



ALL BRITISH CLASSICS CAR CLUB

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an incorporated club

A friendly family social motoring club

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Your A.B.C. News

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Having returned from a world wide four weeks round the world business trip I am now able to get back into Club affairs and assist the Committee Who have been working very well in our absence.

Today we have some 80 members and the number is growing steadily.

We will be having a major membership drive at the All British Day at the Flemington Race Course at the 5th April and if you would like to help with drive speak to John Gardner our membership co-ordinator on 5942 7535.

Incidentally John is working steadily on membership kits for current members and incoming new members. This will include your individual name badge of which the first large batch has been received and if you do not have yours as yet check with John at the next event.

We also have Car I.D. sheets for when your car is on display.

We have decal logos currently under Production and in conjunction with our Queensland associated A.B.C. Club we are looking at Car Badges and T. Shirts.

EVENTS

Committee

PRESIDENT

Frank Douglas
9801 3411

TREASURER

Tony Hodges
5263 1580

SECRETARY

Chris Gardner
5942 7535

MEMBERSHIP

John Gardner
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Additional Car I.D. display sheets are available from John Gardner who will have these at various Club events.

MEMBERS CAR ON DISPLAY

We will make a regular item of including a photograph of a members car on display in this magazine so if you have a good photograph of your car and you would like everybody else to see it – send it to P O Box 1, Bayswater. 3153, attention Frank Douglas.

NEW LOGO

In conjunction with All British Classics Car Club of Queensland we have arrived at a common Club Logo which both Clubs will be using and for your review inspection and information we attach a reasonably large copy of this in this magazine.

EVENTS

Saturday 14 March

We are going to have a picnic at the beach - the suggestion is that we meet at 11am at the Balcolme Estuary Reserve which is in Watson Road, Mt Martha. This is a lovely spot just by the Balcolme Creek, it has BBQ facilities, toilets, parking for your car and just across the road is the Mt Martha beach if you would like to have a swim, a stroll or just enjoy the scenery. This should be a "crack a jack" day so make the effort come and have a pleasant time with your friends and enjoy using your car.

Sunday 29 March

A day out in the hills we meet at 10am on the Maroondah Highway at Coldstream and from there we will travel to the Toolangi Forest Discovery Centre which is a very unique display of Australian timber and the products that are made from this, coffee is available there. There is a short film on the old logging time and the old logging towns and having spent a pleasant stop there we will then drive on up to Maroondah Dam where we will enjoy a picnic lunch. It is BYO everything including your classic car. Incidentally don't forget the wife.

Sunday 5 April

This is the ALL BRITISH DAY at Flemington Race Course. We should be there by 10am and this is perhaps one of the major days of the year for us. This is where all British cars are on display and being of course THE ALL BRITISH CLASSICS CAR CLUB we want to have as good a display as anybody else and there is also of course an excellent chance of some new members joining our fold. As indicated John Gardner is organising a display stand on the day and he would like some help. So what about giving him a call. There are sausages and various other food available but if this does not suit bring your own. On this occasion a number of members will be torn between parking with their one Marque Club or parking with the ALL BRITISH CLASSIC CAR CLUB. It is your decision but if you park elsewhere and you would enjoy a chat come and see us.

Sunday 19 April An Observation Run - this will be conducted by Adam Francis and we will be meeting at the Manningham Council car park (this is the old Doncaster and Templestowe City Hall) in Doncaster Road at 10am for a start. This is a BYO everything as we will finish up having a picnic lunch. Don't forget a pen and a piece of paper. There will be prizes and a fun day for all. Adam Francis may be contacted on 9512 4586 if you have any queries.

Sunday 10 May - 10am This is an unique and unusual day where we will visit Lilydale Airport in MacIntyre Lane, Coldstream. On this particular day there is going to be a fly-in of lots a various types of light aircraft and there will possibly also be available the opportunity to go for the odd joy flight. Toilets etc are available BYO and come and have a good time.

