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Your ABCCC News

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

Front Cover

Photo on front cover –

Graham Talmage & Kate Senko's 1951 MG TD Roadster under the beautiful flowering crab-apple tree in Mirboo North on the Gippsland run

Presidents Report November 2024

Another busy month in the garden, little did I realise forty years ago when I started our three acre garden how much work it would be for a over 80 year old to maintain. But then, this morning early before breakfast, I walked around the garden smelling the blossoms and listening to all the birds in the haven we created for them and picked a bunch of roses for Maxine and thought with all the problems in this world how fortunate I am.

On Saturday 19th I took Maxine to the Federation meeting in Darnum and I feel duty bound as your delegate to give you a brief report. The general run of the meeting mostly was concerning the Bendigo Swap, the organising committee does not have a chairman, vice or (I think) treasurer so everything is now on the shoulders of Neil Athorn the Federation president but everything is still coming together nicely. The present arrangement for the Showgrounds finishes in two years and there could be problems at this venue.

Anne Davis gave a report and slide show of the Golden Oldies tour and other delegates gave reports on the other Federation picnics and events. There was also discussion on CPS number plates, the new format will be four digits as 1234H12. All in all a pleasant meeting and a good catch up for me, sorry it's not the full minutes like Bill used to do. I have had a little response for the calendar meeting on the 10th November but not enough to fill next year's events and so far not one new face and if we don't get new organisers coming up the Club will slowly die. Even if you just do one event, that is not a commitment to do one every year and let's face it, for example, organising a run to Maroondah Dam for a picnic is not hard.

Christmas lunch payments are coming in steadily so now is probably a good time to remind you of some of the rules.

- 1 If you haven't paid you are not in, don't waste your time telling me, pay your money and then tell Maxine you are coming.
- 2 Payments on the day are not acceptable
- 3 Final numbers need to be lodged on Monday 9th December after that we are locked in, this venue is not flexible.

I know this sounds silly, but I feel I have to say it, this event is at the Chirnside Park Country Club, NOT Chateau Wyuna or the Eastfield Golf Club.

Unfortunately, I have not received any more interest in the proposed Club meeting with our sister Club ABCCCQ at the half way point between Melbourne and Brisbane, and so I think we can forget that one.

I have been shuffling cars over the last few days and have finished with a Triumph Spitfire with a tank full of petrol, up in the house garage, so I will be seen driving around Lilydale, with the top down, doing all my errands for Maxine, like picking up bits in Bunnings and Repco.

Safe travelling and take care.

Tony Pettigrew President

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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.

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.

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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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On Facebook www.facebook.com/AllBritishClassicsCarClub

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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 19th 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 1st 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 as a and "dues" as reference.

Please note that, should you be unfinancial and driving a classic car under the auspices of our club on the Victorian Club Permit Scheme, you are effectively driving an unregistered motor vehicle.

Renewal Form 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.

ABCCC Calendar of Events for 2024					
If you are attending any of these events please contact the Organiser, as numbers are often required Further details will be provided closer to the event					
Mon.Oct.28 th to Sunday 3 rd November	Trip to Mildura Lance Brazier	Sunday Nov 10 th	Club Planning day 11.00am on 16 Lawler Lane Coldstream.	Saturday Dec. 14th	Christmas lunch Maxine Pettigrew
		Wednesday Nov. 13th	Visit to Beleura in Mornington. Robyn and Robert Joiner		
		Fri. Nov. 22nd-24th	Indulgence weekend Peter McKeirnan		

What are we about to do? - ABCCC Events Don't forget to RSVP

Monday 28th October to Sunday 3rd November 2024 **Mildura Tour**

- Depart Monday 28th October via Bendigo to overnite KERANG.
- Tuesday 29th via Lake Boga, Swan Hill, Robinvale to MILDURA for 4 nites
- Wed 30th, Thur 31st, Fri 1st Nov in Mildura.
- 3 days of visits, Activities, & free time, in Mildura.
- Sat 2nd Nov. via Red Cliffs, Ouyen, Sea Lake, Wycheproof to overnite CHARLTON.
- Sun 3rd Home via route best suited to you.



Sunday 10th November 2024

Club Calendar Planning day

If you have an event please attend.

Contact Tony Pettigrew to register your attendance



Wednesday 13th November 2024

VISIT TO BELEURA HOUSE and GARDENS MORNINGTON – Robyn & Robert Joiner

Beleura House is an elegant mansion built in 1863 and was home to successive generations of distinguished Australians over 160 years, its last owner was John Tallis of J C Williams a global theatrical empire. Beleura is one of the few surviving exclusive summer retreats built for Melbourne merchants that ringed the Mornington Peninsular. Beleura is exceptional not only for its fine architecture but for the intimate and personal life it reveals of its last owner.

