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EARLY LIGHT ON TOOLANGI PUB RUN



Contemplating the scenic merits of the Harvey Norman bitumen.



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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.

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: Gordon Lindner, 9 Hagen Drive, Berwick, Victoria, 3806. Telephone Number 0418 540 920.

Note: Membership subscriptions are due before the end of December each year.

**The All British Classics Car Club Vic Inc. was founded by the late Frank E Douglas
 on 19th September, 1997**

LIFE MEMBERS

**The ABCCC Vic Inc. is proud to grant Life Membership to those who provide exceptional service to our club.
 Current Life Member: Pat J Douglas**

ABCCC EVENTS DIRECTORY

Special Note: This ABCCC Events Directory lists only those events organised by the ABCCC. There have been other events placed in this directory and, they can be found on Page 13.

September 2019

Sunday 29th A Powerful Day Out – An ABCCC Event. Tom Cannon (03) 5659 0264
Featuring Lunch at 'Hydewood', Boolarra South. Location – Morwell, Gippsland.

October 2019

Sunday 6th The ABCCC 2020 Event Planning Meeting. Tony Pettigrew (03) 9739 1146
Venue – 16 Lawler Lane, Coldstream, Victoria.

Sunday 13th Mystery Run – An ABCCC Event. Russell Simmonds (03) 9801 2783
Venue – TBA.

Saturday 26th to Sunday 27th The 'Terri Allen Garden Tour' – An ABCCC Event. Kate Senko & Graham Talmage (03) 5169 6626
'Gardivalia Festival of Gardens and Events' within the Baw Baw Shire. hydewood@bordnet.com.au
A Weekend of Open Gardens.

November 2019

Sunday 10th Peppers Turn Back Time Pub Run – An ABCCC Event. Marj Pepper 0407 392 330
Gathering Point – Hurstbridge Station Carpark, End of Line, Main Road, Hurstbridge.
Melway Map 155; Ref: J8. Opposite Police Station and Old Post Office Café.

Friday 22nd to Sunday 24th The Justly Famed Indulgence Tour – An ABCCC Event. Peter McKiernan (03) 9787 6003
Touring – Yarrawonga Area.

December 2019

Sunday 8th Christmas Luncheon – An ABCCC Event Maxine Pettigrew (03) 97395 1146
Venue – TBA.

EDITORIAL RAMBLINGS – Issue N° 232

Below is information that the Vintage Sports Car Club of Victoria (VSCCV) introduced into their newsletter the article from the AOMC Newsletter about unleaded petrol. See Page 8 of the August, 2019 edition of *Your ABCCC News*.

Herewith the introduction:

TECHNICAL

The August 2019 AOMC newsletter had an interesting article which may help explain problems encountered by some owners of older cars.

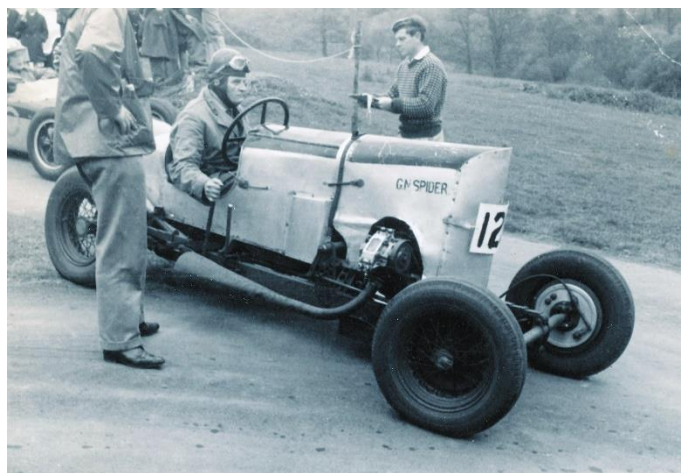
Whether this article is from some time in the past I am not sure but the statement that 'BP Racing 100 fuel approximates fuels produced earlier in the century' makes one wonder, but the comments on boiling point component variations are still valid.

An internet search indicates that the BP Racing 100 fuel referred to contains lead and among other things its use in Confederation of Australian Motor Sports' racing events is no longer permitted, so one wonders if it is still available here. Any information on its availability or that of equivalent fuels would be appreciated.

(Editor – VSCCV)

It is my understanding that the article in the AOMC Newsletter used a BP Australia Product Bulletin (2015) as its basis, also, it is understood that all motor sport fuel in Australia is of unleaded type. Still on racing fuel topic, here is some satisfying nostalgia. No matter, here is a piece about my misspent youth, it relates to historic hill-climbing, just like we do at Rob Roy, but this was either Wiscombe Park or Prescott in the early 1960s. This was in the days when we could get right up close to the action. In the photograph is the **GN Spider** driven by the late Basil Davenport and, for me, it was important to be at the start line as Basil prepared for his run up the hill, entertainment of the highest order!

The entire start-of-run procedure was a ritual, first the car had to be push started, eventually the mighty J.A.P. based 1,087 cc twin would fire with super loud bellows from its two megaphone exhaust pipes, and Basil would be wrestling with magneto timing (two of them for double spark ignition) and the fuel mixture (mostly alcohol) controls, the notion of a hand-brake, the clutch for the 'chaingang' transmission, while getting the engine running to his satisfaction. All of this took quite some time and those standing close-by, suffered streaming eyes while watching the antics of the violently rocking engine and the flexing chassis. Goodness only knows what compression ratio Basil was using, and probably Mr. Prestwich would never have wanted to! The same goes for the fuel used – but the fumes were exhilarating with the heady aroma of Castrol 'R'.



