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# **Your ABCCC News**

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The Official Newsletter of the All British Classics Car Club (Vic) Inc

#### Front Cover

Photo on front cover -Have yourself a very Mini Christmas

Hopefully warmer than tis now 🥹

#### President's Report December 2023

Where has this year gone? Surely it's only 6 months since last Christmas, they say the older you get the quicker time goes, I can certainly vouch for that. I have just finished looking at some photos from the early years of this Club, mostly group photos and it brought back many happy memories of good times with friends though a lot have passed away and many members can no longer participate because of health issues.

Maxine had a long conversation with Paddy Bullard, Paddy and

Inside this Issue:

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   Phils run to Upper Valley
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David have been members for over twenty years joining when he was a RACV director, later becoming President during the RACV glory days. They were very active and up until eighteen months ago still attended our lunches. Unfortunately David's mobility is severely restricted and uses a walking frame and Paddy is vision impaired. They both said to wish you all a merry Christmas from them.

Looking back through the calendar I would have to say it has been a successful year for the Club with a good mix of events which were all well attended. One of the highlights for me of course was when I got Maxine to go on an event in the Spitfire, from Coldstream to Coldstream.

Finally I would like to wish all members a very Merry Christmas and hope next year will be a happy one for us all.

Tony Pettigrew

President

Thanks to Mike Allfrey for these great photos from his archive files

Below taken at Coldstream –2008 Rally Bag stuffing day!





#### **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. 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.

#### YOUR COMMITTEE

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

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#### 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: Membership Secretary PO Box 190 Coldstream Victoria, 3770. Telephone Number 03 9739 1879.

#### LIFE MEMBERS

The All British Classics Car Club Vic Inc was founded by the late Frank E Douglas on 19<sup>th</sup> September, 1997 The Club is proud to grant Life Membership to those who provide exceptional service to our club.

Current Life Members are: Pat J Douglas, Mike Allfrey, Tony & Maxine Pettigrew

#### **CLUB PERMIT SCHEME**

ABCCC is a VicRoads authorised Club to participate in the VicRoads Club Permit Scheme (CPS)

The ABCCC has set rules & conditions for operating a motor vehicle [twenty-five (25) years old and older on the CPS, for further information about how the CPS is conducted by the All British Classics Car Club please visit the club's Website Link ABCCC Club Permit Scheme information All the information is available online.

- 1. **Initial contact** should be made with the club's Vehicle Logbook Club Permit Scheme (VLCPS) Applications Officer, currently Wally Thompson. He will advise the procedure for application with respect to the conditions set by the ABCCC. He must also provide a first inspection of the vehicle.
- 2. **PERMIT RENEWALS** VicRoads requires that an ABCCC authorised VLCPS Officer's signature is entered on the permit renewal notice. Therefore, your VLCPS renewal should be sent to Colin Brown, PO Box 40, Coldstream, Victoria 3770. Enclose with it a stamped envelope addressed to VicRoads, along with a cheque/money order for the VLCPS fee. Colin will sign on behalf of the ABCCC, and then forward the permit renewal on to VicRoads. The form also requires YOUR signature, so be sure to sign it as the permit holder as well.

Both Wally & Colin's position are entirely voluntary, so due consideration should be given when contacting them.

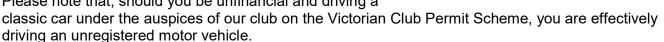
# ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Payment of ABCCC Annual Fees of \$45.00 are due by 1<sup>st</sup> January each year.

Please post or transfer money to: All British Classics Car Club, Membership Secretary PO Box 190 Coldstream Victoria, 3770. Tel 0438 508 235

Bank details: BSB 063 863, A/c No.1001 3709, please provide your surname and the word "dues" as reference.

Please note that, should you be unfinancial and driving a



Renewal Form is at the end of this newsletter or can be downloaded from the ABCCC Website if required to update information. Thank you; Ed Bartosh



#### ABCCC EVENTS DIRECTORY

Note: This ABCCC Events Directory lists only those events organised by the ABCCC. Only those events scheduled in this Directory qualify for Victorian Club Permit Scheme requirements. All events are also listed on the club website.

