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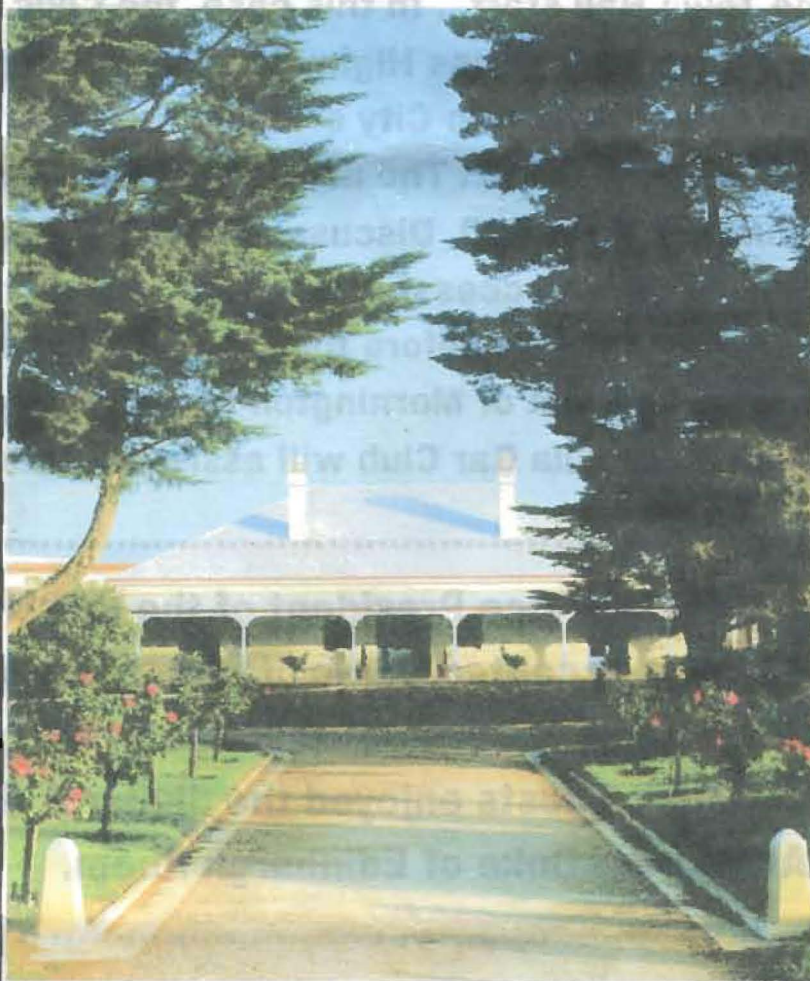
A friendly family social motoring

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YOUR A.B.C. NEWS

Domaine Chandon.. Part of our Yarra Valley tour



**On July 8th.
Come along
and have a
great day
out with
wine tasting
and then a
Bistro lunch
at the RACV
Country Club
Healesville.**

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Club News

In reviewing the RACV Great Australian Rally it was decided to look for an alternative to the Frankston start. Discussions held with the City of Casey were successful & as a result we will have a bigger, better & brighter start for 2002 other than the Melbourne Town Hall start... In this case, the Civic Center at Fountaingate on the Princes Highway at Narre Warren. We look forward to working with the City of Casey to make this a GREAT event on January 20 2002. The number of entrants vehicles has also been increased to 600. Discussions with the Mornington Racing Club have also been successful & we will again have our half way break at Hastings Marina before touring the Mornington Peninsula then up the main street of Mornington to the racecourse where the Southern Peninsula Car Club will assist with the parking.

Annual Dinner. The Vice President of the RACV David Bullard and his wife Pat accepted our invitation to be our guests as did the Club General Manager Aris Imbardelli. We trust that all members & their guests enjoyed the dinner & the hospitality of the RACV in the Duke of Edinburgh Room.

Jointly with our Queensland ABC Club we will be offering to members, ABC Logo shirts, Hats, car badges & we will be stocking up on cloth logo badges.. SO, if you want any of these give Heather a ring on 9791 2949.