Friday 22 May This is our Social Night when we will be enjoying a Brown Brothers Wine Tasting at the Club Rooms at the rear of 737 Boronia Road, Wantirna. This is where we had our Christmas BBQ. There will be a small admission of \$2 per person bring a plate and turn up between 7.30 and 8pm, look forward to a pleasant evening and make arrangements that you are able to drive home without a problem.

Saturday 6 to 8 June A weekend away in the Wonthaggi/Inverlock/Walkerville area. More details in our next magazine. Put this one on your calendar as it should be a very nice weekend run.

Saturday 20 June This will be a night out organized by the ladies details will be advised in our next magazine

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PROPOSED FURTHER EVENTS

Wednesday 8 July A visit to the Rolls Royce workshops of Robert McDermott in Burnley. This is still subject to confirmation as Robert is away at present.

Sunday 19 July A visit to the Pine Ridge Motor Museum at Arthurs Seat.

Saturday 15 August Women's shopping spree by bus. Men are welcome also.

Saturday 29 August A visit to a beautiful Mansion in the Nagambie/Murchison area but this is still subject to confirmation. More details to follow.

Remember if you have ideas for events or outings our event organizers would be very happy to talk to you. Ring Peter McLaren on 9720 8623 or Kate McLaren on 9762 6290.

VISIT TO THE SWAP MEET AT YARRA GLEN

There was a lot of material on display and a number of our members attended with their cars and had a pleasant but quiet cup of coffee a bite to eat and a chat.

COMMITTEE MEETING

All those on the committee would be welcome to our next committee meeting which is at 737 Boronia Road, Wantirna at 8pm on Friday 27 March 1998 contact number is 9801 3411 - Frank Douglas. Come along with your ideas and lets contribute to the future and well being of our Club.

WHAT'S ON IN THE FUTURE

Organized jointly with the Armstrong Siddeley Car Club from 1 August, 1999 will be a three week run from Melbourne through Broken Hill, the Flinders Ranges and the Andamooka Opal Fields near the Woomera Rocket Range in South Australia where we will do a ten day Opal dig.

This is a "bring your Classic car" and a very good time will be had by those that attend but for accommodation and food reasons it will be limited to 50 people in total, after that you go on the waiting list. At this point in time we already have acceptances from 2 people in America and two people in England who wish to attend and as we circulate the details of this event the list of participants will fill up very quickly. So if you want to know more give Frank Douglas who is the organizer a ring and he will put you in the picture. Don't delay or you will not participate you will just read about it in some later edition of the magazine. So act now.

Our Queensland affiliate ABC Club will have members joining us as well.

NEW MEMBERS AND MEMBERSHIP LIST

As we are all "new" members as such rather than acknowledge all names in the magazine a membership list will be made available.

JOINING A NEW MEMBER

If you need a membership form or have a question or two contact our membership officer John Gardner. Remember **NEW MEMBERS ARE WELCOME.**

STOP PRESS

T shirts for sale. These are Australian Made

Medium)	
Large)	Blue or Red
X Large)	

With ABC Club identification on front and back.

Price is \$23.50

Samples will be shown at the next event

PICNIC AT HANGING ROCK 1998

This was to be our first ABC Club Event and for Chris and I it would also be our first picnic at the Rock.

We rose early Sunday for an early morning run to Woodend. The TR was loaded with the picnic goodies and with the roof off and well rugged up (it was a very chilly morning) we departed. On route we meet with Sean, Josie, Bianca and Ashley Hamilton in their TR4. We arrived at Woodend to be greeted by a number of British Classics and four members of our Club. Tom Verney, Trish and Colin Dane and Peter McLaren. There were a number of other Austins at our meeting point – potential new members?

We motored off in convoy for the Rock and very soon found us in a traffic convoy of vehicles of all shapes and sizes. We were soon on the picnic ground and after the first cup of tea we set off to explore the classics on show. We were also prepared to stimulate new membership for our club and Tom set of to place as many new membership applications as he could in "Classic British" vehicles.

The day was exhausting with an estimated 1100 vehicles on show. I would say that there was at least one example of every Marque on show including Historic Busses, Trucks, Tractors and many Motorcycles.

What a great day and one not to be missed next year.

John and Chris Gardner



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LOGO

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