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A RARE MODEL INDEED



IT IS ABOUT TIME WE HAD ONE OF THESE!

Not a member's car, but a true British Classic none-the-less. This image of a Phase III Standard Vanguard was taken at a recent AOMC British Motoring Show.

This car may just have got away with a set of whitewall tyres.

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

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The annual membership subscription for the ABCCC Inc. is \$35.00. There is a once only joining fee of \$30.00. Please send membership subscriptions to:

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Your ABCCC News

**THE ALL BRITISH CLASSICS CAR CLUB (VICTORIA) INC., FOUNDED - SEPTEMBER 23rd 1997
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Club Founder – The Late Frank E Douglas

"Owning And/Or Appreciating The Spirit Of Fine British Classics"

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IMPORTANT CLUB INFORMATION

Introduction

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The publication, *Your ABCCC News*, is the official magazine of the All British Classics Car Club Inc. It is published once a month, with the exception of December. The magazine's issue date is during the week of the 25th of each month. To make the editor's task a little easier, it is requested that articles, events information and photographs are with the Magazine Editor prior to the 14th of each month. Articles published in *Your ABCCC News* may be used without permission. However, the ABCCC does ask that appropriate acknowledgment be given.

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Address all correspondence to: The Magazine Editor, 59 Rowson Street, Boronia, Victoria, 3155. Other editorial contact information is listed above.

The Victorian Club Permit Scheme

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.

A number of marshals' safety vests are missing! If you know of their whereabouts, please call Maxine Pettigrew on (03) 9739 1146. We need them to restore club inventory.

THE VICTORIAN CLUB PERMIT SCHEME

For your Victorian Club Permit Scheme (VCPS) renewal, please forward your completed renewal form to Colin Brown at PO Box 40, Coldstream, Victoria, 3770. Please enclose a stamped envelope, addressed to VicRoads along with a cheque/money order for your VCPS Fee, and I will sign on behalf of the club and forward it on to Vic Roads for you.

Please note that the Customer Copy and VicRoads Copy must be intact It is your responsibility to maintain the motor car in a safe operating condition.

Colin Brown.

NEW VCPS APPLICATIONS

For members wanting to place a car on the VCPS, under the auspices of our club, please contact: Nello Mafodda on (03) 9719 7949, who is the ABCCC VCPS Officer in Charge. Nello will be pleased to provide all the information required to place a motor car on the VCPS.

Nello's position is entirely voluntary, so due consideration should be given when contacting him.

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.

June 2008

- 7 – 9 The Echuca Steam Rally – [An ABCCC Weekend Run](#) Lyn Higginson (03) 9336 7306
See inside April issue for details and map.
Meet Up Point – Cadell On The Murray Resort.
- 22 A Visit To The Nyora Speedway – [An ABCCC Event](#) Heather Cannon (03) 5659 0264 (AH)
Experience the thrills and spills under Heather's expert guidance!
Venue – Nyora Speedway, Grundy Avenue, Nyora, Victoria.
- 28 The Great ABCCC Trivia Challenge – [An ABCCC Event](#) Phil Cook (03) 9842 5449
Venue – The Lilydale International Club, Nelson Road, Lilydale, Victoria.

July 2008

- 2 McClelland Gallery Lunch – [A Mid-week ABCCC Event](#) Ken & Karen McDonald (03) 5975 1867
Meeting Point – Manyung Gallery, 1408 Nepean Highway, Mount Eliza.
Lunch Venue – Morningstar Estate, 1 Sunnyside Road, Mount Eliza, Victoria.,
- 13 You Yangs Day Out – [An ABCCC Event](#) Anne Tootell (03) 9891 6905
Meet At – Todd Road Service Area (Near KFC), Westgate Freeway.
- 18 Yarra Valley Run – RACV Club Event **A NEW EVENT!** Rachel Balding (03) 9944 8987
All members of the ABCCC are invited to join in.
Start Point – Como Gardens, 79 The Basin-Olinda Road, The Basin, Victoria.
- 26 AOMC Information Seminar AOMC Sec. (03) 9555 0133
Venue – TBA
- 27 Club's Annual Dinner – [An ABCCC Event](#) Colin Brown 0408 343 176
Be sure to get your bookings in now!
Venue – Tokar Estate, Coldstream, Victoria.

