



ALL BRITISH CLASSICS CAR CLUB

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A friendly family social motoring club

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Your A.B.C. News



The RACV Great Australian Rally & Twilight JAZZ FESTIVAL Sunday 23 January.. Year 2000

This major event is on, again sponsored by the RACV & organised & run by the All British Classics Car Club..

All proceeds go to the Hospitals on the Mornington Peninsula..

This year the run will be from the Melb. Town Hall to Red Hill where we will have market stalls as well as entertainment.

We need all available club members as Marshalls & working together we will earn our club \$2500 for providing the manpower to run this event...WE NEED YOUR HELP.

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Events Events Events

Early morning Runs.. The next early morning run will be Sunday 24th October starting at 7 am at Walker Park, 300 mtrs east of the Nunawading Civic Centre. Enquiries with Neil Wakeman on 0411 456 047.....

10 Oct. we will visit Ken Russell's private car museum, located in Naree Warren. Kens collection includes a Stanley Steamer & a Rolls Royce Silver Ghost as well as a V12 Phantom 3.. We will meet at McDonalds Endeavour Hills 10.30am, Melways 91 d4. Don't miss this one...

17 Oct. Point Cook aircraft museum.

Meet at the Todd Rd Service center just prior to Westgate Bridge ready to leave at 10.15am for RAAF Point Cook. There is no admission fee. At 1pm there is an interactive flight display. Bring lunch & chairs. We will also visit the Point Cook Coastal Park. Inquiries Tom Cannon 97912949

30 October - 2 November (Melbourne Cup Weekend)
Day 1. Saturday - drive down the Great Ocean Road, staying overnight at Lorne where a terrific evening meal is promised.
Day 2. Sunday - continue along this scenic drive taking in the 12 Apostles, Loch Ard Gorge then Cape Otway Lighthouse. Stay overnight at Warrnambool. Day 3. Monday - travel inland taking in more sights through the Otway Forest ending up in Ballarat for our 3rd and final night away. Plan for this Econ.. weekend. Ring Heather Cannon or Tony Hodges ... Discounts available if enough members attend.

21 November.. Observation run.

5 Dec.. Christmas party at Frank & Pats place.. 12/14 Grandvalley Dve. Chirnside Park.

31 Dec. Year 2000 party at same address.

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Join in & ENJOY life

You will only have ONE LIFE.. This is it, use it or lose it

FOR. EVER

Year 2000

RACV Great Australian Rally Twilight Jazz Festival

SUNDAY 23 JANUARY, 2000 will be the date of dual events taking place with the beneficiary of the proceeds of the day being The Peninsula Health Care Network, in effect all the public hospitals on the Mornington Peninsula.

Once again the All British Classics Car Club will be providing the structure for the running of this event and providing the Marshalls and Officials required for the Car Rally.

We will depart the Melbourne Town Hall and via the Nepean Highway proceed down to Frankston where a separate group of vehicles will also start and join in the Rally.

Morning tea will be again in the Main Street Mornington and then we will be departing along Beach Road till we finally arrive on the bottom end of the Peninsula and travel to the Red Hill Showgrounds and Recreation Reserve where we will have a festive afternoon accompanied by Jazz music and food etc.

We expect this year that there will be the Red Hill Market stalls also in operation and commencing at 5pm we will have multiple Jazz Bands putting on a twilight Jazz Festival until 9pm.

All this will not happen without the volunteer Marshalls that we need from our Club to control the Car Rally event.

We need your help, please put aside that day and give your time to the Peninsula Hospitals and The All British Classics Car Club. Thank you.

VISIT TO PHILLIP ISLAND - well the day started out bucketing down with rain and not looking particularly good at all. Nevertheless some determined souls headed south down the Bass Highway then eventually just prior to lunch we arrived at the Phillip Island Race Track where thankfully the weather had decided to take a turn for the better. We had an interesting and enjoyable day being shown around the facilities including the Control Tower and finally when all the "hot rods" had had their turn we eventually were able to do some laps on the track. This was an interesting experience and as a result I take my hat off to any motor cycle rider who goes around that track at the speeds that they do. They earn every cent that they get.

An interesting well run day, our thanks go to Tom and Heather Cannon for organizing this day.

VISIT TO TRAMWAY MUSEUM AT KILMORE - this was a day for the very brave as it was not very good with light drizzle and a bit cold (it also clashed with Fathers Day). We had a very interesting ride on a Cable Car and a more modern one that had rubber wheels. Ray was in his element. Many thanks to Ray and Lyn. A pity that more members did not join in.

