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Welcome to the first KMS newsletter for 2010. In this issue we will report on the January 2010 general meeting, profile two of our members as well as review the year's operations and directions.

General Meeting.

The January 2010 general meeting was held on Friday 22nd Jan at which 29 members attended. Members may be interested to know that we now have 93 paid up members which is a good result considering that KMS has only been in existence for just over six months. Chairman Richard Gates introduced the new Shed Boss, Jim Chantry who gave an overview of his qualifications and background the details of which are given on page 3. Ian Allardyce is recovering well from surgery and while he is absent, Barry Spencer has kindly agreed to undertake the role of Property and Equipment.

Following the business part of the meeting, Damion Pavlinovich, (son of member Morris) gave a very enlightening and entertaining presentation on "Exercising for the Aged". Damion is an Exercise Physiologist and holds a degree in Health Sciences. The exercises presented by Damion were relevant to most of those present and it is proposed to produce a summary leaflet of the various exercises.



Damion demonstrating an exercise to members.

Dates to remember.

Friday 26th February: General Meeting at 2.00pm. The meeting will include a talk on wooden boats by Jay Niven. Sausage sizzle to follow.

Friday 26th March: General Meeting at 2.00 pm. To be followed by wine tasting presented by Carldenn Wines of Kalamunda.

New shed opening times. Until further notice, the shed will now be open from 8.30am to 12.30pm Monday to Fridays.

Garage Sale.

We propose to hold a garage sale some time in March or April this year. We intend to sell usable items donated by members and the public. Further details to follow later.

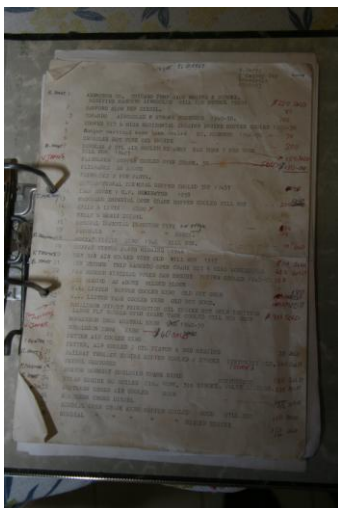
Member Profile-Bill Berry.



Bill "hand" starting an "Hit and Miss" engine he made in 2004.

Bill is a founding member of KMS and one of his keen interests is making model engines. While working on his farm at Narembreen in WA he found time to restore a couple of vintage cars and collected a truck load of old stationary engines, some of which he also restored.

The restored cars were a 1922 Whippett and a 1929 Chevrolet. The list of his stationary engines carries the names of some 40 or so different types and includes a Ronaldson Tippet Federation engine which used a hot bulb ignition system, a two stroke railway trolley engine which was reputedly made at the State Engineering Works and is now in South Fremantle, and a "New Idea" engine which "goes and goes".



The photo shown below, left is part of the inventory of Bill's stationary machines that he once cared for. After retiring from the farm he stored them at his business premises in Wattle Grove. Prior to retiring properly, the machines were sold and Bill now very ably makes from scratch model engines such as the Hit and Miss machine shown on the left and the Hot Air machine shown below.



He is currently experimenting with a hydrogen fuelled engine which was purchased in kit form.

Bill has also utilised his ingenuity to design and make wooden bill and note holders such as that shown below.



Bill is always happy to talk about and explain how early machinery works but he has an evil side to him. He really relishes the brain wracking he causes by bringing along to the shed each week a mystery gadget for other members to guess what it might be. The solution is only revealed to a select few!

The Shed Boss.

As mentioned in the December edition of the KMS newsletter, Jim Chantry has been appointed by the Kalamunda Shire as our first paid shed boss. Pictured below is Jim being welcomed aboard at the shed by the Shire President Donald McKechnie.



Jim is seen discussing one of the number of rocking horses being made by members. It is hoped that a quantity of the horses, amongst other items will be available for sale prior to this Christmas.

Jim was appointed from a wide field of excellent applicants making the final selection very difficult.

During the January General meeting, Jim was formally introduced to members after which he gave an overview of his background, the highlights of which are given here. He is a registered builder and has spent many years in the building industry. He holds a Diploma in Building Studies and holds an Associate Degree in Training and Development as well as a Certificate 4 in Workplace Assessment and has also taught at the Thornlie Technical College.

His role as Shed Boss includes overall Shed and member safety and he has many ideas for the growth and future of the Shed. He is a Shire of Kalamunda employee but is answerable to the Committee of Management for the operation of the Shed. He is married

with two adult children, has a passion for good wine, old Jaguar cars, amateur theatre and Kiwanis. In concluding his introduction he said that he would always be available to assist members.

Planning update.

The planning for the new metal work shed has virtually been completed under the very professional guidance of Dave Fisher who the project manager. All of the required quotes have been obtained and these are now being used as a basis for our grant application to Lotterywest.

The recent development by the Police to vacate the old Shire offices adjacent to the shed did however introduce a new ingredient into the planning pot. This move has become the catalyst for the Kalamunda Shire to commence a planning review of the utilisation of the precinct bounded by Mead St., Canning Rd, Central Rd and Urch Rd. We understand that all community groups that are interested or affected by the review are encouraged to make submissions or comment on the review.

Notwithstanding the review, the Kalamunda Shire Chief Executive Officer, Mr James Trail at a recent meeting attended by the Shire president Mr Don McKechnie and KMS Chairman Richard Gates, Fund Raising Director Elton Brown and Publicity Director Eddie van Rijnswood, Mr Trail confirmed our five year tenancy, thus making the proposed construction of the new metal work shed viable.

We are most appreciative of the Shire's continued support for the Shed.

It is of interest to note that KMS' membership has grown to just under 100 members in less than one year.

Bell Tower assistance.

Some of the Shed's members have recently completed the restoration of a clavier for hand chiming of non swinging bells. The Clavier and its set of 8 bells were originally part of a soldier's memorial in St Pauls Church, Canonbury, Islington, England. After the church fell out of use, the bells came to Australia with 6 being installed at Christchurch, Claremont and the remaining 2 are in use at the Rockingham Civic Centre.

KMS member Laith Reynolds was instrumental in bringing the bells and three claviers to Perth and is very pleased that one of the Claviers has now been restored.



KMS members Elton Brown, Bob Govan, Terry Lees and Laith Reynolds with the restored clavier.

The claviers are part of the collection at the Bell Tower, Home of the Swan Bells and is intended that the claviers will be used by schools children and visitors to try out chiming bells.

Future Activities.

In addition to the events listed on page 1, some of the the activities being considered for the near future include visits to other sheds and a talk on finances for the older generation.

The Committee of Management also welcomes member's comments on how the activities at the shed can be improved.

LATE NEWS.

VISIT TO THE BUNBURY MODEL ENGINEERING CLUB.

Social and Programme Director Morris Pavlinovich and member Bill Berry have arranged a visit to the Bunbury Model Engineering Club on:

SUNDAY, 21 MARCH 2010.

COST IS \$20 pp.

Transport will be provided by means of the Shire's community bus so numbers will be limited. Those going will need to bring their own lunch or be prepared to purchase it during the day.

Members wishing to attend this outing are requested to advise the Shed Boss as soon as possible. Further details will be provided later.

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