If you are waiting for name badges ring Heather or Tom 9791 2949

Tore's troubles

Plus his wife Connie



SHANNONS 2001 TOUR TO CANBERRA

..... This Rally was something I had been looking forward to for about three years and it came to reality on Sunday 22nd April. With our starting point at the Dandenong Showgrounds, breakfast was put on by the Dandenong Car Club. Amidst heavy rain, we proceeded out of Dandenong to our first stopover, but horror struck at Pakenham in the form of a flat tyre! (We had gone to all the trouble of servicing our Riley Roadster even topping it off with new tyres to ensure a trouble free trip!) Agast in the heavy rain, we changed the tyre with the help of our friends who were travelling with us in their Buick and Jaguar cars. We got to Traralgon and the door shoots open- so with one damaged door and mudguard, we proceeded on our way. Then the top decides to let loose so we stop again to fix that - in the rain, of course!

Our first night stopover was at Lakes Entrance. Keith Anderson from the Armstrong Siddeley club came and spent the evening with us over a fabulous meal. By this time we were getting acquainted with lots of other enthusiasts - approximately 230 cars had left Dandenong! In the morning we fixed the tyre and left Lakes Entrance - again in the heavy rain. At this point Connie was not very impressed as the ground sheet we were using to shield us from water was becoming hopeless and by now everything was getting very wet. Well, by the time we got to Orbost, the exhaust system decided to come apart and the fumes in the cabin became unbearable - so we forced the top back as the sun was now shining, and that's the way we drove for the rest of the trip. (the weather thankfully became perfect) Our evening stopover was Merrimula.

The next day with morning tea at Bega, horror struck again in the form of another flat tyre! By now, I'm starting to hear funny noises from the engine bay - everything seemed OK, so we kept going. By the time we got to Batemans Bay we noticed that the noise was now constant and yes... the water pump is not looking very healthy! That evening, I rang our Riley membership officer in Melbourne - Noel Wyatt who gave me Frank Aireys phone number in Canberra. When I rang that evening, Frank proved most helpful to the extent that he took the water pump out of his car so that I could put it into mine- now that's what I call comradery to another car member!!!

Well the big day finally arrived where we all congregated on the lawns of the Old Parliament House and yes, in order of years with approximately 1300 cars from around Australia, it was very spectacular! These cars came from as far as Perth, Darwin, Tasmania, even King Island, and the general public came from near and far and they were certainly delighted. The climax came that evening when they put on a Banquet in two pavillions to feed approximately 3500 people - the caterers did a sterling job and the meals were great.

Well after four days in Canberra, we leave for home via Wagga Wagga and guess what? In the morning I had woken up to another flat tyre! I also noticed the water pump had gone again. Assessing the situation, I took off the fan belt as I suspected that it was pulling the water pump to one side - and we actually made it all the way home via Corowa, Cobram and Shepperton which in total took eleven days, covering 1300 miles.

I have been known to hop into my cars and drive off to a rally and have nothing happen, so the moral of my story is "if it aint broke, don't touch it" and I think I must have run over a Chinaman before I left !!!

Tore Pannuzzo

Date / /

Membership Number



ALL BRITISH CLASSICS

Car Club (Vic) *an* Incorporated Club

FAMILY MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Name.....Partners Name.....

Address.....

Phone ; Home..... Business.....

Fax..... Email.....

I/we apply for membership and agree to abide by the club rules.

(Club Rules : as per "MODEL RULES FOR AN INCORPORATED ASSOCIATION" Associations Incorporated Act 1981-schedule 2)

Signature/s.....

I/our vehicles are,

MAKE

MODEL

YEAR

REG.NO.

I/we are interested in;

Display of vehicles

Weekends away

Longer touring events

Social events

Days out with vehicle

Mid week events

Fellowship/other

Joining fee \$20.00, annual membership \$25.00. As a member you will receive individual name badges, a cloth badge, window decal and regular club newsletter.

WELCOME TO THE ALL BRITISH CLASSICS CAR CLUB

Membership inquiries; TOM CANNON, 208 Railway Parade

NOBLE PARK.3174. Phone 9791-2949 H. Mob 0410 497-912

Please mail this form to Tom Cannon

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Note correction to date from June 1 to June 3

June 3. Pub lunch at the PORTSEA PUB. 12.30 at Portsea.

Bookings not required but helpful. Ring Heather 97912949.

Come for a run & enjoy the day.

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Sun 17th June. Picnic at Coldstream Airport with the Antique Aircraft Association. BYO. 12 noon Melways 281 8H.

Do not worry about the weather, they have a nice clubroom & aircraft hangars if it rains. We will provide a catering trailer and will do a nice BBQ lunch for \$5.00 per head. So come along and maybe go flying? Inquiries, Heather on 9791 2949.....