At a cost of \$55.00 (concession) per person, the full day (10am -2.30pm) TOUR includes on arrival a simple Morning Tea/Coffee and homemade biscuit and an introductory talk, followed by a Guided Tour of the House and Gardens, a light Lunch of sandwiches and a desert is served at 12.30pm (coeliac and vegetarian options available on request) after which the Guided Tour continues.

As there is no on-site parking at Beleura access is by Bus pick up at 9.50am at the Mornington Golf Course Clubhouse, suggest arrive no later than 9.30am, payment for the day will be collected prior to boarding the bus. Toilets are available at the Clubhouse. The Bus will leave Beleura at 2.30pm to deliver us back to the Golf Club.

For Catering purposes must have numbers no later than 30th October 2024.

Contact Robyn and Robert Joiner 0413 842 696 or email r_joiner@bigpond.com

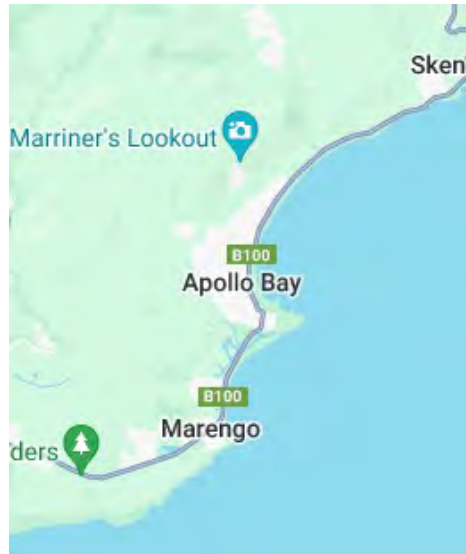


Friday 22nd to 24th November 2024 – The Justly Famed Indulgence Tour

Contact is Peter McKiernan - 0407 876 023

This year the Indulgence tour will be travelling to Apollo Bay.

There are limited places available, if you are interested please contact Peter



Christmas Lunch

Saturday 14th December 2024

Time: 12pm to 3.30pm



Club Christmas lunch will be held at the:
Chirnside Park Country Club
68 Kingswood Dr, Chirnside Park VIC 3116

Cost is \$48 per person
(this is subsidised by the Club
for members & their partners only)

Drinks, beer, wine and soft drinks
will be supplied by the Club.

RSVP by making 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.

Website: www.abccc.com.au/calendar

Facebook - don't forget to like ABCCC on facebook



What have we been doing?

Sunday 6th October 2024 – Healesville with Ian & Lyn Terry

Attendees:

Ian & Lyn Terry
Graham & Mary Gunn
Jack & Shirley Craven
Peter & Darrell Jones
Tony & Maxine Pettigrew
Greg & Geraldine Anglin

John & Jenny Mason
Deb Beal
Colin Brown
Peter & Michelle Flavelle
Leon & Judy Cousins
John Provis & Dawn Shoppee

Robyn Jarvis-Read
Ann & Brian Tootells
Greg & Lily Margetts
Ron Rogers & Glenda Duncan
Michael & Jan Loton
Lance & Adele Brazier

Enjoyable and Grand lunch at the Grand Hotel Healesville,







Sunday 20th October 2024 A scenic run for lunch in Gippsland

Participants:

Jack & Shirley Cravan, Leigh & Sandra Wishart, Greg & Lily Margetts, Peter McKirnan & Jean, Rob & Mary Nolan, Michael & Janice Loton, Geoff & Judy Burkett, Ken Moulton, Ron Rodgers & Glenda Ducan, Michael & Jill Justin, Frank & Sharon Sawyer, David & Joan Cook, John & Jenny Mason, Graham Talmage & Kate Senko.

We met at the BP Eastbound Officer for coffee cake and a good natter, we shared the restaurant area with a plethora of motor bike riders and at least one other car club.

By 10 am the crew was becoming eager for the flag off, so off we set for the wilds of Gippsland.

We managed to avoid traffic lights but suffered Vic Roads potholes, the drive took us along the back roads from Nar Nar Goon through to Drouin South where a sharp right took us past Lardner Park Exhibition complex. Then heading south, we turned on to the road leading up to Seaview and on to Grand Ridge Road which provided us with long distance views, sharp curves and a number on mobile traffic calming devices.

