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TWO RARE FORDS



Sandra Ballard alongside Bill's pride and joy, 'Bluey', with visitor from Tasmania, 'Percy' keeping company. Sandra is showing off her dazzling white shoes! On the 2005 Echuca run after a dose of DMP (dirty modern petrol). The Fords were not the only motor car so afflicted on that enjoyable weekend!

Please send in photographs of your British Classic so that it can be featured here – otherwise, more Jowett and Rover pictures!

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The ABCCC Inc. is a club that is authorized by VicRoads to operate vehicles under the Victorian Club Permit Scheme. On the Committee there are two Victorian Club Permit Scheme Officers, and their contact details are listed in the Committee Directory.

Club members will be kept up to date with respect to changes and improvements to the Victorian Club Permit Scheme. However, it cannot be stressed enough, that a vehicle operated on the scheme, must carry the VicRoads Permit (current), the AOMC Victorian Club Permit Scheme Handbook and a copy of *Your ABCCC News* that contains details of the event the permitted vehicle is participating in.

All enquiries should be directed to the ABCCC Victorian Club Permit Scheme Officers.

ABCCC EVENTS DIRECTORY

Note: All events listed in this directory are placed in good faith. Events for inclusion must be with the Magazine Editor prior to the 14th of each month. Events organized by other clubs or associations have a contact telephone number, that should be contacted prior to the event, if giving consideration to take part in it, to confirm date and venue.

March 2006

- 8 Mid-week Run – An ABCCC Event Frank Douglas (03) 8704 2533
Venue – Marysville, Victoria.
- 19 Mount Sugarloaf Picnic – An ABCCC Event Nello Mafodda (03) 9719 7949 AH
Venue – Sugarloaf Reservoir Park, Christmas Hills, Melways Map 273 Ref. B3

April 2006

- 1 – 7 5th RACV Fly The Flag Tour – ABCCC Major Event Frank Douglas (03) 8704 2533
- 22 – 23 Como Gardens Open Weekend George Hetrel 0418 323 376
Venue – 79 The Basin to Olinda Road, The Basin.
- 30 RACV British & European Motoring Show – The AOMC Inc. Frank Douglas (03) 8704 2533
Venue – Members Car Park, Flemington Racecourse, Enter from Epsom Road.

May 2006

- 7 The Grand Indulgence Tour – An ABCCC Event Bill Allen (03) 9846 2323
Venue – To Be Determined.
- 27 – 28 Historic Winton – Austin 7 Club Inc. Venue – Winton Raceway, Benalla, Victoria.
- 29 – Murray River Houseboat Cruise – An ABCCC Holiday Event Frank Douglas (03) 8704 2533
June 7 **Note! Bookings must be in NOW!**
Venue – Cruising from Mannum, South Australia.

June 2006

- 18 Melbourne Cricket Ground & Victorian Parliament Tours Frank Sawyer 0408 633 778
Meeting Point – To Be Advised.
- 29 The Great ABCCC Trivia Challenge – An ABCCC Event Frank Douglas (03) 8704 2533
Venue – Lilydale International, Nelson Road, Lilydale, Victoria.

July 2006

- 8 – 9 Nagambie Wineries Weekend – An ABCCC Event Peter McKiernan (03) 9787 6003
Venue – Nagambie Area.
- 23 Christmas In July – The ABCCC Annual Dinner Colin Brown (03) 5964 9291
Venue – To Be Determined.

August 2006

- 6 To Be Advised – An ABCCC Event Geoff Birkett (03) 9755 1772
Venue – To Be Determined.
- 20 Point Cook RAAF Museum – An ABCCC Event Lyn Higginson (03) 9336 7306
Venue – Point Cook, Victoria.

September 2006

- 6 Mid-week Run – An ABCCC Event Frank Douglas (03) 8704 2533
Venue – To Be Determined.
- 17 Visit to HMAS Cerberus – An ABCCC Event Rob Nolan (03) 5978 7798
Venue – HMAS Cerberus, Stony Point, Victoria. Frank Sawyer 0408 633 778
- 17 All British Day – All British Classics Car Club (Queensland) Richard Higgs (07) 3385 5312

October 2006

- 1 Port Arlington Run – An ABCCC Event Tony Hodges 0419 307 026
Venue – Port Arlington Area.
- 14 Visit to Melbourne Zoo – An ABCCC Event Lyn Higginson (03) 9336 7306
Venue – Melbourne Zoo, Elliot Avenue, Parkville, Victoria.
- 21 – 22 Como Gardens Open Weekend George Hetrel 0418 323 376
Venue – 79 The Basin to Olinda Road, The Basin.

