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Peter & Mary Egan's HR towing "Old Gertie"

VAA Office Bearers - 2020



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Events Co-ordinator	Pauline Velden	0405 144 919				

The Saturday Men's Shed is open for members please check with the committee.

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MINUTES FOR THE V.A.A.W.A. COMMITTEE MEETING Meeting. 1st September 2020 – 7:30pm

Open Meeting	7:32pm			
Members Present	Tony Warner, Keith Agar, Graeme Barton, Rhonda Barton, Loris Cooper, Dave Currell, Kevin Lockyer, Martin Paine, Domenic Paoliello, Pauline Velden			
Apologies	Bill Redeckis			
Visitors	Ray and Val Smith for Swap meet 2020 discussion. Steve and Adel Velden,			
Previous minutes	Approved on a motion by Graeme seconded by Keith, motion carried.			
Business arising	None other than action items covered under agenda items.			
Events	A welcome back event will be arranged once restrictions lifted.			
	The Gidgegannup show has been cancelled.			
	The Committee agreed to look to display at the Stirling Square markets and Quairad- ing Agricultural Markets.			
	Various offsite venues are being investigated for this year's Christmas lunch.			
	The 50 year anniversary of the VAA is in 2021.			
Finance	Total balance \$29,000			
	Payment approvals moved Rhonda seconded by Dave were accepted unanimously			
Building	Rhonda has contacted our insurer and there is a small premium reduction if a security system is installed. They do not recommend systems or installers.			
	Graeme will install security screens when powder costing is completed.			
Registrar	The new member nomination for Kieran White (Austin 1800) nominated Paul Gordon was accepted unanimously.			
	As of 1/9/2020 230 financial members. Most non-renewing members have been con- tacted. Main reasons for not renewing are illness or sold historic vehicle. Still recording 17 previous members who have until 30/9/2020 to renew.			
Workshop	With regards to donated vehicles, the Committee decided to license and dispose of the Volvo and investigate the viability and likely cost vs value of the club funding restoration of the FIAT and Riley. Depending on the outcome, we will either seek a project leader and fund the restoration or seek a purchaser who agrees for the car to be restored by our workshop with their funding.			
Merchandise	Rhonda and Shirley are reviewing our merchandise requirements.			
Web	Usage Increasing. Last 30 days – 278 visits (194 new 62 return) for average 9 people per day looking at 16 pages. (72% desktops 28% mobiles).			
Swap meet 2020	After considerable discussion, it was decided to proceed with the 2020 Swap Meet on the 8 th or 15 th of November at either the Guildford Polo Grounds or the Swan Valley Sport Club.			
General business	It was decided to proceed with the October General Meeting at another venue capable of accommodating at least 70 people under COVID restrictions.			
	Production of our Club History is progressing.			
Next Meeting	The next meeting will be held Tuesday 6 October at 7:30pm.			
Close Meeting	9:04pm			



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VAA Management Committee 2020

From the Secretary & Registrars Desk

Another enjoyable month with plenty of not quite spring days to be out in our classics. The King Road Brewery run that morphed in the Mundijong Pub lunch was not one of those days but nevertheless enjoyable with a pleasing turnout. I lead a small group on the mid-week run for a short but fun drive through the Avon Valley with morning tea and The House of Honey and lunch at the Chidlow Tavern After lunch Paul Berkavicius was kind enough to give us a guick tour of his interesting collection of vehicles. Thank you, Paul. I am pleased, as Tony announced, that we are holding our October General Meeting on Tuesday 13 October at the Bellevue RSL Community and Sporting Club 2 Purton Place Bellevue. There is plenty of space to easily accommodate our normal numbers within current COVID restrictions and practice appropriate social distancing. I look forward to seeing you there. Unfortunately, we will need to be patient in waiting to try out our own refurbished rooms. We will see what the announcements on 24 October bring. Breaking good news is that the "Concession for Classics" (C4C) scheme for street rods and similar vehicles has been approved along with some changes to our current code 404 concessional scheme and due to be implemented early in 2021. This new C4C category is for vehicles manufactured prior to 1990 and registration cost will be reduced by 75%. Both schemes will have a 30 days Private Use and 60 days Club Use rule. The 30 days Private Use rule will replace our current Impromptu Run rule and will still require notification to the club but be limited to 30 days per year Good news though, it is no longer just one day so you can take your classic on holiday! Similarly Club Use will be restricted to 60 days per year. The Committee will decide whether it will try to offer C4C concessional licensing to our members once more detail is available. We have 230 financial members, 7 of whom are new for 2020/21. There remain 15 members from last year who still have not paid and we have been unable to contact A very warm welcome to our new members for September. Kieran White who has purchased an Austin 1800 off member Paul Gordon and Jessie and Rowena Cajustin, who have purchased a Ford Thunderbird from ex-member Alan Casey.