Behind the car, in the photo, is the holder of the timing paddle, whose duty it was to snatch it away as soon as the front tyre had passed over it – should the rear wheel have struck it, then ‘Spider’ would have posted a super quick climb time. There were several practice leaps and bounds before reaching the start line. Once there and in position, it took a while for the driver to be happy with the vibrating and bellowing engine and he would signal the paddler he was ready to set off up the hill. Away the GN would go and, because *Spider* had no differential, we spectators could see daylight under the rear tyres as the car leapt up the hill. Once the car was around the first bend of its climb, the man with the start paddle would calmly bend down and pick up the few nuts and bolts that had vibrated from the car, to hand to Basil when he coasted back to the paddock area.

In its hey day, *Spider* driven by Basil Davenport claimed numerous hill climb and sprints records, beating such cars as the Bugatti of Raymond Mays (E.R.A. and B.R.M. fame). It has been said that the gold medal awards won at these events were melted and cast into bracelets for Mrs. Davenport. Google GN Spider and read the full story, a great topic. Once experienced, never forgotten!

Sorry, I wandered slightly off-course, must have been Castrol ‘R’ thoughts!

This month, event reports are a bit thin on the ground. Maybe those who organise our events can ‘delegate’ reporting to an attendee to write up a report of the event for this magazine? More than four words please.

Mike Allfrey – Jupiter, Bringer of Jollity!

NEWS FROM THE FEDERATION

Report On The Federation Delegates’ Meeting – 3rd August, 2019

The above Meeting was hosted by the Mildura Vintage Vehicles Club Inc. and was held at the Midway Community Centre, Buronga, located just over the Murray River in NSW. Our Club was represented by Delegates Tony Pettigrew – accompanied by wife Maxine – and Bill Allen. Also in attendance were ABCCC Members Gary and Glenda Prewett, along with Graham Talmage and Kate Senko, representing other Clubs.

The Meeting opened at 1:00 pm sharp and Federation President, Neil Athorn, welcomed Delegates and visitors. Neil then thanked the host Car Club for providing the excellent lunch we all enjoyed. Neil then introduced the President of the Mildura Club, Robert Rigby who welcomed all present and gave the following brief history of his Club. The Club was formed 53 years ago in 1966 and today has approximately 200 Members. Meetings were first held in a house and moved on to various venues including the old Powerhouse, Rowing Club Hall and a former RAAF Hall. Their current Club Rooms are in Gol Gol and, after extensive renovations, should be ready to occupy once more in about two weeks time. Robert thanked the Federation and Delegates for visiting their region and hoped their stay would be a pleasant one.

Neil then thanked Robert for his welcome and proceeded with the Meeting, calling for any additional apologies noting that there were a large number already recorded due to illness.

There was some discussion on insurance for vehicles on the Victorian Club Permit Scheme (VCPS) and Daryl Meek of the RACV advised that they will be covered regardless of their use at this stage provided they were being used in accordance with the Scheme and Logbooks were correctly filled in. John Lewis from VicRoads is currently on two months long service leave.

The Maryborough Rally is coming up soon and they require two new Delegates to replace the current two who are both ill.

Grants were made to various Clubs including a defibrillators for the Early Ford V8 Club and a grant to weld gates to secure their premises for the Goulburn Valley Tractor and Machinery Club. A Trophy Grant was made to the Maryborough Club for their Rally.

Treasurer Brett Holloway then gave his Treasurer's Report for the Quarter advising that over \$8,200.00 had been received in and around \$6,800.00 paid out, leaving a current balance of \$287.87 in the current account which will need to be topped up,

Neil advised that the Marong Picnic will be held on 25th August, 2019 and that a run will be held to mark the 50th year of the Bendigo Club from Bendigo to Castlemaine, which will include breakfast and lunch, on 24th August, 2019. The Mortlake Picnic was held on 24th March, 2019 and the Wunghnu Picnic was held on the 30th and 31st March, 2019. The Scoresby Picnic was held on 31st March, 2019 [This event was attended by Members of the ABCCC], the Kerang Picnic was held on 19th May, 2019 – the day following the previous Delegates Meeting – and the Golden Oldies was held in March of this year.

The Scoresby Picnic will be held on the 29th March, 2020 and the Golden Oldies will be held in 2021, further details of these and other events will be advised in due course.

The RACV sponsored Florence Thompson Event, for women drivers only, will be held on 17th May, 2020 and the Australian Historic Motoring Federation (AHMF) National Motoring Rally is to be held from 28th March to 3rd April, 2020.

A new Event, the Baw Baw Picnic will be held on the 27th October, 2019 at Darnum. NOTE: As this Event coincides with the ABCCC ‘Terri Allen Garden Tour’ some attendees may wish to attend this nearby Event on the Sunday.

John Goddard spoke at length about the recent AHMF Meeting recently held in Melbourne. There are nine State Motoring organisations; such as the Federation and the AOMC; which make up the AHMF and Neil Athorn was re-elected President for 2020. The next AHMF Meeting will be held in the ACT on the 5th and 6th September, 2020.

Some of the matters brought up and discussed by the AHMF included how to promote the AHMF, how to discuss matters with policy makers who make decisions on such matters as Asbestos and Luxury Car Tax, the latter for all vehicles

valued at over \$65,000.00 – one local Government Member was not aware this tax applied to all vehicles, she thought it only applied to new vehicles!

Trade skills that have been lost, various State levels of standards enforced, no National policy and the FIVA, the World body representing our movement since 1966 were also matters discussed.

