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## A friendly family social motoring club

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**9th September & our crew braved very bad weather to start the day which thankfully ended up being a great one. Lunch was at Point Nepean**



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<b>Outstanding car metal badges.</b>	<b>\$30.</b>
<b>Club caps with club logo.</b>	<b>\$10.</b>
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<b>Window club logo decals for your club car</b>	<b>\$2.</b>



# RACV Great Australian Rally & Fly the flag report

**The RACV Great Australian Rally entries are on schedule for 600 cars for the Jan 20 Rally . Please keep in mind that we NEED your services as a marshal on the day. Rally Marshals do not have to pay an entry fee for the rally & provided you fill in an entry form you can obtain a RACV badge for only \$10. These badges are heavily underwritten by the RACV. DON'T MISS ORDERING ONE.**

**RACV FLY THE FLAG Tour is listed for 20 Apr 2002 & promises to be an exciting & enjoyable 7 day run. We do need some marshals so if you are interested ring Frank on 8704 2533 & talk about the special deal for marshals.**

**The tour brochure is attached, read & consider & maybe join us.**



## RACV Board Elections

**Currently the RACV is holding elections for directors. ABC Car Club member Professor Peter Chandler is standing for RE-ELECTION to the board.**

**We ask that you give serious consideration to voting for Professor Peter Chandler.**



# ALASKA & BACK

During the last month I had the good fortune to go fishing in Alaska, in fact I was based at the old Russian capital Sitka where a good friend resides. My friend 'Pete' has a very large new private fishing boat powered by two caterpillar diesels & has jet drives instead of props. The reason for the jet drives is that often the massive log rafts being towed to the mills get hit by storms & break up, this leaves thousands of large logs floating around & if you hit one it either goes through the vessel or rolls underneath & wrecks the props. As Petes toy did about 30 knots he chose the jet drives.

Whilst in Sitka I met up with a Queensland ABC Car Club member, Paul Caro & his wife & away we went fishing. We caught a number of salmon in the 15 to 30 lb range & two Halibut. Our on board scales went to 50 lb & my pet Halibut exceeded this.

On my way home a friend in San Francisco took me to the Smithsonian Institute Car Museum. What a smorgasbord of magnificent vehicles. \$20 million dollar Bugatti Royales, Rolls, Pierce Arrows, Cords, Delarges, Isotos, etc etc. This display I would recommend to any car buff & it will stay in your memory for life.

The highlight was seeing a beautiful Daimler Majestic Major proudly placed as part of this great collection, I was even happier because I had the identical model in my garage at home.



Salmon on their migration up stream





**Halibut fishing in Alaska**



Coming to you for your **PARTICIPATION**

# **EVEN TS**

**5, 6, 7. Oct. Weekend away at Maryborough & Castlemaine.  
Inquiries..Tom Cannon 9791 2949.**

**We will be staying at the DOROJON Motel 1 Primrose St  
Maryborough. Pne 54611555. Make your way there for either  
the Friday night meal or come on Saturday. Let Tom Cannon  
know what you intend & lets have a great weekend.  
Tom's phone number is 9791 2949. **RING TOM****

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**Sun 28th October Joint day out with the Antique Aeroplane  
Assn at a beautiful private property in the You Yangs. The  
property is called Woolloomanata & owned by John Pettit.  
The address is 5 km nth of Barwon Prison on the Bacchus Marsh  
Road. BUT we will meet at the Todd Rd Service Center [Shell]  
Melb end of the Westgate Bridge ready to roll at 10 am.  
B.Y.O Lunch & drinks. Inquiries. Tom Cannon 9791 2949.**

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**11 Nov Sun. Visit to Coal Creek then lunch at Kowarra. Full  
details in next magazine.**

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**26 Nov. Gippsland Deli tour..**

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**1 & 2 Dec. Motorex 01. See story in editorial.**

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**XMAS..Sat 8th Dec. BBQ at the Gazebo, RACV Country Club  
Healesville.. Reserve this date please. Discounted cost will  
Be \$16.50 per head with our club paying for drinks. We need  
confirmed numbers for catering so ring Frank on 8704 2533**

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**Early morning run... Sun 14th Oct .. 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**

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**If flying is so safe, why do they call the airport the TERMINAL.**

# **RACV Events schedule 2002-2004**

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**Sun Jan 20 2002. RACV Great Australian Rally.  
Australia Day Sat 26.. Holiday Mon 28th.**

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**Sat Apl 20 2002. RACV Fly the flag tour. 7 days.  
Easter Fri 29th March.**

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**Sun Jan 19. 2003. RACV Great Australian Rally.  
[ Australia Day Sun 26th ] Holiday Mon 27th**

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**Sun March 16 2003. RACV Centenary Wings & Wheels.  
Easter Fri Apl 18.**

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**2003 Date not set. RACV Fly the flag tour. 7 days.  
Easter Fri Apl 20.**

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**Sun 5 Oct 2003. RACV Veterans Centenary run to Tooradin.**

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**Sat/Sun 24/25 Jan 2004. RACV Centenary Great Aust Rally..  
[Australia Day Mon 26th]**

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**Sat 20th March 2004. RACV Centenary Tour of Vic. 7 days  
Easter Fri Apl 9.**

The ABC Car Club will be involved with the above events  
both in an organizing role as well as providing the cars.





## **Oct 28. A day out with the Antique Aeroplane Association At WOOLLOOMANATA Homestead.**

**Woolloomanata is located in the You Yangs and is a wonderful old bluestone Homestead once owned by the Smorgan family. John Pettit, the owner of this magnificent property has invited us to join with the Antique Aeroplane Assn for yet another get together.**

**The homestead & its runway were used as an RAAF base during the second world war, so it has history as well as scenic beauty.**

**Some of the AAAA are arriving on Saturday & John is putting on a spit roast, anyone who would like to join them & CAMP OUT Sat night is welcome. Own tent & sleeping gear required.**

**If you want a ride in a magnificent flying machine be prepared to trade a ride in your magnificent machine. BBQ facilities available and it is BYO everything. See events page for meeting details etc. Or ring Tom Cannon on 9791 2949.**