November 2006

- 5 – 12 Whale Watching – An ABCCC Event Tony Pettigrew (03) 9739 1146
Venue – Lakes Entrance, Victoria and Eden, New South Wales.
- 18 – 19 Bendigo National Swap Meet – A Federation Event
Venue – Prince of Wales Showgrounds, Bendigo, Victoria.
- 26 Observation Run – An ABCCC Event Chris Newell (03) 9735 2335
Route – To Be Advised.

December 2006

- 3 Christmas Luncheon – An ABCCC Event Frank Douglas (03) 8704 2533
Bookings are essential.
Venue – RACV Country Club, Healesville, Victoria.
- 17 Badgers Creek BBQ – An ABCCC Event Janet McGregor (03) 9735 2533
Venue – Badgers Creek, Healesville, Victoria.

BEFORE YOU READ THIS EDITION

It should be noted that, if you have not yet paid your 2006 year membership subscription – this will be your last edition of *Your ABCCC News*, Late subscriptions should be sent, with a minimum of delay to:

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Subscription details are on the front cover.

It should also be well noted that, if your classic car is operated on the Victorian Club Permit Scheme under the auspices of the All British Classics Car Club, and you are not a financial member of this club, then your car is deemed by the authorities to be an unregistered vehicle.

Thankyou.

Val Jefferyes & Jim Spence – Club Membership Secretaries.

EDITORIAL NOTES – ISSUE 94

It has to be admitted that I feel a bit miffed about not taking part this year in the RACV Fly The Flag Tour. For a while now, I have advocated a visit to Mildura and Horsham on the Tour, so that historic vehicle clubs in those towns can get to see some of Melbourne's finest historic vehicles. This year we have visitors arriving from UK for the National Jowett Rally to be held over Easter. This is a significant rally because the Jowett Car Club is celebrating its 50th Annual General Meeting – hence our visitors.

It seems that I have been elected Editor again, nominated by the same incorrigible as last year no less! As stated in our last edition, we are coming up to our 100th edition of *Your ABCCC News*. For that edition we will need some photographs of the club's first events. Photographs can be sent in for scanning and they will be returned immediately after. I think that our club commenced before the digital craze got started. In the early years of digital image taking, I was quite against the format – and I think with good reason. It is now very hard to find 35 mm slide film, and one camera shop suggested that I try E-bay! How times change so quickly. It was my intention to use slides for quality stuff and digital for run-of-the-mill photography, but it is not to be. Please send me some early photos for use in our 100th edition.

In this issue, you will find a segment headed by the beautiful word SPLENDID. It is a very apt word in the context that it has been used. It is quite distressing that this word is not used very often in these 'modern' times. At school, we had an eighty year-old headmaster relieving for a couple of terms, and he taught us the use of the word 'splendid'. Everything we did was praised with a "splendid" result. In fact, the whole school christened him Colin Sharpe The Splendid One! And, we all imitated as best we could, Colin's rendition of SPLENDID. Consequently it is a word never forgotten.

The effort put in by everyone at Mornington for the RACV Great Australian Rally, was indeed, a splendid activity so uncomplainingly given. I really believe that is how the 2006 Rally will be remembered, and I am sure that Lyn Smith will be of the same belief!

Mike Alfrey.

PAST AND FUTURE EVENT REPORTS

RACV Great Australian Rally – 22nd January, 2006

It was a fine morning commencement at City of Casey, Narre Warren start for the 2006 RACV Great Australian Rally before the hot weather settled in at Mornington Racecourse.



Above: Mayor Kevin Bradford (left) ready to flag off the first vehicle with Robert Nolan (centre) and Lindsay King (right).



Above: Some of the City of Casey start entrants being flagged off by Mayor Kevin Bradford with the Casey Pipe Band leading them out.



Above: Some of the displays at Mornington Racecourse

Rob & Mary Nolan.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – Sunday 4th February, 2006

Our Annual General Meeting was held on a glorious Melbourne summer's day in surroundings that were just as appropriate. Pat and George Hetrel made us very welcome and there were chairs and trestle tables laid out under the sort of shade that only an oak tree can produce. Before our own picnic lunches Pat and George plied us with superb appetizers. It was a lovely experience just sitting there replete after our lunch. But Frank had other ideas, and right on two o'clock by my watch, the ninth AGM commenced. The minutes of this meeting are recorded below:

THE ALL BRITISH CLASSICS CAR CLUB INC. – Annual General Meeting

Held at George Hetrel's Como Gardens, 79 The Basin-Olinda Road, The Basin, Victoria.

