



All British Classics Car Club (Vic)

A friendly family social motoring club

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A LITHE CAT READY TO POUNCE!



Ken and Karen McDonald's 'new' Jaguar, poached from New South Wales – their loss, our gain. This very nice two-door Jaguar XJ6 is seen here taking part in the recent run up in the Dandenong Hills on another of those special, if a mite wet, Geoff & Judy Birkett club events.

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: Pat Douglas, PO Box 201, Chirnside Park, VICTORIA 3116.

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

Life Member: Pat J Douglas

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

Club Founder – The Late Frank E Douglas

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!
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MOTORING OF THE BEST ORDER!**

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FINE BRITISH CLASSICS”**

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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.

THE VICTORIAN CLUB PERMIT SCHEME AND THE EVENTS DIRECTORY

IMPORTANT, BE AWARE: All ABCCC 'noted events' in the Events Directory below 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 he 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. He is the ABCCC VCPS Officer In Charge and 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.

ABCCC EVENTS DIRECTORY 2010/11

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.

Up-to-date details for coming events are also maintained on our website Club Events Calendar.

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

November 2010

- 28 Rob Roy Hillclimb (Historic) – MGCC Colin Brown 0408 343 176
28 **Annual Concours and Display Day** - Jaguar Car Club of Victoria Ann Isaacs 0409 021 897

December 2010

- 1 RACV Great Australian Bike Ride Display – **A New ABCCC Event** Tony Pettigrew (03) 9739 1146
Heritage Vehicle Display, Country Fair and Market
Venue – Nagambie, Victoria (See Page 8)
12 ABCCC Christmas Lunch Run – **An ABCCC Event** Karen McDonald (03) 5975 1867
Venue – Mornington Golf Club.

January 2011

- 16 RACV Great Australian Rally – **An ABCCC Major Event** Colin Brown 0408 343 176
Start points – Melbourne, Stud Park and Hastings.
Finish and Display – Mornington Race Course, Racecourse Road, Mornington, Victoria.

February 2011

- 13 **The ABCCC Annual General Meeting** Pat Douglas (03) 9739 4829
Venue – 79 The Basin to Olinda Road, The Basin, Victoria (Melways Map 65, Ref: K8).
18 – 20 40th Begonia Rally – Vintage & classic Car Club Ballarat Mike Allfrey (03) 9729 1480
An official **ABCCC attendance event**.
Venue – Ballarat Greyhound Club, Rubicon Street, Delacombe, Ballarat, Victoria.

March 2011

- 6 Mornington Peninsula Lunch Run – **An ABCCC Event** Rob Nolan (03) 5978 7798
Lunch Venue – Diego & Sandra Lazzars Winery Restaurant, Balnarring, Victoria .
26 – 10th RACV Fly The Flag Tour – **An ABCCC Major Event** Tony Pettigrew (03) 9739 1146
1 April Touring – Central Victoria.

April 2011

- 3 RACV Classic Showcase – **An ABCCC Supported Event** Mike Allfrey (03) 9729 1480
Formerly & Still – The AOMC British & European Motoring Show
Venue – Members' Car Park, Flemington Racecourse, Flemington, Victoria. (Enter from Epsom Road).
11 – 15 A Special High Country Tour – **An ABCCC Event** Peter McKiernan (03) 9787 6003
Visiting – Bright and Metung, Victoria.
16 – 17 Como Gardens Open Weekend – **An ABCCC Assist Event** George Hetrel (03)9761 3239
Venue – 79 Basin to Olinda Road, The Basin, Victoria (Melways Map 65, Ref: K8).

May 2011

- 4 Mid-Week Lunch Run – [An ABCCC Event](#) Pat Douglas (03) 9739 4829
Lunch Venue – Mont de Lancy, Victoria.
- 8 Mothers' Day
- 15 The Famous Cream Sponge Run – [An ABCCC Event](#) Geoff & Judy Birkett (03) 9755 1772
Venue – Ferny Creek CFA, Clarkmont Road, Sassafras, Victoria.

June 2011

- 5 Rex's Big Day Out – [An ABCCC Event](#) Rex Hall (03) 9795 7669
Venue – TBA, Victoria.
- 19 A Special Club Run – [An ABCCC Event](#) Frank Sawyer 0408 633 778
Venue – TBA, Victoria.

