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THE ALL BRITISH CLASSICS CAR CLUB VIC. INC.

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RACV GREAT AUSTRALIAN RALLY



A Farina Wolseley! At the Hastings Marina start venue, Roger Stanley welcomes a now quite rare Farina styled Wolseley, 'The car with its name in light'. It was a perfect morning with fine weather and virtually no wind. It is still felt, by the Editor, that the Wolseley models were the most pleasantly styled of the BMC's badge-engineered Farina range that included Morris, Austin, MG and Riley saloons.



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CLUB INFORMATION

Visit the club's Website for information about how club matters are conducted. This Website also features information about how the Victorian Club Permit Scheme (VCPS) is operated by the All British Classics car Club Vic. Inc.

The Federation of Veteran, Vintage and Classic Car Clubs Website http://www.federation.asn.au/

Our club does have one explicit rule – for those motor cars operating on the Victorian Club Permit Scheme (VCPS), using the auspices of the All British Classics Car Club Vic. Inc., for the ongoing benefit of the VCPS, their owners must continue to be a financial member for the duration of the permit period, and attend a minimum of three club events during the permit's active year. Failure to respect this rule will result in the VCPS renewal being insupportable and void.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

The annual membership subscription for the All British Classics Car Club Vic. Inc. is \$45.00 per annum. This subscription fee also includes the club member's partner. In addition to that, there is a once-only \$30.00 Joining Fee. Please address membership enquiries to: Gordon Lindner, 9 Hagen Drive, Berwick, Victoria, 3806. Telephone Number 0418 540 920.

Note: Membership subscriptions are due before the end of December each year.

The All British Classics Car Club Vic. Inc. was founded by the late Frank E Douglas on 19th September, 1997

LIFE MEMBERS

The ABCCC Vic. Inc. is proud to grant Life Membership to those who provide exceptional service to our club.

Current Life Members are: Pat J Douglas, Ross Wolstenholme

ABCCC EVENTS DIRECTORY

Event Organisers - please provide basic event-start details as soon as possible - Thank you.

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Sunday 7th ABCCC Annual General Meeting – An ABCCC Event Pat Douglas (03) 9739 4829

Venue - Chirnside Park Country Club, 68 Kingswood Drive, Chirnside Park (Melway Map 37; Ref: K3/K4)

Sunday 21st Lotus Garden Visit - An ABCCC Event Colin Brown (03) 5964 9291

Start Venue - TBA

March 2016

Mid-week Run - An ABCCC Event Wednesday 2nd Frank Sawyer (03) 9770 0904

Start Venue

Sunday 13th to RACV Fly The Flag Tour - A Major ABCCC Event Tony Pettigrew (03) 9739 1146

Saturday 19th Tour Theme - Exploring The West

Start Venue – Ultima Function Centre, Corner of Keilor Park Drive and Ely Court, Keilor Park.

Melway Map 15; Ref: B8.

April 2016

Sunday 3rd Phil's Run To Beaconsfield – An ABCCC Event Phil Cook (03) 9842 5449

Start Venue – Lilydale Lake, off Swansea Road (C401, Melway Map 38; Ref:G7)

RACV Classic Showcase - An ABCCC Supported AOMC Event Sunday 10th AOMC (03) 9555 0133

Venue – Flemington Racecourse?

Como Gardens Open Weekend - An ABCCC Assist Event Saturday 16th & Tony Pettigrew (03) 9739 1146

Sunday 17th Venue - The Basin to Olinda Road, The Basin.

Coombe Cottage Devonshire Tea – An ABCCC Event Wednesday 27th Sue Thompson (03) 9761 9192

Start Venue - TBA

May 2016

Sunday 15th Bruno Gardens Visit - An ABCCC Event Bryan Tootell 0412 549 906

Venue - Marysville, Victoria.

Sunday 29th Rex's Big Day Out - An ABCCC Event Rex Hall (03) 9795 7669

Start Venue - TBA

June 2016

Friday 10th to Hamilton Rally - An ABCCC Visit Event Tony Pettigrew (03) 9739 1146

Monday 13th Rally Base Venue - Hamilton Showgrounds, Cnr. King and Gordon Streets, Hamilton, Victoria.