Date: 5th February, 2006. Meeting commenced at 2:00 pm.

The President opened the meeting and extended a welcome to all.

Apologies

David Laird, Cliff Rattray-Wood, Peggy and Bob Kilpatrick, Terri and Bill Allen, Diane and Nello Mafodda, Pat Wolstenholme, Heather and Tom Cannon, Karen and Ken McDonald, Judy and Geoff Birkit, Barry Coates, Maxine Pettigrew, and Joy Brown.

Minutes of Previous AGM

The Minutes of the last AGM, held on 13:02:2005 – Rob Nolan moved that the minutes be accepted. This was seconded by Jim Spence.

Matters arising from the Minutes: Nil.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report had been circulated. Club fees are subsidized by our members marshalling etc. Frank Sawyer moved that the report be accepted. Seconded by Colin Brown.

President's Report

The President reported that this is the 9th year of our club, a friendly, social club with no Concours or unnecessary meetings. There are approximately 115 couples in the club. A welcome was extended to new members Pam and Ian Hankey.

Coming Events

Jim Spence spoke about the next event, a weekend away touring Gippsland. There are some rooms left at the Wilson's Promontory Motel. The roads are good, although some are not bitumen. We will meet at the Caldermeade cattle farm and then will visit Nyora Market. On the Sunday we will finish at the partially completed RACV Country Club at Inverloch.

On the 8th March there is a Mid-week Run to Marysville for a visit to Fred and Dot Sawyer's Museum and for lunch at the Mountain Lodge.

On the 19th March Diane and Nello Mafodda are organizing a run to Mount Sugarloaf for a picnic.

On the 1st April, the RACV Fly The Flag Tour starts. This event is 92 per cent booked.

From the 28th May, is our Murray Houseboat cruise (Monday to Friday) at \$225.00 per person.

From October 30th, Maxine and Tony Pettigrew are organizing a Whale Watching Trip, with two nights in Lakes Entrance and three nights in Eden. Two boats holding ten people have been booked. Included on the trip will be a visit to Tilba Tilba.

RACV Great Australian Rally Report

We endured temperature of 110 °F (44 °C) on the day. The marshals and officials all turned up and did a good job with no complaints. We are looking forward to a good future.

Frank reported that the sum of \$22,700.00 had been raised for Peter Mac Cancer Institute, expenses had been pruned and there was potential for an insurance claim.

Ray Higginson spoke about the marshalling and thanked everyone who helped.

General

On behalf of those present, Frank thanked Pat and George Hetrel for their kind hospitality. It was also announced that George would have his railway in operation for our enjoyment after the meeting.

All Committee Positions Were Declared Vacant

The election of office bearers was as follows:

President	Frank Douglas (Nominated by Lyn Higginson, seconded by Frank Sawyer)
Vice President	Ray Higginson (Nominated by Colin Brown, seconded by Frank Douglas)
Treasurer	Tony Hodges (Nominated by Lyn Higginson, seconded by Mary Nolan)
Secretary	Val Jefferyes (Nominated by Ray Higginson, seconded by Frank Sawyer)
Membership Secretaries	Val Jefferyes & Jim Spence (Nominated by Pat Douglas, seconded by Ross Wolstenholme)
Magazine Editor	Mike Allfrey (Nominated by Tony Pettigrew, seconded by Rob Nolan)
Assistant Editor	Mary Nolan (Nominated by Fred Sawyer, seconded by Ross Wolstenholme)
AOMC Delegates	Bill Allen & Ross Gardiner (Nominated by Tony Pettigrew, seconded by Ross Wolstenholme)
Club Permit Officers	Frank Douglas and Colin Brown (Ongoing)
Club Regalia	Bill Allen
Events Coordinators	Lyn Higginson, Tony Pettigrew, Colin Brown and Bill Allen
Website Maintenance	Chris Newell (Nominated by Frank Douglas)

The Annual General Meeting concluded at 3:22 pm.

We then held a brief General Meeting:

ALL BRITISH CLASSICS CAR CLUB INC.

General Meeting – 5th February, 2006 (Followed the AGM)

A cap on membership numbers was discussed and it was decided to leave as is till 2007 AGM. Currently we have 115 members which make up a total of 220 persons.

Ray Higginson thanked all of those who marshalled at our events.

