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STORAGE NEEDED

DUE TO A NEW HOUSE BEING BUILT WE NEED TO HAVE THE ABCCC CLUB CATERING TRAILER STORED UNDER COVER IN SOME MEMBERS CARE.

IF YOU HAVE UNDERCOVER SPACE AND CAN STORE OUR VALUABLE CATERING TRAIL-ER PLEASE RING FRANK DOUGLAS ON 8704 2533..

THIS NEED IS URGENT..... THANK YOU.

The All British Classics Car Club of Victoria, hereafter named ABCCC is a participating member of the Association of Motoring Clubs; Our AOMC delegates are: Bill Allen & Tom Cannon, contact details are listed above.

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Address correspondence to: The Editor, Your A.B.C. News (address to be supplied).

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JANUARY

26th - Australia Day Historic Vehicle Display: FVV & CVC Contact (Kevin Churchill) 0412 802 177, Venue - Kings Domain Melbourne

FEBRUARY

1st - ABCCC Annual General Meeting: At 1100 am in the Mt Riddell room at the RACV Country Club in Healsville, followed by a light budget lunch in the lounge.

15th - Ballan Vintage Rally & Tractor Pull: Ballan & District VMVC, Venue - Ballan Racecourse, Ballan.

15th Yarra Glen Swap Meet: Yarra Glen Racecourse, Yarra Glen. Contact Max from the Vintage Drivers Club on 03 9459 8778.

21st & 22nd - Ballarat Swap meet: Ballarat Showgrounds.

22nd - Visit to a Fruit & Berry Farm: Pick your own fruit, this will be a great opportunity to select your ingredients for your next batch of "home made" Jams. more details when available.

27th to 8th March - Melbourne International Motor Show: Now is the time to look for the new car you promised yourself, at the Melbourne Exhibition Centre, Southbank, Victoria. Call VACC on 9829 1111 or visit the website www.motorshow.com.au

28th - Shannons - Tattersalls Phillip Island Classic Motor Races: Phillip Island race track, Phillip Island, Vic. Contact the Victorian Historic Racing Register on 9551 0734 for more information.

MARCH

4th - Qantas Australian Grand Prix: Albert Park Lake, South Melbourne, Victoria. Contact the Australian Grand Prix Corporation on 9258 7100 or visit their website www.grandprix.com.au 7th - Visit to an Art Gallery: Followed by a light lunch, more details when available.

14th - RACV British and European Car Display: Presented by the Association of Motoring Clubs Inc. at the Dandenong Showgrounds, Bennet St, Dandenong (Melway 90 A7). The featured cars this year are the Rover and the Peugeot. The Triumph Car Club of Victoria will also be preparing a display supporting their clubs theme, "Preserving the Marque".

20th to 24th - Fly the Flag Tour: visit our web site for all the details and entry form.

21st - Daimler Lanchester Cub of Vic Annual Concours: Contact Keith Vaughan on 03 9724 9066 Venue is the Deepdene Oval, Deepdene Vic.

28th - RACV All American Car Display: Presented by the Association of Motoring Clubs Inc. at the Dandenong Showgrounds, Bennet St, Dandenong (Melway

90 A7). Featuring the 40th year of the Mustang, Australia's biggest display of American Cars.

APRIL

4th - Horsham Market and Swapmeet: Wimmera Mallee HVS Contact is Don Kuhne 03 5382 0032. Venue - Horsham Showgrounds, Horsham Vic

8th to 12th - 11th National Convention Jowett Car Club of Aust: Contact is Mike Allfrey 03 9729 1480 Venue - Murchison Lodge Motor Inn, Somerset, Tasmania

9th - Easter Long Weekend: Broken Hill Bush Rally

9th to11th - 8th National Rally - Daimler Lanchester Club: Victorian contact is Michael Vaughan 03 9878 6592 Venue - Cowra, NSW.

TBA: Visit Joan and George Christie, Lunch at the Flowerdale Pub.