Sunday 26th A Tour of Discovery – An ABCCC Event Christopher Constantine (03) 9898 4431

Start Venue - TBA

July 2016

Sunday 10th Trivia Night - An ABCCC Event Pat Douglas (03) 9739 4829

Experience Venue - Lilydale, Victoria. Maxine Pettigrew (03) 9739 1146

Bill Allen (03) 9846 2323

Friday 29th to Wet'n Wild Weekend Whale Watching - An ABCCC Event Bryan Tootell 0412 549 906

Sunday 31st Destination - Warrnambool, Victoria.

August 2016

Sunday 14th The ABCCC Annual Luncheon - An ABCCC Event Colin Brown (03) 5964 9291

Function Venue - TBA

Wednesday 24th Mid-week Twilight Run – An ABCCC Event Peter McKiernan (03) 9787 6003

Start Venue - TBA

September 2016

Saturday 3rd Something Spritely - An ABCCC Event Robert Stark (03) 9728 6308

Start Venue - TBA

Sunday 18th Brewery Tour, Tasting and Lunch - An ABCCC Event Greg Anglin (03) 9876 3293

Venue - Gippsland, Victoria.

October 2016

Saturday 1st & Visit to Daylesford - An ABCCC Event Marj Pepper (03) 9439 7875

Sunday 2nd Start Venue – TBA

Saturday 15th & Como Gardens Open Weekend - An ABCCC Assist Event Tony Pettigrew (03) 9739 1146 Bill Allen (03) 9846 2323

Sunday 16th Venue - The Basin to Olinda Road, The Basin.

Sunday 23rd Touring Visit to Puckapunyal – An ABCCC Event Ian Terry (03) 9841 9876

Start Venue - TBA

November 2016

Tuesday 1st Melbourne Cup at Yarra Glen – An ABCCC Event Colin Brown (03) 5964 9291

Start Venue – Meet at Coldstream, Victoria.

Wednesday 9th Special Mid-week Run - An ABCCC Event Bryan Tootell 0412 549 906 Friday 18th The Famous ABCCC Indulgence Weekend

Information Indulgence – TBA

December 2016

Sunday 11th Christmas Luncheon – The ABCCC End of Year Event

Venue - TBA

Peter McKiernan (03) 9787 6003

Maxine Pettigrew (03) 9739 1146

WHO OWNS THE FISH?

HOUSE	BLUE	YELLOW	RED	GREEN	WHITE
NATIONALITY	SCOTSMAN	WELSHMAN	ENGLISHMAN	IRISHMAN	AUSSIE
BEVERAGE	WHISKEY	TEA	CLARET	COFFEE	BEER
CAR	ROVER	MINI	AUSTIN	JAGUAR	TRIUMPH
PET	CATS	PONY	BIRDS	FISH	DOGS

Above is the answer to last month's quiz.

Greg Anglin

EDITORIAL NOTES - Issue No. 191

This edition is a bit rushed, work on our major events has consumed a fair amount of time, but there is a glimmer of light at the tunnel's end.

Our call for a new front cover design has resulted in not very many entries. Sadly there have, so far, been just three and a half submissions. Surely, there are a few creative folk out there who can design a great front cover page for us?

An Editorial Plea

After all of the troubles experienced while inserting the Bentley Blue Train motor car article into the December 2015 issue of this magazine, it has been decided to make the following requests:

- 1. Please submit all articles in Microsoft Word format, and, preferably, from the MS Office 2013 version.
- That all photographs and illustrations be of the JPEG format.
- 3. All photographs be of reasonable quality say, up to 2 megabytes each and at 380 mm x 254 mm size. Such can be reduced in physical size without losing too much quality.
- 4. We also need to be very much aware of permission to use and copyright issues for items sourced from the Internet.

From now on, these are the rules and considerations for items to be placed in *Your ABCCC News*.

In recent times, photos and text have been received in some really strange formats that Windows 10 does not recognise. This is possibly due to material that has been taken from Internet Websites.

Enjoy this issue of Your ABCCC News.

Mike Allfrey - Editor.