Mirboo North main street crab apple trees were out in full blossom, several people took the opportunity to wander along the street. From there it was a short drive to the Travellers Rest Hotel at Thorpdale to be greeted by mine host Jill and her ever helpful staff.

Lunch I believe was enjoyed by all and we shared the dining room with members of the Gippsland Historical Automobile Club, there were a few familiar faces.

It was then time to take to the road and head home, many thanks to all who participated on the run your humour and good spirits resulted in a very enjoyable day.





Traffic calming agriculture vehicles

Here we are following Jan & Michael Loton in Jans Datsun



Behind us is Mary & Rob Nolan, then in the distance following is Jack & Shirley Cravens

Then onto Lunch





Amongst the members from Gippsland Historical Automobile Club is Ken & Joy Wright ABCCC flaggers



Events of interest: Calendar dates from Federation and AOMC, as published on their respective websites



2024

- 16th to 17th November 2024 Federation - Bendigo National Swap Meet
- 18th November 2024 AOMC – AGM & Delegates Meeting

2025

- 19th January 2025 AOMC - Festival of Motoring – Cruden Farm
- 8th February 2025 Federation – Delegates Meeting (Bacchus Marsh)
- 16th February 2025 AOMC - British & European Motoring Show
- 17th February 2025 AOMC – Delegates Meeting
- 23rd February 2025 AOMC - American Motoring Show
- 28th to 30th March 2025 AOMC - Florence Thomson Tour – Ladies get ready!
- 29th & 30th March 2025 Federation – Wunghnu Picnic
- 27th April 2025 Federation - Scoresby Picnic
- 17th May 2025 Federation – Delegates Meeting – (Swan Hill)
- 18th May 2025 National Motoring Heritage Day – Murrabit Picnic
- 2nd August 2024 Federation – Delegates Meeting – (Woorineen)
- 3rd to 9th August 2025 Federation - Open Tour
- 31st August 2025 Federation - Marong Picnic
- 18th October 2025 Federation – Delegates Meeting – (Llanelly)



2026

- August/September 2026 Golden Oldies Tour

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

Gippsland Vehicle Collection (Maffra Shed) 20th Birthday Celebration

**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE GIPPSLAND
VEHICLE COLLECTION'S 20TH BIRTHDAY
CELEBRATIONS**



**BRING YOUR CAR, MOTORBIKE, TRUCK OR EVEN YOUR PUSHBIKE AND HELP US
CREATE A FABULOUS SHOW!**

Live music by the Rusted Rockers featuring Ricky Dare and other original members

Many other displays.

WHEN SUNDAY 10TH November
WHERE 1A Sale/Maffra Road, Maffra
TIME 9.30-1.00

COST Gold coin donation into the grounds
(for our roof fund)

\$12.00 entry into museum

**So dust off your vehicle of choice and your
dancing shoes and come and join the party!!!!**



From the Editor – sharing a couple of stores from our October travels.

Spotted XK Jags in Rochester 13th October 2024

On our travels to Moama, we spotted a few Jaguars.

As luck would have it we caught up with ABCCC member Rob McCann in his lovely XK140 Drop Head Coup (DHC) colour is Imperial Maroon.

Rob explained that the XK & Marks 7 8 & 9 were on the Echuca Border run. This is a run organised for South Australia & Victoria Members, this year's event was hosted by Victoria. The day we seen them was their last day in the area.



Bay to Birdwood – Sunday 20th October 2024

This year Garry & I joined the Bay to Birdwood run with our South Australian friends Paul & Sharna in their lovely 1939 Oldsmobile Roadster. (pictured below)

Last few years, we have been spectators. We would set up at Gumeracha and spot the Victorians as they passed by. Anyone who has participated would agree how great this event is. Along the run you appreciate the thousands of South Australians who support this event, they line the streets from the bay up thru the hills to the Birdwood National Motor Museum to celebrate automotive history. It's easy to get swept up in the passion.



Below photo on the left is where the vehicles leave from at Barrett Reserve getting ready to be flagged off.

Photo on the right is Garry waving to one of the crowds along the way.



Concours d'Elegance Award, Post-1950: Winner –1971 Ford XY Falcon, they had all accoutrements in front of the car & family fashion to the era.

