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Is this to give the other "G" some company in the "Stable".

More details on page 14.

Your ABCCC News

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The annual membership subscription for the All British Classics Car Club Inc. is \$35.00.

There is a once-only joining fee of \$30.00. Please send membership subscriptions to:

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Please Note: Membership subscriptions are due by end of December.

THE ALL BRITISH CLASSICS CAR CLUB (VICTORIA) INC., FOUNDED 23rd SEPTEMBER, 1997.

Club Founder – The Late Frank E Douglas

"OWNING AND/OR APPRECIATING THE SPIRIT OF FINE BRITISH CLASSICS"

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The publication, *Your ABCCC News*, is the official magazine of the ABCCC Inc. It is published once a month, with the exception of December each year. 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, event information and photographs are with the 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 acknowledgement be given.

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All correspondence should be addressed to the Editor *Your ABCCC News*, 59 Rowson Street, Boronia, Victoria, 3155. Other Editorial contact information is listed above.

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The Victorian Club Permit Scheme

The ABCCC Inc. is a club that is authorised by VicRoads to operate vehicles under the Victorian Club Permit Scheme (VCPS). On the Committee there are two VCPS Officers and their contact details are listed above.

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

ABCCC EVENTS DIRECTORY 2009

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 organised 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.

NOTE: TEXT IN RED INFORMS OF CHANGED OR CORRECTED EVENT INFORMATION.

October 2009

- 2 – 4 **Indulgence '09** – An ABCCC Event Peter McKiernan (03) 9787 6003
Venue – Destination is Secret, but it will be exceptional.
- 11 The ABCCC 2010 Calendar Planning Meeting – An ABCCC Event Maxine Pettigrew (03) 9739 1146
Venue – 16 Lawler Lane, Coldstream, Victoria.
- 17 – 18 Como Gardens Open Day – An ABCCC Assist Event George Hetrel (03) 9761 1341
Venue – Como Gardens, 79 The Basin – Olinda Road, The Basin, Victoria.
- 25 RACV City To Cape Run – AOMC Inc. Iain Ross (03) 9890 0524
Start – Melbourne. Finish – RACV Cape Schanck Resort, Victoria.

November 2009

- 1 Rotary Motor Show – Rotary Club (Torquay) Greg Birchall 0412 914 000
Request entry forms from the Editor via E-mail.
Venue – Elephant Walk, End of Gilbert Street, Torquay, Victoria.
- 3** Yarra Glen Races – An ABCCC Cup Day Display Event Colin Brown (03) 5964 9291
Venue – Yarra Glen Racecourse, Yarra Glen, Victoria. Mobile 0408 343 176
- 14 – 15 Bendigo National Swap Meet – FVV & CVC Inc, Booking Officer 0427 446 660
Venue – Prince of Wales Showgrounds, Bendigo, Victoria.
- 15 ABCCC Members' Grandchildren's Picnic – An ABCCC Event Marjorie Pepper (03) 9439 0264
Meet at Zoo Entrance at 10:00 am.
Venue – Werribee Open Range Zoo, Werribee, Victoria.
- 22** **Observation Run** – An ABCCC Event Heather & Tom Cannon (03) 5659 0264
Start Point – Loch, Gippsland, Victoria.

December 2009

- 13 Christmas Luncheon – An ABCCC Event Tony Pettigrew (03) 9739 1146
Venue – Mornington Golf Club, Mornington, Victoria.

January 2010

- 10 The RACV Great Australian Rally – An ABCCC Pre-Rally Event Colin Brown 0408 345 176
Rally Bag Stuffing Session – Please come along and help with this activity.
Venue – TBA, Victoria.
- 17 The RACV Great Australian Rally – An ABCCC Major Event Colin Brown 0408 345 176
Start Points – Melbourne CBD, Stud Park Shopping Centre and Westernport Marina at Hastings.
Finish and Display – Mornington Racecourse, Racecourse Road, Mornington

February 2010

- TBA The All British Classics Car Club Annual General Meeting Tony Pettigrew (03) 9739 1146
Venue – To be advised

March 2010

- 20 – 26 The 9th RACV Fly The Flag Tour – An ABCCC Major Event Tony Pettigrew (03) 9739 1146
The Gippsland Tour
Touring – Noble Park, San Remo, Cowes, Bairnsdale, Maffra, Walhalla, Yarram, Traralgon and Moe.

May 2010

- 16 AHMF Motoring Heritage Day – A National Event

June 2010

- 6 – 8 A Special Weekend Away – An ABCCC Event Frank Sawyer 0408 633 778
Venue – Tocumwal, New South Wales.

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- ? - ? Two Clubs Reunion – An ABCCC Event Frank Sawyer 0408 633 778
Meet with the ABCCC Queensland Group.
Venue – Historic Richmond, New South Wales.

THE VICTORIAN CLUB PERMIT SCHEME AND THIS DIRECTORY

IMPORTANT, BE AWARE OF: All ABCCC 'noted events' in the Events Directory above are VCPS authorised. To qualify for the VCPS, under the auspices of the All British Classics Car Club Inc., your VCPS permitted motor car must attend a minimum of three (3) club-run events per year, from the date of the motor car's permit issue.

VICTORIAN CLUB PERMIT SCHEME RENEWALS

For your Victorian Club Permit Scheme (VCPS) renewal, please forward your completed renewal form to Colin Brown, 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 VicRoads for you.

NEW VCPS APPLICATIONS

For members wanting to place a motor 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 able 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.