July 2011

- 10 Pub Lunch Run – [An ABCCC Event](#) Bryan Tootell 0412 549 906
Venue – TBA, Victoria.
- 24 Annual Club Luncheon – [An ABCCC Event](#) Colin Brown 0408 343 176
Venue – Marybrooke, Sherbrooke Road, Sherbrooke, Victoria.

August 2011

- 14 Grand Tour of Sorrento – [An ABCCC Event](#) Karen McDonald (03) 5975 1867
Venue – TBA, Victoria.
- 28 Mystery Coach Tour – [An ABCCC Event](#) Ray Higginson (03) 9336 7306 (AH)
Venue – A real mystery, but within Victoria.

September 2011

- 4 Fathers' Day
- 14 A Hills' Driving Experience – [An ABCCC Event](#) Geoff & Judy Birkett (03) (03) 9755 1772
Start Venue – TBA, Victoria.
- 25 Phil's Touring Day Out – [An ABCCC Event](#) Phil Cook (03) 9842 5449
Venue – TBA, Victoria.

October 2011

- 7 – 9 The Annual Indulgence Tour – [An ABCCC Indulgent Event](#) Peter McKiernan (03) 9787 6003
Touring – A secret till details are sent to tour participants.
- 23 2012 Planning Meeting – ABCCC Committee, Plus Volunteers Tony Pettigrew (03) 9739 1146
Venue – 16 Lawler Lane, Coldstream, Victoria.

November 2011

- 13 Family Day Out – [An ABCCC Event](#) Marjorie Pepper (03) 9439 7875
Venue – Melbourne Zoo, Elliot Avenue, Parkville, Victoria.
- 27 Club Picnic At Hanging Rock – [An ABCCC Event](#) Anne & Bryan Tootell 0412 549 906
Venue – Hanging Rock Reserve, Near Woodend, Victoria.

December 2011

- 11 Christmas Lunch Run – [An ABCCC Event](#) Tony Pettigrew (03) 9739 1146
Venue – Yarra Valley, Victoria.

EDITORIAL NOTES – ISSUE NUMBER 141

Editorially, this has been a most stressful period. There were major problems with the typewriter (computer) and significant chunks of previous input were lost – it seems, forever. Worst of all was the fact that the backed up files could not be accessed for information retrieval. Lost to all this disruption is the e-mail address book and a new one had to be keyed in with most coming from the club membership list. I will have to key in addresses as e-mails come to me. If any of you sent me e-mail messages during the period October 20th to 27th and messages have not been answered – that is the reason.

My son asked how old my computer was and, on being told it was over four years old, he informed me that it was ancient and should have been replaced. Four years? Oh well, it is indeed fortunate for you that I am a very lucky father, because an array of new boxes arrived one evening. We then assembled a computer of latest 'Quad-core' - whatever, with masses of gigabytes storage and memory spaces to boot. I think it is ready for a heap of other things, too that I have never heard of. As was found out soon after its installation, this is the first time I have been in the present, and bang up to date as well! Quite an achievement for one who dwells in the past!

In this issue, there is reproduced a letter from the Minister for Roads and Ports, Tim Pallas. It is obvious that he and VicRoads are not yet up to date with our club's contact information, because Chris Gardner's time as contact was in the club's early days. No matter, the information is there for us to note carefully. The letter relates to the Victorian Club Permit Scheme Review which has been undertaken by VicRoads with input from the AOMC, the Federation and interested clubs. So, at last, the Review has been approved by the Minister and VicRoads have been charged with introducing the new Scheme in February, 2011.

It is good to note that a couple of changes put forward by clubs were taken on board. We will be able to drive our permitted vehicles a distance of 100 metres from the vehicle's home address without requiring a logbook entry. This will make shuffling cars much easier when, for example, parking one in the street outside, while another vehicle is being taken out of the garage and along the driveway. Further information in a separate article.

Rob and Mary Nolan have provided a lovely piece about their travels in Bolivia and Peru. This is the sort of thing we need. Hopefully, we will get a good story about the Ghan Rail trip. Such items add to the interest level of our magazine.

Don't forget to make your bookings for the Christmas Lunch Run. Be sure to shop early for our Christmas Kringle gift scheme that is a great part of our event. There is a booking form on the last page.