ALL BRITISH CLASSIC CAR CLUB VICTORIA INC A0035462V TREASURER'S REPORT

For the year ending 31st December, 2003

	2003	2002				
Cash book balance 1 January 2003	\$3147.29					
ADD receipts for the year:						
Members subscriptions	\$2710.00	\$2770.00				
Donations received	\$8000.00	\$2500.00				
Club events	\$5105.00	\$1688.38				
RACV centenary clock	\$496.00	\$00.00				
Interest received	\$11.61	\$4.07				
Sales of club merchandise	\$1345.00	\$140.00				
Total receipts	\$17667.61	\$7102.45				
Sub total	\$20814.90	•				
DEDUCT payments for the year						
Printing postage & stationary	\$2095.50	\$1860.00				
Purchase of club merchandise	\$4604.50	\$684.45				
Printer expenses	\$1557.60	\$2740.00				
Catering trailer	\$75.50	\$244.15				
Club events	\$6349.55	\$2120.00				
Statutory fees	\$63.00	\$33.00				
RACV centenary clock	\$1455.00	\$00.00				
Club website	\$438.00	\$00.00				
Bank charges	\$26.65	\$21.30				
Purchase of urn	\$50.00	\$50.00				
Public liability insurance	\$607.42	\$594.69				
AOMC subscription	\$90.00	\$85.00				
Purchase of name tags	\$00.00	\$411.50				
Total payment	\$17412.72	\$8844.09				
= Cash book balance 31 Dec 2003	\$3402.18					
bank reconciliation						
CBA statement P 77	\$3452.18					
Less unpresented cheque No.181	\$50.00					
= cash book balance as above	\$3402.18					
Club merchandise on hand as at 31st December 2003						
7 × Motel cor hadres @ \$20.00	¢210.00					
7 x Metal car badges @ \$30.00	\$210.00 \$1160.00					
8 x Club jackets @ \$145.00 15 x Polo shirts @ \$30.00	\$1160.00 \$450.00					
10 x Cloth badges @ \$6.50	\$450.00 \$65.00					
21 x Car window decals @ \$2.00	\$105.00					
10 x Caps @ \$12.00						
2 x Hats @ \$15.00	\$120.00 \$30.00					
Stock on hand	\$2140.00					

"TASMANIA TEMPTATIONS - 04" OCTOBER 9-17, 2004

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PREPARATIONS ARE NOW WELL IN HAND FOR THE TOUR, WHICH IS SHAPING UP TO BE THE HIGHLIGHT OF CLUB EVENTS FOR 2004.

THIS IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE-PROPOSED NUMBERS LIMITED TO 20 CARS

BOOKINGS CLOSED JANUARY 31. DON'T MISS OUT! CONFIRM NOW TO AVOID DISAPPOINTMENT!

Our host for this event will be the State Government Agency Tourism Tasmania, which has now responded our itinerary, and subject to return of confirmed numbers is block booking all fares, accommodation, most meals and entry to attractions. Cost inclusions are on a twin- share per person basis as follows:

Return Travel Spirit of Tasmania, outside (port-hole) cabins reserved 6 nights accommodation, cooked breakfast daily, 3 course dinner on 4 evenings, lunch on 2 days (includes Gordon River), entry to all attractions (these to be finalised)

Adult per person \$1242, Senior per person \$ 1178, Single Supplement +\$479

A DEPOSIT OF \$60.00 PER PERSON IS REQUIRED BY JANUARY 31 TO SECURE. PLEASE COMPLETE FORM BELOW AND RETURN WITH CHEQUE MADE PAYABLE TO ABCC CLUB, TO:

DON JOHNSON P.O. BOX 72 PARKVILLE 3052

For further Information Call: Don & Aurora Johnson (03) 9830-0945 Mobile:0417-118-093, 0418-536-238, email: aurora@corplink.com.au					
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"TASMANIA TEMPTATIONS - '04" OCT 9-17

FEBRUARY TOUR ITENERY UPDATE

By now, most Club Members and friends will be aware of TASMANIA TEMPTATIONS which promises to be a thoroughly enjoyable mix of motoring, luxury cruising, and some of the finest sightseeing attractions in the world.

Already, expressions of interest and firm bookings have been received from over 15 couples – it only requires those who have not yet decided to do so NOW. DON'T DELAY!

With our AGM falling at Healesville on Sunday Feb 1, we expect all members to attend to help to bring up the numbers.

Mr Garry Ranson of Tourism Tasmania, our tour co-ordinator, reminds us of the urgency of finalising NOW to secure a place on the tour.

For those not in possession of the tour itinerary, the following overview is current:

SUNDAY: Devonport – Launceston via National Motor Museum, Woolmers Estate (Historic House and Garden – Lunch), the Evandale Village – Launceston – Gt Northern Hotel

MONDAY: Launceston - Cradle Mountain Lodge - Lunch - Strahan Village Hotel for the night

TUESDAY: Gordon River Cruise - Lunch on board. Return to Strahan

WEDNESDAY: Free time: there is an optional day trip on the local "Puffing Billy" to Queenstown and back. Return to Strahan.

