



ALL BRITISH CLASSICS CAR CLUB

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an incorporated club

A friendly family social motoring club

Your A.B.C. News

May 1998

CLOTH CLUB BADGES

In conjunction with the Queensland ABC Club we ordered a supply of iron-on cloth club badges.

These will be available in the next few weeks at \$5 each.

If you would like to have one for your t-shirt, your cap, your jacket or whatever.

Get in touch with John Gardner at 9542 7535 and John will organize to put some aside for you.

DON'T MISS THESE

ALL BRITISH CLASSICS CAR CLUB



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OUTBACK AND OPAL

How could I pass up this invitation?

Frank (President) was off to Andamooka over Easter to get plans underway for our 1999 Safari, would I like to join him? With the opportunity to visit this outback region and the fact that I would not know opal if I fell over it, I said count me in!

From an early start Thursday we traveled via Mildura, Remark and Burra, with our first night stop in Clare. (put Burra on your list of places to visit, as it is a beautiful historic village).

Friday and we are heading north from Clare, through wheat fields as far as the eye can see, on through the magnificent Flinders Ranges, a quick stop in Port Augusta and finally arriving in Andamooka around midday.

It is between Port Augusta and Andamooka (about 300 klm) where the contrast of the outback is a sight not to be missed. Rolling plains of salt bush and Mulga trees change to Gibber Desert and salt lakes as you travel along the excellent highway.

As for Andamooka my description of the countryside that surrounds the township is a cross between a moonscape (mine diggings) and a vehicle or machinery wreckers yard. There are many cars and bulldozers that have found their heaven in Andamooka and even some British Motors have spent their final days here. I sighted a Vauxhall and a Vanguard in the car graveyard.

After an extensive tour of the township (took about 2 minutes, its not very big) we meet with a longtime friend of Franks – Alex Mendelsohn. Alex has lived in Andamooka for around 30 years and will be helping us with our Opal dig. We toured the Opal mining areas in Alex's 'Classic' Toyota Crown to select possible dig sites and we visited Roxby Downs Township, the Olympic Dam Mining Project and the original Andamooka Homestead as these will be places we will also visit during our trip.

In Roxby Downs I discovered there is a local Car Club that I shall make contact with prior to our visit. The Olympic Dam Project just has to be seen to be believed. We will tour this also and we will have a BBQ at the homestead. Incidentally with the building of a new road to service Olympic Dam the homesteads front gate is now 32 klm from the house. A long walk to get the paper and mail!

Good accommodation and all services are available for us in Andamooka and all roads that our "classics" will travel on are excellent.

As for opals I heard many stories of fortunes being made and I saw some exquisite opal that had been found in the area. Roll on August 1999.

This Safari will be a unique event – in our British Classics we will travel through countryside that cannot be seen in any other part of the world. We may find riches in the Opal fields and we will share these experiences with new friends. Register now to join the fun and fortune!

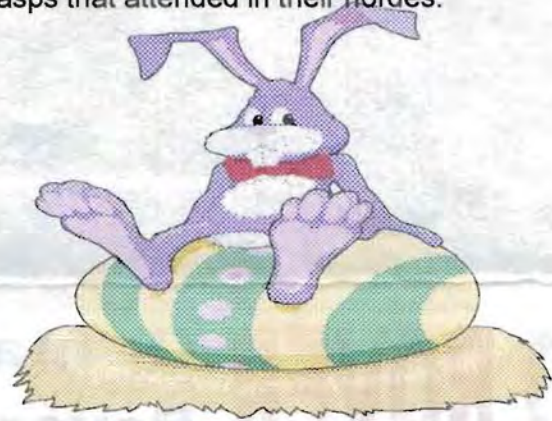
John Gardner

OBSERVATION RUN

This was a well attended event that started at the Doncaster City Offices and then wended its way through many devious back road through to the SugarLoaf Dam where an excellent lunch was enjoyed by both ourselves and the European Wasps that attended in their hordes.