IMPORTANT NOTE

If a club member has event notification or event report material for inclusion in *Your ABCCC News* and/or *ABCCC NewsFlash*, it must be sent to the club's Magazine Editor. If information is sent to the Secretary, President, Assistant Editor or our Webmaster, there is no guarantee that your information will be placed in the next issue of *Your ABCCC News* and/or *ABCCC NewsFlash*.

All items intended for these publications must be sent to:

Mike Allfrey, 59 Rowson Street, Boronia, 3155 or, preferably, E-mail to:

michael.allfrey@bigpond.com

Close-off dates for *Your ABCCC News* are the 14th of these months: January, March, May, July, September and November for each year. There is no January edition, and our magazine is currently published every two months.

Thank you for your assistance with this important request.

Mike Allfrey – Magazine Editor

THE VICTORIAN CLUB PERMIT SCHEME REVIEW

A copy of the a letter from the Minister for Roads and Ports, Tim Pallas, is reproduced on page 6. The heritage vehicle movement has endorsed the proposed 90-day Logbook Scheme, and this aspect has now been taken on board by VicRoads and approved by the Minister. Details about how the new system will actually be implemented will be issued by the AOMC and the Federation. Expect some guidance on this after February 2011.

We have scored a small win in that a VCPS operated vehicle can be driven without a logbook entry, so that multiple vehicles can be easily shuffled for access purposes. The new ruling states that such a vehicle can be driven within a 100 metre radius from the vehicle's home address.

VicRoads originally proposed a thirty-year cut off for vehicles eligible for VCPS. This raised some concerns among the groups. It is pleasing to note that VicRoads have reverted to the original 25-year cut off.

In addition to the foregoing, the regulations will allow VicRoads to provide information to assist clubs in administering the VCPS and to apply sanctions against individuals or clubs for misuse of vehicles, number plates or logbooks. We hope that clubs will be assisted by the authorities when such misuse and abuse of the VCPS occurs.

It should be remembered that, if a vehicle on Club Permit plates is stopped by police, and if the logbook has not been completed for the trip, the driver/owner will face the consequences of driving an unregistered vehicle, and the standard fine will apply. It is to be hoped that a club will be notified about repeat offenders before any sanctions are made against the offender's club. This is an important aspect, because with the logbook scheme, clubs will have no knowledge of how and when members' vehicles are being used.

Hopefully the coming version of the VCPS will be of a great success, and it will be introduced on schedule.

Mike Allfrey – AOMC Delegate



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Dear Mr Gardner

REVISED CLUB PERMIT SCHEME

You will recall that in November 2009, VicRoads released a discussion paper titled "Proposal for Revision of the Victorian Club Permit Scheme" for community and stakeholder comment. The paper elicited a broad range of comments which VicRoads has taken on board. An overwhelming majority of submissions were in favour of the proposed changes.

As a result I have approved a number of changes including the introduction of logbooks to record the use of club vehicles. Other changes are:

- Vehicles will be allowed to be driven within a radius of 100 metres from the vehicle home address without the need for a logbook entry to be completed.
- The current 25 year eligibility for entry to the Club Permit Scheme will be retained.
- The regulations will allow VicRoads to provide information to assist clubs in administering the permit scheme and to apply sanctions against individuals or clubs for misuse of vehicles, number plates or logbooks.

These changes will provide significant benefits to permit holders by increasing the flexibility of use of club vehicles, remove the uncertainties about the legality of using club vehicles on the road and enforcement improvement.

I have asked VicRoads to proceed with the drafting of regulations which will allow the revised scheme to be implemented as soon as possible.

It is expected that the changes will be implemented from February 2011.

You will be kept informed of progress relating to the implementation of these important changes to the scheme.

Yours sincerely

Tim Pallas MP
Minister for Roads and Ports



OUR BRAIN TEASER

What is at the beginning of eternity, the end of time, the beginning of every end, and the end of every place? The answer appears in the next heading.

PAST AND FUTURE EVENTS

This section is devoted to reporting on what has happened, or is about to happen within our club. All club members are encouraged to submit reports for inclusion here in Your ABCCC News. Event reports will be accepted in hand-written form, typed or via e-mail.

