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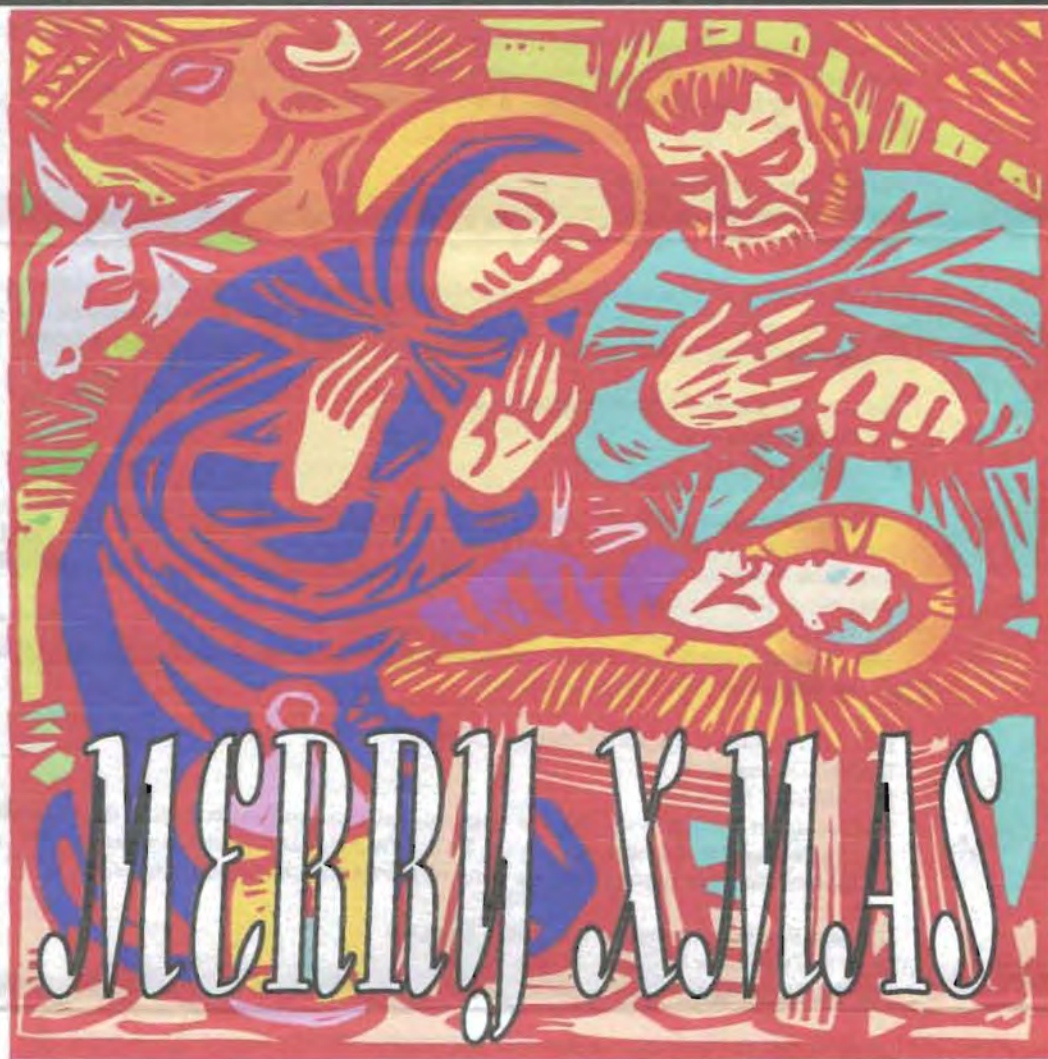
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A friendly family social motoring club

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OPEN INVITATION TO THE STAFF XMAS PARTY

From the desk of Pat Smith.. Human Resources Director.

I'm happy to inform you that the office Christmas Party will take place on December 23, starting at noon in the banquet room at Luigi's Open Pit Barbecue. No-host bar, but plenty of eggnog! We'll have a small band playing traditional carols... feel free to sing along. And don't be surprised if our General Manager shows up dressed as Santa Claus!