August 2008

- 10 BYO Lunch Outing – [An ABCCC Event](#) Judy Birkett (03) 9755 1772
Venue – TBA
- 30 – 31 The Wonderful ABCCC Indulgence Weekend – [An ABCCC Event](#) Peter McKiernan (03) 9528 4644
Meet Up Point – TBA

September 2008

- 14 The ABCCC Picnic Day Out – [An ABCCC Event](#) Marjorie Pepper (03) 9439 7875
Venue – Hanging Rock Reserve or Hanging Rock Winery.
- 24 Mid-week Run – [An ABCCC Event](#) Maxine Pettigrew (03) 9739 1146
Meet Up Point – Lilydale International Club, Nelson Road, Lilydale, Victoria.
- 28 Bay To Birdwood Run – A Vintage Event (ABCCC Invited) Graham Tonkin (08) 8258 6547
Finish Point – Birdwood Mill Museum, Birdwood, South Australia.

October 2008

- 12 Rolling Hills Run – [An ABCCC Event](#) Rob Nolan (03) 5978 7798
Venue – Gippsland, Victoria.
- 25 – 26 Como Gardens Open Weekend – [An ABCCC Assist Event](#) George Hetrel (03) 9761 1341
Venue – Como Gardens, 79 The Basin – Olinda Road, The Basin, Victoria.
- 31 – Touring The Limestone Coast – [An ABCCC Event](#) Bryan Tootell (03) 9891 6905
4 Nov. Visiting South Australia.

November 2008

- 15 – 16 Bendigo National Swap Meet – Federation Event
- 26 Archery Competition Round 2 & Lunch – [An ABCCC Event](#) Colin Brown 0408 343 176
A Mid-week Event.
Meet At – Lilydale International Club, Nelson Road, Lilydale, Victoria.
- 30 Mystery Bus Tour – [An ABCCC Event](#) Ray Higginson (03) 9336 7306
Provided By The Higginson Charabanc Tour Company.
Meet – Alexandra Avenue, Adjacent To Anderson Street Intersection, Melbourne, Victoria.

December 2008

- 14 Christmas Luncheon Function – [An ABCCC Event](#) Tony Pettigrew (03) 9739 1146
Venue – TBA

January 2009

- 18 RACV Great Australian Rally – [An ABCCC Major Event](#) Colin Brown 0408 343 176
Start Points – TBA

March 2009

- 21 - 27 RACV Fly The Flag Tour – [An ABCCC Major Event](#) Tony Pettigrew (03) 9739 1146
Touring – Cobram, Beechworth, Kerang, Bendigo and Shepparton

It should be noted that telephone numbers provided above are 'At Home' numbers.

Note: All ABCCC 'Noted Events' are Victorian Club Permit Scheme (VCPS) Authorized. To qualify for the VCPS, under the auspices of the ABCCC Inc., your VCPS permitted motor car must attend a minimum of three (3) club-run events per year, from the date of the vehicle's permit issue.

Note: The above listed events may require confirmation.

EDITORIAL NOTES – ISSUE 119

This year, like progress, is marching along really smartly, and here we are virtually halfway through the year already! It is always a bit of a shock when Historic Winton comes around yet again. If you have an interest in historic motor racing, the last full weekend in May is the time and Winton, near Benalla is the place to be. Our collective thanks are due to the Austin 7 Club for putting on such a feast for us each year.

In this issue, we have placed an added event, that is being conducted by the RACV Club for its members, and members of our club are invited to join in. Wednesday 18th July is the date and booking information is on Page 6. It is another great event for us, and we haven't had to organise it!

Our two major events committees are well advanced with preparations for next year's RACV Great Australian Rally and the RACV Fly The Flag Tour. For the Rally, we will be having a tour of the Mornington Peninsula before arriving at our display venue, the Mornington Racecourse. Some changes to the way the event is conducted have been planned. The most significant of these is that there will be a collector's commemorative plaque to be presented to every entrant on the day at Mornington. In addition to this, we are investigating the possibility of providing a free cuppa for Rally entrants, also provided at Mornington. It is also planned to make Hastings a more significant start point. The Rally's route will be prepared by a sub-committee using the expertise of club members in the area.

Our RACV Fly The Flag Tour will take Flaggies to Shepparton, Kerang, Mansfield, Beechworth and Yarrawonga – but not in that order! The theme of the Tour will be 'The Great Northeastern Tour' and we already have some interesting places to visit along the way noted for investigation. The Tour is taking place earlier in the year, 21st to 27th March, 2009. We have already received telephone calls asking when the booking forms are going out – this augers well for a healthy Tour.

Grateful thanks are due to those who helped out at the Como Gardens weekend in April.

Be sure not to forget our Great ABCCC Trivia Challenge, to be held in June. According to the rules of last year, last year's winners prepare this year's challenge. Please make your bookings with Phil Cook who, with Bill Ballard, as per the rules, is preparing a splendid evening of trivia for us all to savour! We look forward to you joining us on that great occasion. Be sure to bring a working pen, and rest assured, there will be no trick questions to fathom out!