George will now open his museum and train rides will be available.

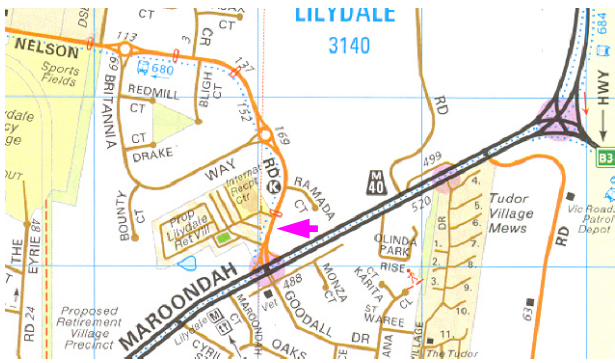
Have a nice day.

Meeting closed at 3.35 pm.



George piloting a load of happy train riders on a very special summer's day.

OUR SECOND MID-WEEK RUN – Wednesday 8th March, 2006



We will be meeting at the Lilydale International car park, enter from Nelson Road (see arrow on map) at 9:00 am for our drive to Marysville. We all know what we will find in Marysville - Dot Sawyer's wonderful sausage rolls. We will call in and visit Fred and Dot at their motor museum, an activity not to be missed. During our visit, we will enjoy a well earned cuppa. The museum has many exhibits that are of great interest and are best described in Fred's inimitable way – always well worth listening to.

Our lunch has been arranged at the Mountain Lodge, where Suzette is once more at the helm, so a magnificent lunch can be anticipated. The ABCCC has enjoyed some wonderful meals at the Mountain Lodge over the last few years. After lunch we will be able, if we can get up from the table and there is time, to fossick around the interesting shops before heading for home.

If you wish to join us on this event, please let us know and we will put your name down. You all know the number – (03) 8704 2533, so please call and let us know how many you are booking for.

We look forward to a most enjoyable day out, far from the madding crowd.

Frank Douglas.

MOUNT SUGARLOAF PICNIC – Sunday 19th March, 2006

Please join us for a slightly different club event, a short tourist drive through Kangaroo Ground and Panton Hill, followed by a picnic at Saddle Dam Park at Sugarloaf Reservoir. Bring your picnic lunch or barbecue food and drinks, sunhat etc. There are ample picnic tables, electric barbecues and loads of shade trees, plus a huge undercover area – just in case it rains.

We will be meeting for morning tea at Watson's Creek Antique Store and Café, run by Joanne and John Van Eeden, 765 Eltham Yarra Glen Road, Kangaroo Ground, Melways reference Map 272 C5 or, UBD Directory reference Map 169 L8. They have a delicious menu including scones, home-made cakes etc. and even cater for those who missed breakfast. After a browse through John's collection of antiques we will then head off to the Panton Hill Vineyard and Winery. As well as being known for its wonderful local wines, the winery buildings have been constructed from local stone and recycled timbers (reminiscent of Tuscany) and are really worth seeing. Wine tasting is available for those who wish to try some of the best wines in this area.

We will then continue on through Smith's Gully, turning right at Clintons Road, and then back down to Eltham-Yarra Glen Road, passing some beautiful scenery along the way. Then across Eltham-Yarra Glen Road and up Simpson Road to Sugarloaf Reservoir. Saddle Dam Park is across the wall of the dam and follow the signs.

Hopefully the weather will be kind to us, and we look forward to seeing lots of members on the day. If you are joining us, please call us on (03) 9719 7949 to book your place.

Diane and Nello Mafodda.

ALL ABOARD! FINAL CALL! HOLIDAY EVENT – 29th May to 7th June, 2006

Each year, our club organizes a holiday type event – the Andamooka Opal Safaris, the Taste Tasmania Tour and the recent Discover Norfolk Island Tour. All of these holiday events have been a great success and plans are well advanced for a houseboat sojourn on the Mighty Murray River, starting from Mannum in South Australia. The holiday will be the week of 29th May to 7th June, 2006.

We have made bookings with Unforgettable Houseboats, Australia's most accredited hire houseboats. Unforgettable Houseboat Hire is based at the historic river town of Mannum, which is worth time on its own for exploring, and we can cruise either upstream or downstream from there.



Our accommodation on these splendid houseboats will be magnificent with, it seems, queen size beds being the minimum. The comfortable cabins have picture windows and the scenery is ever changing.