FROM: Pat Smith, Human Resources Director

DATE: December 2

RE: Christmas Party

In no way was yesterday's memo intended to exclude our Jewish employees. We recognize that Chanukah is an important holiday which often coincides with Christmas, though unfortunately not this year. However, from now on we're calling it our "Holiday Party." The same policy applies to employees who are celebrating Kwanzaa at this time. Happy now?

FROM: Pat Smith, Human Resources Director

DATE: December 3

RE: Holiday Party

Regarding the note I received from a member of Alcoholics Anonymous requesting a non-drinking table...you didn't sign your name. I'm happy to accommodate this request, but if I put a sign on a table that reads, "AA Only," you wouldn't be anonymous anymore. How am I supposed to handle this? Somebody?

FROM: Pat Smith, Human Resources Director

DATE: December 7

RE: Holiday Party

What a diverse company we are! I had no idea that December 20 begins the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, which forbids eating, drinking and intimacy during daylight hours. There goes the party! Seriously, we can appreciate how a luncheon this time of year does not accommodate our Muslim employees beliefs. Perhaps Luigi's can hold off on serving your meal until the end of the party, or else package everything for take-home in little foil swans. Will that work? Meanwhile, I've arranged for Members of Overeaters Anonymous to sit farthest from the dessert buffet and pregnant women will get the table closest to the restrooms. Did I miss anything?

FROM: Pat Smith, Human Resources Director

DATE: December 8

RE: Holiday Party

So December 22 marks the Winter Solstice...what do you expect me to do, a tap-dance on your heads? Fire regulations at Luigi's prohibit the burning of sage by our "earth-based Goddess worshipping" employees, but we'll try to accommodate your shamanic drumming circle during the band's breaks. Okay???

FROM: Pat Smith, Human Resources Director

DATE: December 9

RE: Holiday Party

People, people, nothing sinister was intended by having our principal dress up like Santa Claus! Even if the anagram of "Santa" does happen to be Satan," there is no evil connotation to our own "little man in a red suit." It's a tradition, folks, like sugar shock at Halloween or family feuds over the Thanksgiving turkey or broken hearts on Valentine's Day. Could we lighten up?

FROM: Pat Smith, Human Resources Director

DATE: December 10

RE: Holiday Party

Vegetarians!?!?!? I've had it with you people!!! We're going to keep this party at Luigi's Open Pit Barbecue whether you like it or not, so you can sit quietly at the table furthest from the "grill of death," as you so quaintly put it, and you'll get your #\$\$%^&*! salad bar, including hydroponic tomatoes...but you know, they have feelings, too. Tomatoes scream when you slice them. I've heard them scream, I'm hearing them scream right now!

FROM: Karen Jones, Acting Human Resources Director

DATE: December 14

RE: Ms. Pat Smith and Holiday Party

I'm sure I speak for all of us in wishing Pat Smith a speedy recovery from her stress-related illness and I'll continue to forward your cards to her at the sanitarium. In the meantime, management has decided to cancel our Holiday Party and give everyone the afternoon of the 23rd off with full pay. Happy Holidays



MEMBERS

THEIR CARS

AN IMAGE TO REMEMBER – THE RARE 1965 DAIMLER MAJESTIC MAJOR

There is something very special about a top classic British motor. This mint condition, low mileage 1965 Daimler Majestic Major owned by RACV Club member, Frank Douglas, is a striking example of classic British motoring and it is a proud member vehicle of the All British Classic Car Club (ABC).

This club was founded by Frank in early 1988 and was established primarily for social use of classic cars and to raise money for charity. It now has over 125 beautiful classic cars in its livery stable.

With several monthly events and meetings, this club has grown very well. It is not intended to replace any of the single make clubs but to enhance the social enjoyment of classic cars.

The ABC Club is the principal club conducting the running of the RACV Great Australian Rally, sponsored by the RACV. This is a run for all types of collectable vehicles and starts both at

the Melbourne Town Hall and at Frankston. The run then proceeds to Hastings, Dromana and then to the Mornington racecourse for a great gala finish. Next year the event is held on Sunday 21 January. The last two rallies have raised over \$26,000 for the public hospitals on the Mornington Peninsula. The 2001 rally is already heavily booked and looks like raising another \$26,000. Call Frank Douglas on 9789 4829 for details.