The Annual Lunch at Tokar Estate in July is a popular event, so get your booking form in early to Colin Brown.

Mike Alfrey.

PAST AND FUTURE EVENT REPORTS

COMO GARDENS OPEN WEEKEND – Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th April, 2008

Set out below is a letter from George Hetrel, that was sent to Pat Douglas:

Dear Pat,

Please convey our appreciation to those club members who assisted us in the running of our fundraising 'Open Garden Weekend', held on 19th and 20th April in ideal weather conditions.

The bottom line yielded \$13,000.00 and was shared by St John's Ambulance and the Knox SES.

Moving forward now to our Spring fundraiser, on 25th and 26th October, 2008, when with favourable weather, good numbers will again be achievable. It would be appreciated if those members who intend to assist us in our future activities, give us a telephone call on (03) 9761 1341, and so help with our forward planning.

I enclose a cheque in favour of the ABCCC for \$1,000.00.

Regards, George Hetrel.

RUSTY SPRINGS WEEKEND – 3rd to 4th May, 2008

We headed off Friday before noon from sunny Pearcedale to Yarra Glen to meet up with Colin and Joy Brown before venturing onto Rusty Springs at Avenel. The closer we got to Boronia, the clouds were getting thicker and blacker!



Suddenly the heavens opened up & the rain came gushing down, very hard. Then it turned into hail & ferociously pounded the Hillman Hunter. We had to pull



over near a tree for shelter as the windscreen wipers could not keep up, the windows fogged up and we could not see in front of us. Once it was all settled, the roads and pavements were covered in nice white hail, looking quite beautiful, but making

driving a bit dangerous.

Everyone arrived at Rusty – Brewery Lane B&B on Friday night and chose their rooms accordingly: Colin & Joy (The Chapel of Love – Say no more), Brian & Marj (The "Sensuous" Pleasure Palace - complete with red fluffy handcuffs, feather boas, etc), Ross & Elinor (Barber Shop - Brazilian), Phil & Glenda (Iron Monger - kinky), Rob & Mary (The Bank – lots of corrupt money). The smell of homemade Chicken & Corn soup with bread rolls greeted us for supper and kept us warm along with the log fire burning in the magnificent boiler keeping the hydronic heating going and our rooms warm and comfy.

On Saturday morning after a cooked and continental breakfast feast, we headed to Nagambie for the monthly Saturday market beside the lake, and a stroll around the town.

A short drive to Goulburn Weir for a walk & look along the Weir walls and a gander in the information building about the history of the Weir, marveling the magnificent structure built back in 1891.

Pre-lunch was at Longleat Winery at Murchinson run by Guido and Sandra; Guido running the wine business and Sandra the cheese making. Guido gave us an excellent in-depth session on the wines they produce and wines in general. We sampled about 5 different wines from whites to reds, and 3 cheeses made from Tatura cows milk. We all came away with either wines or cheeses and our sampling wine glass as a memento. Must remember to come back and have lunch there with views of the grapevines against the backdrop of the eucalyptus trees. Their anti-pasto platter looked really delicious.

Lunch at Murchison on the Riverbank Gardens, where Bob McGrath & Holly (the wonder dog) greeted us with our basket picnic lunch of rolls, fruit, juice & cake complete with table cloth and candles! How spoilt were we!

After a bit of shopping therapy at Murchison, we headed on a scenic route to Kirwans Bridge for a short stop to admire the view of the river, boat moorings and rickety bridge itself before crossing over it. You wouldn't want to cross the bridge with a push bike in case you fell between the old wooden planks!

When previously on our recci tour in our Mazda, we could feel the Mazda slip & slide a bit, but as we were riding with Colin and Joy in their Jag, the Big Cat seemed to handle the condition nicely. Someone else said they felt the car slip & slide a bit as well!

The afternoon was spent at The Rockery in Longwood, admiring all the gemstones which the owner has collected in his lifetime. He proudly showed us some very interesting gemstones, some quite incredible. Someone, who shall

remain nameless, wanted to know if he could take some of the rough uncut gem rocks in the garden. He was told, if he did, then there might be an unfortunate accident to the tyres on an anonymous Morgan! The owner promptly came outside to make sure none were missing !!

We had afternoon tea in Avenel after looking through an antique store. Some walked around town.

Again we were spoilt with a 3 course dinner prepared by our brilliant hosts, Bob and Judi McGrath.