Happy and safe classic motoring!

Dave

Wanted to Buy

We are considering storage options for the Clubs restoration car parts. If you have or know of a water tight 20ft Shipping Container for sale, please let me know. Dave Currell 0419 998 589 dave.currell@iinet,net,au

FOR SALE DJP Sidecar was fitted to a Honda \$2000.00 also Caravan Stoneguard \$150.00 Set of crash bars to suit a 1942 Harley Davidson \$150.00 and Muffler for Royal Enfield C5 \$150.00 Contact Jeff Sieber 0456 057 239



A Zephyr's Tale

While on a fishing trip to Lancelin in February 1990, I spotted an add in the paper "1954 Mk I ZEPHYR FOR SALE". I ended that day in Mt Lawley still in my fishing attire, becoming the proud owner of this motorcar.

The first time I drove the car, the hydraulics on the clutch gave up. So, I thought, I will just fix that and check the brakes while I am at it.

Two months later, the car was stripped to just a shell! It took another two years before it was back together again having been re-upholstered, re-chromed, repainted and all the moving bits rebuilt.

With a lot of thanks to Stewarts Automotive (remember him?) the car has not faulted for the past 30 years. In April 2001, the two of us set off for Canberra on the National Motoring Tour celebrating the centenary of federation in Australia.

On the way home in the centre of Hahndorf, South Australia, the old coil got tired and didn't want to play anymore. The only hiccup on a long and thoroughly enjoyable run.

After 30 years and numerous trips to the South West, the old Zephyr still moves like the Gentle Breeze!

Bob De Jong



Shannons 2001 Motoring Tour to Canberra.

Celebrating the Centenary of Federation of Australia.

Number: 087. Entrants: Bob De Jong. Vehicle: Ford. Model: Mark 1.

Year: 1954.

Club: Vintage Automobile Association.



Departure from Whiteman Park, Saturday 14th April 2001.

Organised by Mini Owners Club with assistance from WA Motor Museum, Combined Car Club Association, RAC WA and Shannons InsuranceWA.

Accessories for our Pride & Joy in the 60's

It doesn't matter if you are a Ford, Valiant or Holden nut we all strived to make our set of wheels a little individual from the rest.

As I have always been a GMH follower I was lucky enough to have had a HD Premier and when they brought out the HR I then bought another Premier.

I have included some pictures of the NASCO ACCESSORIES book which has about 47 different add-ons for your Holden. (Sorry I don't have a Ford or Valiant brochure)

I clearly remember having to buy a radio for my HR and it was about \$35. The vehicle itself was \$3,000. How different it is today, I don't think you could buy add-ons for your new car.

Anyway a little bit of history for you all and continue to enjoy driving your classic whether it has extras or not. Happy and safe motoring.

Robert





PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Well this Covid 19 refuses to go away. I would have thought we would be back to normal by now but alas not so. As we are unable to have our meetings in our own clubrooms due to the social distancing requirements and our space can only handle 45 or so people.

Your committee have decided to hire the Bellevue RSL hall for our next (October) general meeting.

There will be a sausage sizzle prior to the meeting which will start at about 7:00pm with the meeting starting at our usual time of 8:00pm we should have the October magazine out in time to remind you all.

Please read the minutes of the management committee carefully, you will see that we are having a Swap Meet, hopefully on the first or second Sunday in November.

So we will be looking for many hands on deck to give Ray Smith all the help he needs to make this a successful event. We also decided to try something different for our Christmas party this year mainly due to stagnating numbers, we have decided to have it offsite and catered for. So expect a modest charge this year, but rest assured your club will be subsidising most of it. Pauline will let you all know the details as they come to hand.

It was great to see Bob Hyde back at the club following his hip replacement, we wish a speedy and full recovery.