GARDEN DAY OUT – Wednesday 15th September 2010

A Beautiful Hills Experience

Some of us, whom shall remain nameless, turned into the wrong plant nursery, but luckily realised the error of navigation in good time! There was a good turnout of members enjoying morning tea at Kuranga Nursery. From that very interesting shop, we motored back to Montrose to take the hill road to the William Ricketts Sanctuary. One of our Jaguars was seen to take the turn towards a childcare centre at the bottom of the hill from the Kuranga Nursery. There was ample parking at the Sanctuary's car park across the road, and we enjoyed a stroll through this interesting garden. This garden is quite extensive with a number of statues placed in perfect settings.



Left: The club's barbecue trailer in action.

From there it was onward to the log cabin at Ferny Creek Recreation Reserve where a fire was blazing in the hearth. The old log cabin was snug and kept the rain off us. The club's barbecue trailer was pressed into action and we cooked our lunch goodies. Once lunch was finished, we nattered over a glass of wine or two until it was time to leave for home.

Our grateful thanks to Judy and Geoff Birkett for organising a splendid day out in the hills.

Mike Allfrey

VISIT TO THE MAIN RIDGE AUTO MUSEUM – Sunday 26th September 2010

A Pleasant Run On The Mornington Peninsula



It is a fair stretch from Doncaster to the Peninsula Lounge, but we all met at the designated time. It was wonderful to see a nice 'Heavy' Austin on one of our events. It was also interesting to see a bright yellow Hillman Imp – not a member car, yet. Phil Cook handed out well prepared running notes and advised us that the lunch venue had been changed. We set off for our first stop - a refreshment break in Balnarring, and then on to Flinders to view an art gallery and some very expensive chocolates.

Left: A Slough built Citroën, the Austin and the Coopers' Rover P5B.

Flinders has become very up market and it seems to be a magnet for SUV-type Audis and BMWs. The Flinders pub, apparently, has gone up-market too with prohibitive menu prices. Hence, our change of lunch venue to the Rosebud Hotel. Prices here were reasonable, but the steak was dry. We wondered what a well-done example would be like because the medium-rare sampled was well and truly over-grilled.

After lunch, we motored up to the Main Ridge Motor Museum where we found no less than three Studebaker Avantis. Must be some sort of record that, and very interesting to look at. There were a number of oddities on show too, like a super-short wheelbase BMC Mini.

A special thanks to Phil Cook for so patiently putting it all together for us to enjoy. It was a good event and, for once, I didn't get lost on the Peninsula.

Mike Allfrey

THE ABCCC 2011 EVENTS CALENDAR MEETING – Sunday 31st October 2010

Boy! Have We Got A Year Planned For You!!!!

This meeting seems to come around more and more frequently. At 12:00 noon we commenced with those events that are traditional and fixed. January is taken up with our involvement in the major event - the RACV Great Australian Rally. This event is firmly in place with a number of other clubs support it strongly. It was proposed and carried unanimously that our club take an active part in the Vintage & Classic Car Club Ballarat's Begonia Rally in February. Next year will see the 40th running of this Rally. Details are later in this section of reports.

It was really good to see people readily coming forward to organise an event for the club. This has provided us with a good variety of events, while still keeping some traditional events in place.

Our collective thanks go to Maxine and Tony for providing superb hospitality for the meeting. It was interesting to see progress on the second Lagonda, too. Thanks also to those who brought salads and desserts. [Note: We had to leave early, due to having left the all-important eye drops behind.] It was a great meeting and a special thank-you to all of you for your valuable input.

Mike Allfrey.

ROB ROY 19th HISTORIC & CLASSIC HILLCLIMB – Sunday 28th November 2010

Once again, the MG Car Club is organising a feature-packed event at the famous Rob Roy Hillclimb venue. We have arranged a special display area so that we can enjoy the wonderful historic racing cars as they speed up the demanding course. It should be an excellent day for a picnic, if you wish.

The venue is the Rob Roy Hillclimb Track, Clintons Road, Christmas Hills, Victoria (Melways Map 265, Ref: B9). For more information, contact Colin Brown on mobile number 0408 343 176.

Colin Brown

RACV GREAT VICTORIAN BIKE RIDE – Rest Day Display, Wednesday 1st December 2010

This year, the Great Victorian Bike Ride, ably organised by Bicycle Victoria, will be sponsored by the RACV.



Along with this sponsorship, our club has been invited to organise a display of heritage motor vehicles. The Ride is having a rest day at Nagambie, where a country market and fair will be held in conjunction with the motor vehicle display.