We had such a lovely day roaming around looking at the cars, viewing the museum and relaxing in the gardens, when we went back to find Richards HQ Premier Holden - it was easy to find! (not so easy earlier when Richard went to get the chairs from his boot though 😊)

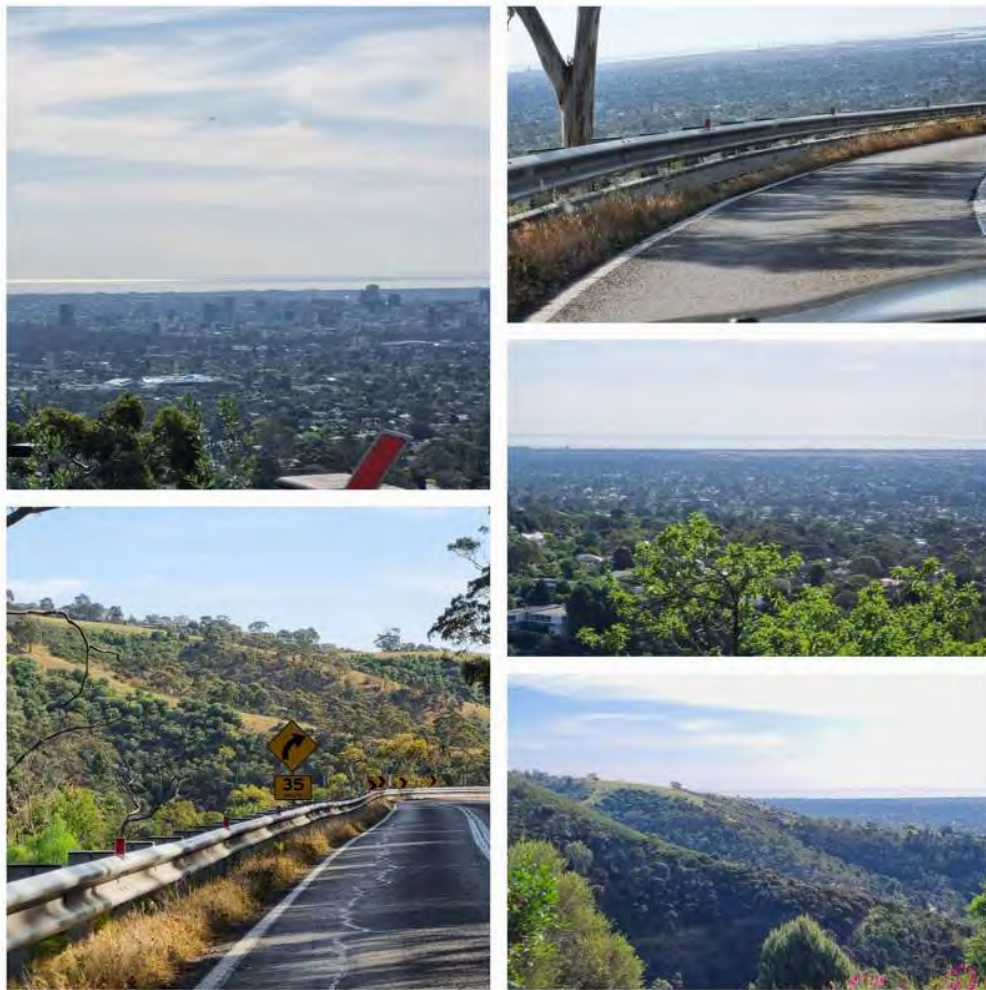


This was another entrant in the Concours d'Elegance, what I liked about this photo is guy wearing the knotted hankerchief hat. Enlarged so you can see it better. Isn't that a classic!

South Australian Federation Motorfest

In addition to the Bay to Birdwood we also participated in the Motorfest which is another annual event organised by Federation of Historic Motoring Clubs SA & run by some of their Historic vehicle clubs. The runs are either side of the Bay to Birdwood. This is a great way to explore SA and meet up with fellow SA Motor enthusiasts. We didn't attend all days, here is a snippet of our activities.

There were lots of roads through the Hills that we hadn't been on before.



A BAROSSA RAMBLE We joined the run to Barossa Valley, hosted by the Gawler Veteran, Vintage & Classic Vehicle Club, we went up through the Adelaide Hills – it was great to follow our 1957 Oldsmobile now owned by South Australian Paul Wheeler. We stopped at Lyndoch Barossa Chateau & Meissen porcelain collection for morning tea. Then on to Kapunda for lunch and tour of the Historical Society, lots of artefacts and Barossa History.



On Thursday Barbara & Richard Wellard (ABCCC Members) then joined us for the rest of the activities.

VICE-REGAL HILLS RETREATS Hosted by the Sporting Car Club of SA another different drive through the Adelaide Hills to the former Governor's Summer Residence at Marble Hill for a talk, Morning Tea, a tour and spectacular views. Then we went onto Belair National Park and The Old Government House which is located within the Belair National Park for a tour of the house and gardens. Change in the weather, being colder and raining, we followed this Toyota Corona. Visibility not so good of the Hills or the roads!