John Kennett spoke about the Robert Shannon Trust, for restorers under thirty years of age, and advised that there was only one entry received this year and it was not up to the standard expected. No award was therefore awarded this year however the unsuccessful entrant was encouraged to reapply next year with a more detailed Application.

Neil spoke about this year's Bendigo Swap and advised some site bookings had been handed back, possibly due to the age of holders, so more sites are now available. It is expected that it will cost in excess of \$2,000,000.00 to upgrade the Prince of Wales Showgrounds and they are currently strapped for cash. It currently costs \$30,000.00 for four days for the hire of the Show grounds to hold the Swap there and it may possibly be moved to an alternative site; possibly Elmore; sometime in the future.

The bin collection system has been changed, not so much to reduce costs, but to improve safety.

Club Corner has been moved to the new building, twelve barn find vehicles will be on display and the Swap Magazine is progressing well.

The next Delegates' Meeting will be hosted by the Hobsons Bay Men's Shed Motoring Group and will be held on the 19th October, 2019 at the Werribee Masonic Centre, 223 Walton Street, Werribee and there is plenty of parking available around the Centre.

In General Business it was raised if it was possible for any non-club members could be included in the VCPS scheme. This matter is yet to be resolved, presumably with VicRoads.

One Delegate spoke about problems occurring with under bumper lights, position of driving lights and extremely bright LED lights. It was stated that laws to prevent these problems occurring were not being enforced. A 1979 Lincoln was fitted with self dipping head lights!

Australian made vehicles only will comprise of the 100 vehicles to be displayed at Kings Domain on Australia Day. Application forms available at the front of venue. Darryl Meek organising event.

It has been reported that there has been some evidence of falsifying Red Plates to the "Slimline" format. This is illegal and no such genuine plates have been or will be issued by VicRoads.

There are currently twenty Rootes Group cars on display at the Gippsland Vehicle Collection in Maffra.

The Hobsons Bay Men's Shed are looking to hold a Display on Australia Day 2020. Further details to be advised.

Neil advised that a Federation Badge was awarded to a very original Holden 48 215 (FX) Holden on display outside the venue.

Meeting Closed 2:40 pm.

The **Federation AGM** followed and highlights included:

Neil reported the Federation had a successful year with really good Meetings and thanked all concerned for their assistance. Membership has remained static and is at a manageable level and Picnic Days have gained momentum in the past year. Last years Swap was excellent and all involved were thanked for their efforts. No review of the VCPS has been undertaken by VicRoads at this stage. The RACV was thanked for their support. Thanks were extended to the Committee and Delegates and all aspects of the Federation are going well.

Treasurer Brett Holloway reported that it had been a big and successful year financially for the Federation and after sustaining losses from 2014 to 2017. Since then a small profit was achieved in 2018 and a much better result this year. Some amendments were made to amounts paid out, with the amount paid to Clubs hosting Delegates Meetings increased from \$500.00 to \$750.00.

There was some discussion on introducing Associate Members, which the Federation's Constitution allows. This matter can be resolved at a General Meeting provided 21 days due notice is given. This would allow Clubs across the border in SA and NSW, such as Bordertown, Naracoorte and Deniliquin, to become Associate Members of the Federation. It is proposed such Clubs would pay half the normal Subscription. This matter to be discussed further at the October Delegates' Meeting.

After standing down the following were re-elected unanimously to the Committee: President – Neil Athorn; Vice President – Kevin Holloway (Returning after a 12 Months absence); Secretary – Rebecca Dempsey; and Treasurer – Brett Holloway. There were much comings and goings in the General Committee with the most notable being Josh Crowe standing down for 12 months due to his relocation to Portland.

John Smith to retain Regalia and Michelle Goddard to continue as Minute Secretary.

Anne Davis to take over the running of the Golden Oldies in 2021 from her parents John and Margaret Davis.

Next year's Delegates' Meetings are:

Warrnambool, 8th February, 2020; Echuca, 16th May, 2020; Shepparton, 8th August, 2020; Bendigo, 17th October, 2020.

The next Delegates' Meeting will be hosted by Hobsons Bay Men's Shed Motoring Group on the 19th October, 2019.

Neil thanked all concerned and invited all to partake of afternoon tea. Meeting Closed: 3:20 pm.

Bill Allen, Delegate.

AOMC DELEGATES MEETING

Held At Macedon Ranges & District Car Club, Gisborne

Saturday August 17th 2019. Meeting Notes. There were 76 delegates attending representing 60 clubs.

Chairman Keith Mortimer thanked the Macedon Ranges Club for putting on a great lunch and tour for the delegates, and the collection of classic cars out the front of the venue.

Robert Green from the Macedon Ranges Club thanked all for attending and gave a brief background of the club, the rooms and the area. He also especially acknowledged Daryl Meek from the RACV for all the work he does for the movement and the clubs.

Guest Speaker: Roger Gibbs 'Holdens History, Some Personal Insights'. Roger gave a very informative and entertaining talk on his family and personal connections to Holden's history. His father was an executive at Holden in Woodville when the first Holden was developed. Roger eventually worked at Holden himself as an engineer and eventually as head of product and strategic planning. He gave many fascinating insights into the background of the development of many iconic Holden models, and even how the model identifiers (FJ, FE, FC, HD, etc) came about. The 'F' series were a secret code which related to their planned year of production. HD broke the mould, being the reverse initials of American managing director Dave Hegland.