We had a congratulatory letter from the City of Swan regarding our community activity document, and advise that they will be trying to support us going forward. So it appears at this early stage, that recording our community activity is a worthwhile process, one we will keep doing and updating.

I was particularly pleased to hear that much progress is being made by Ron Perry, Martin Paine, Ray Smith and others in collecting and documenting the clubs history they are still looking for older club related photos so please keep them coming. See you in your classic car soon.

Kind regards,

Tony Warner

President - Vintage Automobile association of WA Inc.

0417 555 073

Wanted for the workshop are taps and dies for BSF, UNF, UNC and Metric if you have any that are no longer needed your workshop crew can use them

A big thank you to Steve Velden for a sizeable quantity of nut and bolts but we are always having duck out to Rudd's or one of the spare parts shops so if you have any BSF, UNC, UNF and Metric nuts and bolts you no longer have any use for again your workshop crew can put them to good use.

So far everything in the workshop has been donated by members so thank you to those many supporters.





Gertie's maiden voyage.

The family went to Mukinbudin, in the wheatbelt, this last weekend. Two modern cars & caravans and us. The VAA have planned a trip to Mukinbudin very soon.

I can highly recommend it. The wild flowers are out & the rocks that you will go & see......and climb, are amazing.

We travelled up the Toodyay Rd to Toodyay, then to Goomalling, on to Dowerin (great hot chips at the roadhouse), then Wyalkatchem, Trayning, north towards Bencubbin, then half way to Bencubbin, turn right to Mukinbudin. The caravan park in Mukinbudin is one of the best in any country town.

It is a busy time of the year, so don't forget to book. They do have chalets but you have to be quick to get one.

The countryside on the way up is very pretty. Green everywhere except for fields of yellow canola. The EH towed Gertie, you know, the 1955 caravan that Tony, Loris, Kevin and a few others helped to restore. Yeah, we did hold up a few others at times (85 kph average) but most tooted & waved when they passed.

We have relatives here, so a feed of yabbies was on the cards.

We spent one night in the bush around a fire. Barbeque, beer and lots of talk with many locals.

This is something we all should do more often. It was really great even though one of the sheep dogs



knocked off a steak when we weren't looking.

It does get cold at night, so anyone going on the VAA run out here (we'll be here again), remember to bring a coat.

The trip up & back was trouble free but I was always worried about the EH struggling up some of the hills. On the way back, we couldn't leave Dowerin without one of the locals taking photos inside & out of Gertie' and then sitting behind the wheel of the EH. *Mary & Peter Egan and family.*





Workshop Torque

With the current impediments to global travel the workshop offers the frustrated globe trotter a practical option.

As an example, you may close your eyes and hear the rich tapestry of languages from far away. I admit I only speak 'Strine and a little bit of English but others in the workshop speak Metric, Whitworth and strange dialects like NPT and BSF. I just nod to those trying to explain the differences to me and reach for my universal translator – a Crescent. With my convict background and hailing from an Imperial colony, I have Imperial imprinted in my DNA.

So just don't understand – for example – why those making a 14 ml socket don't size it as a 14.2875 ml socket so it interchanges with a 9/16 " socket – I mean how hard is it??

Anyway, really wanted to report on the progress of Dom's Austin 7. Gee whizz, what a task.

The finish line is almost in sight, maybe Christmas 2021.

Our young, optimistic Dom is setting us a 6 week complete date and is betting a sit down lunch for the workshop if not met. The workshop boys have already booked and deciding on what to order.

This old girl is getting close to 100 years old and has passed through many hands – some gentle, some rough – but is gradually giving up her secrets. I just wish her native tongue wasn't Whitworth.... I can barely understand her.

Hutch

REJECTED SURPLUS, PRANGED, CAST OFF AUTOS (RSPCA)

Our committee must confuse 'car projects for the workshop' for 'kittens stuck down sewer pipes'. We have a number of orphaned kittens in the workshop that need carers – foster parents – new owners. If you would love a cute new family member pick one of the following:

Holden one tonner Volvo

Fiat X19 (Subject to workshop restoration)

Riley RMÈ (Subject to workshop restoration)

Contact the workshop for further details.

And speaking of new faces (which I wasn't), we have 2 sprogs who have fallen under the spell of Loris' Scones and Shirley's Cake. First, a dapper sparkie (another Rob) who has already solved a Celica alternator wiring mystery, an old Chevy starter motor issue and an Austin 7 starter fix. Then we have another Mark who has seamlessly fitted into the work-shop mob (although initially a little bewildered with the boy's behaviour) as if he's always been there. He has a great depth of talent and - cheek.