After dinner, we were entertained by Ross and Elinor (& others) with their rock and roll dancing prowess. Mary learnt the basics of back step, left and right (for the girls) from Elinor. Ross was trying to teach Rob the boys' version! We both need to relax and be less rigid & bend the knees! Marj kept us all highly entertained with amusing Probus stories. "Poor Pussy" even got a mention !

After another breakfast feast provided by Bob and Judi, we headed to Kerrisdale Mountain "Scenic" Railway to meet other members of the car club who came up for the day. The sky was blue, the sun was shining down on us but as we neared Trawool, the clouds were very low and I thought we would pass through it momentarily. However, it was not to be! Everyone had warm jackets, hats, gloves, scarfs on.



Luckily there was no wind about, but the thick cloud cover kept the temperature down. Andrew and Jennifer greeted us and provided a welcoming morning tea with Jennifers' yummy chocolate covered rock cakes. After a talk from Jennifer on the history of the property, Andrew took us all on a train trip to the top of their property, stopping at various points along the track, telling us a bit of history of the local area. Patrick Swinchatt (who knew Andrew) had the honors of being at the helm of the train with him. After a while, the clouds slowly dissipated and we could see most of the 360 degree views from the summit. Again Andrew gave us all an interesting & very informative talk on pioneering in the early pre settlement days. Back at the station, Andrew then demonstrated the various steam engines he had running for us and a quick tour of his workshop. A memorable & very enjoyable morning was had by all.

We wound our way on a scenic route via Strath Creek, to Kinglake West, where we had a set lunch at Flying Tarts Bakery. They have a superb apple pie and scrumptious little tarts. If you are in Kinglake West, make sure you drop by.

Final stop was at Steve Ducketts' Memorabilia, which is a private collection of Fire Brigade Memorabilia (Fire trucks, badges , models, you name it...) and a variety of other fantastic collections: Humphrey B Bears, biscuit tins, milk bottles, switchboards (pre digital age) which Joy would have fond memories of ... Well worth a visit! An amazing collection!

We would like to acknowledge our superb hosts, Bob and Judi McGrath, for the wonderful weekend at Rusty Springs! They helped us with ideas of places to visit in the area, cooked our fabulous breakfasts and dinners, and made sure we were enjoying ourselves. Thanks also to Sandra and Guido of Longleat Winery for undivided attention, Andrew & Jennifer of Kerrisdale for sharing their love of trains and engines, Flying Tarts Bakery for our value for money set lunch with the extra pizza slices, and especially Steve Duckett & his wife for opening their collection to us, especially since he just had hip surgery the Monday before and made the effort to open up for us with the aid of his walking stick !... and to the attendees of our event - Thank you.



Above: Get ready, set, go! Girls against the guys. Goulburn Weir.

Right: We listened with interest to Guido's talk on wine and cheese at Longleat Winery at Murchison.



Above: Bob & Judi McGraw - Rusty Springs



Left: Kirwans Bridge



Above: Rusty Springs



Right: Dinner at Rusty Springs





Above: Kerrisdale Mountain Railway



Above: Flying Tarts Bakery



Above & Left: Steve Duckett's Memorabilia



Rob & Mary Nolan.

THE ECHUCA STEAM RALLY – Saturday 7th to Monday 9th June, 2008

The Steam Rally is going to be a completely casual affair. We do not have anything specific organized. You can make it a four day weekend or a three day weekend. We have rooms reserved at the Motel from Friday night until Monday morning. If you wish to attend this weekend please contact the Cadell Motel in Moama (Telephone Number (03) 5482 4500). The price quoted was three nights \$285, two nights \$240 this is on a twin share basis.

Saturday is a free day for you to go wherever you wish in Echuca, there are many different events here so I decided that you can do your own thing here as some might wish to do a river cruise, some may wish to visit friends and or family, some may wish to shop, or some may even wish to have a lazy day. We will be leaving early on the Sunday morning to put our cars on display at the Steam Rally, and the rest of the day is yours to explore the rally.

On Monday morning we will be leaving Echuca and will have lunch at a hotel in Bendigo and then say a fond farewell to all our companions for the weekend.

When you have booked the Motel could you please email me on lhigginson@kangan.edu.au and let me know that you will be attending. I have reserved about 20 rooms at the Motel so when I can see that it is getting close to being

full I will see if I can have some more rooms (if available). So as you can see the booking of the Motel and the entry into the Steam Rally is completely up to you as I have found in the past that this is the best way to organize this type of weekend. Please come along and have a really good time laughing and joking with your friends and having a relaxing time.

Lyn Higginson.