David Stamp: Gave a very informative talk on his business of installing seatbelts into older vehicles. David had a background as a rigger linesman with the SEC which had a strong emphasis on safety. He also had a passion for older cars, but when he slammed on the brakes of his 30s Ford and his wife slammed into the dashboard, he realised that he needed to somehow fit seatbelts to his vehicle. Having a good knowledge of vehicle frames he has been able to adapt his knowledge to fitting seatbelts safely to many older vehicles.

Presidents Report: Hearing unofficially of people doing interesting things with club plates. Stickers being made up in the correct colours but do not reflect any vehicle whatsoever, and numerous tales of abuse. This is best system in the country, implores all clubs to call out those who abuse system and may have consequences for everyone using the system. One area is with vehicles being used for weddings, not family or friend use, but in contravention of the rules to be doing it for fee or reward.

Treasurers Report: Current balance of AOMC accounts is \$154,000.

VicRoads/VCPS: Iain Ross reported that there have been queries about slim line plates. VicRoads have advised that they are not official and they will never introduce them for VCPS vehicles. There are some around that are being custom made, but they are not official VicRoads plates.

AOMC have a meeting pending with motorcycle clubs and VicRoads. Has been a perception amongst motorcycle clubs that CPS does not cater well for them. For instance, there is no M plate for motorcycles.

Will also be a special meeting with Commercial vehicle clubs to find out what their particular interests are and what the Association can do for them.

Aussie Classic Car Show. Was due to take place next Sunday at Yarra Glen, but due to grounds' issues at the venue after recent heavy rains, the event has been postponed. Intend to run instead on Saturday November 2nd.

RACV: Daryl Meek reported on several events. **Australian Automotive Historians** conference being held in October and theme is the '*Joy of Motoring*'. A flyer available which lists lectures and presentations.

Australia Day in Domain. Two years ago was knocked down to just fifty vehicles allowed, and now they are allowing about one hundred vehicles to take part. Due to limitations special themes are being used. Last year was Vintage vehicles, 2020 will be Australian built vehicles.

Florence Thomson Tour an event for women drivers to be held on Saturday May 16th. Will be based at RACV Torquay and tour the Great Ocean Road, Barwon Park and Lorne. This is the day before National Motoring Heritage day. Limited to two hundred entrants.

2021 – 100th Anniversary of RACV Alpine Trials. Will take place as close as possible to the original dates, one hundred years on. It will be similar in length to RACV Fly the Flag tour over eight days and over same route as much as possible. Entries limited to types of vehicles. First priority will be for original vehicles that actually took part in the 1921 event. Second priority will be for vehicles similar to those that took part. Third priority will be vehicles manufactured during the period.

2020 Bay To Birdwood event will be run entirely by the Birdwood Museum and History Trust of South Australia. South Australian Federation will not be involved in running.

Asbestos & Luxury Car Tax: Not much movement on these issues, hopefully more to report at the next meeting.

Engine Number Records: A request for a Riley's details. Left UK in 1929, but not registered until mid 1932. Checked engine numbers adjacent to this vehicle, there was a series of companion vehicles that were all registered at about the same time.

Philip asked delegates how many S4 Holden's do they think were made. Philip found through the records that 45 to 50 S4 engines went into a Victorian built body.

General Business: Michael Barber (Cobra CC) raised issue of a member unable to get registration on his replica due to VicRoads changing their business rules. Keith Mortimer advised that AOMC will follow up this issue for them.

Martin Ball (Ballan & District Vintage Machinery & Vehicle Club) announced that his club are holding a Rally on Sunday February 16th, consisting of tractors, machinery and cars. All welcome.

John King (Packard CC) reported that he has heard second hand that at the last VicFed meeting it was announced that the NRMA are against Left Hand Drive vehicles in NSW. He asked if AOMC had any updates on that. Keith Mortimer replied that it will be checked out and reported back to clubs.

Meeting closed at 3.10pm. Next AOMC meeting is the AGM on Monday November 25th in Springvale.

Daryl Meek noted that delegates and clubs need to try and fill vacant positions on AOMC committee. Secretary role has been vacant for several years, and President Keith Mortimer will not be standing at AGM due to work commitments.

From the AOMC – with thanks.

AOMC NEWS ITEM

Victorian Club Permit Scheme (VCPS) Changes

A revision to the VCPS rules has granted certain club committee members the authority to sign Victorian Club Permit Scheme renewal forms for club members – with the proviso that their signatures have been lodged with VicRoads. The extra signatories will be the President, the Vice President, the Secretary and the Treasurer. Whether our club's Executive Committee Members decide to bring in extra signatories or not, will be advised in a forthcoming edition of *Your ABCCC News*. Keep an eye on our Committee Listing on Page 2.

VicRoads has indicated that there will be a review of the entire VCPS, at a time to be determined. There have been requests for those operators not in a motor vehicle club, to have access to the VCPS direct with VicRoads. Very likely, this request will form a part of the review. We shall see.

Mike Allfrey – Club Delegate to AOMC.

WE MUST ENCOURAGE YOUNG PEOPLE

A piece by Nick Larkin, a contributor for *Practical Classics* magazine, a British monthly publication. In the July, 2019 issue Nick writes:

Let Others Enjoy Your Classic Car

Five simple words could have a profound impact on the future of the classic car movement – and should be uttered much more. "Have a sit in it!" This simple fact seized me after experiencing the joys of two contrasting classics during the recent British Marques Day at Brooklands. In the window of a gloriously-original Austin A35 was a simple, handwritten invite. 'Welcome all to sit inside and enjoy the ride, J xx.' Well done J, whoever you are! I was seized by a flashback to 1976 when a nice lady neighbour answered my questions about a vehicle I deeply loved, her immaculate Speedwell Blue Austin A35, rarely seen out of the garage.