If you are a	ttending any of these of	events please	ar of Events for 2 contact the Organiser, a provided closer to the e	s numbers a	re often required
		Sun, E2 Feb. 4th so at cc 04 hy	Expressions of interest sought for a Gliding day at Leongatha contact Graham Talmage 0419 399 752 hydewood@bordernet.co m.au	Wed. Mar. 13th	Leigh's Grand Prix Leigh Wishart
Sun. Jan 14th	Constantine's Picnic in the park	Tues. Feb. 6th-9th	Seaside Escape Marj and Brian Pepper	Sun. Mar. 17th.	Esky Run with the Birkett's
Wed. Jan. 24th	Coffee with the Craven's	Wed. Feb. 14th	Coffee with the Cravens	Tues. Mar. 19th-20th	Erica /Walhalla Lance Brazier
		Sun. Feb. 18th	British & European day @ Yarra Glen Phil Cook		
Sun. April 7th	Out for lunch with the Tootells	Sun. May 5th Fed.	Scoresby picnic at the Steam Centre info Jack Craven	Fri. June 7th-10th	Hamilton Kings Birthday Rally Tony Pettigrew
Wed. April 10th	Coffee with the Cravens	Wed. May 8th	A big kids day out. The 3 G's Geraldine, Greg and Gary	Wed. June 19th	Coffee with the Cravens
Wed. April 17 <sup>th</sup>	One day only Jack Craven	Sun. May 19th	Heritage Motoring Day Rex's Big day out	Sun. June 23rd	The inaugural Jervis- Read run. Robin and Anne
Sat. April 27th	Lunch and Music at the Emerald Hotel Sth. Melb. John Provis and Dawn Shoppee				
Sun July 7th	Annual lunch. Colin Brown	Sun Aug. 11th.	Observation Run Brian Aitken	Tues. Sept.10th- 12th	Sandra's September Sandra Wishart
Wed. July 17th	Coffee with the Braziers	Wed.Aug. 14th.	Coffee with the Braziers	Wed. Sept. 18th	Coffee with the Braziers
Sun. July 21st	Pub run Tootells	Sun. Aug.25th	Historical Lilydale John and Jennifer Mason	Sun. Sept. 22nd	Rainy day in a Morgan Phil Cook
Sun. Oct.6th	Visiting Healesville. Ian and Lyn Terry	Wed. Nov.6th	A day out with the Anglin's		
Sun. Oct. 20th.	Gippsland drive, Graham Talmage	Thurs Nov. 14th	Visit to Beleura in Mornington. Robyn and Robert Joiner	Sun. Dec. 15th	Christmas lunch Maxine Pettigrew
Mon.Oct.28th- 31st?	Trip to Mildura Lance Brazier	Fri. Nov. 22nd-24th	Indulgence weekend Peter McKeirnan		

Website: www.abccc.com.au/calendar.php

**Facebook** - don't forget to like ABCCC on facebook link.....https://www.facebook.com/AllBritishClassicsCarClub/





The cost is \$40 per person and is subsidised by the Club and is for members and their partners only. Drinks, beer, wine and soft drinks will be supplied by the Club. Time is 11.30 am to 3.30pm

Please make your payment by EFT to All British Classics Car Club BSB 063 863 Acc. 1001 3709 make sure you put your name in the remittance or post a cheque to Maxine Pettigrew, 16 Lawler Lane, Coldstream, 3770.

#### 2024 Calendar dates from Federation and AOMC that might be of interest Festival of Motoring at Cruden Farm

- 21st January 2024
- 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024
- 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024
- 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024
- 30th & 31st March 2024
- 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024
- 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024
- 9 June 2024

AOMC British & European Motoring Show Mortlake Picnic

AOMC/Shannons Aussie Classic Car Show

Wunghnu Picnic

Golden Oldies Tour

- Florence Thomson Tour Ladies get ready!
  - **Murrabit Picnic**
- 25<sup>th</sup> Aug to 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2024

More details on websites

- https://www.aomc.asn.au/events
- https://www.federation.asn.au/events







Icading... 2024 

Keep watching as more information is coming in on next year's planned ABCCC events.