EDITORIAL NOTES – ISSUE NUMBER 133

An explanation is due. In the September issue of *Your ABCCC News* there were errors on Page 15 with respect to the date for the visit to Werribee Open Range Zoo. The date in the event notification should, of course, have been Sunday 15th November. This error was almost entirely my fault. It was brought on by a need to achieve maximum exposure for our 27th September event – Diesel-Hauled Out Of Nyora. Matters beyond our control indicated that the event could not be held and, therefore, a substitute had to be organised and maximum exposure given to the changed event. In the midst of all that sorting out, the event notification arrived for our Grandchildren's Picnic day at Werribee Open Range Zoo – which contained the October date! I am fairly certain that I have now learnt well, to check the dates for events on Page 3, before transferring E-mailed information. It was a genuine mistake, and, hopefully it has not caused too much distress, particularly among our excited grandchildren. Sincere apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Further event disruption has been inflicted on our Heronswood Café run. It has been discovered that the café is too small for our anticipated numbers and there is not much car parking space nearby. This event's date still stands, but it will now be the Observation Run, which will take us through some of Gippsland's prettiest country. In addition to all of the foregoing, a mistake has crept in with respect to our Christmas Lunch Run. It is, of course, being held on Sunday 13th December, as per our Page 3 Events Directory. Heartfelt apologies for all of this awful confusion, most of it Editorially generated, about our events at this stage. Better management next year, that's a promise!

On Page 6 there is an edited copy of a press release from the Fight Cancer Foundation, requesting the donation of a vintage or classic motor car for their fund raising activity. It is not known if there are any motors going spare within our club, although wives may have a slightly differing opinion! Mind you, I would not mind winning a well restored Lagonda in a worthy cause raffle!

Latest news from the AOMC is that the VicRoads Club Permit Review paper is currently with VicRoads senior management and should soon be with the responsible Minister for approval. It is the intention of VicRoads to send all authorised clubs a letter asking for input. This is very strange as the entire matter has, for years, been aired with the clubs via the AOMC. It certainly looks as if the whole process is going to start all over again! Don't have any great expectations just yet.

Mike Allfrey.

A WARM WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

A hearty welcome to the well-oiled machine that is the All British Classics Car Club. Our club is one of the fastest growing motoring interest clubs in this country. We hope to be able to welcome you and, in actual fact, your British classic motor car, at one of our events soon. Our club aims to have two motoring events each month, so there are plenty of fabulous events for you to select from. Welcome!

Name	Make Of Car	Model	Year
John & Kerry Lakeland	Riley	Lynx	1934
	Sunbeam	Sports	1928
	MG	TC	1949
	Oakland	101	1930
	Triumph	Stag	1974

Pat Douglas – Membership Secretary.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT

For The Period 1st January To 31st July, 2009

Opening Balance Brought Forward			30,114.85
Add Receipts for the Period:			
Members; Subscriptions		3,515.00	
Donations Received:			
RACV Great Australian Rally	4,500.00		
RACV Fly The Flag Tour	2,500.00		
Fly The Flag Breakfast	3,600.00		
George Hetrel	1,000.00	11,600.00	
Sales of Club Merchandise		501.00	
Interest Received		127.88	
Club Events:			
Christmas in July	3,090.00		
Indulgence Weekend	4,300.00		
RACV Classic Showcase	126.00	7,516.00	
Total Receipts			23,259.88
Sub Total			53,374.73
Deduct Payments for the Period:			
AGM Fee		39.70	
Postage & Stationery		239.85	
Name Tags		220.00	
Mornington Golf Club	Deposit for Function	200.00	
Printing Magazine		1,136.30	
Donation to Peter Mac		1,550.00	
Computer Services		449.00	
Club Catering Trailer		35.60	
Club Events:			
AGM	1,501.50		
RACV Fly The Flag Tour	648.57		
RACV Classic Showcase	126.00		
Other – Trivia Etc.	616.00	6,974.57	
Total Payments:			10,845.02
Closing Balance c/f			42,529.71
CBA Bank Statement	Page 141	42,633.71	
	Cheque No. 431	44.00	
	Cheque No. 435	104.00	
		42,529.71	

AJ Hodges. – Hon. Treasurer.

LEATHER CARE

A Couple Of Useful Products

Most of our classic motor cars have leather upholstery – some may only have a leather steering wheel cover. Others may be fully trimmed in leather, with not just the seats covered in that natural material, but also the door panels and other interior panels. For some time now I have not been too happy with Connolly leather cream. The main cause for concern is that, having used it on a two-seater roadster bench seat, the container tended to last a long time. On several occasions the cream in the tub has 'gone to water' and does not look at all appealing. A visit to Horseland in Ringwood, and a chat to the helpful sales lady, saw me leaving the shop with two different products for the care of the leather in my motor cars.

The first is a leather soap, made by Equinade, an Australian company, that contains glycerine and is available in two forms. One is a loose jelly and comes in a container with a plunger pump, the other is the same product in a 220 gramme tub and is fairly solid. Both are designed to be applied with a damp cloth. It seems as if the tub is going to last for ever! This leather soap seems to work well, because it cleaned years of gunge from the Editorial Rover's steering wheel. I tend to prefer the stiffer version that is in the tub. At about \$12.00 for a tub it appears to be really good value. I can't remember how much the pump bottle was.

The second product is a leather cream, made by Bates Saddles, also a famous Australian company, and comes in a handy 350 ml plastic tube. It absorbs easily into the leather surface and is not at all sticky, in or after use. It also softens the hands nicely too! The cream is applied with a soft dry cloth, and then left over night before buffing with a clean dry cloth. This cream costs about \$18.00 per tube.