Costing, per person, per day/night, will be as follows:

4 Night Trip Hire Mid \$60s

The cruise duration does not include our driving time to and from Mannum. The rate is extremely reasonable, and is based on the boats being filled. The rental is competitive with the cost of typical motel accommodation and, in addition, we will have glorious day-long views and a comfortable base that can tie up for the night where we choose. Fuel costs, shared, will be less than driving from place to place on a motoring tour. Self catering will mean very reasonable dining costs. Fuel and catering costs will be additional to those rates presented above.

Such a cruise offers a wonderful holiday event, amongst great company – a good fun time!

We are looking for expressions of interest in joining our holiday on the Murray. Because bookings need to be made well in advance, we have to act now. Please contact me to make your booking, and your place on our holiday event will be assured. You all know the number, (03) 8704 2533, so please call with your intention to join us – before end of February please.

Frank Douglas.

LAKES ENTRANCE & EDEN WHALE WATCHING – 30th October to 5th November, 2006

Full details of this exciting trip are on the [back page](#). However, it is appropriate to advise that, though block bookings have been made at the chosen motor inns, it is necessary to confirm your bookings direct with the accommodation houses.

For bookings, please call:

Lakes Entrance	Abel Tasman Motor Inn	(03) 5155 1655	Nights of 30th & 31st Oct.
Eden, NSW	Twofold Bay Motor Inn	(02) 6496 3111	Nights of 1st, 2nd & 3rd Nov.

Depending on our chosen return route, motel bookings will be undertaken on the road.

When confirming your motor inn booking, mention that you are with the All British Classics Car Club group, and they will understand. Credit card deposits are required.

The Abel Tasman Motor Inn is located at 643 The Esplanade, Lakes Entrance (1.6 km east of PO)

The Twofold Bay Motor Inn is located at 166 Imlay Street, Eden, NSW (300 metres south of PO)

Now turn to the [back page](#) for details. We look forward to you joining us on this trip.

Maxine & Tony Pettigrew.

SPLENDID!

Is the only way to describe the job done by our untiring marshals helping with the RACV Great Australian Rally this year. Our special thanks to all of you who put in such a magnificent job of marshalling on such a day of extremely hot weather conditions (107 °F on old scale!).

To work so diligently at your tasks was most impressive and rallyists really appreciated your assistance on the day. We have booked a cooler day for next year's RACV Great Australian Rally!

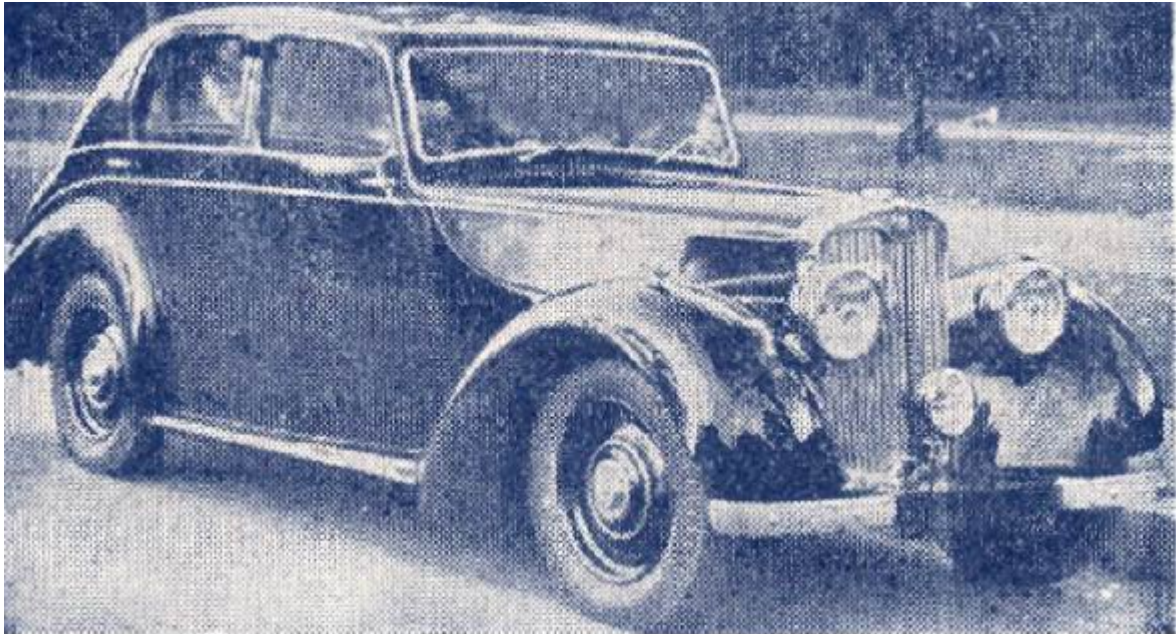
Thankyou all,

Frank Douglas & Ray Higginson.

