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Ron and Joanne Thompson's Impala.

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# Editorial

Hello Chev Club Members,

Having grown up in the era when motor cars with rag tops were gradually being phased out following WWII, I've had a keen interest on the development and shape of these machines. Early post war cars were mostly warmed up versions of their pre war models, and it took until the late 1940s for new designs to emerge, mainly from the USA, as Europe was still rebuilding its industries after the destruction of 1939-45. Our British made family car which arrived new in 1951 was not much changed from previous years, but the new models arriving from the USA via Canada were much more streamlined. In the 1950s and '60s Australian built cars became popular, and one important point was that they were all so easy to recognise.

You knew instantly if it was a Holden, Falcon, Valiant or any of the British cars such as Austin, Vauxhall or Hillman simply by the body shape or the grille. No need to search for the badge. As a young and keen observer of cars I used to name each model whilst sitting in the back seat on long journeys, often wishing we had one a bit more modern than the 1951 Morris Six.

Fast forward about 60 years (and that's how life can treat us oldies) and we find that due to drag efficiency limits, smaller cars with smaller but more powerful engines yet with adequate space, they all look much the same. Try picking a Toyota Corolla from a Mitsubishi of the same size; it's impossible. Perhaps that's why we have so many car clubs which celebrate the old and nostalgic memories of our youth.

*Vive La Difference,*

Hugh.

## PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Hello Chev Enthusiasts

Last month Mum and I along with a few other Chev club members headed off to Geraldton for Rally West. A week of touring with about 130 cars of all makes and models. It was interesting to see that more than half the cars were pre 1930. We met up with our newest members from Esperance who drove 1927 & 1928 Chevs with teardrop caravans from Esperance to Geraldton. This is no mean feat travelling at around 70kph. If you've never done a major rally, you should put it on your bucket list.

After returning home on Saturday, The Beazley's headed straight to Gunnedah on Sunday. Some people just can't get enough of old cars. (There are also another couple of members heading to Gunnedah.)

The following Sunday we set off to Bindoon for their annual car show. It was good to catch up with past members Ron & Joanne who dropped in for a catch up while visiting from the eastern states.

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> of October is the Autojumble at Dogs West in Southern River. This is a good time to get rid of unwanted parts or find new ones.

Until then

Neil

How Sweet the roar of a Chev four!

## COMING EVENTS

- Oct 8:** To The hills  
**Oct 25:** Mid-Week Run (South)  
**Nov 12:** Brockwell Port to Whiteman Classic Car Run  
**Nov 22:** Mid-Week Run (North)  
**Dec 10:** Christmas Lunch  
**Jan 14:** Evening Run  
**Jan 24:** Mid-Week Run

### OCTOBER EVENTS

#### Sunday (8<sup>th</sup>) – To the Hills

*Meet 9:30am at Centrepont Midland*

After our morning tea stop we will be heading up to the old railway tunnels in Darlington. Lunch will be at the “Pines, Darlington” or across the road in the park for a picnic (your choice on the day). We will then have one more stop before our meeting.

**\*\*\*Please note change of meeting venue\*\*\***

#### MEETING (8<sup>th</sup>) – Shannons @ 3pm

(Cnr Albany Hwy and Williams St, Cannington)

#### Wednesday (25<sup>th</sup>) – Mid-Week Run Return (South)

*Meet 6pm at Chicken Treat Jandakot (Verde Dr & Armadale Rd)*

This will be our first mid-week run after our short break. We will meet monthly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in Jandakot and head out from there. This run will be to **Mandurah** foreshore. Bring along a picnic or grab something at the end. Feel free to meet us at the destination (call me beforehand so we can organise this – 0401 145 319).

### NOVEMBER EVENTS

#### Sunday (12<sup>th</sup>) – Brockwell Port to Whiteman Classic Car Run

Starting Point - Wesley College, entry from Angelo St South Perth.

Meet from 8.30am, first cars away 10.30am.

\$10 per car includes route sheet and entry for 2 people to the Motor Museum of WA.

### **Wednesday (22<sup>nd</sup>) –Mid-Week Run Return (North)**

*Meet 6pm at Chicken Treat Jandakot (Verde Dr & Armadale Rd)*

We will meet monthly on the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in Jandakot and head out from there during the warmer months. This run will be to **Hillarys**. Bring along a picnic or grab something at the end. Feel free to meet us at the destination (call me beforehand so we can organise this – 0401 145 319).