Now that the Rover 75 has been added to our fleet, the leather care products are used more frequently. And each car receives a thorough leather treatment four times per year. The leather soap is particularly useful for cleaning the seat in the Jupiter. The car spends most of its motoring with the hood down and it is surprising how much dirt accumulates on the leather surfaces. After the RACV Fly The Flag Tour which had an overnight stop in Swan Hill, it was amazing how much dirt had got onto the leather – the Murray Valley Highway was particularly dusty that time, after a very long period with no rain. On that occasion the seat was leather soap treated twice.

It is very important that leather covered steering wheels are properly cared for. In summer the wheel absorbs perspiration from the driver's hands. Dust can get really ingrained and in addition to those two concerns, the wheel's close proximity to the windscreen, means that summer heat plays havoc with leather. For this reason, the steering wheel cover must be treated more frequently – in hot conditions, this could be monthly.

It is well worth cleaning the seats first with a good vacuum cleaner. The grit that may be present is sucked out of the stitching. Undealt with grit build-up can be very damaging to the leather surface and the stitching that holds the leather pieces together. If a motor car has been stored for a long period, the leather is sure to be extremely dust and grit affected. After vacuum cleaning the leather, using a moistened Terry towelling cloth with a copious amount of leather soap applied, clean the surfaces two or three times, frequently rinsing out the cloth before applying fresh leather soap. It is surprising how much dirt accumulates during storage.

I have done this, and am applying leather cream to the seats in my seventy-two year old Jowett. The leather looks remarkably good and I am fairly confident that the leather will 'come back'. It will need a vast amount of leather cream, but it will be well worth it.

It is best to leave both the leather soap treatment over night to properly dry before buffing. The same applies to the use of leather cream. It should be noted that, when buffing, great care should be taken to ensure that the waxiness is removed from the stitched valleys in the seats. If not buffed properly, grit can fast accumulate in these places and ruin the stitching.

In our motor cars, the leather needs all the help it can get. I have no connection with these two companies whatsoever, and do not stand to make financial gain.

Mike Allfrey.

ONE CAR TOO MANY, MAY SAVE LIVES

From A Media Release (Edited)

The Fight Cancer Foundation is appealing to Vintage and Classic Car Club members for their assistance. They are looking for innovative ways to fundraise and there are many club members holding large collections of vehicles. "Some of your members may be holding 'one car too many' and may want to replace that car with a new addition to their collection. I am sure that many members are also very generous people and we are looking for members who may be in a position to donate one of their vehicles in their fleet to a very worthy cause" said Sophia Elliott Director of Marketing and Development of the Fight Cancer Foundation.

"We would be delighted to accept a donation of a classic or vintage car, with appropriate recognition for the donor, which we could use to either raffle or auction off and raise funds to assist us in being able to continue to give hope and save lives of cancer patients and their families," she said.

The Fight Cancer Foundation provides care, treatment, support and a second chance of life for cancer patients and their families and funds research into finding a cure for leukaemia and other cancers of the blood as well as research into an early detection test for ovarian cancer, which may also lead to early detection tests for prostate and bowel cancer. The Fight Cancer Foundation is a national charity, formed in 1989 as the Bone Marrow Donor Institute by a group of families, who had experienced first hand the devastation of having a child with leukaemia. Their mission was to create a Bone Marrow Donor Registry for Australians suffering with leukaemia and other cancers of the blood.

Since those humble beginnings the Foundation has established the Australian Bone Marrow Donor Registry, the Bone Marrow Research Laboratories, the BMDI Cord Blood Bank, BMDI Rotary House in North Melbourne, Fight Cancer Foundation House in Hobart, three Cancer Support Groups and the Fight Cancer Back to Work Program

to assist bone marrow and stem cell transplant patients and their long-term carers get back into the workforce after long absences away due to their treatment.

If you are in a position to donate a car (in working order) to this very worthy cause please call:-

Sophia Elliott on (03) 9342 8647, or, E-mail sophia.elliott@fightcancer.org.au

Sophia Elliott – Fight Cancer Foundation.

THE ABCCC SALEYARD



1976 Rover 3500 at left: Engine No. 45121966D

As promised, here is the sole remaining Rover 3500 that Bob Kilpatrick is offering for sale. The other two cars mentioned last month have already been sold. This Rover is currently stabled at Sale. Bob sent in the following description:

“Car details are as follows – “The blue car is a 1976 New Zealand built model, purchased from the original owner through Fiske Bros. Motors, Box Hill in July 1983 by a man who lived in Ringwood, with the odometer reading 76,000 kilometres. This man left it to his grandson who

drove it very occasionally until one of the carburettors’ float chamber gasket began to leak, and then stored it until I purchased it in August 2005. I have a history written by the grandson of the owner’s life since grandfather had it. Speedometer now shows 79,803 kilometres, which grandson believes is genuine. We have fixed the carburettor, and are in the process of attending to brakes and body work. Carpets and seats are in good condition, engine and transmission work well and the car appears to have had an easy life – pedal rubbers are hardly worn at all. Price – reasonable offer.”

To find out more about this interesting Rover, contact Bob on (03) 5794 2279 or, 0438 519 220.

Bob Kilpatrick.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH!

“. . . , good editors are hard to find, so I interfere as little as possible.”

Tony Pettigrew.



**THE SIGNS IN THE PARK CLEARLY STATED
- “DO NOT FEED THE WILDLIFE!”**

Obviously the local Rosellas were not aware of this instruction and were very demanding. Maxine likened the experience to having a scalp massage!

Photo From Brian Shewes – With Thanks.

THE UN CONDUCTS A SURVEY

This Would Be Funny If Not So Close To The Truth

Last month a world-wide telephone survey was conducted by the United Nations. The only question asked was:-
“Would you please give your honest opinion about solutions to the food shortage in the rest of the world?”