Picture at left: From Bicycle Victoria – with thanks.

Motor cars which are twenty-five years old and older are eligible for the display. No moderns will be accepted. Those vehicles operated on the Victorian Club Permit Scheme are eligible to take part in this event.

The start of our run to Nagambie will take place at 8:30 am, from the car park of the Lilydale International Club; entry from Nelson Road, Lilydale (Melways Map 38, Ref: H3). On the way to

Nagambie there will be a morning refreshment stop. Lunch will be provided by the RACV at the display venue. We are hoping to have fifty (50) heritage motor cars in our display. To celebrate this, the RACV will be striking a commemorative metal badge. Each car on display will be given a badge.

There will be 5,000 people taking part in the Ride, so this is a good opportunity to make a fine display of quality heritage motor cars. If you wish to take part in this special *Mid-Week Run*, please contact Tony Pettigrew on (03) 9739 1146.

Tony Pettigrew – President

OUR TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS LUNCH – Sunday 12th December 2010

Another Year, Another Very Fitting Way To Conclude It!

This is a members-only, pre-paid event with luncheon being held at the superb Mornington Golf Club. It is located off Tallis Drive, Mornington (Melways Map: 104, Ref: J8). When 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.



Luncheon cost is \$35.00 per person. Payment is due before 1st December 2010. Cheques should be made payable to the All British Classics Car Club Inc., and 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 on the back page. A photocopy of the form is acceptable.

We will be running the popular Kris Kringle that our club is so good at. This year, we are setting a minimum value of \$10.00 per item for placement in Santa's toy bags. So, come along and enjoy the real start to the festive season. It all comes with good company and a very special yuletide meal. Contact Karen on 0409 028 534 to place your booking.

See you there!

Tony Pettigrew – Club President

40th BEGONIA RALLY – Friday 18th to 20th February 2010

A Significant Event for the ABCCC to Take Part In

As mentioned before, it was decided that our club should actively participate in the 40th running of the famous Begonia Rally. This Rally is a very well-run event put on by the Vintage & Classic Car Club Ballarat. As its name suggests, the Rally is run during the Ballarat Begonia Festival, thus providing many things to see.

The programme of activities is as follows:

- Friday 18th 6:30 pm: An official welcome, registration and a barbecue tea at the Ballarat Greyhound Complex, Moreshead Park, corner of Rubicon and Sutton Streets, Delacombe. Map 565, Ref: S12 (RACV VicRoads Country Street Directory Edition 6).
- Saturday 19th 9:30 am: More registration time at Ballarat North Gardens, Lake Wendouree, off Wendouree Parade (Maps 565 & 566, Refs: T4 & A4). Vehicles will be parked in their appropriate categories. A band will be playing for your enjoyment.
12:00 noon: lunch will be served.
1:00 pm: On to a tour to an historic homestead and afternoon tea. Then it is back to Ballarat for a time out before the evening's activities.
7:00 pm, Dinner Dance will be held at the Sebastopol Bowling Club, Albert Street – Midland Highway (Map 571, Ref: U2 to 7). The band *Endangered Species* will provide the music.
- Sunday 20th 9:00 am meet at the Ballarat Greyhound Track for a 9:15 am departure on a drive to Mount Franklin for morning tea; then on to Jubilee Park, Daylesford (Map 582, Ref: E12) for lunch, presentations and Rally wind-up.

The Rally Fee, based on a couple, will be \$165.00. This includes Saturday lunch, dinner and dance, Sunday lunch and a Rally registration charge. The Friday barbecue is free for entrants.

This will be an excellent opportunity to promote our club in the Ballarat area. A motel will be booked for us. We'll keep you posted. When you make your booking, quote our password *All British Classics Car Club*, and a special room rate will be quoted. It will be a great fun weekend, with another club doing all the work. So we can all relax and have a good time.

Please contact me if you will be joining us on this event. I will send out an entry form for you to complete and send to the Vintage & Classic Car Club Ballarat. Phone (03) 9729 1480 or michael.allfrey@bigpond.com

Mike Allfrey

MAJOR EVENTS NEWS

RACV Great Australian Rally – Sunday 16th January 2011

Work on this important event is moving along at a good pace. Good news is that the Fairfax Community Newspaper group is sponsoring a magnificent trophy for the 'Best Vehicle Club Display'. A separate area has been set aside for club displays on the lawns adjacent to the track. If you are involved with another club which has heritage vehicles worthy of a club display, then it would be great if you could "chivvy" that club to mount a display at the Rally.