### **Sunday (26<sup>th</sup>) – Up and Away**

*Meet 9:30am at Cows Kelmscott*

We will be heading down to Serpentine to the Sport Aircraft Builders Club to have a look at some planes in various forms and construction. We will then go for a cruise through the hills after.

**\*\*Bring a picnic for lunch as we will be having it at the airfield.\*\***

## **PAST EVENTS**

### **SEPTEMBER EVENTS (17<sup>th</sup>) – Bindoon Classic Vehicle Day**

With everyone ready for an early morning start we met at Gingers Road House for our annual trip to Bindoon Historic Car Day. When we arrived we also met with Keith and his 59 Chev. There was a bit of an issue on where they wanted us to set up, but they finally made a decision to put us in our usual spot. We setup our marquees and settled in for a cuppa. We had a look around at the other cars and stalls that were also there. Lunch time came and we would like to thank Mark, Marie, Dennis and to everyone that brought along a salad. We had many people that were interested in our club and cars as well as various past and present members drop by to say hello. It was a great day weather wise as well, which we were lucky.

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## Karen's birthday book

The entries for this month are:-

- 1 Terry Grahame (1947)
- 1 Andrea Dogramaci (1953)
- 1 Rosina Beazley
- 1 Michael Davey (1939)
- 4 Lynda Jones (1954)
- 6 Dick Kuiper (1945)
- 9 Janine Della Bosca (1966)
- 12 Steve Johnston (1971)
- 12 Brody Beazley (1998)
- 14 Tamara Davies (1964)
- 15 Cathie Fraser (1946)
- 17 Bob Ridley (1946)
- 23 Audrey Dunham (1964)
- 30 Maisie Davey (1941)



Advise Paul of your birth date so we can recognise all milestones.



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# RALLYWEST 2017- A VCCWA EVENT – GERALDTON WA

## Sponsored by the RAC and the City of Geraldton

Six members of the Chev Club of WA travelled to Geraldton to take part in the 2017 RALLY-WEST conducted by the Veteran Car Club of WA.

I pulled on to the Mitchell Freeway about 10am on Sunday morning the 10<sup>th</sup> September and was promptly overtaken by a 1928 Chev Roadster. Well, it was on a trailer and pulled along by Neil and Joan Fullwood. Coincidental timing, so we tagged along behind them only stopping at Jurien Bay for lunch and a drink for the cars at Dongara before proceeding to the registration venue.

Rick and Rosina Beazley had left the day before in their 1937 tourer, stopping overnight at Eneabba to search for wildflowers. Unbeknownst to me, Rod and Tana Vogel arrived in Geraldton with their 1925 tourer on the tray of their 1977 flat top with a caravan behind. Totally self-sufficient and a good rig.

Now here's where it gets interesting. Some 7 couples and their cars left Esperance on the Tuesday prior; and get this, 6 of them were towing tear drop caravans. Two couples in the group were new Chev Club WA members. Kim & Janette Seiner in a 1927 Tourer and Norm & Merle Hanks in a 1928 Tourer, both towing caravans. Well done to you for taking on such a long trip and we hope you made it home with trouble free motoring.

See pics elsewhere in this issue for all our entrants, plus a few of general interest.

Day one (Monday) saw us assemble at the QEII centre off Durlacher Street along with approximately 130 vehicles ranging from a 1908 veteran 2 seat runabout Rover to a 1979 Mercedes Benz 450SLC Coupe. There were 12 Chevs entered in all however we didn't get to see a 1950 ute that was a local car. A 25, 26, 27, 3 x 28, 31, 35, 36, 37 and Heather's 63. I was almost blue in the face constantly telling people it wasn't mine or ours but HERS!!!

Off to Greenough and Walkaway on this day taking all the back roads, staying away from the highway so the older cars could trundle along at their own pace. A short leg from the start saw these vehicles much further down the road by the time the faster cars caught up. The best thing about these four days of driving was that it was simply a cruise from one destination to another. No time trials, no secret STOP sign, no confusing directions. Everyone I spoke to were most pleasantly surprised.