“A TIME TO PONDER”?

Where do we go from here???

The All British Classic Car Club now has two years under its belt & this is a good time to have a critical look at ourselves & seek input from members as to improvements & changes that we should consider.

We would like all members to give some thinking time to this concept & call any committee member with your suggestions & ideas..

TOGETHER we will go forward



Our Opal Safari line up



Ray & Lyn Higginson

With their prize oil colour carton by well known central Australian artist Alex Mendelsohn. Alex was a great help to our group & a number of folk took the opportunity to acquire various oil paintings.. Ray is the person depicted in this painting.

Get it framed Ray''''

Follow the Leader

Once upon a time there was a famous sea captain. This captain was very successful at what he did; for years he guided merchant ships all over the world. Never did stormy seas or pirates get the best of him. He was admired by his crew and fellow captains.

However, there was one thing different about this captain. Every morning he went through a strange ritual. He would lock himself in his captain's quarters and open a small safe. In the safe was an envelope with a piece of paper inside. He would stare at the paper for a minute, then lock it back up. After, he would go about his daily duties.

For years this went on, and his crew became very curious. Was it a treasure map? Was it a letter from a long lost love? Everyone speculated about the contents of the strange envelope.

One day the captain died at sea. After laying the captain's body to rest, the first mate led the entire crew into the captain's quarters. He opened the safe, got the envelope, opened it and...

The first mate turned pale and showed the paper to the others. Four words were on the paper, two on two lines:

"Port Left, Starboard Right"

Ask a question, get an answer?

WHY A ROVER?

I was recently asked this question by a friend over dinner, to which I answered by launching into my standard spiel of the benefits of ROVER 3500 ownership, when my friend pointed out there are many fine marques that are as good if not better. Which had me thinking, why had I become a Roverholic.

I guess it all started when a friend convinced me to go square dancing in a hall in Menzies Creek, where I met a family who had a pair of rather nice Rover 3litres. Up to this point I had been messing about with Austin 1800 & Tasman, Kimberley's so I jumped at the chance to have a look at these Rovers.

The father of this family, Bob, told me about a Rover 2000 which had all sorts of strange features like, inboard rear disc brakes, de-dion rear suspension, a front suspension that defied description just to name a few.

As it happens this family had a daughter, Heather who was till now thought of as a younger sister. One day Bob bought Heather a white Rover 2000, the only problem was it had no motor, my chance to have a go at one of these strange cars had finally come. Somewhere in getting this car on the road the relationship with Heather changed and soon it was wedding bells. A pair of white Rover p3s were used as wedding cars and the a Rover 3 litre took us off to start married life.

We managed to kept the Rover 2000 going for about 10 years, we had another Rover 2000 in the garage that I was planning on restoring and fitting a Holden 6cyl motor to. Heather didn't want a manual, the Rover 2000 automatic is to slow and I didn't want a V8. About this time a friend lent us his Rover V8 automatic, he had no room to keep it so he said you might as well use it. It wasn't long before we grew to like this thing and guess what, it was for sale, I think my friend may have set us up, so of cause we bought it. We enjoyed driving the new addition to our family until one-day disaster struck our pride and joy was written off.

With an insurance cheque in our hands me had a dilemma, to buy another Rover or something "normal". The next few weekends were spent doing the rounds of our local car yards and trying to decide what was suitable, when we had a phone call.

Heather's dad rang telling us about a Rover for sale in Yarram and he thought we should come and have a look, which of cause we did, it was better than the one we had lost it had power steering and the price was right. The rest as they say is history; the latest member of our family was soon christened Bet and has been with us for the last 7 years with on plans of leaving.

So to answer the original question; I realy don't know.

HEATHER AND TOM CANNON

DIARY this date

Come to the



**New Years eve
Millennium Bug
Party**

**Where; Pat & Frank Douglas's home at
12/14 Grandvalley Drive Chirnside Park.**

When; From 6 p.m. Fri 31 December 1999.

**What to bring; Eats for Bar B Q. Drinks,
swimming gear & maybe a sleeping bag if
you wish to stay **OVERNITE**.?????????..**
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**This will be The All British Car Club's
last, biggest & best bash for the 20th
CENTURY >> So come along. RSVP.....
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