The survey was a huge failure because of the following reasons:

In Eastern Europe they didn't know what "honest" meant.

In Western Europe they didn't know what "shortage" meant.
In Africa they didn't know what "food" meant.
In China they didn't know what "opinion" meant.
In the Middle East they didn't know what "solution" meant.
In South America they didn't know what "please" meant.
In the USA they didn't know what "the rest of the world" meant.
And Finally – In Australia they hung up because they couldn't understand the Indian accent!

Via e-mail.

OUR MAJOR EVENTS – 2010

THE RACV GREAT AUSTRALIAN RALLY – Sunday 17th January, 2010

Rallying For A Cure

RACV is proud to announce that Sunday 17th January, 2010, is the day that the heritage motoring movement gets together for the popular RACV Great Australian Rally[®], from Melbourne to Mornington, a key fund-raising event in support of the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre (also known by friends as Peter Mac). RACV sponsors this Rally, which has the theme *Rallying For A Cure*. The All British Classics Car Club (ABCCC), who organises the Rally, is anticipating massive public support for the Rally. Your support can be provided by:

- Making a direct donation. Donations can be lodged with Colin Brown or Pat Douglas.
- Taking part in the Rally with a heritage motor vehicle. Entry forms can be obtained by contacting the rally office on (03) 9739 4829. Entry fee is just \$35, and late entries can be accepted on the day at \$40 per vehicle. Rally brochure and entry form are now available. Each pre-booked entrant will receive a free public entry ticket for a relative or friend. The RACV Great Australian Rally is authorised for those vehicles operated on the Victorian Club Permit Scheme under the auspices of the ABCCC.
- Coming to the finish point at Mornington Racecourse to view the great display of a rich selection of lovingly restored motor vehicles. Admission is just \$10 per person, and all gate proceeds are handed over to Peter Mac.

Last year we raised \$43,000 for Peter Mac, in 2010 we intend to raise substantially more than \$50,000 for this excellent cause.

The Peter MacCallum Cancer Foundation tells us that cancer is Australia's leading cause of death. It will affect every single Australian at some point during their lives. That is why they strive to maintain the belief of Sir Peter MacCallum – that nothing but the best is good enough in the treatment of cancer.

Today, the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre is Australia's only dedicated cancer hospital. It treats over 25,000 patients every year and houses the largest cancer research centre in the southern hemisphere. There has never been a more exciting era of cancer discovery.

Still, there is much more to do to increase survivorship. With the support of fund-raising activities such as ours, and from corporations and the community, they are making amazing progress. Peter Mac hopes to completely eradicate cancers, and spare patients and their loved ones from the suffering it causes.

Being involved with the RACV Great Australian Rally can help Peter Mac achieve that dream.

The RACV Great Australian Rally features three start points – in central Melbourne at the Deaf Children Australia Centre, 597 St Kilda Road; Stud Park Shopping Centre, Stud Road, Rowville and from the Westernport Marina, Hastings. The RACV Great Australian Rally finishes with a display of more than 800 heritage vehicles at Mornington Racecourse, Racecourse Road, Mornington. Public entry gates open at 10:00 am and there is plentiful free parking for the public in the grounds. Vehicles will be nominated for judging and there will be a prize-giving ceremony at 2:30 pm. Be sure to arrive early so that you do not miss any of the fun.

During the display, there will be a roving microphone describing interesting histories and some technical features of the cars on display. There will be a *Park & Sell* section for the first time, and for the enthusiasts, there will be a display in the centre area featuring Ford and General Motors special interest motor cars.

With thanks to Peter Mac for text extracts.

Colin Brown – Rally Organiser.

THE 9th RACV FLY THE FLAG TOUR – Saturday 20th To Friday 26th March, 2010

The Gippsland Tour

It should be noted that, nine days after the release of the Tour brochure and entry form, 110 entries had been received. So, it is advisable to get your entries in quickly. Set out below is the finalised Tour Itinerary.

Saturday 20th March – RACV's Fly The Flag Tour, organised by the All British Classics Car Club, will tour scenic South Gippsland from a morning Flag-off Ceremony at RACV Service Headquarters, 550 Princes Highway, Noble Park. The Tour, for vehicles more than thirty years old, will then drive, via Baxter and Tooradin to San Remo and Cowes for the first overnight stop. There will be a lunchtime vehicle display in Newhaven before Tour participants

spend the afternoon exploring Phillip Island. Local people will be able to see the Tour cars at the many attractions the island has to offer.

Sunday 21st March – The tour will depart in convoy from San Remo for Wonthaggi. Here they will form a major part in the town's centenary celebrations. An important activity will be the witnessing of the re-opening of the State Coal Mine. The public can view Tour vehicles at displays and a parade during the day's celebration events. The tour will return to San Remo and Phillip Island for the evening activities.

Monday 22nd March – Today is the longest leg, at 318 kilometres, of the Tour. Before setting off for Bairnsdale, there will be a morning vehicle display and Flag-off Ceremony in San Remo. The RACV Fly The Flag Tour will motor through Loch, Korumburra, Leongatha, Yarram and Sale, taking in some of Gippsland's finest scenery. From Sale, the Tour will take the quiet roads south of the Princes Highway to its overnight stop in Bairnsdale.

Tuesday 23rd March – The RACV Fly The Flag Tour will depart from Bairnsdale with a morning vehicle display and a Flag-off Ceremony. The Tour's route will take it to Nyermilang Park and Homestead, and then continue through Bruthen, Stratford and Maffra. There will be a vehicle display at the famous Maffra Shed Motor Museum, and will be well worth a close inspection.