Day two was a run North to Northampton via the Nanson Museum and a smoko stop. A good place to stop and spend a couple of hours in a museum with an eclectic collection of STUFF!! From there into Northampton community centre for lunch. Each day was a morning run including a smoko stop and lunch, leaving us free to explore the local town before a leisurely drive back to Geraldton.

Day three. Wednesday was a free day after leaving the cars on display in the QEII centre grounds. The event directors had organised two 24 seat buses to take us around the town to various sites like the Sydney Memorial. Next time you are in or passing through Geraldton, take the time to visit the site and preferably with a guide as the story they tell is most enlightening yet with a tinge of sadness. The Tin shed, an amazing collection of over 900 tins from all over the world and they aren't finished yet. The local WA Museum with many exhibits from the Batavia story, and the old Gaol. There just happened to be a craft shop for card and scrap booking supplies in town where we boys waited patiently while the girls spent their hard earned.



Wednesday night was a spit roast at the Waggrakine Hall, BYO everything else. A good night was had by all except those that didn't bring a warm coat.

Day four was a long one to Mullewa and beyond looking for wildflowers. The event organisers had hired two large capacity buses in addition to the two smaller ones to take anyone who didn't wish to drive the 180km plus distance. These buses were mainly taken up by the owners of very slow veteran and some vintage vehicles.

Smoko was in an old Catholic church out in the middle of nowhere about 2km off the Geraldton/Mt Magnet road. At this point in time I have to tell you that our rally packs included two rally branded travel mugs which we took with us every day for both smoko and lunch as limited amounts of other cups were available, particularly for 250+ people in the middle of the bush. Not only that but the meals for both smoko and lunch were nothing short of excellent. I came back packing an extra kg or two as did quite a few other people.

On the road again into Mullewa Sports ground where lunch was supplied in two sittings. The buses took off to Pindar some 50 odd KM away to see an amazing display of Wreath Flowers that just appeared in a very short stretch of graded road. On the bus return the first lunch sitting took off and tucked into a very nice lunch. The afternoon was free for a look around town, I think I blinked because I think I missed it, and a return to Geraldton.

Day five, the last run of the rally saw us retrace the day one run through Walkaway and on to Dongara and Port Denison. Smoko was in a hall on the waterfront closely followed by lunch at the Bowling club. Again, a superbly presented meal with amazing desserts. A quick run through Dongara and back to town to get ready for the Rally presentation meal at the QEII centre.

A sit down three course meal with all beer, wine and soft drinks provided. We took advantage of paying for every provided meal over the five days and also a cooked or continental breakfast on the Saturday. We wanted for nothing and it only cost around \$170/head. Great value.

During the course of the evening, after the obligatory and expected speeches, which were kept short, a few prizes were given for the longest distance travelled to a couple from New Zealand and the longest distance driven to a couple from South Australia as well as recognition of the working committee who put the whole shebang together. Random selection of rally numbers saw a good 50 or so win a small prize; coffee mugs, tea towels, and some RAC little yellow Volkswagen stress balls. To finish the evening an auction of sorts was conducted to raise money for the RFDS.

The Tea Lady's Red Lady travelled around 1000miles in all at 22mpg of trouble free motoring. If you don't know what miles and mpg means, Google it!!

To sum up the rally; good company, good food, good runs each day, good venues, well organised and absolutely fabulous weather. Congratulations to the VCCWA and Rally Director Bob Beames and his crew. WELL DONE.

Peter & Heather Taylor. Rally entrant Number 117.

On following pages there are photos of various cars belonging to Beazleys, Fullwoods, Taylors, Seinors, Hanks and Vogels and a group photo on page 12. Page 13 contains a smoko at Greenough, Heather at the wreath flowers, morning tea break and Peter's old '29, looking a little forlorn.



No 55

**Kim & Janette  
Senior**

**1927  
Chevrolet**

We purchased our Chev in late 2003 having been owned for about 20 years by the previous owner. Over the last fourteen years I have rebuilt the engine, gear box, diff drive line, suspension and spoke wheels.



No 56

**Norm & Merle  
Hanks**



**1928  
Chevrolet  
4 Tourer**

Our Chev was purchased from Neville & Vera Stones from Kalgoorlie, We are the 5<sup>th</sup>. Owners and this vehicle has never been unlicensed. We joined the VCC WA inc. in Oct. 2012 and made the tear drop van last year.