**Organisers need numbers – don't miss out!** 

#### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024 - Constantine's Picnic

<u>"Old School Classic Car Boot Picnic" – 14<sup>th</sup> January 2023</u>



"Back to how it all started "

<u>10.00am</u> Meet at the "Tim Neville Arboretum" Francis Cres. off Dorset Road (5) Ferntree Gully Nth./Boronia Sth. For a car boot picnic in the scenic Dandenongs Details to be posted prior to the run. Get your Thermos and Esky ready !

## Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – Coffee with the Cravens

Franks's Cakes is at 511 Scoresby Road (corner Scoresby & Ferntree Gully Rds) Ferntree Gully. Signage is easy to see. Melway reference is Map 73 D5.

If coming south on Scoresby Rd entry to Frank's is on the left. If travelling on Ferntree Gully road there is access on the left passed Scoresby Rd.

Frank's is well known for quality cakes good coffee and food.



Please let us know if you would like to come

Jack and Shirley Craven 0425 881 449 (J) 0413 795 504 (S)

# Sunday February 4<sup>th</sup> 2024 - A Gliding day experience at Leongatha

Soaring with the eagles, if we get enough interest

Expressions of interest sought for a Gliding day at Leongatha contact Graham Talmage 0419 399 752 hydewood@bordernet.com.au



#### **Tuesday 6th to Thursday 9th February**

#### **SUMMER SEASIDE ESCAPE 2024**

After a very successful seaside short break in 2022 we are inviting expression of interest for a three night adventure in and around the beautiful Bellarine Peninsula, based in the Point Lonsdale / Queenscliff area.

We look forward to hosting you again. Please email us now if you interested in attending <a href="mailto:bmpepperl@bigpond.com">bmpepperl@bigpond.com</a>

Hope to see you in the Summer.

Marj and Brian Pepper



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Sunday 18th February 2024 AOMC Event ABCCC contact Phil Cook



Yarra Glen Racecourse Armstrong Grove, Yarra Glen

#### Wednesday 13th March 2024

#### **Leigh's Grand Prix**

This is a day where you can invite your children, grandchildren or a friend to race against our current champion Brian Atkins who is being taken on by a former Formula 5000 competitor. We NEED 15 drivers & plenty of spectators to cheer them on at the Go Kart track on Phillip Island.



Please contact Leigh ASAP so that we can get the track to ourselves. Leigh 0403243700 Sandra 0402215367

#### Tuesday 19th March to Thursday 21st March 2024 Erica/Walhalla Overnites

Accommodation at Erica (very reasonable rates) There are 7 rooms or Cabins reserved at either

- Erica Hotel
- Erica Caravan Park

Wednesday travel to Walhalla Train (optional) Leaves at 11am (group booking \$25pp will need numbers)

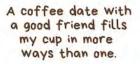
Dinners: 1<sup>st</sup> night BBQ at Park . BYO Food & Drinks (meat packs available from the Park or BYO) 2<sup>nd</sup> night Meal at the Hotel

Please contact Lance Brazier 0403 032 158 <a href="https://www.ukawa.com">www.ukawa.com</a> 0403 032 158

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Out for lunch with Tootells

More information to come







### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Coffee with the Cravens

More information to come





#### Saturday April 27th 2024 – Lunch & Music at the Emerald Hotel Sth Melb



Want to thank the ABCCC and it's members for the joy & pleasure we have experienced from our membership over the past years.

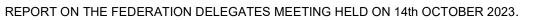
We are going to sponsor an event quite different to others. A big band concert performed by six wonderful musicians - not amatuers, but professionals who have played in Europe, USA, on cruise ships and Hamer Hall etc.

Location:	Emerald Hotel 415 Clarendon St, South Melbourne
Date:	Saturday 27 April 2024
Time:	12 Noon for lunch and drinks at own cost. Musicians will arrive and setup during lunch, and play until we finish eating. When lunch is over, those not facing the band will stand and turn their chairs around. Then the fun starts. The music will finish just after 4:15pm. There will be two fifteen minute intervals. The band is our guests and will play numbers we know and like - music to suit us with lots of variety.
The Music:	What a wonderful world Eidelweiss ( Sound of Music ) Teddy Bears Picnic When the Saints Come Marching In Basin Street Blues Alexanders Rag Time Band Georgia Sweet Georgia Brown High Society Down By the Riverside and so on Plus your requests.
The Musicians	Steve Grand - Piano Ian Smith - Trumpet, Sousaphone, Drums, Washboard and Vocal Chris Ludowyk - Trombone Call Duffy - Drums and Washboard Mark Elton - Double Bass Jo Stevenson - Clarinet and Saxaphones