1949 CLASSICS

The *Australian Motor Manual 1948-9 Annual* features interesting reviews on all motor cars that were available in this country for 1949. Each month we are going to feature one of the British cars here. It is now interesting to read what was said then, about the British cars in the market place. We now know how they all performed, but let's enjoy the writers' expectations of the British offerings for 1949. Here is Number 22:

LEA FRANCIS 14 h.p.



With a background of over 50 years and a lot of pre-war first places on the race track the Lea Francis of today is one of the most attractive medium sized cars imported here in one piece. A feature of the engine is the special valve gear patented by the company and the graceful lines of the saloon give it an imprint of English quality that is most attractive. Its equipment is standard with that of most British makes and is conventional in most of its specifications. A very sporting competition roadster of 14 h.p. is in production.

Comment: Do any club members know of a Lea Francis 14 h.p. still in existence? If so, it would be nice to do a feature on one of these rare cars. There will probably be a total silence on this one too!

From Motor Manual, 1949. With Thanks.

A WARM WELCOME FOR NEW MEMBERS

The All British Classics Car Club extends a warm welcome to our new members, and their cars, who have joined our club since the last issue of *Your ABCCC News*. We look forward to meeting you at one of our events very soon.

New Members	Motor Car	Model	Year
Pam and Ian Hankey	Not known Yet		
Annie and Richard Downes	Aston Martin	Vantage V8	1984
	Bristol	411	1972
	Jaguar	E Type SII	1970
	Rolls Royce	MPW Convertible	1968
	Ferrari	308 GTS	1980
	Maserati	Bora	1972
	Ford	Mustang Mach I	1969

Val Jefferyes – Membership Secretary.

A RATHER SPECIAL ALVIS RETURNS TO THE ROAD

Some of you will have met our English visitors a couple of years ago and, no doubt, have seen some of Ted's photographs of parts he has made for a friend's early 1930s Alvis. That car is, after an extremely long restoration, back in use. Its case is very similar to that of our Jupiter, in that its owner Phil Leonard, used it in the early 1960s as a daily runner around the city of Bristol, and no doubt, further a-field. In those days such cars were cheap and plentiful and we apprentices had a wonderful choice. Phil did his apprenticeship just around the corner from where I did mine – he was auto electrical and I was tractors and combine harvesters. In those days, the technical college, where we did our night school studies, was like a platter of motoring delicacies. There were many Ford Ten and Austin 7 based sporting specials of the type that would give our current Nanny Society and road safety people severe nervous twitches!

Our good friend, Ted Cockrell, did a large amount of work for Phil and a standing joke amongst us is Phil saying "We did a good job on that part", when in reality Ted had done all the work! The word 'we' is now expressed as **'WE'** or the 'royal WE'. It is all good fun and it is wonderful to see the old Alvis back on the road again after so many years. But then, we all had families to nurture, so late road return is excusable.

For the record, Ted made the new petrol tank, the rear lights, the mudguards, the radiator shell and the front apron. All the work was done in Phil's little, by our standards, garage and it is a credit to them.

Mike Allfrey.



Arthur Bodily

For six years, Arthur Bodily laboured patiently in his converted-shed workshop to create a fully functioning 1:4-scale replica of the remarkable 1936 Austin Twin Cam racer. Frustratingly, without the services of a tame leprechaun, this miniature work of art will never run as Bodily resists radio control as it's not authentic.

"I'd loved the little Austin racing car ever since I found a picture of it as a boy" recalls Bodily. "Sadly I never saw it race but pledged one day I'd make a model." A longtime member of the 750 Motor Club, Bodily has fond memories of messing about with Seven specials that he built and raced at grasstrack events: "Then Colin Chapman came along and spoilt it all."

An early engineering indoctrination from his motor mechanic father started Bodily's passion for model making: "For my ninth birthday my dad bought me a treadle lathe and I taught myself."

Early aero engines were Bodily's first major miniature challenge and his scale, fully working Bentley BR2 radial won a gold medal at the Model Engineer Exhibition: "It was my son who finally encouraged a start on the Austin. I apprehensively phoned Tom Wheatcroft to suggest my plan and explain that I could be a real nuisance measuring it for reference. 'You better take it away then' said Tom and I nearly fell over. I then visited him taking two previous projects, including a working rotary engine, and he was amazingly trusting."