P.S. A guest appearance by Hydey (Jake the Peg) in the workshop was a nice surprise and I gave him a hug from all of you lot (a socially distant one of course).

Hutch

Update on my new hip

On Monday 3rd August I went and visited a friend Dan, for a coffee and chat.

I entered the front door and we stood chatting for a few minutes and I then stepped back into a sunken lounge.

We also have a sunken lounge as that was the trend in the 70's.

I laid there for a few minutes and then was helped up onto a low wall. Dan said we should call an ambulance, but I said no I will be okay shortly. I was far from okay, so the ambulance was called and I was then driven to R.P.H. emergency. My first visit to hospital. They had to cut my jeans and shirt off as the pain was guite high even though I had been given

pain killers. I was finally transferred to the trauma ward by about midnight. The rest is a blur.

Tuesday morning I was wheeled into the theatre and I now have a brand new hip. The damage was extreme so I was told it could not be repaired. I had 1 week in hospital and thankfully I was then allowed home. Lorraine and Aka (fox terrier) are now my carers so thank you both.

I would sincerely like to thank Club members for their phone calls, visits and cards as it is very much appreciated. Being in this situation is not me, but it will get better and I can then start to drive again and get amongst my friends. Thank you.

Robert



Planned Mukinbudin Rocks Overnight Run 22-24 September - UPDATE

Tues 22nd

12pm Meet at Bakers Hill Pie Shop. 1p.m. proceed to Konnongorring via Northam bypass to Goomalling.

2pm drive through Goomalling (Crossing Rail Line twice) approx 3km Turn left to Wongan Hills. Not Dowerin.

32kms to Byberding Rd turn off R.H.S. Travel East to Farm 5kms. Watch for VAA signs.

3pm look around farm B.Y.O. BBQ tea. Hot plates provided. Caravans set up for the night.

Wed 23rd

8am leave farm via Wongan Hills collecting those staying in town.

150kms to Beacon arrive 9-30a.m. for morning tea catered by young mothers group.

10.30am 80kms to Ist rock via Wialki. 12.00 p.m. BYO lunch time. Spend next few hours Rock Hopping.

4.30pm leave for Mucka & the evening. Are You Booked In?

Tanya at the Caravan park 0429471103 or Jim at the Hotel 0408565902.

Hotel evening meal available 6.30 to 8.30pm Café until 8pm.

Thurs 24th

8.30am drive east 80kms for Baladjie Reserve. BYO smoko & lunch.

Leave Baladjie p.m. for home via Koorda or Wyalkatchem stopping at various sites.

Friday 25th

Those that stayed the night might like a tour of Wongan/Konno area today.

This is generally a B.Y.O. event. Total round trip 1100 Kms Maitland Davey 9620 1245





Recently, I was having a conversation with some of our members at the club, before we headed off to the lunch at the Kings Brewery last month.

To be honest, I really can't remember how I got on the topic about Steve Velden being a young dad and not paying attention to the mind of a 2 year old.

So, the story goes like this....

Steve has been a car enthusiast from the beginning of his time.

We had a 1965 Gran Sports Buick Riviera (one of only 3355 made). It had a 425 engine with twin 4 barrel carbies in it. This was my everyday car, driving around with our two young children in the back of the car and I had to stand on the brakes to make it stop!! And of course, Adele was only in a basinet and Rory just with the seat belt around him..... There were no laws about child restraints then!

Steve had taken our son Rory to the shop and returned home in the Buick. Steve had stopped the car in the driveway and got out of the car to open the side gate to drive to the back of the house (leaving the door open) and the car running.

Our 2 year old was in the front seat with his dad, who had decided the gear stick was shinny and thought he would see what it does.

I was inside the house attending to Adele in her cot when I heard this almighty crash outside, and I knew exactly what was taking place. So I quickly threw Adele's cot rail up and ran outside to see Steve running down the road after the car!

Because the door was open and so wide, it had demolished our brick letterbox, which then turned the wheels (phew....lucky) because directly opposite us was another driveway to our across the road neighbours house.

Yes, Steve managed to jump into the car and make it stop!!!!!