The driver's door was opened for me. I remember plonking myself down inside and savouring the joy of hot oil odour, warm upholstery, and utter charm. I decided that all cars should be like this, and have adored A35s ever since.

Back to Brooklands. John Dennis OBE was displaying his 1902 Dennis 8 hp. His grandfather, John, founded Dennis Brothers in Guildford with brother, Raymond, in 1895. The firm would make its final car in 1915 though the company would go on to have massive success with commercial vehicle manufacture. The car John now has returned to the factory in 1910, apparently in part exchange (trade-in), and languished there for many years. His father resurrected the vehicle in the 1930s and entered it for the London to Brighton Run. John and the Dennis have only missed this event once since 1959 and meanwhile he's acquired the only two other surviving Dennis cars.

Positivity Will Pay Dividends

Not surprisingly, the 1902 8 hp has deep sentimental value to John and his family, and obviously is a tad venerable at 107 years. But John's attitude at Brooklands was so refreshing. He was actively inviting younger visitors to look round the vehicle, ask questions and, praise be, clamber aboard. And most importantly, they could activate the horn!

John told me . . . erm something, but my brain was entirely focused on that funky horn! Ah, just a short parp then. Seriously, he made a very interesting point. Attending a lot of classic car events is like going on a pensioner's outing. We won't be around forever and it's very important that we spend time encouraging young people to take on older cars.

John continued, "Most of the people that sat in this car today will forget it, but if we just persuade one to become involved, it's well worth it." We must mention two further useful initiatives here:

Firstly the Classic Car Loan Project (visit www.classiccarloanproject.co.uk) that aims to promote older classics by lending them to younger enthusiasts for a year, with a dozen vehicles now, involved, and the Lincolnshire Road Transport Museum's (www.lvvs.org.uk) policy of giving rides in classic cars to visitors at its twice yearly transport festivals and Car Running Day, this year on Bank Holiday Monday (August 26th).

Now I'm not suggesting that hordes of young children with frightening stares as seen in sixties film *Village of the Damned* should be left alone in valuable classics to see just how many switches they could rip off and how vulnerable the seats are to lit matches. There has to be supervision, but why not let the youngsters – who probably arrived at the event in a Ford EcoSport or another modern horror – at least tune their minds into the ambience of your classic.

As Dennis owner John says, it's all about making memories. That struck a chord with me. One of my earliest memories is being invited to sit on a new fire engine at the local brigade's open day. And no, I didn't get kicked by the horse!

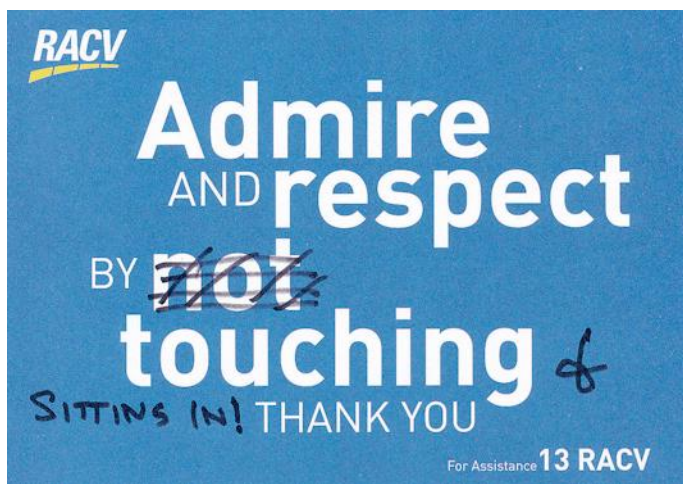
Nick Larkin.

From Practical Classics, July, 2019 – With Thanks.

Comment

Nick Larkin has touched on a subject close to your Editor's thought process (such as it may be). We are all aware of the snobby placards, whether they be from Shannon Insurance or the RACV, that come in display packs. There are those that simply state 'DO NOT TOUCH', or 'ADMIRE AND RESPECT BY NOT TOUCHING – THANK YOU', or 'LOOK BUT DON'T TOUCH'. Not really welcoming people to our movement are they? I believe that it is important to get young children (up to eighteen) and their (young to us) parents to sit for a few minutes in our motor cars and imagine the road ahead of that wonderful view over the proper bonnet!

I have taken to crossing out any reference to 'not touching' on these cards and inviting people to sit in the car. The looks on the faces of young children are most rewarding. They have probably been nagged all day with Mum saying sternly, "Do Not Touch!", being invited to sit in a classic motor car could be a turning point in their lives.



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| YEAR | 1950 |
| MAKE | JOWETT |
| MODEL | JUPITER |
| OWNER | MIKE ALLFREY |

None of my cars have suffered any damage from children being hands-on involved and it is amazing how many of them say, very nicely, "Thank you for that, I liked it very much."

There is one nice touch from the RACV, they supply a nice clear plastic envelope, made purposefully to suit their cards – good for protection in rainy weather and good for storage. Once modified, your message will store well.

I suppose some readers will be horrified at what has been written here and I feel that the display cards are probably most appropriate for the tortured metal that came out of Detroit.

Incidentally, Nick Larkin has a great interest in elderly British buses, which makes him O.K.

Mike Allfrey.

HOW OTHER CLUBS DO IT

Your ABCCC News' Editor – Through A Different Approach?

Set out here is an example that reminds us that other clubs are in the same situation that we are in, when it comes time to fill a vacancy left by a departing Editor. This would have to be the quietest time during an Annual General Meeting of a motor vehicle club. I have to report that, at present, we have no replacement in view. This could mean that the magazine might cease publication. We really don't want that to happen.