#### This will be an outstanding event but numbers are limited.

To reserve your place please phone John on 0418 564 082 or email: johnprovis@bigpond.com

#### **NEWS FROM THE FEDERATION**





#### WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023 – Run to Healesville/Mount Dandenong

- Greg & Lily Margetts Barry & Margaret Collett Bryan & AnnTootell Grant & Chris Barrett Frank & Sharon Sawyer
- Pat Douglas Jack & Shirley Craven Ian & Mary Hodges Greg & Geraldine Anglin Geoff & Judy Birkett
- Tony & Maxine Pettigrew Richard & Carol Simpson Ron Rodgers & Glenda Duncan Phil Cook & Ann Carty-Salmon

We meet up at Lilydale Lake for our lovely scenic drive through to Healesville, where we stopped for morning tea. After refreshments where we continued our journey to the Dandenong Hills, then onto a lovely Lunch





























#### **Indulgence 2023** - Friday 24 to Sunday 26 November 2023

<u>Attendees</u>			
Brian & Annette Aitken	David Cook & Joan Read	Terry Grigg & Gayle Minter	Robin & Anne Jervis-Read
Greg & Geraldine Anglin	Leon & Judy Cousins	Ian & Mary Hodge	Robert & Robyn Joiner
Deb Beal	Garry Dickinson	Greg & Phyl Howe	Greg & Lily Margetts
Trevor & Jill Beaumont	Peter & Michelle Flavell	Peter Lester	John Provis & Dawn Shoppee
Lance & Adele Brazier	Peter McKiernan	Leigh & Sandra Wishart	Ron Rogers & Glenda Duncan
John & Jenny Mason	Pam Wellwood	Arie & Valerie Vermass	Gordon Patterson & Gillian Hutchings
David Peck	Terry Sully	Peter & Darryl Jones	

This year we travelled to Echuca in Northern Victoria, the format being somewhat different and more relaxed than that of previous events.



What a great time enjoyed by all. Peter put together a fantastic tour; accommodations, meals, river cruise,



get togethers over drinks and nibbles – all extremely good. This was our first Indulgence Tour and we thoroughly enjoyed it. Was interesting to see someone had the same idea of a good time as Peter, in naming their houseboat Indulgence! Thanks Ron Rogers & Glenda Duncan











Carry on Camping......Some flash backs on British car campers/motorhomes



# Britain's first tailor-made motorhome is 80 years old but it's got all mod cons and it could be yours for £40,000

Extracted from The Mirror by Barnaby Kelloway dated 25 Aug 2016



The incredible house on wheels features all cooking and sleeping facilities and was specially built by a naval aristocrat.

With its classic design and traditional chassis, these pictures show the handsome vehicle that could be Britain's first ever motorhome .

The well-preserved bus is 80 years old and has been a home on wheels for an eccentric pioneer - but now it's going up for auction



The unique vehicle was created by naval aristocrat Captain Dunn, from Bexhill-on-Sea, who shipped a Pontiac Six chassis over from America in 1935 and engaged local coach builders to craft a bespoke home from home on the back.

He then set off into the British countryside behind the wheel of his new creation.

The early campervan has been untouched since Dunn died in the 1940s and auctioneers Bonhams expect it to make £40,000 at their Goodwood Revival sale on September 10

The sophistication of the amenities on the inside is staggering considering it was constructed 80 years ago, boasting the same facilities as a 21st century campervan. Food and drink preparation is carried out from the humble kitchen, where there is a gas oven, stove and two-litre water filter.

Sleeping quarters are located at the rear, where the sofa pulls out in to a double bed.

There is even a lavatory, although no plumbing, meaning wastage drops from the bottom of the vehicle.

The interior is clad with elegant mahogany wood.

Experts say this cutting-edge incarnation was the first of its type to ever grace British shores.