INTERESTING FACTS

The first man to pass the compulsory driving test in Britain was Mr. Beene.

From Qi - With Thanks.

NEW MEMBERS

A hearty welcome to the well-oiled machine that is the All British Classics Car Club Vic. Inc. Our club is one of the fastest growing motoring interest clubs in this country.

We hope to be able to welcome you and, of course, your British classic motor car at one of our events soon.

Our club aims to conduct two social events each month, so, there are plenty of activities for you to select from.

Welcome!

Names Chris and Mary Sultana

1st Car Make Bedford Model KSER49A Year 1948 2nd Car Make Vulcan Model Tourer Year 1913

URGENT REMINDER – Membership Renewal

Please note that membership renewals were due before 1st January, 2016. The annual subscription currently is \$45.00 per family membership.

Please renew your membership ASAP, the Membership Renewal Form is available from the ABCCC Website at http://www.abccc.com.au/forms.php . It can be filled in electronically, printed and sent to: Gordon Lindner, 9 Hagen Drive, Berwick, Victoria, 3806.

Gordon Lindner - Membership Secretary.

QUOTES FROM OWNER MANUALS

From Automotive Manuals

Continuing on the Rover theme, the Rover Repair Operations Manual for the 1976 Rover 3500, in the section for the automatic transmission, and relating to the transmission shift cable adjustment, the following very informative gem appears:

'Adjust the cable as necessary.'

From Rover 3500 Owner's Manual – 1976.

ABCCC WEBSITE IMPROVEMENTS

It's been suggested that we show member's cars on the 'Members' Cars Page' of our Club Website. Previously, we had a list of the Makes. If you'd like to showcase your car(s), please send me a picture you'd like to be shown along with the year, make, model, rego (for record – not for display) and your name.

This will be for currently financial members of ABCCC, and by sending me the picture(s) and information, you agree to having the picture(s) on the web site. You can view the new page at:

http://www.abccc.com.au/MembersCars.php

If you have other ideas for the web site – or Facebook page, please send your suggestions to:

webmaster@abccc.com.au



Above: A sample of how the page would look.

Ed Bartosh.

RACV GREAT AUSTRALIAN RALLY

Preliminary Observations

From the Hastings Marina start venue's point of view, we were set for a perfect day. On the run down Stud Road and past the Police Paddocks the view of the sunrise was incredible. Truly, a stop should have been made for a photograph, but duties called for an early arrival at the Marina. Next year! *Pea Soup* had been pressed into action for towing a trailer load of gear to the start site. This was a rented trailer and all that was available was an 8' x 5' unit with a cage and ramp. It was soon found to be extremely difficult to reverse and the reason why was discovered after delivering the witches hats and feather flags to Coldstream – alarmingly, on one side the axle was free to move under the RHS spring. It also had a wheel balance concern, and was heavy. Ho Hum!

We introduced a new one-way system in the Marina car park for rally traffic which included parking and an exit route for the flag-off into the State's road system. It also catered well for the boat owners and the spectators. For this year's activity, there were many more boat running folk than in previous years – the tide must have been just right for a fishing cruise. The weather was good too, no wind and clear skies.

The 1st Tyabb Scout Group were set up before 7:00 am and, even though our communication with pre-booked

entrants stated clearly that the sausage sizzle would commence at 7:30 am, there was immediate demand, especially for a hot beverage cup to sort of kick the day into gear. Interestingly, there was no demand for the Jasmine tea that Dilmah had kindly supplied to us.



A fabulous Allard! Remember the film Genevieve?

This year our enthusiastic flag-off guests were Janet Firth (wife of the late, great Harry Firth) and Councillor David Garnock. At the official flag-off time, our bagpipes playing lady lead the first rally entrants towards Hastings with a wonderful swirling of her pipes. All of Hastings would have been aroused by the magic of real Scottish music, and rasping exhausts, in the stillness of the morning.



A Veteran motor is flagged-off by David and Janet.



Left: Not one of the Dagenham Girl Pipers, but a resounding style of pipe music to stir all souls!

At the flag-off, it was a continuation of the one-way roadway system and the rally entrants followed our resolute piper a fair way towards the Hastings CBD!