We hope the approach of dividing the role, as suggested below, might help produce an answer. So, what does the editor need to do to produce a regular magazine?

Gather Material.

The editor gathers items for the magazine. This means progressing items already promised, so deadlines are not missed, and persuading people to write something about their past, or recent, classic British motor cars' related experience. The interval between magazine issues may first need to be reviewed, a number of clubs have a four issues per year schedule which should not be too onerous. One person could do this without doing anything else.

Editing

Items gathered need reviewing/editing to make sure they make sense, discrepancies are sorted out, spelling errors that result from modern communication methods and maybe some facts verified. They might also be abbreviated notes. Another person could do this, but it would be better if this was actually combined with gathering material.

Formatting

This is the heart of the matter because material arrives in various forms, E-mails, handwritten, photocopies (usually crooked) from older publications etc. It involves laying out each page with pictures inserted so that the various items submitted sensibly fit the space available and become a magazine which can be published.

We have the idea that this could be a computer literate junior family member, say a teenager, who would like to gain some real world experience. Obviously we would also gain from the end result. The person would also gain because they would build up experience, which could be useful in future job or university applications where they can show what they have achieved. That's pretty good, but maybe we can also offer a reward for the effort. We hope that someone out

there amongst our members can do this for us, and we really believe this would be a good way into the world of classic cars for a younger person.

Just a few thoughts to consider before our A.G.M.

Mike Allfrey – Stand-in Editor.

This is just a beautifully written piece and so true. Take a couple of minutes to read it. You'll be glad you did. Cheers, Pete.

A WINTER FRIEND

This article is so befitting for all of us... take time to ponder... the last statement cannot be refuted:-

I FIRST STARTED READING THIS EMAIL AND WAS READING FAST UNTIL I REACHED THE THIRD SENTENCE. I STOPPED THEN AND STARTED OVER, READING SLOWER, AND THINKING ABOUT EVERY WORD... IT MAKES YOU STOP AND THINK.

So, please READ SLOWLY!

AND THEN IT IS WINTER

You know time has a way of moving quickly and catching you unaware of the passing years. It seems like yesterday that I was young, just married, and embarking on my new life with my mate. Yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and I wonder where all those years went.

I know that I lived them all. I have glimpses of how it was back then and of all my hopes and dreams. But, here it is... the winter of my life, and it catches me by surprise... How did I get here so fast? Where did the years go and where did my youth go? I remember well seeing older people through the years and thinking that those "older people" were years away from me and that winter was so far off that I could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like.

But, here it is...my friends are retired and getting grey... they move slower and I see an older person in myself now. Some are in better and some worse shape than me... but, I see the great change... Not like the ones that I remember who were young and vibrant...but, like me, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd be.

Each day now, I find that just getting a shower is a real target for the day! And taking a nap is not a treat anymore... it's mandatory! Cause if I don't on my own free will... I just fall asleep where I sit!

And so... now I enter this new season of my life unprepared for all the aches and pains and the loss of strength and ability to go and do things that I wish I had done but never did!! But, at least I know, that though the winter has come, and I'm not sure how long it will last... this I know, that when it's over on this earth... it's over. A new adventure will begin!

Yes, I have regrets. There are things I wish I hadn't done... things I should have done, but indeed, there are also many things I'm happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime.

So, if you're not in your winter yet... let me remind you, that it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life, please do it quickly! Don't put things off too long!! Life goes by quickly. So, do what you can TODAY, as you can never be sure whether this is your winter or not!

You have no promise that you will see all the seasons of your life... so, LIVE FOR TODAY and say all the things that you want your loved ones to remember.. and hope that they appreciate and love you for all the things that you have done for them in all the years past!!

"Life" is a GIFT to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Make it a fantastic one.

Remember: "It is Health that is real Wealth and not pieces of gold and silver."

~Your kids are becoming you.....but your grandchildren are perfect!

~Going out is good.. coming home is even better!

~You forget names... but it's OK, because other people forgot they even knew you!!!

~You realize you're never going to be really good at anything.... especially golf.

~The things you used to care to do, you no longer care to do, but you really do care that you don't care to do them anymore.

~You sleep better on a lounge chair with the TV blaring than in bed. It's called "pre-sleep."

~You miss the days when everything worked with just an "ON" and "OFF" switch..

~You tend to use more 4 letter words ... "what?"..."when?"...???

~Now that you can afford expensive jewelry, it's not safe to wear it anywhere.

~You notice everything they sell in stores is "sleeveless?"!

~What used to be freckles are now liver spots.

~Everybody whispers.

~You have 3 sizes of clothes in your closet.... 2 of which you will never wear.

~But "Old" is good in some things:

Old Songs, Old movies ...

and best of all, our dear ...OLD FRIENDS!!

Stay well, "OLD FRIEND!"

Send this on to other "Old Friends" and let them laugh in agreement.

From Peter Hibbert.

NOW THIS IS TRUE

As I was lying around, pondering the problems of the world, I realised that at my age I don't really give a gnat's whisker anymore – if walking is good for your health, the postman would be immortal. A whale swims all day, only eats fish, drinks water, but is still fat.

A rabbit runs and hops and only lives to 15 years, while a tortoise doesn't run, and does mostly nothing, yet it lives for 150 years. And you tell me to exercise – I don't think so.

Just grant me the senility to forget the people I never liked, the good fortune to remember the ones I do, and the eyesight to tell the difference.

