhall Car Club. As a member of the Railway Preservation Group he received an Australia Day award in 1999. He was also a member of the Northam Historical Society.

I first remember him when Leo Naughton and Lindsay Weatherall and I would travel to Mundaring to VAA meetings. Back in 1985 when we first formed our Club, I never forget our second meeting at the new Railway Station when Bob, together with Neville Cullinanc, Gordon Cutler, Stan Perry and Ian

McKail all came to Northam to lend support to the foundation of our Club. From then on as most of you know we progressed to our present stage.

Shortly after, Bob settled in Northam with Elsie at the property in Duke Street. Sadly we farewelled Elsie some years later, but Bob battled on always restoring something and also became President of the Railway Restoration Group.

Attending the procession in vintage cars were: Allan Hicks, Arthur Millea, Harold Beazley, Barry Bristow-Stagg, Linda Singleton, Fred Singleton, John King, Leanne & Ron Lee, Bert Hayes, Rex & Chris Downie, Myself and Theo Bekkers, Allan Newton and Ron Morris, Craig Hill. Many members attended in moderns:- Jim Donovan, Kevin Christmass, Jeff Mills, Geoff Pollard to name a few.

It was great to renew friendships with those from the VAA. Congratulations go out to our very small band of lady members who provided refreshments at the Clubrooms. I am sure Bobs many friends and relatives greatly appreciated the fine effort

Colin Campbell

COMING EVENTS

Saturday May 13 AVVVA Final Inspection Day at Valley Ford Motors, Northam.

Sunday May 21 British Car Day at Gingin.

Saturday September 9-Saturday Sept 16 Classic Touring 2006. Depart Midland Sept 9 to York, Merredin, Hyden, Narrogin, Dwellingup. Finish Sept 16. Bookings: Janice. Phone 94982855
655 Albany Highway Bedfordale WA 6112

Saturday September 16 Northam Agricultural Show.

Saturday October 14 Toodyay Agricultural Show.

Saturday/Wed October 14/October 18
Dodge Four National Rally. Swan Valley, Perth. Enquiries: Bob Beams, 6 Rio Street Bayswater 6053. Phone 0419276411 or John Young 0419832006. Entries close Sept 14.

Sunday October 29 British Car Day, Waroona. Run by the WA Rover Club.

2007 (Yes an early one)

Friday October 12-Sunday October 21
Rally West tour of Southwest of WA in Veteran and Vintage Cars (pre 1931). Further information contact John McLean on 94482120 or 0417189475.

FROM THE SECRETARY

It is sad to report on the passing of Bob Thornton, a Life Member of the AVVVA. We will all miss him.

The first Inspection Day has gone well, so don't forget the last day is May 13 or make arrangements with Mick McColl. (Note Mick has a new mobile number 0427057401).

Some members have commented on my piece last month on a lack of volunteers in the Club. We must look to the long term future of the Club and if my words were harsh, then better some pain now than a "crisis" in a few more years time. The founding members have done a fantastic job over 21 years in keeping costs down and building a solid Club. Don't let this start be wasted for lack of a few willing hands. *(I must note, we are not the only Club with this problem, some have even folded for this very reason and that is a shame).*

On a brighter note the Swap Meet was a huge success and can only get better. The Ladies did a great job with the money at the gate and we welcome their help.