Wednesday 24th March – There will be a street closure so that Tour vehicles can be displayed prior to the Flag-off Ceremony. The Tour will motor to the Traralgon area, approaching from the north east via Toongabbie, Glengarry and Yallourn. There will be a lunchtime vehicle display at the Gippsland Heritage Park.

Thursday 25th March – Tour vehicles will be taking part in a loop tour into the foot hills of the Great Dividing Range. Places visited will be the historic township of Walhalla and its Long Tunnel Gold Mine, Rawson and the Thompson Dam recreation area. Walhalla's main street will be filled with Tour vehicles and will provide many photo opportunities.

Friday 26th March – After a farewell breakfast, there will be a Tour vehicle display and the final Flag-off Ceremony. The RACV Fly The Flag Tour will motor to Dandenong for the End of Tour Luncheon at Villa Adriana.

All participating vehicles will be proudly flying a flag, and all along the way, the local public are encouraged to help Flag-on the Tour by bringing a flag, finding a safe viewing place beside the roads and joining in the fun as the cavalcade passes by. Be sure to tune in to your local radio stations to find out when and where the RACV Fly The Flag Tour is passing your area. The Tour is the main motoring heritage event in Victoria. There will be motor cars from the 1920s right through to the mid-1970s. There will be some extremely rare vehicles as well as some of the more common ones and, all of them are worthy of close inspection during the Tour's vehicle displays. Tour participants will be pleased to answer questions about their cherished vehicles.

The RACV and the All British Classics Car Club recognise that children will play an important part in the future of the heritage vehicle scene and, therefore, are very desirous of having school children actively involved during and after the morning departures. Flags for children will be available from local RACV branches.

Tony Pettigrew – Tour Organiser.

PAST AND FUTURE EVENTS

A section devoted to reporting on what has happened, or is about to happen within our club. All club members, not just those who have organised events, are encouraged to submit reports for inclusion here in Your ABCCC News. Event reports will be accepted in hand-written form, typed or via the E-mail system.

"WUTAWEYORLE" ----- How are you all ?

***We* are all terrific because *we* had a ball.**



Fourteen intrepid travellers gathered in Norfolk Island and had a wonderful, relaxed, friendly, exhilarating, informative, interesting and fantastic time.

Left: And, while the ladies slipped away to increase the luggage burden, it was time for a natter in the sun.

We flew out of Melbourne on Friday 14th August at 12:30 pm and after a smooth and uneventful flight arrived in Norfolk Island at 4:30 to late afternoon sunshine, a very pleasant way to start our holiday after the cold Melbourne weather. We were met at the airport by bus driver Lysle, who is also the local tourist film maker and the current speaker of the House of Representatives, Norfolk Island. We were constantly amused by friendly islanders having

multiple jobs and turning up every where we went in a variety of roles.

We settled in to our accommodation which was close walking distance to the shopping centre, had a quick drink and headed off to the shops to check out what "goodies" were available to those of us who like a little retail therapy, that is if we could maybe lose the men for a while next day.

After a good nights sleep and huge full breakfast, which was available every morning, our adventure began with a free morning to shop and look around town before the lovely Lysle picked us up after lunch for the orientation tour. They say everywhere you need to go is only ten minutes away so after a full afternoon of touring around we caught a glimpse of just about everything and with great excitement looked forward to revisiting historical and interesting places.

In the next five days we did everything imaginable, we visited what was once the penal sector and the fascinating old cemetery, heard tales of terrible suffering in the darkness of night, had afternoon tea in the 'Engineer's' house on Quality Row and met countless family members of various mutineers.

One of the more enjoyable activities was the progressive dinner which took us to local interesting homes where the hosts not only fed us but spent time telling of their family connections to the mutineers and how Norfolk sustains itself and the residents. Very interesting! (Ken and I had a lovely sing -a-long to a pianola in one of the homes, much to annoyance of some.) We also visited homes behind the hedges and walked through magnificent gardens and properties with the owners who explained flora and fauna and showed us some cultural and interesting crafts.

It was a photographers delight and we all revelled in the magnificent scenery around every corner. One of the highlights most enjoyed was a buggy ride through fields not otherwise accessible with "Culla" and two of his magnificent Clydesdales. Culla is a proud sixth generation islander with family connections including Fletcher Christian and other mutineers, he kept us amused for a few hours with tall tales and true, over a cuppa and sandwiches, then a slow trip back to town.



Above: A group of very replete and contented convicts!



Morning tea on the lawns – just how it should be.

We sampled local foods and participated in local fun, danced our version of the hula and even went to the reception for the Governor General (she wasn't there because her plane could not land in the heavy wind), they were celebrating thirty years of internal self government, and the school children danced in the Tahitian tradition and stories and poetry of past times were read. Their excellencies, the Administrator Mr Owen Walsh and Mrs Walsh were special guests.

Some walked the walk up hills and dale with Nello and some were happy to hear about it. I even got to do some reading while they knocked themselves out.

All in all, there was something for everybody to enjoy and we sure did! To Ray and Lyn, Ken and Karen, Peter and Rosalie, Nello and Diane, Bill and Terri, Marlene, Val and Brian thanks for a most relaxing, enjoyable and fun trip.

Marj Pepper — alias Nickaleess.

MID-WEEK RUN – Wednesday 2nd September, 2009 Maxine's Picnic Day



For our English and German readers, just look at that clear blue sky! Left to right – Reliant Scimitar (Sawyer), The Editorial Jupiter (Allfrey), Jaguar Mk II (Skewes), Rover P5 (Cooper), Jaguar 420 (Douglas), Rover P6B (Allen), Jaguar S Type (Tootell), Rolls Royce (Pettigrew) and MG 'Wendy' (Brown) basking in the spring sunshine.