Furthermore, now that I'm older here's what I've discovered:

1. I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.
2. My wild oats are mostly enjoyed with prunes and All-Bran.
3. I finally got my head together, and now my body is falling apart.
4. Funny, I don't remember being absent-minded.
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6. If all is not lost, then where the heck is it?
7. It was a whole lot easier to get older, than to get wiser.
8. Some days, you're the top dog, some days you're the hydrant; the early bird gets the worm, but the second mouse gets the cheese.
9. I wish the buck really did stop here, I sure could use a few of them.
10. Kids in the back seat cause accidents.
11. Accidents in the back seat cause kids.
12. It's hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.
13. The world only beats a path to your door when you're in the bathroom.
14. If God wanted me to touch my toes, he'd have put them on my knees.
15. When I'm finally holding all the right cards, everyone wants to play chess.
16. It's not hard to meet expenses . . . , they're every-where.
17. The only difference between a rut and a grave is the depth.
18. These days, I spend a lot of time thinking about the hereafter . . . I go somewhere to get something, and then wonder what I'm 'here after?'
19. Funny, I don't remember being absent-minded.
20. HAVE I WRITTEN THIS FOR YOU BEFORE?

Colin Brown – With Thanks.

REPAIRS

We had to have the garage door repaired. The repairman told us that one of our problems was that we did not have a large enough motor on the opener.

I thought for a minute, and said that we had the largest one made at the time of purchase, a ½ horsepower.

He shook his head and said, "You need a ¼ horsepower."

I responded that ½ was larger than ¼, and he said, "NOOO, it's not. Four is larger than two." We haven't used that repairman since . . .

Peter Hibbert.

EVENT REPORTS

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING

THE OUTBACK TOUR

The report on this great event was sent out separately. A very special thank you to Glenda Prewett for a wonderful story.

THE TOOLANGI PUB RUN – Sunday 15th September, 2019



Photos sent in by Liljana Margetts – with grateful thanks.

WHAT WE ARE ABOUT TO DO

A POWERFUL DAY OUT – Sunday 29th September, 2019

We have a tour of Power Works Energy Education Centre in Morwell arranged. Power Works offers a history of power generation in the Latrobe valley and an insight into the current power generation. After our tour we are heading to Boolarra South where lunch will be provided by Kate and Graham and a display of solar power. We will meet at the carpark behind Red Rooster Pakenham on the corner of Lakeside Boulevard and Princes Highway, ready to leave at 9:15 am, followed by a scenic drive through Garfield, Bunyip, Drouin, Warragul and Nilma, Or meet us at Power Works, Ridge Road, Morwell at 10:30 am. Tea and coffee are provided as part of the Power Works tour. If you would like to join us please leave a message at, heatoms@gmail.com or use Mobile 0450580892, Landline 56443532.

Tom Cannon

THE ABCCC 2020 EVENTS CALENDAR MEETING – Sunday 6th October, 2019

The meeting at 16 Lawler Lane, Coldstream will commence at 11:00 am. It would be nice to see a few new faces again. If you would like to organise an event then come along and let's hear about it. If you can't make it to the meeting just E-mail the details and we will slot it in. Also, if you have some ideas but can't organise let me know and maybe someone else will take them on board. Lunch and refreshments are provided by the club so make sure you let Maxine know so she can organise the pizza's and desserts. Please advise Tony or Maxine if you wish to attend on (03 9739 1146 or at E-mail president@abccc.com.au before 30th September to allow time for catering arrangements to be made.

Tony and Maxine Pettigrew.

THE ABCCC MYSTERY TOUR – Sunday 13th October, 2019

We will meet at the car park at the end Jim Abernethy Memorial Drive, Bayswater, in the Marie Wallace Park, at 9:45 am, to leave at 10:00 am. The park is located to the north of Mountain Highway, Melway Map 64; Reference: F3.

We will travel by Burwood Highway until we meet the Dandenong Tourist Road and turn left, proceed through Tremont, Sassafras to Olinda Tea House at 86 Olinda-Monbulk Road Olinda for lunch at 1:00 pm sharp.

You have several suggestions for morning tea, may be have morning tea at the Rhododendron Gardens in Georgian Road Olinda, after have a walk through the gardens, which will be in full flower at that time of the year.

You also may wish to look at the shops and have morning tea on the way to the Tea House at 1 pm.

Lunch menu will be a Modern Asia Banquet at a cost of \$40 per person,

You may wish to view the menu at www.olindateahouse.com.au

We need the number of people attending by the first of October for catering purposes. You may reply by E-mail alan_57@bigpond.net.au or 0433212056

Hope to see you on this drive.

Russell and Eve.

THE TERRI ALLEN GARDEN TOUR – Saturday 26th to Sunday 27th October, 2019

Gardivalia Festival Of Gardens 2019

This is a self-tour of your choice of open gardens. There are 15 gardens open over the two days spread across the Baw Baw Shire a brief description, address, entry cost of each can be found in the festivals programme also a map. All

gardens open 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Select the gardens you are interested in seeing and plan your own program for the weekend. Make your own way to Warragul, visit gardens that maybe on your drive to Warragul.

The Australian Ballet's free annual outdoor community programme, *Ballet Under the Stars*, is coming to Lardner Park near Warragul, Gippsland on Saturday 26th October at 8:00 pm.

Venture further afield to Yarragon, to explore the various Vintage and old wares shops. Federation Baw Baw Picnic at Darnum on Sunday 27th October from 10:00 am.

Book your own Accommodation, there is a range to choose from motels or a range of other accommodation.