SPEEDWAY RACING DAY OUT – Sunday 22nd June, 2008

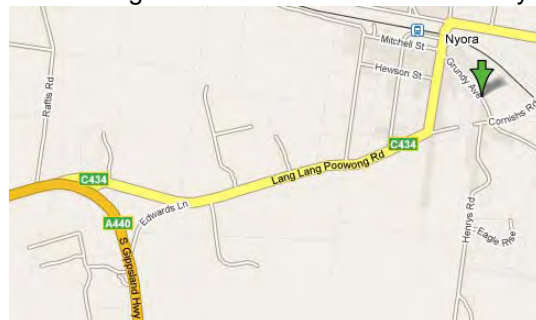


Unbeatable speedway action at the famous Nyora Speedway will be the thrills provider for our day out. We meet at the Nyora Speedway at 10:30 am. Arriving at this time assures us of display space for our cars alongside the coffee lounge. It also assures us of a full day's use of a Pit Pass. A special entrance fee of just \$10.00 per person has been negotiated. This event is BYO everything for lunch.

The Speedway track is located in Grundy Avenue, Nyora. Coming from the South Gippsland High-

way, turn left into Lang Lang Poowong Road (C434) and, entering Nyora, turn hard right into Grundy Avenue. If you reach the rail crossing, you have driven too far.

For more details please contact either Tom or myself on telephone Number (03) 5659 0264, or mobile number 0404 669 902. We need to know numbers before 15th June so that display space can be booked.



Heather Cannon.

THE GREAT ABCCC TRIVIA CHALLENGE – Saturday 28th June, 2008

The venue has been booked since October 2007 and, have we got an evening planned for livening up those brain cells. Yes, it is once again time for the Great ABCCC Trivia Challenge. We will be commencing our proceedings at 6:45 pm for a Challenge start at 7:00pm. This is a mid-winter fun night not to be missed there will be plenty of finger food to enjoy between sessions. At just \$15.00 per person and our club supplying all of the trivia needs, it will be a wonderful Challenge.

Teams will be six to a table and the usual rules will apply. If you can come along, please let me know well in advance, so that catering can be organised. Call me on (03) 9842 5449.

Phil Cook.

McCLELLAND GALLERY LUNCH – Wednesday 2nd July, 2008

An Artistic Adventure on Wed 2nd. July. Meeting point 10:00 am at Manyung Gallery, Nepean Highway, Mt. Eliza. Manyung Gallery is located south of Mt Eliza, on the left hand side of the highway. Travelling south, look out for Boxmoor Court, then Peninsula Place. If you reach Conway Street, you have driven too far.

Browse the current exhibitions and eclectic outdoor sculptures whilst enjoying a coffee from the Boyz@Manyung who will be ready for you. Then one and a half kilometres on to Richard Linton's amazing and incredibly detailed artwork at his Maritime Art Gallery at Morning Star Estate where Richard will talk to us and possibly show us his current project. Some of his works have been forty years in the making! Both Manyung and Richard Linton's gallery have an exclusive range of jewellery on display. For \$5, the Morning Star gardens can also be browsed, weather permitting. Entry via the café. Then a short drive to the McClelland Gallery in Langwarrin for a well priced lunch in the light filled café overlooking the amazing sculpture park. After lunch browse the current gallery exhibitions and, weather permitting, explore the amazing outdoor sculpture exhibition. Entry to the McClelland Gallery is by donation.

Websites are: www.manyunggallery.com.au, www.lintonmaritimeart.com, www.mcclellandgallery.com.

We look forward to enjoying your company on the day. Lunch numbers are required at least a week in advance so please contact us by June 24th. If you are going to participate in this event. Please phone Ken on 0419 395 452 or Karen on 0409 028 534.

Karen McDonald.

THE YOU YANGS RUN – Sunday 13th July, 2008

After meeting at the Todd Road Service Area (adjacent to KFC) at 8:57 am, we will drive to the You Yangs for morning which will be a BYO arrangement. After our refreshment break and a look around the park we will proceed to the 2007 Pub Of The Year, the Fyansford Hotel, Hyland Street, Fyansford.

Bookings are essential. Please call Anne Tootell on 0412 549 906 prior to 3rd July to reserve your place.

Anne Tootell.

THE RACV CLUB – RUN TO THE YARRA VALLEY – Wednesday 18th July, 2008

The RACV Club has organised a run to the Yarra Valley, and all members of the ABCCC are invited to join in. The run will commence at George and Pat Hetrel's Como Gardens, 79 The Basin – Olinda Road, The Basin. After registration and the issuing of run Instructions at 10:00 am, there will be morning tea and, after viewing the museum exhibits and the beautiful garden, we will set off at 11:15 am for the delights of the Yarra Valley.