You were all told that good weather had been ordered and what a perfect day for an early Spring picnic it turned out to be. Someone acts on Maxine's orders. For days before, there had been strong winds, which ensured fresh and sparkling clean air for our run to Healesville and Badger Creek Weir. This was a perfect day for the Editorial Jupiter to thoroughly blow out accumulated cobwebs for its first proper run since October last year – and it thrived on it! Most of us met at our favourite gathering place, the Lilydale International Club in good time for an on-time departure. Maxine had 'scored' in another area too – she had managed to find Badger Creek Weir at Google Maps. I had tried this prior to departure, and the Editorial Computer had no idea where Badger Creek Weir was located, and so was grateful to be handed a copy prior to our departure for our first stop.

In addition to the cars shown above, there were Jaguar XJ6 (McDonald and Wolstenholme) and the beautiful MGA (Birkett), plus a few moderns along for a spot of fresh air.

This was for morning coffee (excellent) at the Big Bouquet just outside Healesville. There we all found out that the latest edition of *Restored Cars Magazine* was the one to buy. It features a certain white Lea Francis, that seems to be stealing the limelight having also been featured in our *Issue 132!* Well done Tony, it was a very good spread with fabulous colour pictures to illustrate the article.

It was at the Big Bouquet that Joy and Colin Brown joined us with 'Wendy' and their dog who enjoyed meeting all of us. It was good to see 'Wendy' out again, these MG 'Y' models are increasing in numbers, as are ZA and ZB Magnettes, back on the roads, they are a very nicely proportioned saloon and could well be considered for our Veritable British Classic quest. Please, someone, write up their case! After morning coffee, and a close look at alpaca wool garments, we set off for Badger Creek Weir reserve a short distance away. We virtually had the park to ourselves in perfect sunshine. Waiting for us was a smart XK120 Jaguar, and Robert Laughton gave us a warm welcome. Forty years ago, we and our Jupiter took part in our first Australian car club run to this venue. That day, however, it poured with rain and we had boiled/steamed sausages on the wood fired barbecues. There were no 'slumbering constables' on the road in, nor a profusion of signage in those days – but the parrots were just as friendly. This time around, we settled down in the sunshine and wine bottles were opened and our picnic lunches were eaten amongst entertaining conversation. It was indeed very pleasant sitting in the sun listening to running water and sipping chilled wine.



Being a mid-week run, there were no official announcements about club matters, although there was a mini meeting by the barbecue to discuss the *Restored Cars Magazine* article.

Left: Serious Lea Francis discussion – Colin, Tony and Frank as it should be when talking about important matters, with part-filled wine glass in hand!

All too soon, there was a bit of a chill in the air, so we packed up for home after a very pleasant mid-week run. Thanks are due to Brian Skewes for providing the panoramic photograph above. A special thanks to Maxine for putting it all together for us all to enjoy. The well-oiled machine that is our club, seems to have recovered from the various event glitches in this magazine recently. Bring on our next event!

Mike Alfrey.

A SPECIAL DAY OUT – Sunday 13th September, 2009

A Visit To Mill Valley Ranch In Gippsland's West

It was entirely my fault that it rained (and hailed) most of the day, because, for the first time since water restrictions were brought in, the Editorial Rover had a proper wash – with tank water I hasten to add. Being kept under cover, all the car had received were 'blanket baths' to ease the accumulating dust off its surfaces. So, it rained – not heavily and not enough to dampen our spirits. We met in, what turned out to be fairly busy, the car park in the central reservation of the old Princes Highway in Berwick. Hooded rain-proof gear and umbrellas were the order of that morning. It was nice to see that the Allens arrived in their smart black 'Auntie' Rover, the Higginsons were in JOJO, the Skewes in their Jaguar Mk II, the Cannons in their Rover 3 Litre, the Kilpatricks in their Mercedes Benz the Sawyers in their Reliant Scimitar, the Nolans came in their blue Hillman Hunter, the McKiernans in their ever-immaculate MGB, the Coopers giving the lusty V8 Daimler a good run, the Wolstenholmes in their Jaguar XJ6, the McDonalds also XJ6 mounted, the Mafoddas with their more modern XJ6, and a Maxineless Tony in his Princess 4 Litre 'R'. In addition to all of those were the Editorial Rover and a bunch of Moderns of differing makes. We also welcomed new members, name-loss has set in again, but the better half was Christine. They have an Alfa Romeo GTV and are looking for something British – like a Rover P6B, maybe. To those whose classics that have been missed, sincere apologies. It was then time to set off for our first stop at the pottery in Pakenham.

After a steaming hot coffee, a couple of pieces of the real *Rocky Road*, many thanks George – it was greatly appreciated, we had a good look at the pottery that was available. Sadly most is now imported from China and therefore, is not of much interest. Locally made egg cups for the grandchildren would have been nice to buy. Next time, maybe. We then set off in a loose convoy for our destination, the Mill Valley Ranch.

A warm welcome was provided by Paul Davenport who gave us a quick tour before we sat down in the common room for our picnic lunch. We never did find out which cross truss was the new one in the main camp dining room. The others were from the Melbourne wool store that burned down some years ago. Three cross trusses were sal-

vaged, restored with adzes and now support the roof over a magnificent mounted stag's head on the kitchen end wall. This huge stag was from New Zealand, where they are regarded as pests, and was mounted with head swung to one side and mouth open for a lusty bellow – rather strange, but effective. There were more, lesser-sized stags in other halls too. The ranch is run as a youth camp and has been running for forty years.