Mercure Warragul Hotel
23 Mason Street, Warragul. P 03 5168 3500

Warragul Gardens Holiday Park
44 Burke Street, Warragul. P 03 5623 2707

Warragul Views Motor Inn
50 Rulemount Road, Warragul. P 03 5623 5222

Comfort Inn and Suites Warragul
1845 Princes Hwy, Warragul. P 03 5623 2189

Edinburgh Motor Inn
61 Princes Way, Warragul. P 03 5622 3339

Comfort Inn Drouin
275 Princes Way, Drouin. P 03 5625 3296

A suitable venue for a group dinner will be booked, with preference to an a la carte menu, in Warragul.

Contact Kate or Graham on hydewood@bordnet.com.au or Graham on 0419 399 752; Kate on 0412 126369 to advise your participation in this event or for further information, a copy of the Baw Baw Official Visitor Guide for information on other accommodation, arts, attractions food and wine available in the area, can be E-mailed to you on request..

To allow the booking of a dinner venue in advance we would like to have your RSVP no later than 14th September.

Added Information Follows:

Gardivalia Brochure

By a separate E-mail you will receive a PDF version of the Gardivalia Festival official brochure. It is best that our membership receive the brochure in its original format. It will arrive in your In Box at about the same time as this magazine does.

Ballet Under The Stars

Baw Baw Shire have provided me with a link for further information with this event:

https://australianballet.com.au/the-ballets/ballet-under-the-stars?utm_source=ECAL&utm_medium=REF&utm_campaign=BUTS&utm_content=ECAL&utm_term=ECAL&source=30137 . Which means accommodation may be in demand within the area.

Kate Senko.

PEPPER'S TURN BACK TIME PUB RUN – Sunday 10th November, 2019

Meet at the Hurstbridge Station Car Park opposite the Police Station and the historic Hurstbridge Post Office Café (Melway Map 185; Ref: J8) 10:15 am for a catch up, before heading out North East on a leisurely country drive to our lunch destination. The Quirky turn back time venue is a popular destination for car clubs and is a little different from the average Pub. The venue is vegan and gluten-free friendly and a good selection of meals at reasonable prices. If you wish to come along, please let us know by **Sunday 20th October**, as we hope to book the whole room, which seats approximately 35-40, for our club.

We look forward to seeing you there. Please contact us, Marj and Brian Pepper on 0407 392 330 or E-mail to: bmpepper1@bigpond.com .

Marj Pepper.

INDULGENCE WEEKEND 2019 – Friday 22nd to Sunday 24th November, 2019

This year's event is fully booked, so if you have not registered your name, you may be too late. However, your name will be taken in case there are any cancellations.

Please Note: The Capricorn Motor Inn at Mulwala had been completely booked, some twenty rooms, a problem arose when we had in excess of this number apply. Fortunately Club Mulwala is next door to the Capricorn Motor Inn and all you do is walk from one venue to another. In any event we will be dining and having our breakfasts at the club, so those who stay there can be first to the dinner table.

This year we are going to Yarrawonga/Mulwala on the Murray River. We will be meeting at the Yarra Valley Chocolaterie at 35 Old Healesville Road, Yarra Glen for an early morning tea, prior to our departure to our luncheon venue in Euroa. After lunch we take the Euroa-Shepparton Road passing through the industrial area of Shepparton and continue via Katamatite to Yarrawonga. Prior to entering Yarrawonga we will assemble at the Police Station for an escort through the main street where our cars will go on display for a short period of time prior to proceeding to our accommodation. Dinner on Friday evening will be at Club Mulwala where we will have our own dining room.

Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday will be in the bistro at the club where we will have our own reserved area. Saturday morning we will be collected by coach for a tour of the local area visiting wineries and other places of interest including Max's Motor Museum at Corowa. Saturday night will be our famed BBQ by the pool.

Registrations for this event are now open and, if you wish to be part of the fun, please contact Peter McKiernan on 0407 876 023. Please note: This event is restricted to classic vehicles only – no moderns. The cost for this event will be approximately \$250.00 per person or \$500.00 per couple. This will be confirmed once all quotes have been received.

Peter McKiernan.

OTHER MOTORING EVENTS DIRECTORY

October, 2019

Saturday 5th The Croydon Hills Men's Shed Car Display – A Supported Event. Mike Allfrey (03) 9729 1480
Display Time: 8:00 am till 2:00 pm – drift in, drift out – display cars \$10.00
Venue – Croydon Hills Baptist Church, Cnr. Bemboka and Plymouth Rds., Croydon Hills, Victoria.

November, 2019

Saturday 2nd The RACV Aussie Classic Car Show – The AOMC Secretary (03) 9558 4829.
Due to wet conditions, this event has been postponed – watch this space.
STOP PRESS – Note The Revised Date!

Venue – Yarra Valley Racecourse, Armstrong Grove, Yarra Glen.

Sunday 10th Rob Roy Historic and Classic Hillclimb – MG Car Club of Victoria. Wayne Rushton 0412 339 934
Venue – Rob Roy, Clintons Road, Christmas Hills. Melway Map 264; Ref: A9.

January, 2020

Monday 27th Australia Day Display In The Domain – RACV Daryl Meek daryl_meek@racv.com.au
Note: For Australian Built Vehicles Only.

April, 2020

Friday 26th to JCCA 2020 International Rally – The Jowett Car Club of Australia A Henshall roadster1@tpg.com.au
Monday 27th Venue – Beechworth, Victoria.

May, 2020

Saturday 16th The Florence Thompson Tour – RACV Daryl Meek daryl_meek@racv.com.au
Venue – Touring the Surf Coast, Victoria.



Memories of the Hamilton Rally