For six years the unrestored Murray Jamieson design sat in Bodily's garage and, when more detail reference was required from the restored sister car (then exhibited at Donington), Wheatcroft said 'You better have that one too': "Without Tom's trust and generosity the model would never have been possible."

The project started with the chassis frame but from then there was no logical sequence: "I'd just build a bit I fancied. Having the car at hand was ideal. I could just measure the original part and make it – no drawings or castings."

Every feature other than the instruments works on this amazing miniature. Cables operate authentic drums via both pedal and handbrake. The radiator required 40ft of copper tube but is now hidden in the

cowl: "It's a shame the body was fitted." Like much of the car, the engine was machined from solid including the miniature crank and complex camshaft gear drive. Only the supercharger doesn't work due to impossibly small internals. The carburettor has a barrel throttle and needle valve, and the spark plugs are home made.



Above: Arthur's workshop. (The Master craftsman)

Before fitting to the chassis, the engine was run on a test bed and Bodily recorded the two-hour check on video.

The gearbox was another major challenge: "It's a very compact unit with large racing gears. I fought shy of the synchromesh, so it's a constant-mesh crash 'box, but all the gears work including reverse. I cut them all myself."

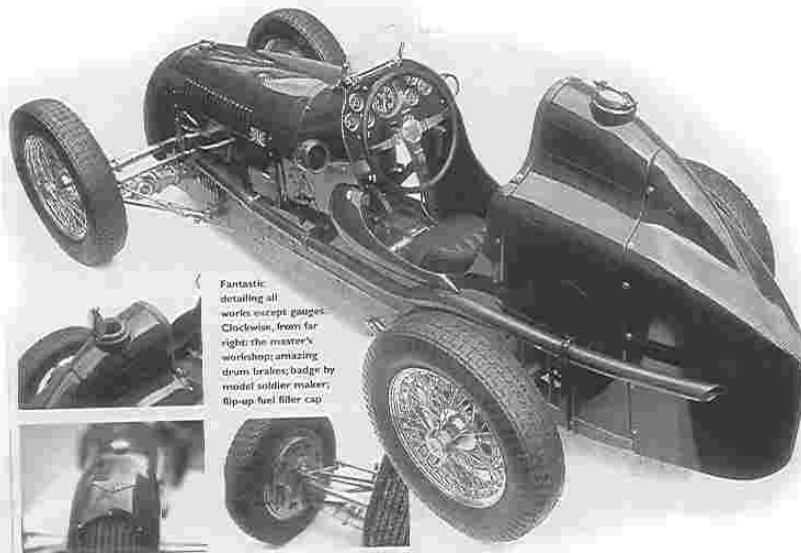
A wooden buck was needed for the classic high-tail bodywork and the panels were shaped from copper, then, mated up using silver solder. A cast of the replica Dunlop Racing tyres was a surprise Christmas gift from his daughter: "I'd made an alloy master, cut the tyre tread pattern and scaled down sidewall writing from a rubbing. Thankfully they are the same size front and back."

A lucky discovery during the fastidious build was a pre-war film with revealing factory shots. Only three Twin Cam racers were built, of which Tom Wheatcroft saved the two unloved survivors from the Longbridge plant. Since the model's completion, restoration has started on the second racer. Now the procedure has been reversed and Bodily's miniature has been used as reference during the rebuild.

Like many precision model makers, Bodily has lost interest in the completed item and is already focused on the next masterpiece.

Now in his garage is a 1925 Morgan chassis: "After the Austin I wanted something where you could see the engine working."

Arthur Bodily resides in England.



Fantastic detailing all works except gauges. Clockwise from far right: the master's workshop; amazing drums brakes; badge by model soldier maker; flip-up fuel filler cap

Left: Fantastic detail. Everything works except the gauges & the supercharger. Incredible!

Below: Arthur's current project – Morgan 3 wheeler



From Classic & Sports Car (UK), written by Mick Walsh with Thanks. Paul Brooks (Distantly related to Arthur Bodily)

RACV Fly The Flag - 1st April, 2006

HELP NEEDED !

We urgently need some help with the provision of breakfasts for participants at the start of this year's RACV Fly The Flag Tour. Our club has undertaken to organize the breakfast provision as a fund raiser to help keep it in a sound financial state. Tasks will involve cooking the breakfasts and providing fruit juices, tea and coffee. We will be using the barbecue facility on the club's catering trailer.