THURSDAY: Strahan to Hobart – multi attractions including Wellington, Cadbury's, Salamanca Market. Stay at Hadleys Hotel.

FRIDAY: Hobart and environs

SATURDAY: Salamanca Market. Leaving 12.00 noon sharp for a Devonport. Estimated travel time 5-6 hours. Board the 'Spirit' at 7.30 for 9.00pm sailing. "Bon Voyage!"

ANY FURTHER QUERIES PENDING THE AGM CALL DON OR AURORA ON: 03) 9830 0945 OR MOBILES: 0417 118 093, 0418 536 238

This section intentionally left blank, for the purpose of posting the return booking slip to Don and Aurora

Escape with the Escape Motoring Group

For a pleasant early morning drive, call Neil Wakeman on 9841 7773 or Chris Newell 9735 2335 for more details. Next outing is on Febuary 8th meet at 7.00 am to leave at 7.15 am sharp from the service road outside the Nunawading Civic Center (opposite Harry Norman's).

PAST AND FUTURE EVENTS

THE TARAGO RESERVOIR RUN

Those of you who managed to resist Maxine and Tony Pettigrew's invitation to join us on a run to Neerim South for a barbeque lunch – well, you missed out on a truly great day.

We all met at the Lilydale International on a fine December morning for our drive to Neerim South. First we headed out towards Warburton and, at Yarra Junction, turned south for Powelltown. This was a superb road and was virtually traffic-free. At Piedmont we visited the winery and a fair amount of their wines were sampled. After this lovely break in the mid morning sunshine, it was onwards to the turn-off to Neerim South where we followed the leader into the Tarago Reservoir picnic area for our extended lunch stop. Here the group was expanded with arrivals from the other direction.

It was here that Tom Cannon passed on a gem of information. It was Tom's theory that the electric BBQs lack of cooking performance was due to the current public liability litigation fears from Parks Victoria, in case someone should burn themselves on the hot plates! In this day and age, probably a fair comment, but I would prefer my steak to change colour prior to eating it!

It was a beautiful venue, and we were probably all quite hungry by the time the BBQs partially coped with our demands. After lunch we drove towards Jindivick and stopped off at a cheese tasting venue. Here we sampled some good cheeses and yoghurts. Then it was on to the Jindivick Smoke House to sample some of their smoked foods. This was sensational, and we quickly purchased a small Christmas ham.

After leaving the Smoke House shop, we drove down to the Princes Highway and soon got involved in the rat race that is Melboume going home after a day out. What a contrast to the quiet roads we experience in the morning's run!

It was a great day out and thanks are due to Maxine and Tony for arranging it all for us. Thanks also to Heather and Tom for providing a welcome refreshment stop for some of us on the way home.

Thanks also to all who took part, your company was great and a good variety of motors took part.

Mike Allfrey.



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Events Organized By The ABCCC Inc. (Vic.)

1st February, 2004

The Annual General Meeting of the All British Classics Car Club Inc. (Vic) will be conducted in the Mount Riddell Room at the RACV Country Club, Healesville - King Lake Road, Healesville. The meeting will commence at 11:00 am sharp.

An agenda will be provided at the meeting.

After the meeting's proceedings, we will be having a light budget luncheon in the lounge.

We look forward to your presence at our AGM.

For more information, contact Frank Douglas on (03) 8704 2533.

20th - 24th March, 2004

RACV Fly the Flag Tour

This important event, a significant part of the RACV's Centenary Celebrations, is now fast approaching. We have an urgent need for volunteers to assist with the marshalling control of this event. If you can help us and do a spot of marshalling during the tour, please contact Ray Higginson on (03) 9336 7306, or, Bill Allen on (03) 9846 2323, or, Mike Allfrey on (03) 9729 1480.

At times during this event, we will also need assistance with the cooking of breakfasts, so, if you have skills in that area, please contact any of the above.

Enquiries about the Tour to Frank Douglas on (03) 8704 2533.

8th - 13th April, 2004 (Easter Weekend)

Over recent years a great camaraderie has developed between the Broken Hill Historic Vehicle Club and our club. This has been mostly due to having Broken Hill as a stop-over during our legendary ABCCC Opal Safaris to Andamooka. Now it is time to have some extended fun in Broken Hill, by taking part in the Broken Hill Historic Vehicle Club's Easter Bush Rally. This is an event not to be missed.