Our route will take us to the Domaine Chandon Winery at Coldstream, where we shall be having lunch and an extensive winery tour. After our luncheon, we will depart for Healesville to view the redevelopment progress at the RACV Country Club.

The cost of the run is just \$35.00 per person and includes morning tea and lunch. To make a booking for the RACV Club Run, Please contact Rachel Balding at the City Club on (03) 9944 8987. Be sure to have your Club Card or credit card to hand while making your booking, Those of us who are not RACV Club members, please mention that you are a member of the All British Classics Car Club, and you will be made welcome.

Jan Hankey.

OUR CLUB'S ANNUAL DINNER – Sunday 27th July, 2008



Traditionally, in the middle of winter, we have held our annual dinner on the last Sunday in July. For the past few years, it has become a lunch time function. This year we will be having a very nice luncheon at Tokar Estate in the Yarra Valley.

To Get There

The map, at left, shows the location of Tokar Estate, which is at 6 Maddens Lane. Our venue is on the west side of Maddens Lane and is south of the Maroondah Highway (B360), 9.7 kilometres from Coldstream on the way to Healesville. Tokar Estate is just 0.6 km along Maddens Lane on the right.

Our Luncheon

The restaurant at Tokar Estate is set in a location that gives stunning views over the Yarra Valley to the north. We shall gather at 12:30 pm for a leisurely meal. Wines, beers and soft drinks will be provided by the club to a determined value. Spirits

are at personal cost. The actual cost of our luncheon is \$48 per person, **but as the club is subsidising this event, the cost for this gourmet luncheon is just \$35.00 per person and represents excellent value.** By popular request, there will not be a Xmas in July theme.

Bookings

This event is very popular, so please get your bookings in early so that you can join in the fun. Please send in your booking form to Colin before 20th July to reserve your places. Booking form and gourmet menu found on page 14.

Call Colin on 0408 343 176 if you require more details.

Colin Brown.

THE WONDERFUL ABCCC INDULGENCE WEEKEND – 29th to 31st August, 2008

It's on again – the justly famous "All British Indulgent Weekend", This year we are heading east, meeting at Berwick on Friday 29th and departing in an easterly direction

Accommodation is at a famous 4½ star location with indulgent meals and surprise entertainment to keep you occupied all the weekend, returning home on Sunday afternoon.

All this for just \$585.00 per couple (excluding morning tea and pre-dinner nibbles). Spaces are limited. To ensure your place contact Rosalie or Peter McKiernan on (03) 9787 6003, or on mobile 0407 876 023.

See you in August.

Peter McKiernan.

CLUB HOLIDAY TO THE LIMESTONE COAST – 31st October to 4th November, 2008

Due to restricted motel accommodation at this period, the group will be limited to 12 couples (or 12 rooms), so first in best dressed and be prepared to be placed on an emergency list.

- Day 1. Travel via Ballarat to Casterton.
- Day 2. To Penola, with wine tastings in the Coonawarra region.
- Day 3. To Robe, to sample the best crayfish on the Mainland.
- Day 4. To Mt Gambier to visit the "Blue Lakes".
- Day 5. To Hamilton, via Limestone Caves and Nelson.
- Day 6. To Melbourne, with lunch at Inverleigh before making our way back to the big smoke.

If you may be interested in participating please contact- Bryan Tootell on mobile 0412 549 906.

Bryan Tootell.

ANOTHER GREAT RECIPE

Kilmuir



Continuing our series of wonderful recipes from Victoria's famed Western Districts, here is one from Kilmuir to tempt your palates with a splendid Moist Sultana Cake.

John and Mary MacDonald left Scotland and travelled to Australia on the *Edward Johnson* with their three sons. They landed at Portland in 1854 and John MacDonald was first employed at Wando Vale. John selected 'Kilmuir', Nareen, which was then occupied by their sons prior to the end of 1865.

The MacDonald family still occupy the original selection and are the earliest selectors still resident..

Moist Sultana Cake

Ingredients

½ lb Butter
½ lb Castor Sugar
10 oz Plain Flour
1 Teaspoon Baking Powder
A Pinch of Salt
3 Eggs
1 lb Sultanas:

Reserve two tablespoons of the liquid to add to the other ingredients.

Cream butter and sugar and add the eggs, stir in the sultanas, sift in dry ingredients – lastly add the two tablespoons of reserved liquid.

Line an 8 inch cake tin with butter and lining paper. Cook at 350 °F (177 °C) for 1¾ hours.

Enjoy!

Method

Put the sultanas into a saucepan and cover with water. Bring to the boil, strain and cool.