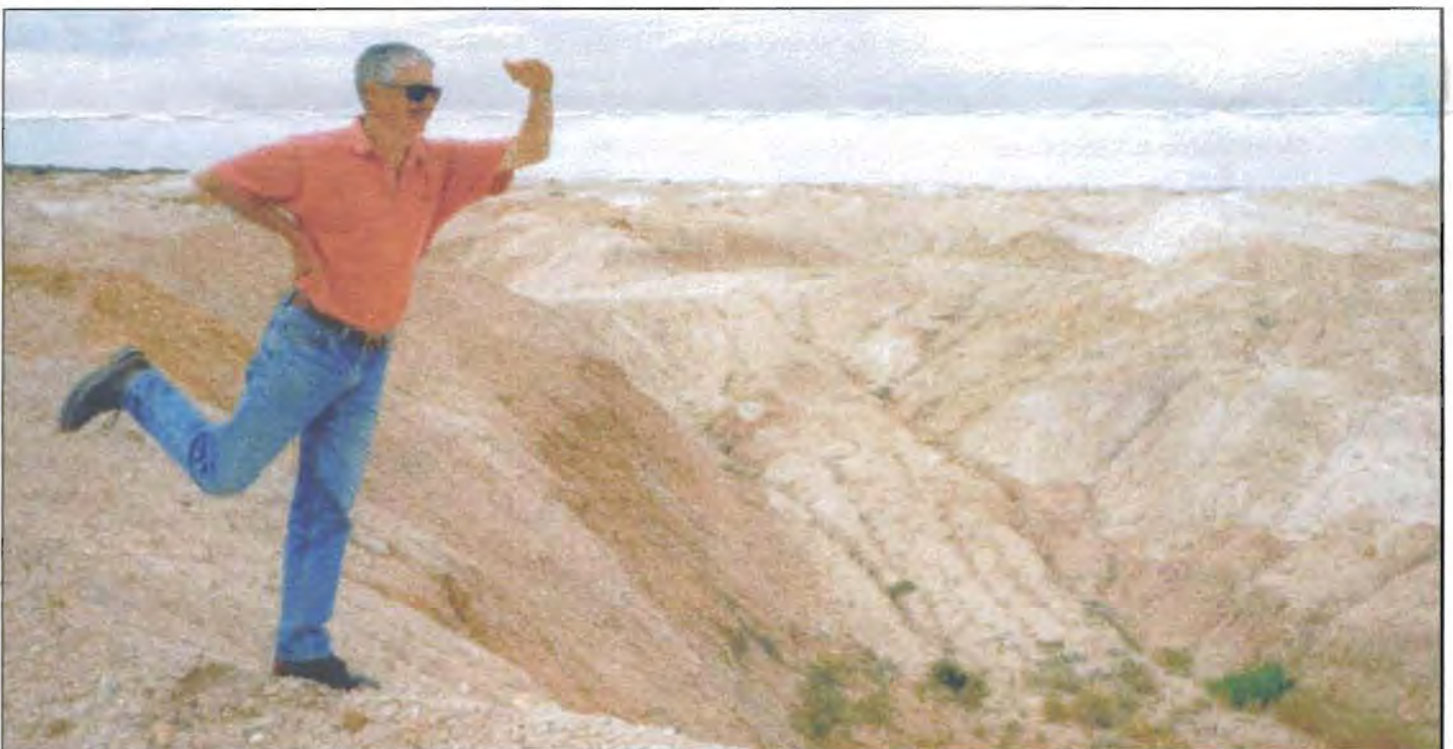
Winners of the events under their alias are:-

Opal Seekers	1 st
Bertha's Barrackers	2 nd
Baileys Irish Cream	3 rd
JOJ 088	4 TH
Willy's Irish Cream	5 th
Red Rocket	6 th
Danes	7 th



Adam presented us all with some Easter Eggs and Chocolate which was very acceptable.

John Gardner surveying the luna landscape during a recent visit to the Andamooka Opal Fields for foward planning relating to our 1999 Opal Safari. Join in and enjoy life with us.





RED ROVER Or maybe its Tom Verney's Rover that likes a nice Red

I have heard about some people with a drinking habit, but I have never come across a Rover that likes a drop of red. This particular one was seen at the Maroondah Dam outing and belongs to our Vice President, Tom Verney who incidentally is in hospital after having had an operation. Maybe Tom if you had the red instead of the car you might enjoy life more and get better quicker. Tom I would use anti-freeze in the car in future instead of "Red Ned" it is probably cheaper.