Our group will be departing for Mildura on Thursday 8th April and the intention is to arrive in Broken Hill at lunchtime and participate in the Easter Bush Rally. After enjoying the rally, it is our plan to arrive back in Melbourne on Tuesday 13th April.

As we will be visiting Outback country, it is advisable to bring with you such necessities as emergency drinking water, a can of peaches or similar, cooling water (for car), and a good quality can of petrol.

This is one not to be missed, and you can be assured of a warm welcome at Broken Hill, the home of some very interesting motor cars.

Enquiries to Frank Douglas on (03) 8704 2533.

21st November, 2004

RACV Wings & Wheels Day

It is now official that the RACV Wings & Wheels Day will be held at Lilydale Airfield. This may appear to be a new event, but we have staged one of the same nature in 2001. That time the event attracted more than 1,500 veteran, vintage, classic and historic vehicles of all makes and types. In addition, there was a good quantity of air craft and associated displays in the hangars.

This theme is going to be repeated on 21st November, 2004. There will be displays of vehicles, aircraft on the ground and in the air (demonstrating the skills of local pilots) and the aero club type displays inside the hangars. So, there is much more to see than motor vehicles at this important event. There will be further updates on this event in forthcoming issues of *Your ABC News*.

For further information, contact Frank Douglas on (03) 8704 2533.

Events Organized By Other Clubs and Associations

During the year there are a number of events that have been organized by other clubs and associations, but are also attractive for members of the ABCCC. The following are events that can be participated in by members of our club:

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14th March, 2004

The Association of Motoring Clubs (AOMC) is proud to present the 2004 RACV British & European Motor Show. The ABCCC is a member club of the AOMC and, being involved with that body, are invited to form a display of club vehicles. All Victorian Club Permit scheme operated vehicles are eligible to attend the RACV British & European Motor Show and we look forward to a splendid club display.

This year, the RACV British & European Motor Show will be held in the Greaves Reserve at the Dandenong Showgrounds. We have been requested to bring display vehicles into the arena through the Sinclair Road gate. This gate can be accessed from either Bramley Street or Cheltenham Road, both being south of the Greaves Reserve. Bramley Street is accessed from Bennet Street and, driving south, is the next turn right after the Attenborough Street Gate that was used last year.

It is important to note that the featured marques for this year's RACV British & European Motor Show are Rover and Peugeot. The Rover Car Club is celebrating the Centenary of Rover motor car production, and no doubt the Peugeot Car Club will have a good display of vehicles that took part in the 2003 Redex Round Australia Re-run.

For information, contact Mike Allfrey on (03) 9729 1480.



26th March, 2004

In addition to the RACV British & European Motor Show, the AOMC is proud to present the RACV American Motoring Show at Greaves Reserve as above. This is a show that is well worth having a look at and, this year, the Mustang Owners Club is featuring a 40 Years of the Ford Mustang Celebration. Ford Mustang owners have a great passion for their motors and a grand display is sure to be put on for our interest and enjoyment.

The same entrance arrangements have been made for entering Greaves reserve and the public are welcome from 10:00 am.

If you can assist with marshalling for this event, please call Eric Norton on (03) 9710 1794. Assistance here will be greatly appreciated.

For further information contact the AOMC on aomcshows@hotmail.com

30th May, 2004 (Date to be Confirmed)

For many years now, the Austin 7 Club have been conducting a historic race meeting at Winton on the last full weekend in May. After last year's stealing of the traditional date by the V8 SuperCar group, AVESCO, it seems that the Austin 7 Club have their traditional date back.

The historic race meeting put on by the Austin 7 Club is a superbly run event and it attracts most of the best historic racing cars and bikes in the country. The event is very spectator friendly and admission to the paddock area is free. Even if it rains, this is a race meeting that should not be missed by those interested in historic motor racing.

Usually, because accommodation in the Benalla area is so well booked, we leave Melboume very early, about 5:30 am(!), on the Sunday morning, the run through Yea and Swanpool at this time is breathtaking, we stop at Benalla for breakfast at a nice bakery. Our arrival at Winton Motor Raceway is in time for the first of many action-packed race events for the day. This is historic motor racing just about as it was thirty-five years ago and will bring back many wonderful memories.