With thanks to the National Trust.

VALE

It is with a great amount of sadness that we have to report that Jim Spence passed away on Saturday 17th May in the morning. Jim had a battle with cancer and we all hoped that a recent operation would work for him. But sadly that was not the case. I first met Jim on the Shannons 2001 Tour to Canberra. He was driving his Standard Flying '9' on that lengthy event. Our next meeting was on the first RACV Fly The Flag Tour, and I remember writing in my report that Jim's little Standard was seen in every street in Cobram! Every where we looked, there was Jim and his Standard.



Jim was an active member of our club and, he and Val organised several interesting runs to his beloved Gippsland. We will most certainly miss his friendship, organisational expertise and his vast knowledge of the area.

Our sincere condolences to Val Jefferyes and to Jim's family. Jim will be greatly missed by our club.

Mike Alfrey.

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A BRITISH CLASSIC?



A good question really. The car in this picture is a 1938 Railton Cobham Sports Saloon. These cars, with a lightweight aluminium body mounted on a Hudson chassis were scoffed at by the vintage movement as being 'hybrids' and 'bastards' in most cases quite unkindly.

This image shows the family Railton in July 1954 while on tour in soggy Scotland. It was one of those camping holidays where it rained every day! The Railton had just been pulled

out of a bogged situation while camping near Loch Lomond. Just discernable is the Fordson tractor that the kind farmer used to haul the car out. Also just discernable is your Editor, in white collar and shorts, already taking a keen interest in matters to do with tractors. Our trailer, one of those ex-army trailers that employed motorcycle wheels and was of lightweight sheet metal construction, had been hauled out into the road first. The poor Railton had sunk into the very soft soil during a very wet night.

This car was very English in its body and interior. The body was beautifully finished, trimmed in dark blue leather and very comfortable. The chassis and running gear was pure Hudson. The only English changes being the fitting of Andre adjustable shock absorbers and a very neat, floor mounted, remote gear shift lever. The brakes were Bendix full hydraulic and seemed to be very effective. For a young enthusiast, it was the straight-eight Hudson engine that mattered! There it was, a long slim engine with the magic word 'Powerdome' cast in relief on the cylinder head. That word, Powerdome, conjured up all sorts of imaginations for a thirteen year-old. That, incorporated with a large speedometer that read well beyond the magic 'ton'. Was enough to get the adrenalin really going! On the old A4 going up to London, in the quieter areas of Wiltshire, while overtaking, 80 mph was indicated on the speedometer – in the second of its three forward gears. That was excitement that will probably never be repeated.

The Cobham Sports Saloon was blessed with that lovely long, Invicta-like bonnet, complete with rivets. The head-lamps seemed to be a long way away, a constant reminder of that powerful straight eight Hudson power-plant. It was amazing to know that, with all of that fabulous performance, the crankshaft's big end bearings were only splash lubricated. To think how that car performed while loping effortlessly along the arrow straight Fosse Way (Roman road), and touring through France, Switzerland, Germany and Holland very capably, and at high speeds on those wonderful German autobahns, between bomb damaged sections, up over French alp passes and down the other side – all on splash lubrication and a wet cork clutch! This motor car was admired wherever it went and its black paint-work polished up a really deep black.

We did experience some problems with it though. In the French Alps at high altitude in summer, the petrol vaporised in the mechanical petrol pump. This was fixed in a garage in France that supplied a SU electric pump and mounted it at the rear near the fuel tank. That solved all the vapour problems. Again, while in France, there was a problem with the rear brakes. Two different springs, one at each side, broke and caused an horrific squealing when the brakes were applied. The details of the repair job are not remembered, but the way it was carried out is – the garage mechanic who effected the repair up in an alpine village, wore a white shirt and a smart tie. The pristine white shirt was long sleeved and my mother keenly noticed that not a speck of dirt nor a drop of fluid was attracted to that shirt! New springs were fashioned out of others that were in stock. They were there when the Railton was sold.

The wiring harness was interesting, There was no woven harness to hold the groups of cables together. Each cable was, for example, attached to the shiny aluminium firewall. The cables were located side by side with dedicated clamps that secured them in place. If there were four cables in a group, then the clamp would hold just the four cables snugly side by side with joggled legs at each end for the securing screws. The layout on the firewall was most artistic with groups of cables bent around the next one to form a corner in the layout. Fault finding was really easy.

Service, in the early 1950s was remarkably good. The Bristol Hudson agent, Windmill and Lewis Garage, were able to provide all of our needs for both service and spares. In about 1958 the Railton was fitted with a replacement engine, and I seem to remember mention of pressure fed crankshaft bearings being used in the 'new' engine.