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8th July Sun. A day in the Yarra Valley visiting Domaine Chandon Winery, then on to "The Big Bouquet flower farm" then on to The RACV Country Club for a Bistro Lunch [\$18 to \$25 per head] With the rest of the afternoon free to explore wineries etc..

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Sunday 29th. A Mystery tour & lunch organised by Marie Thomson full details in the July magazine. Inquiries to Marie.

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Early morning run... Sun 17th . Meet at Nunawadin Civic Center at 7 am for a 7.15 am start. Inquiries Neil Wakeman on 9841 7773. Get the wind in your hair & be home by 9.30 am

Join in & ENJOY life

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

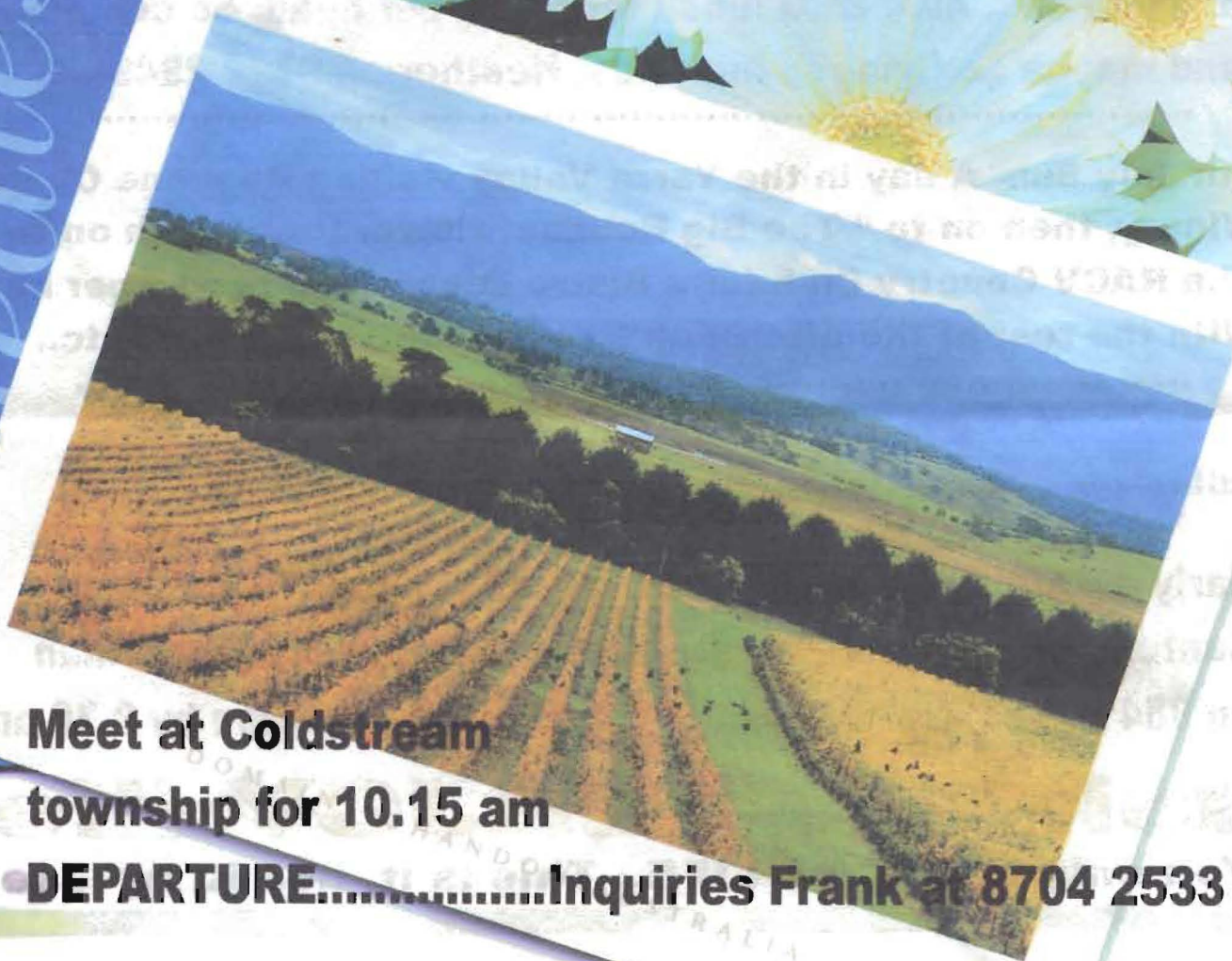
SUNDAY 8th July. A day out in the Yarra Valley.