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**1965 Impala Convertible:** parts for sale. Free to anyone in need.

Contact Mike by email to: [michaelli@gohomes.com.au](mailto:michaelli@gohomes.com.au)

**1981 Classic Caprice.** Fully imported RHD, total 36k miles, but only 18k on new crate motor and Turbo 700 trans. Asking \$15,000 ono. Call Todd on 9861 2277 or 61618031.

**1937 Sedan.** Under restoration, no rust, motor & gearbox o/hailed, new radiator, spares, all complete. At Bayswater. Owner must sell. Call Mick on 0448 812 268. Picture opposite page.

**1957 Chevrolet Bel Air Sport Sedan Hardtop (RHD 4-Door Pillarless).**

New motor, paint, wiring, chrome work, glass, radiator, tyres. Rebuilt gearbox and brakes. Asking \$85,000 negotiable. Call Mike on 0416 185 095 or email: [me57wa@gmail.com](mailto:me57wa@gmail.com). Picture opposite page.

**1979 Chevrolet Corvette Coupe.** L82 – high output 350ci V8 225hp net Red with cream interior, Chrome Rallye wheels with trim rings and caps. Good condition overall and ready to cruise! Full NSW rego NGS-555 43,000 miles. \$42,500.

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**1959 - 60** steering column in any condition. Call Simon. 0415526989.

**1965/66** Impala bonnet in good order. Call Max Fraser 0418916069





**For Sale, 1937 Chev, 1939 Chev Roadster, 1979 Corvette Stingray Coupe, 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air Sport Sedan Hardtop (RHD 4-Door Pillarless) Part restored. A number of quite rare vehicles.**

**See page 16 for details on these cars.**

**CHEVROLET CLUB OF WA INC**  
**GENERAL MEETING HELD AT THE Ridleys**  
**Holden Close Bertram**  
**SUNDAY 13th August 2017**

**Meeting Opened:** 3:00pm. by President Neil Fullwood

**Present:** As per the attendance book.

**Apologies:** Phil Surtees & Anne, Rosina, John Tate, Roly & Maureen Richardson, Dennis & Stella O'Keefe, Ken and Trish Fullwood.

**Visitors:** Nil

**Previous Minutes of General Meeting held on 9th April 2017**

Printed in Chevrolletter.

**Moved:** Paul Fullwood

**Seconded:** Peter Taylor

**Matters Arising:**

New roof on parts container. Ongoing.

**Correspondence:**

**IN:** Shannon's auctions. Shannon's route 66 Competition.

**Email Traffic**

**Inwards:** 30, **Outwards:** 23

**Club Magazines**

Veteran Car Club x2, Holden torque, Small Torque x2, Chevolution x3, American Car Club, Royal Mail x3.

Out: Only Emails.

Magazines sent to other clubs will be sent Via Email and Mags sent to us.

**Moved:** Peter Taylor

**Seconded:** Trevor Benett

**Treasurer's Report:**

<b>Opening Balance</b>	\$7020.14
Income	\$3974.24
Expenditure	\$2523.42
Closing balance	\$8470.96
GMOD 50% share	\$1528.25

**Moved:** Paul Fullwood

**Seconded:** Heather Taylor

### **Past Events:**

Wed 28th June: Mid Week run to Hillary's. All Southerners. Nil Northerners

Sun 2nd July: York Motor Show. Good Show but cold

Sun 9th July: Country Lunch

Fri 21st July: Quiz Night. came in 4th again

Today: Fremantle Prison. Interesting, and informative tour. enjoyed by all.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Sun 17th Sept: Car show Bindoon. Mark bring BBQ trailer. Ladies bring salad to share

Sun 8th Oct: Swap Meet. Dogs West

Inspection day? Day to change.

### **CMC Report:**

Nil

Meeting next Monday. Still Chasing \$200 per club to fund Channel 7 Car shows.

### **General Business:**

Curtin FM Car show. 15th April 2018

### **Bits and Pieces:**

Peter chasing 307 Chev engine.

Rick chasing lower windscreen frame for 27 Chev

Talk on fabricating indicator lenses

**Meeting closed:** at 3:17pm. Next meeting will be held on Sunday 8th October 2017 at Shannon's office Cannington at 3pm.

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The next Club meeting will be held at Shannons, cnr  
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Sunday October 8 at 3pm.

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