That car, EMD 185, probably no longer exists. It was pretty tired when it was sold to make way for our first Daimler. At times my father would wistfully wonder what happened to it. Now, with the benefit of the World Wide Web, I have checked out the Railton Owners Club Website. Sadly, there is very little mention of the Cobham straight-eight sports saloon. The six-cylinder Railton Fairmiles, particularly the pretty three-position drop-head versions, get significant mention. I think that, because of the car's cockpit ambience and styling, the Railton can be classed as a British Classic motor car. I may be wrong and it may still be considered to be a 'bastard', but I feel privileged to have had the enjoyable experience of riding in such a high performance, and reliable motor car.

There will be a further write-up on the Railton, Frank Sawyer can relate similar experiences to those written here, as his father Fred owned one for a while too. I won't stick my neck out and propose this motor car as a candidate for the Veritable British Classic quest, but it comes mighty close!

Mike Alfrey.

MAGIC ABCCC MOMENTS

The Editorial Images File is now justifiably big, and old enough for us to share some of those Magic ABCCC Moments. The first in this series features Fred Sawyer doing what he deeply enjoyed – telling us about how his beloved clock could be re-wound without losing a second. The clock frame (Right) features a dummy weight that keeps the pendulum swinging accurately while the weights are wound to their highest point. Once the weights are fully raised a trip lever resets the pendulum back to normal weight power.

Right: Club member Fred Sawyer and his remarkable clock.

The image here was taken during our first visit to Fred's museum in Marysville. It was a fascinating day out when we visited Steavenson's Falls and then experienced our first sausage rolls at afternoon tea. That in itself was deliciously special Magic Moment. It is history now, but Dot's sausage rolls soon became justly famous. A lovely moment, Fred, and thanks for allowing it to be shared by us.



Mike Alfrey.

ON THE MEND – TIMES THREE

Heard via the Super-slick ABCCC Grapevine that Harry Cooper slipped and suffered an injury to his leg. We all wish you a speedy healing process Harry, and hope to see you up and about soon. Also in the news, Harry is now the proud owner of a smart Rover 3.5 Litre Saloon (A P5B for those knowledgeable about matters Rover). So, it is commiserations and congratulations all in one neat package.

They say these things come along in threes – and this has been verified now – Maxine Pettigrew is recovering from back and ankle injury after a fall. We wish you well in the recovery process, Maxine,

The third mishap, was Ray Higginson falling out of a bus. This little accident was very hard to believe, but apparently the door was not properly latched, and while Ray was sweeping out some broken glass, reached for support on the door and that was it!. We trust that your self esteem didn't get too dented Ray

You Know Who.

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Expressions of Interest for Norfolk Island 2009

We would like to know in the next few months, who is interested in a one week trip to Norfolk Island, departing late August 2009. If twelve or more people are interested, it is a goer!...so let us know for sure. The temp over there is between 15 and 24 degrees all year round. Superb !

On the last trip in 2005, everyone had a fantastic time exploring the island and getting to know Australia's convict history and enjoying the warm friendly atmosphere and generous hospitality of the Norfolkers!

Flights now depart from Melbourne direct to Norfolk Island.

Costs are currently about \$2,500 per person which includes airfare, accommodation, breakfast, dinner, and almost all the shows, tours, etc that you can fit into a week! Quite good value as all meals and entertainment is included and the food is of course Sublime !

Please drop us an email or phone call (by end of July) to let us know if you are interested or if you want more information. A small group is a fantastic way to see the Bounty descendants of Norfolk!

Contact details: RobNolan@bigpond.com or (03) 5978 7798 or 0418 547 299 (Rob's mobile).

Brian and Marj Pepper will be your organising hosts once we get things happening.

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Soup de Jour

Entrée

Tokar Estate Antipasto Platter

*Featuring a selection of cured & smoked meats, Mediterranean vegetables, olives,
Home made dips, local & imported cheeses
Served with warm crusty breads*

Main Course

Eye Fillet cooked to Medium,

*accompanied by confit garlic pomme puree,
with mushroom ravioli & finished with a thyme jus*

Alternating with

Oven roasted chicken breast crusted in dukka spice,

*served on a chorizo and chickpea cassoulet,
with a baby shoot salad*

Alternating with

Pan Fried Salmon,

*with crisp baked polenta,
grilled asparagus and finished with hollandaise sauce.*

Vegetarian Option will be available upon request.

Dessert

Hot Chocolate Treasure

*A rich chocolate sponge cake filled with a hot chocolate centre,
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