- * **Domaine Chandon.. Wine tasting & tour.**
- * **The Big Bouquet.. A modern flower farm with Alpaca's**
- * **RACV Country Club.. A delightful Bistro Lunch.**



Club

**Come and
ENJOY THE DAY**



**Meet at Coldstream
township for 10.15 am**

DEPARTURE.....Inquiries Frank at 8704 2533



Tony Pettigrew's Lea Francis Restoration

LEA FRANCIS

First a brief history of Lea Francis cars, one of the lesser known English Marques.

Richard Lea in partnership with Gordon Francis started making bicycles in 1895 but it was not until 1904 that they made their first car, an advanced 4 wheel, 3 cylinder with overhead cam. However it was not a huge success and they concentrated on motor cycle manufacture until 1922. During the 1920's and early thirties they gained a reputation for high performance sports cars and had many successful race results including the 1928 Ulster TT outright and class victories at Le Mans. In the late 30's they were placed in receivership only to be rescued by G. H. Leek and Hugh Rose the designer of the Riley Engine. After the war they had three models; 14 H.P. Saloon, 18 H.P. Saloon and 14 H.P. Sports which evolved to become the 21/2 litre Sports which is where my interest in Lea Francis started. This model was produced from 1950-53, a total of 78 were produced of which 11 came to Australia. of these, 5 are registered, 1 in N.S.W., 4 in Vic., a further 5 are known to exist. They have claimed top speed of 100 M.P.H., powered by a 4 cylinder twin cam shaft engine, developing 87 B.H.P..

My car chassis No. 5230 was first registered March 22, 1951 as Vic. VF746 it's present number. The original owner is not known and in May 1952 it was reregistered XY 513. During 1953 it came into the hands of Alf Beasley who was Australia's major exponent of the Lea Francis speedway engine and won many championships up to his death at the Maribyrnong track in 1958. My car was used by him in hill climb events, winning at Rob Roy 1954. After his death it was sold by Sporting Cars of South Melbourne to Malcolm Ralton who kept it for several years. He moved to Cairns on business, leaving the car with a friend who crashed it, wiping out the passenger side guard, leaving the car at a panel beater's in Mornington where it stayed for 20 years while Malcolm and his friend(?) argued who should pay! Left in the open, the car deteriorated almost beyond repair. After much legal argument and a court case the car was finally awarded to the panel beater who disposed of it through a third party to me. I then started a complete restoration, removing the body from the chassis dismantling and rebuilding every part, replacing everything that was not repairable, making three trips to the U.K. to locate parts - there is a very active Club in the U.K. of which I am a member. All work has been done by me except some body work, painting and trimming which I left to the professionals. The whole project took me 3 years and the car was registered with its original plates in March 2000.



MEMBERSHIP

9791 2949

Tom Cannon

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	" - Xk120 - 1951
John & Patricia McNally	Jaguar - Xk 150s - 1958
Steve McNaughton	MG - B Roadster - 1972
Nello & Dianne Mafodda	Jaguar - Sovereign - 1993 Armstrong Siddeley - 346 Sapphire limousine - 1955 " " -- Sapphire - 1955 " " -- 25 hp - 1933 " " -- 12 hp - 1928
Bruce & Judy Marsh	Austin Healy - 1001-6 - 1959
Tim & Susan Maslin	Jaguar - 420 - 1968
Mario & Angela Napoleone	Austin - A30 Countryman 1955
Peter & Kay Newstead	MG - B Mk 2 - 1969
Tore & Connie Pannuzzo	Riley - Rmc - 1950 " - - 1951/54 " - Roadster - 1950 Armstrong Siddeley - 1955 / 53 / 54 / 56 / 60 Rolls Royce - 1950 Bentley - IV - 1950 " - R - 1954 Buick - Convertible - 1968 Jaguar - 1977 " - 1980 Fordson - Ute - 1950
Bob & Catherine Parsons	Rolls Royce - Silver Shadow - 1975 Jaguar - Xk 120 Roadster - 1953 Jaguar - 'S' Type - 2000
Tony & Jennifer Partridge	Mini -
Tony & Maxine Pettigrew	Lea Francis - 2 1/2 Ltr sports - 1950 MG - Tr - 1952 " - A - 1956 Triumph - Spitfire - 1978
Jim & Carol Price	Lotus - Elan Plus Series II - 1970
Bob & Jan Poole	Triumph - 2500 tc - 1974 Jaguar - Xj6 Series I - 1973
Cliff & Lorraine Rattray - Wood	Jaguar - Xk 120 - 1950
Brian Rawson	Standard - 12 BL 4 Door Saloon - 1938
Owen Rebecca	Jaguar - Series II - 1975
Nick & Lyn Smith	Jaguar - Mk 10 - 1965 Daimler - series I - 1972 Rolls Royce - Silver Shadow - 1972
Doug Spencer	Bristol - 400 - 1948 " - 406 - 1958
Trevor & Sue Tucker	'E' Type Jaguar - Series I 2+2 - 1966
Tom Verney	Rover - 90 (p4) - 1959 " - 75 (p4) - 1952
Neil Lyn Wakeman	Morris - 12/4 Saloon - 1936 MG - B Roadster - 1962 MG - B GT Coupe - 1974
Colin & Melinda Warren	MG - C GT - 1969 Jaguar - Sovereign Xj 40 - 1990
Bill & Pam Wellwood	Citron - Big 6 - 1950
Tony & Beverley Wither	Rolls Royce - Corniche - 1972 Jaguar - Xk8 - 1997
Ross & Pat Wolstenholme	Jaguar - Sovereign Series III - 1988 Aston Martin - DB6 - 1967
Alan & Susan Torvey	Jaguar - Xj6 - 1981 Morris - Cooper s Mk I - 1968 Mini - Cooper s - 1970