Our thanks to all the volunteer marshals who provided assistance on the day, thanks are also due to Eunice Mathews – of Variety Club Bash fame – to Irene Hoe (Marina manager) and to the 1st Tyabb Scout Group who provided all the necessaries for our sausage sizzle to function. Thank you all!



After we cleared up the site, some of us had tasks to be involved in after arriving at the Mornington display venue. For me, not being required till 12-noon for a gate duty stint, there was time to have a look at the growing display which had some fascinating motor cars. Of particular note was a very nice display put on by the Sunbeam Club, a two-tone blue Sunbeam Rapier really catching the eye. Then it was onwards to the judging paddock where there were some remarkable motors awaiting their fate. A truly fabulous Jensen Interceptor with a tightly squeezed in Chrysler V-8 immediately caught the eye. The engine was such a tight fit, that the oil filter sat well up on the LHS of the engine. Or, was it a huge power steering filter? No matter at all, that Jensen simply oozed desirability from every quarter. There was also a fine vintage Alfa Romeo, in immaculate red with black mudguards that looked just right. Probably, for me anyway, a very striking car (again) was the Volvo shown above. Aside from its whitewall tyres, it is presented as a very honest presentation for our judges.



John Wood lends a hand, singing on stage.

After a spell on the public's Gate 3 and witnessing some rather strange parking attempts that made us wonder how some get on in shopping centre car parks, it was time to have another look around. It was then time to assist with packing up all the portable gear for the drive

home. Pea Soup's temporary trailer was soon loaded with a good load of traffic managing witches' hats, signs and the four ABCCC feather flags that had been used for promoting our club. The witches' hats proved to be quite a load for the Rover and the hot temperatures in traffic made things a bit warm in the engine compartment. But, if the temperature gauge was glanced at in the proper alignment, the indicator needle was firmly within the green sector. The air-conditioner sort of gave up the ghost before reaching the Monash Freeway, most likely due to the high pressure switch cutting the electrical feed to the compressor. Oh well, at least a fuse did not let go on me, and no damage was done, because next day the air-conditioner resumed its cooling task without any complaint from that quarter.

Overall, on the day, pre-booked entrants, pay-on-theday entrants and the public gate numbers were lower than last year. Some of that was strange because the weather was great and, in the morning it was superb hood-down motoring weather. There is always next year, be sure to stay tuned for details.

Mike Allfrey - Hastings Committee.

OTHER QI FACTS

New-car smell is toxic to humans.

The first motor insurance policy issued by Lloyd's of London described the car as a 'ship navigating on land'.

The name sign of the town Lost in Aberdeenshire is the only one in Britain that is welded to its pole.

GETTING WELL WISHES

Harry Cooper in his desire for Rover perfection, was washing his immaculate P5 in readiness for the RACV Great Australian Rally. Harry slipped on the wet area by his car and reportedly broke a leg. We wish Harry a great recovery and no doubt Jean will take charge.

Someone made the comment that the Rover did not really need washing!

Best Wishes Harry - The Membership.

EVENT REPORTS – WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING

THE ABCCC CHRISTMAS LUNCH - Sunday 12th December, 2015

Once again our venue was Natalie's Restaurant in Ringwood and we filled the room to near capacity. It was great to meet



with our members again in convivial surroundings. Some aspects of the meal were a bit bizarre — the bar staff had no idea what a dry ginger ale was and a manager had to be called in to assist. After a tiny glass of the ginger ale, cold water was the best option. Then, dessert was served on a his-hers basis, but there was no cutlery to eat them with. A request for help met with nil response and our long table clubbed together and unused soup spoons and entreé forks were sorted into appropriate places. Quite an amusing episode!

We really enjoyed another of Joan Swinchatt's readings which always are well appreciated with great applause. We all love them Joan, and long may they continue!



Joan makes a point!

Our collective thanks are due to Maxine Pettigrew for putting it all together for us to enjoy – it must have been quite a challenge to get it all in place. Thanks are also due to Santa and his helpers for distributing the greatly varied gifts in the Gift Exchange. In addition, yet more thanks to the ABCCC for providing the drinks and the very useful little club-badged torches, a really good idea!