The 80-year-old vehicle stands as a time-capsule in the 21st century, with original cutlery and crockery while brands from pre-war Britain are dotted around.

Empty tins of grapefruit and oxo cubes from the 1930s can be found inside the cupboards and a box of 'Borwick's' baking powder is perched on top of the oven.

The renovation was carried out by Russell's Coachworks of Bexhill, who were more accustomed to constructing horse drawn fire engines.

Mechanics today are dazzled by the work, especially the trailing edge of the front wings, where a thin line of perfect welding altered them to fit around the corners of the cab.

The blend of American and English styles is clear to see when looking at the finished product, the front end adopting Art Deco, while the rear exemplifies old English

The four-litre motor, which tops out at 50mph, has done under 10,000 miles and is valued at  $\pounds$ 40,000.

Capt Dunn initially made good use of the motorhome, his travels through southern England in the late 1930s are documented in four photo albums that come with the purchase.



The travel guides he is thought to have used to plan his journeys are also contained within a drawer in the living area.

Some time in the late 1930s or early 1940s the military man contracted polio while honeymooning with his wife, which left him paralysed and requiring the use of a wheelchair.

During WWII Capt Dunn was evacuated to Wales on account of his disability and in 1946 he died from the disease, leaving everything to his widow.

At this time the van could have been lost forever, as it is thought to have been available for commission during WWII.

Until 25 years ago it was splashed with green paint by way of camouflage so it could be deployed as a make-shift ambulance or troop carrier.



The van is said to have been placed in a barn in the 1940s, raised on blocks with the spark plugs removed and oil tipped into the cylinder bores. Every few months, until she died in 1991, Mrs Dunn would turn the engine over, which explains why it's in such good nick despite being off the road for so long.

With no children to speak of, Mrs Dunn left the vintage motorhome to her financial advisor, who sold it on to Ron Saunders, owner of a caravan dealership, for  $\pounds 6,000$ .

Mr Saunder's son, Andy, restored the aged vehicle, making necessary amendments such as fresh paintwork and a new battery.

Until now the vehicle was on display in a purpose-built showroom at the family's business in Poole, Dorset, intermittently hitting the road to be enjoyed at motor shows.





Ron Saunders has since died and the change of circumstances means that after 23 years Andy reluctantly has to say goodbye.

He said: "This is considered to be the first British motorhome and therefore the beginning of the campervan industry.

"It was the creation of Capt. Dunn, who had the vision as well as the money, to bring his dream to life.

"He was incredibly ahead of his time when you look at some of the amenities included within the vehicle.

"Great credit must be given to the builder too, Russell was able to construct the body without any previous motorhome experience."

He added: "It's a truly magnificent vehicle and I'll be terribly sad to see it go.

"I have never seen a vehicle generate so much attention at car shows, it blows people away.

"Not only is it absolutely beautiful but is also drives like a dream, which is staggering considering its age.

"Although I am reluctant to take it out because it's so pretty and I don't want any damage to be done."

A spokesman from Bonhams said: "This a wonderful opportunity to acquire a true time capsule.

"The perfectly preserved interior remains just as it was when the motor home was first purchased an incredible 80 years ago. "It takes us back not only to an earlier era of motoring but to a time when life was almost unimaginably different."



ALL BRITISH CLASSICS CAR CLUB (VIC), INC.

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# **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

THE PRESIDENT AND THE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE MEMBERS FOR THEIR ONGOING SUPPORT OF OUR CLUB. ATTENDANCE AT ALL EVENTS HAS BEEN EXCELLENT, AND WE TRUST THAT YOU WILL RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP.

# **MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE AS OF JANUARY 1<sup>®</sup> EACH YEAR**

**ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION IS \$45.00 PER FAMILY MEMBERSHIP** 

All members with cars on the Victorian Club Permit Scheme are required to attend three club events from the date of the motor cars permit issue, and renew their membership by the due date. Failure to do this <u>will result in having their membership cancelled</u>.

The ROAD SAFETY ACT says that you MUST be a financial club member at all times, or your Club Permit plates are invalid and you will be unregistered, uninsured and ineligible for road use.

Please fill in your details below; payments may be made by EFT or CHEQUE made payable to the	ALL
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