If we can get a group together, we can display our vehicles in a special area near the Start-Finish line. To enjoy the privilege of this space reservation, we need to know soon how many will accompany us to this event. It will be an official ABCCC event, and those vehicles operated on the Victorian Club Permit Scheme will be eligible to take part. Please let us know if you wish to join us for this event.

For more information contact Mike & Sue Allfrey on (03) 9729 1480.



RACV GREAT AUSTRALIAN CENTENARY RALLY

There will be a full report and photographs of this event in the February issue of *Your ABCCC News*. However, it is timely to thank all of those who turned up for our show bag stuffing session and barbeque lunch. I am very sorry that I did not take a list of names of those who helped with this important part of the RACV Great Australian Rally. Thankyou from all of us on the Committee for providing your time and help, it was greatly appreciated. The look on Frank's face as soon as we had finished, said it all – the effort was to the highest degree, appreciated.

At 10:30 am, we faced a what seemed to be a daunting task of transferring carton after carton of goodies, into the RACV show bags. That pile of bags was daunting enough!

But, as has been said before, many hands make light work. The trestle tables were stacked with all the *Stuff* that had to be stuffed into the bags. Soon there was much passing of bags around the pile and after each bag was filled, they were tied into bundles of five for easier total count and distribution to the various rally start points. All too soon the job was finished and it was time to barbeque our lunch.

After a relaxing lunch and chat it was time to leave.

A special thanks to Pat and Frank for once again providing their home as a facility for warehousing all the *Stuff* and for allowing us to use the barbeque.

Mike Allfrey.



EDITOR'S PAGE

The All British Classics car Club would like to welcome these new members to the club.

Frank Sawyer & Val MacRae - 1964 Vaxhaull Victor Snipe & 1954 Morris Minor

Terry & Doreen Hickey - 1961 Jaguar - Mk2, 1965 Mini Cooper S, 1977 - Triumph Stag, 1976 Triumph Dolomite Sprint - 1976 and 1968 Triumph 2000 Mk1 Saloon

Ken & Karen McDonald - 1985 Jaguar Sovereign

Paul & Robyn Handburg - 1975 Aston Martin - AMV 8 & 2000 Jaguar XKR

As of the next Magazine Mary Nolan will be taking over from me. I hope you all make her welcome to her new role.

Also as next month I will be withdrawing from the committee totally so that Tom and I can concentrate on our new house, thank you for all your support.

As of the end of this month is the membership renewal cut off date (29th) if you are not renewing you membership with us I would appreciate it if you could let me know, if you are wanting to stay with us you need to renew by the 29th or you will stop getting the ABCCC Newsletters please make sure that you let me know one way or the other.

Thank you Heather Cannon

Unleaded Engines

I stumbled upon this article on the internet on the Canley Classics web page who are dedicated to Triumphs, I have run both my cars on the same assumption and if I find my engine is suffering from Valve Seat Rescession, then its time to spend some serious money.

Chris Newell

The simplest way to convert your car to run on unleaded fuel is to put it in the tank.

Lead in petrol performs no function until it is burnt, when it then acts as a protector for the exhaust valves and seats. Good quality exhaust valves and seat inserts make sure that the valves cannot receed into the head, but with most old engines the valve seats are so hard anyway that putting unleaded fuel in will make very little difference.

If a valve should wear (or receed) then replace the valves and have the seats inserted or have a reconditioned engine unit.

Apart from the exhaust valves and seats, no other parts need to be changed from standard - even the timing stays the same.

Some very high compression engines may require 98 octane but we run a variety of 4 cylinder engines on the 95 octane with no problems.



ALL BRITISH CLASSICS

CAR CLUB (Vic) an Incorporated Club

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FAMILY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Name:	Street:			e:			
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Phone	Home:	V	Vork:		Mobile	ə:	
	Fax:	e	-Mail:				
Recommended By:				Where did you hear about us?			
I/We apply (Club rules: a 1981 – sched	for membership and as per "MODEL RULES FO dule 2)	d agree to PR AN INCO	o abide by ORPORATED	the club r ASSOCIAT	rules. ION" Associ	ations Incorporated Act	
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Joining fee \$30.00, annual membership \$35.00. As a member you will receive individual name badges, an enamel lapel badge, a cloth badge, windowscreen decal & regular club e-Newsletters.

WELCOME TO THE ALL BRITISH CLASSICS CAR CLUB

Membership enquiries to: All British Classics Car Club

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Chirnside Park, Victoria 3116

Phone (03) 9739 4829

Please print this form and mail to Pat Douglas at the above address.