Mike Allfrey.

WHAT WE ARE ABOUT TO DO

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ABCCC VIC. INC. Sunday 7th February, 2016

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be conducted at the Chirnside Park Country Club, 68 Kingswood Drive, Chirnside Park (Melway Map 37; Ref: K3/K4). There will be a lunch commencing at 12:00 noon, with the meeting commencing at 2:00 pm. The lunch will cost \$10.00 per person. Please advise the Secretary that you will be attending the lunch and AGM before Monday 1st February, 2016. Should you decide to only attend the meeting, plan to arrive before 2:00 pm. This information is required for printing and catering purposes. Payment for lunch will be received as you enter the country Club, please do not send payment in advance.

The Annual General Meeting follows the protocol that only financial members of the ABCCC Vic. Inc. are eligible to cast votes. Protocol also rules that there can only be one vote per member couple.

Nominations for Committee positions will be called for at the Annual General Meeting. The Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting will be distributed a minimum of two weeks prior to the meeting date.

If you have items that you wish to have placed on the Agenda, please notify the Secretary prior to 31st January, 2016. Late requests cannot be placed on the Agenda.

Pat Douglas - Secretary.

ALL BRITISH CLASSICS CAR CLUB VIC. INC. 18TH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Venue - Held at Chirnside Park Country Club

Date –15th February 2015

PRESENT: As per attendance book.

APOLOGIES:

Terry & Helen Apps, Sandy & Alan Baker, Mary Cheng, Harry & Jean Cooper, Grattan & Lucille Fitzgerald, Ross & Pat Wolstenholme, George & Pat Hetrel, Gordon & Elaine Lindner, Rick & Gillian Lloyd, Marj Pepper, Robert & Stella Stark, Patrick & Joan Swinchatt, Judy & Geoff Birkett, David Andreassen, Peter & Lorraine Lester, Andrew & Patricia Swann.

MINUTES (2014 AGM):

Moved: Tony Pettigrew, seconded: Greg Anglin, that the minutes of the 17th AGM be accepted.

PRESIDENTS REPORT:

Tony indicated that the club had had a good year with the membership steadily growing, with events being well attended.

We had some good weekends away and these were organised by Marj Pepper – Proud Mary, Anne & Bryan Tootell – a weekend by the sea and, Peter McKiernan – the ABCCC indulgence weekend; all were a delight to be on.

One of our major events — RACV Great Australian Rally was a great success, with both the cars attending and the public being up on last year. We will be able to give Peter Mac a record \$70,000 this year. Tony thanked Colin Brown for all his work making the Rally such a success. Tony also thanked Rex Hall for his work at Mornington Racecourse.

Tony indicated that the new Permit Scheme was just about to be signed. He set out the rules that we must comply with or we will be de-registered.

Because there have already been some clubs deregistered we are getting more inquiries so we will be keeping the rule that you must be a member for 12months before you can apply for Club Plates. At any time that there is need to change this rule the committee should have the over-riding decision.

Our other major event RACV Fly the Flag Tour will not be a full Tour this year because entries went out later than usual.

During November we changed the position of Ass. Editor from Betty Taylor to Rick Lloyd. Tony presented Betty with a plaque and thanked her for all the work she had done.

Newsletter – as a lot of members get the newsletter by E-mail some still receive the newsletter through the post. A vote by a show of hands was put to the members as to whether we should cancel the newsletters by post. It was agreed to keep the situation as is.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

As at the 31st December, 2014 there was a balance of \$61,907.24 in the bank.

Moved Tony Pettigrew, seconded Nello Mafodda, that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

EDITOR'S REPORT:

Mike presented a report with statistics on typing the magazine.

Tony thanked Mike for his work over the year.

WEB MASTER REPORT:

Ed presented Website statistics. There were a lot of visits to our web page especially the Great Australian Rally page. Tony thanked Ed for his work.

ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:

All positions were declared vacant.

PRESIDENT: Tony Pettigrew

VICE PRESIDENT: Nello Mafodda

SECRETARY: Pat Douglas **TREASURER:** Bill Allen

COMMITTEE MEMBERS (6):

Ed Bartosh nominated that we have 6 committee

members. All agreed.