TREASURER'S REPORT

For the period ending 31 March, 1998

RECEIPTS

Membership subscriptions	1035.00	
Entry fees	390.00	1425.00

PAYMENTS

Advertising	183.06	
Subscriptions to A.O.M.C.	80.00	
Public Liability Insurance	165.00	
Name badges	437.06	
Bank charges and FID	36.84	901.96

=Bank balance as at 31 March 1998		523.04
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ABC Club line up at Maroondah Dam

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

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| 9 th May | Visit to Beaufort Manor at Yea and then on to Seymour |
| 13 th May | Visit to McDermott's the Rolls Royce workshops at 7.30pm |
| 22 nd May | Brown Brothers Wine Tasting at the Club Rooms – 737 Boronia Road, Wantirna at 7.30 pm. |
| 6 th - 8 th June | Weekend away. Talk to Adam Francis. |
| 27 th June | Night out. Details will be in the June magazine. |
| 5 th July | Visit to Science Works in Newport. |
| 19 th July | Visit to Pine Ridge Motor Museum at Arthur Seat. |
| 15 th August | To be advised in a later magazine. Put the date in your calendar. |
| 29 th August | Visit to Noorilin at Nagambie/Murchison area. Don't miss this one. |
| 5 th September | Theatre Night at a Theatre Restaurant. Details to be advised. |
| 20 th September | A visit to the Swiss Mountain Pub in the Ballarat area. Excellent food, nice venue but we need to know the numbers. |
| 11 th October | A run to Queenscliff with a lunch at one of the Queenscliff establishments. |
| 24 th October | Trivia Night with surprises - Club Rooms 773 Boronia Road, Wantirna |
| 31 st October to
3 rd November | This is a weekend away to Lakes Entrance. Contact Frank Douglas for details. |
| 27 th November | AGM. Venue to be advised. |
| 6 th December | Christmas Lunch/BBQ. Venue to be advised. |

**PLEASE Participate in club events. They
are put on for YOU to ENJOY. See you soon!**

CURRENT EVENTS DURING MAY AND JUNE

May is going to be a big month.

We have firstly a run to Beaufort Manor in Yea. On Saturday the 9th May we should meet at the Coldstream Township at 10.15am for a 10.30am departure to Beaufort Manor which is in the Main Street of Yea.

If you are coming from other directions and you want to meet at Beaufort Manor, the target time is 12 noon and David Smith one of our members who owns Beaufort Manor has arranged a lunch at \$20 a head including local wines. When we have finished the lunch it is intended that we will have a run up to Seymour to the Capalba Park Alpacas & Tourist Farm, 4820 Koboybn Road, Seymour. This farm has a wide range of animals and birds as well as Alpacas.

Bring something for afternoon tea, as there is a nice spot for a picnic.

Don't dismiss this one – it is the visit to Robert McDermott's premises at 420 Burnley Street, Richmond. We start at 7.30pm on the 13th May. If you would like to bring a friend please be in touch with Frank Douglas – 9801 3411. We don't want to overload the occasion

Social Night – Brown Brothers Wine Tasting with John Gardner representing Brown Brothers. This Wine Tasting will be held on the 22nd May at the rear of 737 Boronia Road, Wantirna. This is the same address as where we had our first January meeting. There will be a small admission fee of \$2 per person and we would appreciate you bringing a plate (preferably with something on it) and the evening to commence between 7.30 to 8pm. We look forward to having a pleasant social evening enjoying each other company as well as the Brown Brothers Wine. Don't forget to make arranges to get home without any problems.

June 6th to 8th away - Keep a note of this one in your diary and will be visiting the Wonthaggi/Inverlock/Walkaville area. Adam Francis is organising this particular one. If you would to join us give Adam Francis a telephone call. His number is 9512 4586. Adam will be happy to go through what we propose for the weekend and help you make accommodation bookings. This will be a good weekend so make an effort to come and enjoy yourself.

Cyril Prescott parked his car on a hill in Williton, Somerset, and walked to a nearby telephone box to phone a friend. Suddenly, another car came round a bend, and side-swiped Prescott's car, releasing its brakes. Prescott's car rolled downhill and crashed into the telephone box, knocking it over with him inside. The injured man was later treated for bruises and shock. He would have received medical attention sooner, but he was too dazed to remember to dial for help.