All the neighbours came out and what they saw was "a dragon that was breathing fire" at Steve, so consequently all the neighbours soon disappeared!! Our Rory was fine and still smiling and of course none the wiser of what just happened. Our car was damaged, as the door broke the hinges and flicked round to the front fender, leaving a deep indentation in the fender.

Time went by and business was bad for our car sales yard in Midland (Real Steel Autos). The recession has hit in 1990 and we now had to move to the Goldfields for work. Steve was well ahead of his time and had bought containers loads of American classic cars into Perth. When we sold out of the business, we still had acquired a number of cars, which we had taken to Kalgoorlie, one of them being our Buick.

One by one, the cars were selling in Kalgoorlie, but the Buick was sold to one of Steve's workmates.

This particular guy had vowed to restore the Buick and of course couldn't wait to get his hands on it.

Steve knew it was going to a good home.

It was in recent years we attended a car show in Perth at the Convention Centre, that only select cars were chosen for display. I was standing looking at this wrecked car, that had a familiar number plate on it, wondering why do I know this number plate? Steve came up behind me, and asked me, do I know what it is? The number plate was **GS 425** but I could not recognise the car. Steve then said its our Buick!! I was horrified to see our beautiful Buick in such poor condition, that I could not recognise it!

Well, we sourced the owner of the car at the show, who told us the story of his step dad, who owned the car but it was sitting in the shed for decades. His step dad had lost his first wife, which sent him int deep depression, so consequently there was no interest in the car anymore.

This young man bought the Buick from his step dad and today is restoring it and sends Steve updated photos of the car on a regular basis.

Pauline Velden



VAA EVENTS CALENDAR - 2020 (Place Fridge Magnet Here) All Monthly Meetings start at 8pm. Don't forget our Pre Meeting Sausage Sizzle BBQ

MONTH	DATE	DAY	TIME	NAME	ADDRESS	CONTACT	PHONE
SEPTEMBER	6th	SUN	9.00AM - 11.30AM	Custom Cars & Coffee	Perth Motorplex Ankatel Rd Kwinana Beach		
SEPTEMBER	9ТН	WED	10.00AM	Morning Tea Get Together <i>Tomato Lak</i> e	Oats Street Carlisle	Keith Agar	0417 966 862
SEPTEMBER	12th	SAT	6.00PM - 9.00PM	Octane Auto Show And Cruise	Cockburn Gateway Shopping Centre	Show Starts at 6PM Cruise at 7.30PM	
SEPTEMBER	13th	SUN	9.00AM - 4.00PM	York Motor Show	York	Gary Byfield	0414885338
SEPTEMBER	13TH	SUN	8.00am - 3.00PM	14TH Annual Peter Brock Tribute Cruise	Centrepoint Shopping Centre Midland		
SEPTEMBER	22nd - 24th	TUES	3.00PM	Muckinbudin Rocks Trip	459 Byberding Road Konnongooring Farm	Keith Agar	0417 966 862
SEPTEMBER	26th	SAT	5.30PM - 11PM	West Coast Show & Go Car Show & Cruise	Autobarn Midland		
SEPTEMBER	26TH	SAT	1.00PM - 4.00PM	Cars on the Cut	Cut Tavern Bar & Bistro Dawesville		
SEPTEMBER	27th	SUN	9.00AM - 12.00noon	2020 French Car Festival	UWA Hacket Drive Crawley		
OCTOBER	4TH	SUN	10AM - 3.00PM	Como Rotary Car Show	Wesley College Coode & Angelo St South Perth		
OCTOBER	11th	SUN	8.00AM - 3.00PM	Maurice Brockwell Memorial Run	Motor Museum @ Whiteman Park		
OCTOBER	25th	SUN	8.00AM - 11.30AM	German Car Day Cruise To Dwellingup	CNR Of Plain Street And Nelson Crescent East Perth	Mercedes Car Club Of W.A.	\$5 Per Car
OCTOBER	25th	SUN	9.30AM	ALL Ford Car Cruise	Kingsway Belmont And Cockburn Shopping Centres		\$10 Per Car
OCTOBER	31ST	SAT		Gidgegannup Show	Gidgegannup	Tony Warner	0417 555 073
November	1ST	SUN	10.00AM - 3.00PM	Bella Italia @ Mulberry Estate	Mulberry Estate 12 Hamersley Road Caversham		