Our cars lined up outside the railway halt, sharing the damp gloom while we were snug indoors having lunch.

We looked into an old time car workshop and found an unrestored Chevrolet motor car gathering dust. In another shed there was a Chevrolet truck that had been nicely restored. It was too wet to explore the grounds and, after looking at the 115 years old church, headed for the common room and set about having our picnic lunch, while



the hail came down in a deafening manner on the corrugated iron roof above.

Left: At the Mill Valley Ranch – what are they looking at, or, what are they doing?

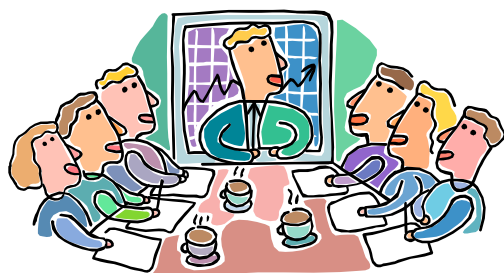
As we set off for home, it could be seen that, in the west, skies were clear and much brighter. Our thanks to Pat for putting it all together for us. Thanks are also due to the Mill Valley Ranch folk for making us so welcome in their active camp

facility. Thanks also to George Hetrel for giving Pat a large piece of his famous *Rocky Road*, while she was on her mail run during the week. Get well soon, Maxine, we missed you.

Mike Alfrey.

2010 SOCIAL EVENTS PLANNING MEETING – Sunday 11th October, 2009

Start Thinking About Next Year – Now!



The Planning Meeting will commence at 12:00 noon, and it is open to our Committee and to those who have ideas for club events, and are prepared to run them. This meeting is an important part of our club year and we need good ideas input. Come along with your ideas and let's plan a really good year's classic motoring. Our club aims to have two events per month, and sometimes, there can be three events. After the meeting there will be a barbecue to seal the events, meat and drinks will be supplied, ladies please organise salads and deserts by liaising with Maxine Pettigrew. The Planning Meeting will be held at the home of Tony and Maxine Pettigrew, 16 Lawler Lane,

Coldstream (Melways Map 280, Reference: K5). Please call Maxine on (03) 9739 1146 to advise of your attendance. You can also send an E-mail to tony3@tpg.com.au We look forward to an array of very good ideas for next year.

Tony Pettigrew – President.

OPEN GARDEN WEEKEND – Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th October, 2009

Come Along And Help With This Worthy Fundraiser At Como Gardens



Over the past several years, our club has provided assistance with the running of the Como Gardens Open Garden weekend. This time around, it is the turn of the spring opening and, with recent rains, the garden will be looking especially good. There is quite a lot for us to help with – such as train rides, serving morning and afternoon teas, selling tickets, car parking and so on. Your help will be greatly appreciated on both days. This is a very popular event with visitors coming from far and near. This time, the beneficiaries will be the St John Ambulance and the local State Emergency Service (SES).

The garden is open from 10:00 am till 4:30 pm each day.

In addition to the usual activities and the interesting car collection, there will be feature displays put on with the generous help from some specialist organisations. There will be:

- A working display in the car museum which will include the two famous Maybach racing cars. It will be well worth coming just to hear Don Kinsey and his roving microphone, enthusing about these two sensational Australian-built specials.
- The Rainy Day Bookstall – the best little bookshop in the hills.
- Horticulture – ferns and orchids for sale.
- Garden tours and a sausage sizzle, Devonshire teas and other refreshments.
- Model boats, live music and croquet on the lawns. Rides on the Como Gardens Miniature Steam Railway.
- Entertainment from The Laughing Club and a puppeteer and ventriloquist, Gordon Ross.
- Visit the Fairy Tree for face painting, children's activities and a dolls from around the world display.
- Cheese and wine tasting on the Sunday, kindly donated by the Jindi Cheese Company and Sutherland Estate Wines of the Yarra Valley.

In addition to all of that, there will be live demonstrations of the St John's Ambulance, the Alpha Dog Training Group and the SES. Como Gardens are at 79 The Basin – Olinda Road, The Basin (Melways Map 85, Ref: H7).

If you can provide some assistance on either or both days, please contact George Hetrel on (03) 9761 1341. Club cars can be displayed outside the car museum.

George Hetrel.

ROTARY'S TORQUAY MOTOR SHOW – Sunday 1st November, 2009

Fresh Sea Breezes – Nicer Than Sweaty Horses!



This year, on the Sunday before Melbourne Cup Day, the Torquay Rotary Club will again be running the Torquay Motor Show. We would be delighted if you would drive on down the coast road to help us show off your vehicle. The show will be located on the Elephant Walk at the beach end of Gilbert Street on The Esplanade

Left: Looking along Gilbert St, towards The Esplanade and Elephant Walk.

If you would like to enter this year's show it would be appreciated if you could firstly leave a message on the Rotary Club's mobile phone number or, send an

E-mail to Greg Birchall at gbirchall@adesse.com.au and, secondly, completing the Entry Form can that be obtained by E-mailing michael.allfrey@bigpond.com and a copy will be sent to you to fill in and bring with you on the day.

The entry fee will remain modest at \$5.00 per contestant and spectators. There will be Devonshire teas provided by our local *Relay For Life* team and a variety of delicious food and refreshments available at any of the nearby cafe's. Members of the Torquay Rotary Club look forward to meeting you and seeing your unique vehicle. Please feel free to E-mail or telephone (0412 914 000) the Club with any questions or suggestions about the day.

Greg Birchall – Rotary Club.