Hastings Start Notes

Note: At the start in Westernport Marina at Hastings (Melways Map 154, Ref: K12) parking will be in the main car park area only. Vehicles should be parked in the marked parking bays. The long bays for boat trailers should **NOT** be used by Rally participants. From this parking area, the Rally Registration and breakfast marquees will be clearly visible.

Last year there were some complaints that there were no signs directing entrants to the Westernport Marina. For this Rally, there will be three simple signs with Velcro-mounted arrows to assist finding the starting venue. They will direct you into Marine Parade, Salmon Street and Mullet Street – all for motorists from the north. It was also noted that there were some complaints about aggressive parking directions. A languid point is probably a more appropriate way of directing the parking.

RACV Fly The Flag Tour – 10th Anniversary Tour – 26th March to 1st April 2011

This event is now virtually, fully booked. The bookings came in a flood as soon as the entry brochure was released, which is very heartening and proves that an excellent formula has been developed. The route has been firmed up and the notes are being prepared.

Mike Allfrey

DON'T FORGET!

Your club's annual subscriptions are due prior to 31st December.
Forms will be mailed separately in December.

Book your place now for our Christmas Luncheon function.
There is a booking form on the back page.

High Altitude Travelling – June / July, 2010 Some pictures for you!

On 29/6/10 we left the high oxygen green pastures of Pearcedale at low altitude (just above sea level) to our high Altitude holiday destination of South America (Peru and Bolivia). After nearly 30 hrs (incl 1 hr stopover in NZ & 7 in-transit at Santiago, Chile) & an upside down time difference of 14 hrs, we arrived around 2am at our hotel in Lima, Peru (totally wrecked) at an altitude of 3000 metres where we stayed at the seaside city of Miraflores.

After having a good nights sleep, we spent the day walking around the town (trying to keep awake) changed some \$US into Peru Solares, and Mary started shopping! Luckily I had a strong lead on her, jerking her back at the right times, to keep her under control.



Below: Mick, this UK biker was brave to be travelling solo on his bike from North to South. That distance is very daunting on terrible roads. The nights extremely cold (minus 20°C plus), & on some days, you can encounter anything.



Above Left: A light blue Ford Taunus in the city of Cusco, Peru. Has anyone seen one before? Popular in Germany!

Above: Note the workers riding on the back of the truck. Such a common sight.



Above: Lake Titicaca near Puno in Peru, is shared by Peru and Bolivia. Families do live on the man-made reed islands to avoid land taxes.



Above & Right: These near new Mercedes buses easily take Tourists up the windy roads from the town of Agua Caliente to the entrance of Machu Picchu in Peru.



Above & Left: It took us an hour to walk up the path from the main site to the Sun Gate entrance where the 4 day trekkers would first see the site of Machu Picchu.

Left: The Salt Lake Desert of Uyuni (3,650 Mtrs) Bolivia. Giant Cacti grow on various islands on the salt lake. There are no roads or signs on the salt lake, you just follow tracks or know where you are going. Now only tour operators are allowed on the lake. Salt bricks are used for buildings. Days range from 6 to -20°C or lower at night.



Left: There are many patrol stops in Bolivia, looking for illegal items.



Above: In Potosi, Bolivia, locals panel beat & spray paint in the street. There are not many indoor garages that we could see.

In Bolivia, we came across many '70s VW Beetles. In Potosi, during the last silver mining peak, cashed up miners imported about 35 Hummers into the town. Now there are none as they were sold very cheaply at the downturn of the economy a few years back. Apparently 1 million miners have died each year in Bolivian mines. Some start working at 8 years of age!



Left: The train cemetery of Uyuni in Bolivia. These old trains used to transport minerals from mines around Bolivia. They have been stripped of their parts and are now just rusting shells. Cheers!

Robert & Mary Nolan.

BASH MUM'S LONG ROAD TO HALL OF FAME

Another Well-earned Induction!

Editor's Note: Eunice Matthews, an enthusiastic member of the Hastings Start Committee for the RACV Great Australian Rally, has been inducted into the Variety Children's Charity Hall of Fame. Eunice is one of those who considers nothing impossible. It is through Eunice that we put on a breakfast for participants who start from the Westernport Marina car park. Congratulations Eunice!