Frank's love for quality English cars began early in life and in 1958 he purchased his first Armstrong Siddeley which he kept for several years. So began a love affair that has endured 50 years and shows no sign of cooling.

Now that Frank has retired he has more time and is able to maximise his enjoyment of beautiful cars. He recently fell in love with the

rare Daimler 1965 4.5 litre V8 Majestic Major Limousine. Frank's car is one of the best in Australia.

RACV members interested in joining the ABC Club are invited to call Frank on 9739 4829 or the Club's membership officer, John Gardner on 5942 7535.

**"There is something
very special about
a top classic
British motor"**

If you know a Club member with an unusual car – or interesting hobby not necessarily related to motoring – who would be willing to be part of Club News, please send the details to Tracie Laws, Marketing and Member Relations Manager, RACV Club, 123 Queen Street, Melbourne 3000.

If everyone

If everyone who drives a car could lie a month in bed, with broken bones and stitched up wounds, or fractured head they'd never need preach safety any more to you & me.

If everyone could stand beside the bed of some close friend and hear the doctor say "no hope" before that fatal end and see him there unconscious, never knowing what took place the laws and rules of traffic I am sure we would soon embrace.

If everyone could meet the wife & children left behind and step into the darkened home where once the sunshine shone and look upon the vacant chair where daddy used to sit I'm sure each reckless driver would be forced to think a bit.

If everyone would realize pedestrians on the street have just as much right of way as those upon the seat and train their eyes for children who run recklessly at play this steady toll of human lives would drop from day to day.

If everyone would check their car before he takes a trip for worn tires, loose steering wheels & brakes that fail to grip and pay attention to his lights while driving roads at night another score for safety could be chalked up in the fight.

If everyone who drives a car would heed the danger signs placed by the highway engineers who also marked the lines to keep the traffic in the lanes and give it proper space the accidents we read about could not have taken place.

And last, if he who takes the wheel could say a little prayer and keep in mind those in the car depending on his care and take a vow and pledge himself to never take a chance the great crusade for safety then would suddenly advance.

Author unknown but contributed by Harry Cooper.

Events Events Events

XMAS GET TOGETHER & party time

December 10th. Xmas party. 12 noon on. At the home of Frank & Pat Douglas 12/14 Grandvalley Drive Chirnside Park. Food & drinks provided. All you need to do is tell us you are attending or you may have to fight Brutus for something to eat. Bring your swimming gear as the pool is solar heated. Ring 9739 4829.

Everybody bring ONE present to the value of \$5 only & everyone will go home with ONE present.. DON'T FORGET PLEASE.

Remember one couple is TWO PRESENTS. Then everyone

GETS A PRESENT



Sun 14th Jan..2.30.PM. Rally Bag preparation & B.B.Q. Time at John & Shona Cheesemans home at 11 Olive Grove Boronia. Pne 9762 8292. BYO Eats & drinks.. YES WE DO NEED YOUR HELP & COMPANY FOR A NICE DAY.

Sat 20th 6pm Rally briefing & Free BBQ for Marshals & Officials 12/ 14 Grandvalley Dve Chirnside Park. 97394829

Sun 21 Jan.. The big one.. RACV GREAT AUSTRALIAN RALLY...

Join in & ENJOY life

You only have ONE LIFE.. This is it, use it, or lose it

FOR EVER

The latest update on RACV. VVC Insurance

RACV's new Veteran, Vintage & Classic Vehicle Insurance

RACV is well known as Victoria's leading car insurer, but it has not offered cover for veteran, vintage and classic vehicles before.

All that has changed with the introduction of **RACV Veteran, Vintage & Classic Vehicle Insurance**. From late November 2000, RACV Insurance will be able to insure everything from an MGB GT to a Model T Ford.

In creating this new insurance cover, RACV has recognised that the people who drive these vehicles are enthusiasts who look after their cars with zeal and dedication. That is reflected in the cover and the service we provide.

Of course, this insurance policy also comes with the trustworthiness and quality service you expect from an organisation that has been around almost as long as the motor car itself.