GRANDCHILDREN'S PICNIC – Sunday 15th November, 2009

Including A Grand Family Fun Day Werribee Open Range Zoo – Melways Map 201, Ref: D1



Bring the family along and have a fun day with the grandchildren. Werribee Zoo offers an amazing African safari experience with up-close encounters on the Pula Reserve and the volcanic plains walking trails. We will meet at the zoo entrance at 10:00 am. There will be 20% discount on family entry at the gate (2 adults + 2 children), which includes the shuttle around the park. Tours operate on the hour and we would need book as a group.

Take a 40 minute shuttle for a safe and exciting look at the hippos, giraffes, wildebeests and other interesting animals in their natural habitat.

Bring a picnic lunch or purchase a snack at the Meerkat Kiosk or Bistro.

We look forward to a great day getting to know each others offspring and perhaps showing our next generation of car enthusiasts how much fun we have in our very sociable and friendly car club.

Please phone Marj and Brian Pepper before 14th October, on (03) 9439 7875 for numbers attending.

Marjorie Pepper.

GIPPSLAND OBSERVATION RUN – Sunday 22nd November, 2009

A Good Fun Drive Through The Scenic Loch Area

Meet at Loch (Melways Map: X912, Ref: T9) on South Gippsland Highway (A440) at 10:00 am, ready for a 10:45 am departure. We will be having morning tea at the Cosy Kitchen Café (next to the petrol station) in the main street of Loch and then a stroll around town browsing at the lovely antique and craft shops. Then we will leave Loch at 10:45 am to travel through some of South Gippsland's lovely countryside, finding clues for our Observation Run on the way. We will travel through Bena, then on to Poowong and from there to Lang Lang where we will stop at a interesting craft and antique shop called Aunties Place where you can find all sorts of items, then on to Warrook Farm at 4150 South Gippsland Highway (M420), Monomeith for lunch. The menu is Beef or Chicken with Damper and Tea & Coffee. Special menus are available, just let me know when you ring (03) 5659 0264 to confirm attendance.

Please let me know by 14th of November if you are coming.

Heather Cannon.

MGB GT – Special

Introducing a new member to the family.



Above: Which is the latest addition to the Nolan garage? No prizes for guessing!!

After meeting the owner of this MGB, I had been keeping an eye on it for a few years and kept in touch, waiting patiently for the owner to decide if he would sell it. When I heard from Scott Kingsmill – MGB Sporting Car Services / Peninsula Classic Car Services (my MG mechanic) that the owner was getting it ready to sell, I gave him a courtesy call to remind him that I was first on the list as a potential buyer! True to his word, the owner obliged.

I had initially seen this car in 2006 and Scott told me about its history. The last owner has had it since 2002 and has used it sparingly (about 1000 miles per year) & maintained it very well.

This MGB-GT is a one off “**Special**’. It was fully rebuilt by Neil Hopwood (Plus Four Automotive) as his own personal car about 11 years ago. Colour is “Metallic” British Racing Green (more a blue/aqua). It has leather seats, Mercedes cloth sunroof, Burwalnut dash with centre console & door rails, tinted windows, a fully reworked 1800cc motor with a twin screw Autorotor supercharger, 2” exhaust with thermal coated extractors, 4 speed close ratio gear box (hand filed – no noise helical cut gears) with overdrive in gear stick, large capacity alloy radiator, twin thermo fans, uprated front coil springs & lever action dampers, uprated rear leaf springs & telescopic dampers, uprated front sway bar, all Nolathane (soft) bushes, 15” Performance alloy wheels with 205/65X15 Falken tyres, Motalita steering wheel, rear window wiper, inertia reel seat belts and telescopic bonnet dampers.

It has a unique sound and a very nice powerband with the supercharger supplying premium ULP through a very large SU carburettor. It originally had electronic ignition and, in its original state of tune, was extremely fast (too fast actually). The good thing is, it was specially hand built to perform, and last the distance as well.

On the **negative** side: It has a noticeable resonance & the ride is extremely firm.



On the **positive** side: It is a real “Drivers Car”.
Need I say more?

(Amazing what can happen when you throw tons of hours & a bucket load of money at a car!)



Right: Does the badge at the tailgate of the car give anything away?



MGB with woodgrain? That's different!



The getup & go dept!



Hope to see you at one of the next outings.

Rob Nolan.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH RUN – Sunday 13th December, 2009

Get Into The Festive Spirit!



Christmas lunch this year will be at the Mornington Golf Club kindly organised by Karen and Ken McDonald, who are liaising with the golf club staff. Our luncheon will be a prepaid event and, therefore, appropriate bookings are essential. Luncheon cost will be \$35.00 per person and payment is due before 1st December, 2009. Cheques should be made payable to the All British Classics Car Club, and they should be sent to Karen McDonald, 8 Morven Street, Mornington, Victoria, 3931. Please note late cancellations and 'non shows' will not be refunded. A booking form is located at the bottom of the back page, if you do not wish to damage your copy of the magazine, a photocopy of the form is quite acceptable.

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The Mornington Golf Club is located off Tallis Drive, Mornington (Melways Map: 104, Ref: J8). If arriving from the north on Nepean Highway, turn right at the Shandon Street and Bungower Road traffic lights (Bunning's in corner) and Tallis Drive is first right on Shandon Street. The clubhouse is at the end of the private road.

For enquiries and dietary requirements, please contact Karen and Ken on (03) 59751867, or 0409 028 534.

Tony Pettigrew – President.



CHRISTMAS LUNCH RUN 2009 – BOOKING FORM

Please Reserve Seats For: Name

Enclosed is my Cheque/Postal Note/Money Order for \$

Payable to: All British Classics Car Club Inc,
Send To: Karen McDonald
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