FRED SINGLETON Secretary

**FINAL CONCESSIONAL
LICENCE INSPECTIONS
2006**

**At Valley Ford - Northam
SATURDAY MAY 13
8.30AM TO 3.00PM**

CAPEL FESTIVAL AND BROOKTON OLD TIME MOTOR SHOW

On Sunday April 2, Fred & Jenni Plane joined The Old Machinery Club of WA at the Capel Fest held at Capel. The day kicked off well before a brief shower of rain, which had everyone ducking for cover and wondering how the day would go. But with that out of the way the sun shone and the crowd turned out and it was a really great day for all. Fred had on display a 1950's Petter 32 volt lighting plant and a 1942 hit and miss Cooper shearing plant. There were approximately 30 motors on display inside their newly made portable fenced compound. Fred also exhibited at Brookton Old Time Motor Show the week before. Fred's display featured 1906 International "Famous", 1905 Waterloo Boy, 1916 Lister "J", 1920 International M, 1934 Lister "A", 1940's 4hp Sundial, 1950's Cooper 32 volt Lighting Plant and 1921 6hp Fairbanks Morse running on it's own magneto for the first time (no battery!!!). There was considerable interest at the motor compound, onlookers were 3 deep at times. Fred was able to share his knowledge and library of workshop manuals with interested people. A few very keen folks even visited Fred at home on Sunday for a private showing!. Jim Gault was planning on attending with Fred but he unfortunately found himself in hospital that week. I'm glad to report that Jim is on the mend now. It was reported the show committee had record exhibitors this year. It was a great day, followed by a nice evening of live music for those who were able to stay.

SUMMARY OF April MEETING

Apologies: Dale Keayes, Mark Camerleri, Robert Thornton, Stan Eastwood, Kevin Christmass, Allan Hicks, Don McIntyre.

Apologies accepted by Rex Downie, seconded by Jeff Mills.

Minutes read: Accepted by John King, seconded by Clarrie Doust.

Business arising from those minutes: Nil.
Correspondence: In: 28. Out: 2. Moved Phil Chapman, seconded Theo Bekkers.

Treasurer's Report: After all accounts had been paid, bank balance is 10040.89. Swapmeet profit \$3957.48. Hospice donation to be \$400.

Treasurer's report moved Rex Downie, seconded Clarrie Doust.

Committee Reports:

Events Committee: Swapmeet: Mick Oliver reported the gate worked well with the Ladies doing the till and monies.

Shed Report:

1. Phil Chapman mentioned the hoist safety mechanism is fixed but the worm needs polishing.
2. Inspection Day in April was run by Frank Tonga, Chris Alabach and Mick McColl. Thanks for their efforts on the day.
3. FINAL INSPECTION DAY IS MAY 13

Registrar's Report: Nil.

New Members:

James and Lucy Toland. Unit 14 173 Lesmurdie Road, Lesmurdie, 6076.

Justine Garemyn and Andrew Ho. P O Box 1048 Kalamunda 6926.

Gary Humphries. 90 King Street, Kalgoorlie/Boulder 6432.

General Business:

- 1 Theo Bekkers to sell all his vehicles.
- 2 AVVVA Licence plate orders to go into the DPI.
- 3 Moondyne Festival May 7 Meet at Bowling Club.
- 4 Display Cards needed for AVVVA.
- 5 Next Busy Bee Saturday May 13.
- 6 Next Inspection Day Saturday May 13.
- 7 Next Meeting Thursday May 18.

Meeting Closed: 9.00pm

Next Meeting: Thursday May 18 2006.

FOR SALE

Various Manuals for Cars, Trucks, Tractors and Engines. Over 190 from Austin to Zephyr
Contact Dave Lucas 95761331

Owner's manuals for various motor vehicles including Standard Vanguard, Hillman Minx and others. In addition manual for a Bedford Truck, several books on timing and other parts of engines. Contact Rod Faulkner on
faulk@321@ozmail.com.au

WANTED

Steering box to suit 1942 15cwt ute.
Kevin Lindley Westonia 90467021

Chev 4 Distributer.
Laurie Crocker Kalgoorlie.

By David Brinckley
A Tow Bar for a 1965 Belair
Contact 0419197501

BUSY BEE DATES FOR 2006

**MAY 13
JUNE 10
JULY 15
AUGUST 12
SEPTEMBER 16
OCTOBER 14
NOVEMBER 11
DECEMBER ?**

MEETING DATES FOR 2006

**MAY 18
JUNE 15
JULY 20
AUGUST 17
SEPTEMBER 21
OCTOBER 19
NOVEMBER 16
DECEMBER 21**

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SECRETARY...Fred Singleton