Cover is limited to hobby and recreational use only and includes essential features such as:-

- Agreed Value
- Choice of repairer
- Retention of salvage

As an additional feature, every RACV Veteran, Vintage & Classic Vehicle Insurance policy comes with a free RACV Extra Care membership for complete peace of mind.

Policyholders and their named vehicle can take advantage of a range of emergency roadside services reserved only for RACV Extra Care members in an event of breakdown including*:-

- 8 free service calls per year
- Free towing in metro and country areas
- Free taxi ride to your destination
- Accommodation and rental vehicle up to 5 days where breakdown occurs more than 100kms from home
- Free transport of your vehicle home if your vehicle cannot be repaired

As a preview to the launch representatives of RACV will be at the Bendigo Swap Meet on 18-19 November, 2000, at the Prince of Wales Showgrounds, Holmes Rd, Bendigo.

RACV Veteran, Vintage & Classic Vehicle Insurance enquiries are welcome at the event or call **1800 646 605** to speak with one of our specialised team members to find out more about this new insurance product.

For all RACV Veteran, Vintage & Classic Vehicle Insurance enquiries please call **1800 646 605**.

Early morning run. 7am 10th Dec, so you can be home in time for our Xmas party. Inquiries, ring Neil Wakeman 0411 456 047 or home 9841 7773.

Conditions apply

RACV Great Australian Rally, Sun 21 Jan 2001

The big day is not far off..500 Historic cars departing from the Melbourne Town Hall & Ballam Park Frankston on a colorful run to the Hastings Marina for morning tea & then a tour of the Mornington Peninsula before heading up the Main Street Mornington to the Mornington Racecourse. There a colorful afternoon awaits all. Our Music Festival should start before noon. A Craft Market with Motoring Memorabilia awaits you.

All this is OUR responsibility so we need your help as a Marshall. What about giving me a call..9739 4829.

Thanks

Frank Douglas.

RACV Great Wings & Wheels Day

Once again we have joined in a partnership with RACV to conduct a major event to raise money for charity, the RACV Foundation.

This event will take place on Sun April 1 2001 at Lilydale Airfield & will consist of a Fly In & display of over 100 olde aircraft plus some military planes on display.

In addition we will have a Picnic at Hanging Rock type drive in for Historic motor vehicles. We expect some 1000 vehicles PLUS public cars to enjoy the day.

We also are working at arranging a major display of Yarra Valley wines & gourmet foods as well as the old sausage sizzle.

This will be a big day & we hope to raise lots of money for charity. Incidentally we need your help as well to run this day. Contact Frank Douglas 97394829.



PENINSULA HEALTH

MELBOURNE TO MORNINGTON

Sunday 21st JANUARY 2001

Please complete details in BLOCK LETTERS

ENTRANTS NAME/s:

ADDRESS:

Postcode:

TELEPHONE: (Home) (Business)

MEMBER OF CAR CLUB (NAME):

VEHICLE DETAILS

MAKE: MODEL: YEAR OF MANUFACTURE:

REGISTRATION NO: STATE: (Full Registration ☐ Club Permit ☐)

CAR TO BE JUDGED: ☐ Yes ☐ No

I/we wish to start the Rally at ☐ Melbourne ☐ Frankston

RALLY ENTRY FEE: \$30

I enclose my cheque payable to Peninsula Health
P.O. Box 459, Bayswater 3153.

\$

OR Charge total amount to my Bankcard ☐ Mastercard ☐ Visa Card ☐

Number

Expiry Date:

SIGNED: Applicant

Payment by cheque, credit card or money order only.
No responsibility for cash sent through mail.

Want a nice MGB Mk 2 for Christmas.?

Now is your chance as this RED beauty is up for urgent sale..

You name it, it has been done in the process of bringing this lovely vehicle to a VERY HIGH STANDARD.

When you see this car you will want to buy.. Price// Owner would like \$19000 but is ready to deal..

Ring Craig now and let him show you this GEM of a MGB Mk2.

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Bus 9761 2522

Incidentally RWC supplied for RD-072.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

To all ABC CC members & their families