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*A friendly family social motoring club*

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**YOUR A.B.C. NEWS**

**A quite relaxing day was had by everyone that went to Brimbank Park and after we were all invited back to Ray & Lyn Higginsons pad for a cuppa.**



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## ST PETER

A guy arrives at the pearly gates, waiting to be admitted. . Peter is reading through the Big Book to see if the guy's name is written in it. After several minutes, St. Peter closes the book, furrows his brow, and says, "I'm sorry, I don't see your name written in the Book."

"How current is your copy?" he asks.

"I get a download every ten minutes." St. Peter replies, "Why do you ask?"

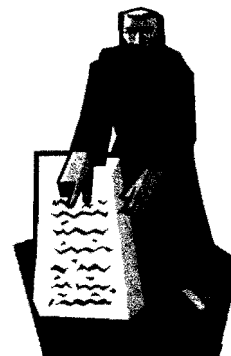
"I'm embarrassed to admit it, but I was always the stubborn type. It was not until my death was imminent that I cried out to God, so my name probably hasn't arrived to your copy yet."

"I'm glad to hear that," Peter says, "but while we're waiting for the update to come through, can you tell me about a really good deed that you did in your life?"

The guy thinks for a moment and says, "Hmmm, well there was this one time when I was driving down a road and I saw a group of biker gang members harassing this poor girl. I slowed down, and sure enough, there they were, about 20 of them harassing this poor woman. Infuriated, I got out my car, grabbed a tire iron out of my trunk, and walked up to the leader of the gang. He was a huge guy; 6-foot-4, 260 pounds, with a studded leather jacket and a chain running from his nose to his ears. As I walked up to the leader, the bikers formed a circle around me and told me to get lost or I'd be next." "So I ripped the leader's chain out of his face and smashed him over the head with the tire iron. Then I turned around and yelled to the rest of them, 'Leave this poor innocent girl alone! You're all a bunch of SICK, deranged animals! Go home before I really teach you a lesson in PAIN!'"

St. Peter, duly impressed, says "Wow! When did this happen?"

"About three minutes ago."



# EDITOR'S PAGE

I would like to welcome these new members to the club.

David & Jill Bachelor- Rolls Royce Silver Shadow  
Wayne Coghlan & Sue Steffenson- Austin-Healey  
Bugeye Sprite

The Committee had a meeting recently and voted to raise the Annual Subscriptions to \$ 35.00 to cover the printing the magazine & public liability costs.

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# YOUR PRIDE AND JOY

Do you have a story about your pride and joy well we would like to hear your Story.

Send your story and a picture to

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# **EVEN**TS

## **NOVEMBER 16TH TEDDY BEAR PICNIC**

To raise money for Kids In Crisis. Rotary Club Bundoora  
for more details contact Cliff Rattray-Wood on 9404-2818  
Please note that this event is on a Saturday

## **NOVEMBER 10TH MEET ANTIQUE AIRCRAFT ASSOCIATION AT COLDSTREAM AIRPORT**

This event has been moved to February next year as we could not find a date that suited both parties I will let you know the date when I have it.

## **NOVEMBER 24TH BREAKFAST & TOUR OF MELBOURNE**

This is a full day event we will be starting off with breakfast on the Yarra River. Meet in Alexander Av at 8:30 am (byo b/fast) then we will be leaving our cars (bring everyday car) and traveling on a bus (provided by Ray Higginson) to Melbourne Goal \$8.50 pp for a guided tour then returning to the Yarra for lunch (byo) and in the afternoon we will visit the Polly Woodside Mel 2G A9

## **DECEMBER 14th CHRISTMAS BREAK UP R.A.C.V. HEALSVILLE**

We will be meeting at the Rotunda where we had the Lunch last year at 12:00 for drinks and a very relaxing lunch provided by the country club \$24.00 pp bring your fine British classic and enjoy catching up with old friends and maybe make some new ones please let Frank know if you are interested so bookings can be made. contact Frank Douglas for more details

## **JANUARY 19th THE GREAT AUSTRALIAN RALLY**

## **MARCH 22ND FLY THE FLAG TOUR**

## **MAY 31ST TO JUNE 15TH TRIP TO ANDAMOOKA**

## **OCTOBER 12th 2003 British Transport & Machinery day**

# **Early morning drives. Ring Neil Wakeman on 9841 7773**

**13th October At 7.am to leave at 7.15 am Nunawading Civic Center**

## My Life with Rovers

**By Bill Allen**

My association with Rover cars started over 46 years ago when on June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1956 my late father purchased a gleaming black Rover "90" from Regent Motors. At the time I was just 11 years old. It was just before the Melbourne Olympics and everytime, we turned on the Astor Radio in the car it seemed we hear "The Poor People of Paris" which, when I hear it today, I always associate this song with our Rover.

I started driving the "90" in 1962 when I was seventeen, over 40 years ago and I have been driving it ever since.

In 1963 my parents drove it to Brisbane and back with the only mishap being a broken windscreen in Port Macquarie. A new one had to be brought in from Sydney and its installation, even in those days, proved to be quite a challenge for the local garage man. The screen they fitted to the car is still in the car to this day.

My wife Terri started driving the Rover around 1970 and still uses it for her everyday car for shopping etc.

In the late 70's we had the engine overhauled, rebored, new pistons, rings bearings etc, by Gown & Hindaugh in Box Hill South. This firm obtained all the parts from Crebell Motors of Ringwood, owned by George Gosbell and the late Ron Creber.

Around this time we were having a bit of trouble obtaining spare parts for the Rover, as Regent Motors at that stage were on their "last legs," so to speak. I was advised by the spare parts man, at Regents, a delightful man by the name of Alan Wilson I think, to join the Rover Car Club.

After visiting \George & Ron, and obtaining necessary information about the club. Terri and I joined the Rover Car Club in 1980, and have been members ever since.

Because of the trouble I was having with parts I decided to try and buy another car for spare parts. In April, 198- I saw an advert for a 105R in a place called Broomfield, near Creswick. I did not have the faintest idea at the time what a 105R was as I had never heard of them. However we purchased this car and after a bit of restoration with much assistance and advice, once again from Ron we registered it in September 1980. We still have this car too and it is also being used as an everyday car, reluctantly by Terri as she considers it a bit on the rough side, but happily by me.

I found when I brought the 105R that many people were keen to criticise this model, saying they were no good, too slow ect. However, I have found many of these people has never even ridden in one, let alone owned or driven one. I find it to be a unique and generally very reliable car that is a delight to drive. And even though I am thinking of selling it I will very sad when it has gone.

Bill Allen

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Once again it is renewal time, This year the subscriptions will be going up to \$35.00

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