Colin Brown, Rex Hall, Ken McDonald, Hans Pedersen,

Frank Sawyer, Andrew Swann

Web Master: Ed Bartosh
Magazine Editor: Mike Allfrey
Assistant Editor: Rick Lloyd

Membership Secretary: Gordon Lindner

Merchandise: Maxine Pettigrew

GENERAL BUSINESS
Coming events:-

February 22nd - RACV Classic Showcase

March 1^{st} - Bryan & Anne Tootell have taken on this

event as Marj is getting over an operation.

Barry Coates asked if an analysis could be done as to where our members live with the option of having one of the luncheon meetings nearer to where he lives.

NEXT MEETING: Date and venue to be advised.

MEETING CLOSED: 2.45 pm.

Pat Douglas - Secretary.

PHIL'S RUN TO BEACONSFIELD Sunday 3rd April 2016

We will meet at Lilydale Lake, off Swansea Road (C401), Melway Map 38; Ref: G7, at 9:00 am for a 9:30 am departure. Our drive will take us to Yarra Junction, where we will enjoy a short break for a street walk and a tea/ coffee.

Then we will drive on through some of Victoria's best forests and rich pastures. We will arrive at a country pub where we will enjoy a lovely lunch at reasonable prices. Drinks will be at bar prices.

Please advise your participation so that I can advise numbers for catering purposes.

Full run details will be provided at the start.

If you will be joining us telephone either (03) 9842 5449 or mobile number 0438 067 548.

Phil Cook.

LOTUS GARDEN VISIT - Sunday 21st February, 2016

Lotus Garden Visit, this is an official ABCCC Event. Details will appear on the ABCCC Website and there could be a handout at our AGM. Please contact Colin Brown on telephone number (03) 5964 9291.

This will be a good one!

FURTHERMORE!

Now it gets a bit complicated! The feature article about the *Blue Train* Bentley, in our December issue, was sent in by Peter Hibbert. However, completely unknown to me, Bryan Tootell had also sent in the same item. So, it is really that thanks are due to both Bryan and Peter for that article!

The only explanation that I have, is that Bryan's version arrived at the time of one of my three E-mail total losses during 2015. Peter Hibbert did send the item twice and, being the only versions in my *Inbox* resulted in the credit being apportioned to just one of our submitters.

All of this illustrates well the perils of the Internet and such.

Mike Allfrey - Editor.

AUTOMOBILE AIR CONDITIONING-

The Goldberg Brothers – The Inventors of the Motor Vehicle Air-Conditioner

Here's a little fact for automotive buffs, or just to dazzle your friends. The four Goldberg brothers, Lowell, Norman, Hiram, and Max, invented and developed the first automobile air-conditioner. On July 17th, 1946, the temperature in Detroit was 97 degrees Fahrenheit.

The four brothers walked into old man Henry Ford's office and sweet-talked his secretary into telling him that four gentlemen were there with the most exciting innovation in the auto industry since the electric starter.

Henry was curious and invited them into his office. They refused and instead asked that he come out to the parking lot to their car. They persuaded him to get into the car, which was about 130 °F, turned on the airconditioner, and cooled the car off immediately.

The old man got very excited and invited them back to the office, where he offered them \$3-million for the patent. The brothers refused, saying they would settle for \$2 million, but they wanted recognition by having a label, 'The Goldberg Air-Conditioner', on the dashboard of each car in which it was installed.

Now, old man Ford was more than just a little anti-Jewish, and there was no way he was going to put the Goldberg's name on two-million Fords. They haggled back and forth for about two hours and finally agreed on \$4-million and that just their first names would be shown.

So to this day, all Ford air conditioners show - Lo, Norm, Hi, and Max - on the controls.

Control yourself!

This is what happens when you are retired and have too much time on your hands!

Rob Nolan.

A SPACE FILLER

On his way home one night, Paddy dropped into the pub. The barman poured him a beer and asked if he wanted to be in a raffle.

"What's it for?" asked Paddy.

"It's for a poor widow with thirteen kids," said the barman. Paddy shook his head, "No good for me. I'd never be able to keep them."

Colin Brown.