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Bill & Terri Allen	Rover - 90(p4) - 1956 Rover - 105r(p4) - 1957
Dr Alan & Sandy Baker	Jaguar - Xjs - 1977 Citron - Light 15 - 1948 Citron -D Special - 1973
Michael Ban & Nerida Tongue	Sunbeam - Alpine series IV GT - 1964
Leon & Maree Beveridge	'E' type Jaguar - 4.2 coupe - 1971
Mike Bindon & Maree Thompson	Aston Martin - Db5 - 1964 Triumph - Stag - 1977
Tom & Heather Cannon	Rover -3500(P6b) - 1976 Rover -3.5(P5b) - 1971
Peter Chapman	Austin Healey - Bn1 - 1954
John & Shona Cheeseman	Austin Vanden plas - Princess 4 ltr - 1967
Les & Annette Comte	Lotus - Elan Series II - 1995
Harry & Jean Cooper	Rover - 3Lt(P5la) - 1962
Craig Douglas (for sale)	MG - B Roadster - 1972
Frank & Pat Douglas	Daimler - Majestic Major - 1965 " - Xj40 - 1991 Rolls Royce - Silver Spur - 1981
Geoffrey & Thelma Entwistle	Jaguar - 'S' Type 3.8 ltr - 1965
John Gardner	Triumph - Tr4A - 1967 " - Tr4 - 1963 " - 2.5 PI - 1970
Robert & Bethany Goodall (Some of these Cars are for sale)	Armstrong Siddeley - Sapphire x2 - 1956-58 " " - Star Sapphire x2 1960 Austin - 1800 x10 - 1969 " - Kimberly - 1972 Morris - 1500 - 1970 Austin - A30 As4 - 1956 " - A70 Hamshine - 1950 " - A40 Atlantic - 1950
Hyme & Lorraine Greenblat	MGC - GT - 1969
Don Guest	Triumph - Stag - 1974
Colin & Margaret Hallam	
Ray & Lyn Higginson	Rolls Royce - Silver Shadow Mk II - 1981 Bentley - S Model - 1955 Jaguar - Mk 10 - 1966 Essex - Super 6 - 1924
Tony Hodges	Armstrong Siddeley - Star Sapphire - 1953 - 60 Jaguar - Xj12 - 1973
John & Marion Holmes	MG - Tf 1250 - 1954 Jaguar - Xj6 series II - 1974
Daryl & Lynette Howard	Triumph - Tr6 - 1969
Val Jefferyes	Armstrong Siddeley - Typhoon - 1947
Colin Jenkins & Anne Fleming	Triumph - Dolomite Sprite x7 - 1975 - 76 " - 2000 Mk I - 1970 " - 2000 Mk II - 1971 Morris - Clubman Van - 1974 Range Rover - 1986
Don & Aurora Johnson	Morgan - Plus 4 -2 Seater - 1951 " - 4/4 - 4 Seater - 1971
Lewis Johnson	Jaguar - Mk II 3.8 - 1961 Morris cooper S - Mk I - 1967 Triumph - Stag - 1978
David & Edna Laird	Jaguar - Mkv - 1951