Eunice Matthews has followed a long and winding road to the Variety Children's Charity Hall of Fame. In fact, it has been a succession of winding roads as she took part in thirteen Variety 'bashes' to raise money for disabled and disadvantaged children. Her decision to help raise money for children came from her awareness of the plight of ill children and the sadness it can cause.

Left: Eunice Matthews with the framed silver plate she was given after being inducted into the Variety Children's Charity Hall of Fame.

In 1964 Eunice's son Wayne died 21 months after being born with severe epilepsy. Now 74, Eunice remembers the long days and nights spent in hospitals with Wayne and the eventual hopelessness of the doctors' fight to prolong and enhance his life. Her induction to Variety's Hall of Fame came as a complete surprise to Eunice, who was ill with the flu and had decided against attending the End-of-Bash Dinner at Margaret River on Friday 20th August.

"I wasn't there, so I still don't know what was said or why I was inducted", Eunice said back in Hastings.

Affectionately known as 'Mum', Eunice this year was navigator for Mornington's John Crossin in the nine-day bash that ran 5,004 kilometres from Ballarat to Margaret River in Western Australia. Usually part of the *Babe Mobile Team*, along with Jill Lewis and Gayle Shute, Eunice this year volunteered to join John Crossin when his partner John Mackie had to drop out at the last minute.

"It was full on rain and mud", Eunice said. Crossin's Ford LTD (once used by Prime Minister Malcolm Fraser), made the journey unscathed, but the HR Wagon *Babe Mobile* was not so lucky. It skidded into a post at the side of the road rolling into a ditch. "They were near Streaky Bay, and, luckily, they landed on all four wheels and were alright." Eunice said.

For Eunice and Crossin, one of the most cherished memories from the latest Bash was seeing eight adult whales and at least two calves in the area which was once the home of whales near Eucla, South Australia.

The ninety-eight entrants in this year's Bash raised \$1.3-million for Variety, bringing the grand total to more than \$13.8-million. Eunice says that when it is time for next year's Bash, her 14th and Variety's 21st, she will be back aboard for a trek across Tasmania.

*Keith Platt
From the Western Port News*

FOR SALE

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This superbly presented Austin Burnham Saloon is offered for sale by club member, Ian Hankey.



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Ian Hankey

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 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
Matthew Lambert &	Hillman Hunter	Hunter GT	1968
Kristi Beaglehole	Hillman	Imp	1963
	Hillman	Super Minx	1962
	Hillman	Minx Series 1	1958
	Sunbeam	Rapier Fast Back	1968

Pat Douglas – Membership Secretary

A DATE TO TAKE NOTE OF

A Winter Festival In July

This is not an announcement for an official ABCCC coming event, however, some of you may wish to attend this, especially after we recently had a successful club weekend away in Tocumwal. The event is the Tocumwal Winter Festival which will be held on the weekend of 2nd and 3rd July 2011. Our club has been invited to participate in the event by the Tocumwal Chamber of Commerce and Tourism.

Saturday 2nd July The focus will be on the Street Parade, displays, stalls and entertainment.
Sunday 3rd July The popular Swap Meet will be held at the Tocumwal Racecourse.

Should you wish to stay longer, the Chamber can arrange trips to points of interest. Our contact, Margaret Rumble, is the proprietor of the motel where we stayed during our last visit to Tocumwal. The Tocumwal area has a superb winter climate and there are those mornings when the sky is absolutely clear in that extraordinary early morning light that the locals enjoy so much.

If you wish to be a part of this Festival, please contact Margaret Rumble on (03) 5874 2490 or, our own, George Chrystie on (03) 5874 3358.