First stop was Marble Hill this was the Vice-Regal summer residence for the Governor of South Australia for seventy-five years, from 1880 to 1955. Unfortunately, The residence was destroyed during the Black Sunday bushfire of 1955. After the fires the site was managed by the National Trust of South Australia from 1967 to 1992. In 2007 the SA State Government called for Expressions of Interest and eventually the property was sold to private owners under a Heritage Agreement in 2009. The Heritage Agreement, which is attached to the land title, requires the Main Residence to be rebuilt, protected from bushfire and the grounds to be maintained. It also required Marble Hill to be open to the public seven times a year.



Next stop Old Government House, this was South Australia's first official vice-regal summer residence. The residence's has an indoor plunge-pool that was reportedly the first in the colony. Fully restored during the 1970s and upgraded in 2001, the building stands as an excellent example of Victorian-style architecture and represents a significant period in the state of South Australia's history. It is now looked after by a dedicated group of volunteers, the Friends of Old Government House, with the support of The Department of Environment and Water.



ELYSIAN SPRINGS VINEYARD VISIT Hosted by the Adelaide Antique Automobile Club who took us for a leisurely drive through the Adelaide Hills through to the famous Rocking Horse for morning tea, then onto Tanunda where we stopped at the Meningie lookout, great 360 degree views. After leave here is was then to on to Mount Pleasant to the Elysian Springs vineyard for a lovely BBQ lunch and optional wine tastings. Of course we tasted and brought wine!



CUBES THAT ARE NOT SQUARE IN MCLAREN VALE Hosted by the Vauxhall Car Club We headed south towards Maclaren Vale to the D'Arenberg Cube – the building is amazing much like a Rubiks cube, with 5 levels of cubes that give you a different experience on each floor level. Its very quirky! Thoroughly enjoyed the building and everything in it and of course the wine tasting.



TRACKING == ON TRAMS Hosted by the Vintage Sports Car Club they took us for another scenic drive through the outskirts of Adelaide taking in sea and river views, then travelling on to our destination, St Kilda. Yes Adelaide has a St Kilda too and also St Kilda Beach, (see the photo below of the W Class Melbourne Tram that is part of their collection. This is in working order, we were able to jump on board three different Historic trams & travel to the St Kilda Beach. Not only do they have trams, they also have a horse bus and a number of SA trolley buses, a credit to the volunteers. Whilst the museum was first established in the 1950s, they commenced the rides on the trams in 1974. This year they celebrated 50 years of tram rides.



Meet one of the Tram Drivers – Ron



Even a conductor will tickets from the era!

EV at Bay to Birdwood – Tesla Cybertruck

This year Tesla entered the Bay to Birdwood with their Cybertruck. It certainly stood out. Very futuristic.

The Tesla Cybertruck is a battery electric pickup truck built by Tesla Inc. since 2023






So what's so special about this Tesla Cybertruck – I searched www.tesla.com and found:

“An ultra-hard stainless-steel exoskeleton helps to reduce dents, damage and long-term corrosion. Repairs are simple and quick. Armor Glass can resist the impact of a baseball at 70 mph or class 4 hail. Acoustic glass helps make the cabin as quiet as outer space.”



Club Merchandise

Please contact Maxine for further details & availability on any of these items.

	Item Description	Item Cost
	Club metal grill badge, cast, enamelled, 90mm dia	\$ 25.00
	Sew-on Patches, small, 80mm dia	\$ 4.00
	Lapel pins, enamelled, 25mm dia	\$ 5.00
	Club Cap, Navy with white trim, cloth, adjustable	\$ 12.00
	Club Vest, Navy,	\$ 50.00
	Windscreen decals	\$ 2.00
	Club metal grill badge, inexpensive, cast, 90mm dia	\$ 5.00



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A friendly family social motoring club

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ONE OF OUR OLDER CLASSICS



Jim Spence in his Standard Flying Eight, Flying the Flag.

The car, not Jim! This is a real Standard 8 which were popular in the 1940s. It was a car that could perplex people and service mechanics. There have been many instances of a patrol man attending a dead engine, and after preliminary checks, stating that the ignition timing was 360° out of correct time. Standard, in those days were different from most, their No. 1 cylinder is at the rear and the numbering sequence was forwards from there. A custom carried over to Jaguar. These Standards were also well known, in their day, for their brakes' characteristics when used while reversing fast and trying to impress the girls.

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