Mention of which, brings us to another topic, we need someone to tow the trailer to the start venue and to store it until the tour is over.

The venue for the start is the car park at Federation Square and we will need to be there to set up our activity from 7:00 am.

If you can help to raise significant funds for our club, please contact Ray Higginson, who is coordinating the marshalling and provision of breakfasts for the Tour participants.

The telephone number is (03) 9336 7306(AH) or (03) 9310 5286(BH).

Ray Higginson.

CLUB REGALIA

New car badges are now available at a special LOW price of just \$10.00 plus postage. These are made of brass and are 90 mm diameter. They are very smart and can be obtained by contacting the writer. The pre-existing club car badge remains at \$35.00, so you will realize that this new badge is a STEAL! Get yours now.

Set out below is a listing of the ABCCC's current stock of Club Regalia items:

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| 1. Metal Bumper/Grille Badge | \$35.00 Each |
| 2. Stainless Steel Key Ring (New!) | \$10.00 Each |
| 3. Window Decal – Club Logo | \$2.00 Each |
| 4. Cloth Badge – 75 mm Diameter with Club Logo | \$3.50 Each |
| 5. Cloth Badge – 205 mm Diameter with Club Logo | \$25.00 Each |
| 6. Club Polo Top White and Blue (some with ABCCC on collar) All Sizes | \$35.00 Each |
| 7. Club Polo Top White and Black – Small Size Only | \$7.50 Each |
| 8. Club Polo Tops 1 White, 1 Dark Blue (Small Size Only) | \$12.50 Each |
| 9. Tee Shirts White, Black with Club Logo (Small Size Only) | \$7.50 Each |
| 10. Jumbuck Jumper c/w ABCCC Logos | \$120.00 Each |
| 11. Jumbuck Jumper Less ABCCC Logos | \$100.00 Each |
| 12. Caps with Club Logo, Blue/Fawn | \$15.00 Each |
| 13. Caps with Club Logo, Black | \$12.50 Each |
| 14. Hats – Plain, Colour Fawn (Slightly Soiled) Large Size Only – Special at | \$5.00 Each |
| 15. Jackets with Club Logo (Heavy Weight) S. M. L. XL. & XXL. | \$140.00 Each |

I will bring a limited range of Club Regalia to all events that we attend for perusal or purchase. The new key rings are rather special, place your orders now.

For all your Club Regalia requirements, please contact me on (03) 9846 2323.

Bill Allen – Regalia Purveyor.

LAKES ENTRANCE & EDEN WHALE WATCHING TRIP

30th October to 4th or 5th November, 2006



The Joy of Life and This Freedom: Twofold Bay, Eden, New South Wales.

Bookings are now being taken for this five to six day trip. Including **two nights** in **Lakes Entrance**, at the **Able Tasman Motor Lodge**, cost **\$80.00 twin share**. Telephone number **(03) 5155 1655**.

We propose a cruise with wine tasting on the way to Wyanga Park Winery for lunch and more wine tasting, cost of the cruise will be approximately \$45.00 per person. Dinner will be at the Lake Tyers Water Wheel Hotel on our first night, and the second night will be freedom of choice.

The next day we will be driving to **Eden**, where our accommodation will be at **Twofold Bay Motor Inn**. Telephone number **(02) 6496 3111**. **Twin share will be \$99.00 downstairs and \$109.00 upstairs.** Please confirm your booking with both motor inns direct.

We are able to charter two forty-foot boats for five to six hours. They will take us to the seal colony and we will certainly have dolphins following us across Twofold Bay where we will have a 90 per cent chance of getting close to the whales as they migrate south. The charter also includes fishing with bait and tackle supplied, and the fish we catch will be gutted and cleaned at the end of the day. Cost per boat is \$650.00 and each boat carries ten (10) people, making it a very reasonable \$65.00 per person. All of this is limited to twenty (20) people, so be quick.



That night we will try to organize a barbecue to enjoy the fish we catch.

The next day will be a trip up the coast to Tilba Tilba, stopping at Bermagui for lunch on the way.



Options for the trip home are back to Lakes Entrance, stopping overnight there or at Metung. Alternatively, we could go over the Snowy Mountains Highway, stopping overnight at Cooma or Canberra. Or, if you wish, driving directly to Melbourne an approximate seven to eight hour drive from Eden.

Arrangements have to be confirmed in the next couple of weeks, so please be quick!

Contact Maxine or Tony Pettigrew on telephone number (03) 9739 1146