Mike Allfrey

THE AUTOMOTIVE LIGHT EMITTING DIODE (LED)

Or, The Illuminating March Of Progress

Light emitting diode (LED) type lighting has been used in the automotive industry for some time. It has been used for such illuminating tasks or signifying that an alarm system is set. A little red blinking lamp placed in a visible position informs and deters car thieves. Increasingly, LEDs have been used in other aspects of the motoring scene. This is particularly so with the advent of very bright LEDs. It is good to see that VicRoads is also in on this little lighting revolution. We have all benefitted from those flashing speed-limit notification signs at the ends of school zones, along with the signs out on the highways that inform us of the danger of excessive speed for the road conditions ahead. For quite some time, I thought that their message was flashed as you approached no matter what speed the car was travelling at. It was on the highway to Ballarat, before the bends approaching Bacchus Marsh, that, over several trips at increasingly slower speeds, I discovered that, at just below 60 kph, the warning message did not flash as I approached. This is a little bit strange, because just beyond this warning message, there is a yellow speed advisory sign that advises 80 kph for the bend! Therefore, all motorists who slow to at least the advisory speed, are informed that they are driving too fast. This anomaly does not really matter, because a new section of freeway is being built to the south that should not have the requirement for a speed-related flashing warning.

For those of us who are getting a bit older, the new traffic lights that are being installed progressively throughout our State are a real godsend. They are so much easier to see as they are approached from a distance, that they must be making our intersections safer. We should be very grateful for this technology. This form of technology is becoming increasingly common in modern motor cars, and it is for our benefit, too. LEDs are a type of light that is not greatly affected by rough road conditions and inclement weather. Increasingly, trailer lights have swung over to the use of bright LEDs. Does this swing assume that all vehicles are now wired negative to earth? This is cause for concern, because a large number of British classic cars were wired positive to earth in the interests of more durable ignition systems. Whereas a filament globe (bulb) will work with current passing through it in either direction, an LED will only let the current illuminate it from one direction. That is what diodes have been developed for in the first place – to prevent reverse current flow in electrical systems.

There is a great benefit to motorists where LEDs are employed, particularly with respect to brake lights. A brake light that is made up from a cluster of LEDs will be inherently brighter (of higher intensity) and, best of all,

will reach full intensity quicker than an incandescent light globe. This means that the following motorist will take notice of LED type brake lights quicker than those with filament type globes.

Some Interesting Points

High intensity LED brake lights do have major advantages. When compared with incandescent globes, their faster illumination time gives following motorists significantly reduced stopping distances. Incandescent lamps used for automotive lighting have turn-on times in the range 100 – 300 milliseconds (i.e. up to one-third of a second). In comparison, a LED lamp has a turn-on time of 100 nanoseconds – pretty well instant! A nanosecond is one billionth of a second (10^{-9} s) or, in layman's language, one nanosecond is to one second, as one second is to 31.7 years. Some would say, a very short space of time.

Those turn-on times assume that full battery voltage is available, but voltage drops are often present in brake lights. If subjected to reduced voltage at the lamp, turn-on times for incandescent lamps are even longer. With a voltage drop of 4-volts, the turn-on time of an incandescent automotive globe can be as much as double. The brightness of brake lights is also greatly reduced if the lamp is subjected to this lower than design-level voltage.

Studies have indicated that LED rear brake lights provide a braking response time advantage of between 170 and 200 milliseconds under favourable road conditions, and up to 300 milliseconds under adverse conditions. A 200 millisecond improvement in braking response is equivalent to a reduction in the stopping distance of 5.8 metres at a speed of 105 kph.

In addition, practical testing has indicated that the response time of a person viewing a LED brake light is actually faster than would be expected, even taking into account the shorter LED switch-on time. It's thought that a lamp that reaches full brilliance very quickly is more likely to catch the eye of the following driver than one that reaches full brightness only slowly. Typical current consumption for an interior LED type light is just 0.05 amp. Such current consumption means that vehicles can be parked with parking lamps illuminated at night, with little battery drain.

But, There Is More . . .

There are many types of LED lights available for cars. These are known as automotive LED lights and come as headlights, taillights and interior lighting. This technology enables the lights to consume much less power and operate longer than ordinary halogen globes or incandescent light globes. Furthermore, these small lights do not heat up quickly because most of the energy consumed by them is converted into light.

Interior car LED lights can be used to light up the interior of a motor car. These lights also provide security to some extent. LED type lights for cars come in a variety of types, shapes and sizes to fulfil different requirements. They are mostly used by car lovers to enhance the appearance of their vehicle. These lights can also serve the purpose of security as they are bright and can be recognized from a distance. Automotive lights are available as dash indicators, LED dome lights, turn signal LEDs, brake lights, taillights and many others.

Mike Alfrey

Help from the Autospeed and Wikipedia Websites



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