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

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Photo on front cover –

ABCCC event 9th July 2023 visit to Gembrook and David Peck's "The Motorist" - David is a member of ABCCC

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Don't forget to add these Federation events into your calendar



CASTLEMAINE RUN

Saturday 26th August 2023




Breakfast provided by Bendigo Veteran, Vintage & Classic Club Bendigo 118 Inglis Street, Bendigo starting 8.30am
\$5 donation appreciated

Leaving Club Rooms at 9.30am for Western Reserve, Castlemaine

Enjoy exploring the vibrant art and culture, heritage streetscapes, quality food and beverages in the heart of the Goldfields Region.

All enquiries Ph Neil Athorn 0408 033 839




Bendigo National Swap Meet

11th & 12th November 2023

Featuring:

- 4 Wheel Drive Display
- Barn Finds & Survivor Car Display
- Die-cast Models & Toys
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Entry Prices

Saturday Only \$15
Sunday Only \$5
Children 15 and under Free
(if accompanied by an adult)

Gates Open to the Public

Saturday 6am
Sunday 7am
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www.bendigowap.com.au
Site Bookings 0427 446 660
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info@bendigowap.com.au



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 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

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.

Bank details: BSB 063 863, A/c No.1001 3709, please provide your details as a reference. Renewal Form can be downloaded if required to update information, from the ABCCC Website. Thank you, Ed Bartosh

NEW MEMBERS

A hearty welcome to the well-oiled machine that is the All British Classics Car Club. We hope to be able to welcome you and, in actual fact, your British classic motor cars, at one of our events soon. Our club aims to have two motoring events each month, so there are plenty of fabulous events for you to select from. Welcome!

<u>Name</u>	<u>Car</u>	<u>Model</u>	<u>Year</u>
NIL			

Ed Bartosh– Membership Secretary



Link (just copy & paste)

Electric Vehicle conversions in Scoresby Victoria

<https://youtu.be/hHP8GCZ0Suo>


Look at what Jaunt Motors is doing with custom electric vehicles powered by Fellten Technology the engineers developed a bolt-in systems to convert classic cars into electric vehicles. With teams in Bristol, UK and Melbourne Australia

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 2023

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 or updated on the website

	Sun.6th Aug.	Pub Run Brian Tootell	Wed.13th Sep.	Morning Cuppa in the Hills Deb Beal	
	Sun. 20th Aug.	Annual Lunch, Colin Brown RSVP see the flyer in this newsletter	Fri.22nd Sept.- Sun.24th Sept.	Sandra's September	
	Wed. 30th Aug.	A day out with the intelligentsia. Anne Tootell			
Sun.1st Oct.	Castlemaine Market and lunch Ian Terry	Sun.12th Nov.	A day out with the warm weather man Phil Cook	Sun. 10th Dec.	Christmas Lunch Maxine Pettigrew
Wed.18th Oct.	Morning tea at Como Gardens then visit private collection in Highett followed by lunch. Pat Hetrel	Fri.24th.- Mon.27th	Indulgence weekend Destination Echuca Peter McKiernan		
Sun.29th Oct.	A day out with a Morgan Phil Cook				

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January 2024	February	Tuesday 6th to Thursday 9th Feb 2024 SUMMER SEASIDE ESCAPE 2024 Marj & Brian Peper	March 2024	

Website: www.abccc.com.au/calendar

Facebook - don't forget to like ABCCC on facebook
link.....<https://www.facebook.com/AllBritishClassicsCarClub/>



Reminder for upcoming ABCCC Events

Sunday 6 August 2023 – Brian’s Pub Run

You are invited to join us at the "Warby" Hotel, Wesburn, on Sunday 6 August, for Lunch at midday.

After leaving Lilydale, turn Right onto the Warburton Hwy and proceed for just over 30kms to Wesburn.

Please respond by August 1, so catering can be finalised.

Bryan Tootell, 0412 549 906 annbry@optusnet.com



ABCCC ANNUAL CLUB LUNCH

Sunday August 20th 2023

Eastwood Golf Club 332 Liverpool Road Kilsyth South

Time: 12.00 noon for 12.30pm

Cost of this luncheon is \$40 per person, a member's only event.

A change of venue and menu for the Annual Club Lunch.

I am sure all members will enjoy the club subsidised lunch and drinks at this new location, a three course menu has been selected. We have also booked "Pete Bel Air" a solo artist who entertained us brilliantly on "Rex's Big Day Out", dancing shoes should be worn.



Pre booking and payment is

required by Friday 4th August Please include member name and ACL23 on deposit slip. Bank details:
CBA BSB: 063-863 A/C: 10013709

Bank details:

Please confirm payment and any dietary requirements to: colin.brown@hotmail.net.au

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For payment by cheque:

Please booklunches @\$40 \$.....

For:

Mail to: Colin Brown

PO Box 40

COLDSTREAM 3770

Wednesday 30 August 2023 Day out with the intelligentsia.

Visit to 'Market Fair', Ferntree Gully, followed by Lunch at Paradise Valley Hotel, Clematis. Market Fair is a large modern building which we found pleasant to browse through. They stock an extensive amount of second hand wares, clothing and Hand Crafts. Also a large amount of Old LP's for those who collect same.

Market Fair is located at 2/794 Burwood Hwy, Ferntree Gully (approx 200 m. on the Melbourne side of Ferntree Gully Rd intersection. Look out for the bright orange "Pet Barn" which is nextdoor. If you arrive by 10.00 - 10.15, (for ease of Parking) and it should give ample time to firstly drop in next door for an excellent coffee at the Aroma Lily Cafe in the Wholefood building.

We plan to leave around 11.30am and drive to Clematis.

If you would like to attend, please contact us by 25 August so catering arrangements can be finalised.

Anne Tootell 0412 549 906 annbry@optusnet.com



Wednesday 13th September 2023 Cuppa in the Hills

Morning Cuppa in the Hills – Wednesday 13 September at 10.30am

My final morning catch-up will take us to a very quaint café – The Patch General Store. Nestled between Monbulk and Kallista, at 16 The Patch Road in The Patch; this friendly 'bit of everything' provides great food, coffee, bread, eggs, plants, post etc. etc. You may be tempted by brunch or a delectable cake from a large display. Order and pay at the counter. Please check their website for further information. Parking is roadside or next to the building. We will have to cap definite numbers to 15, so *first in, best dressed*. If this day is good weatherwise, we may be able to spread outside. I'll continue noting expressions of interest to allow for cancellations or possibly a second date. This is quirky. I think you will enjoy. Deb Beal **0458 274 252** or worklife2@bigpond.com



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Friday 22nd September to Sun 24th September – Sandra's September weekend

Sandra's September is the 22/9/2023 until the 24/9/2023 in Maffra.

As we have mentioned we are meeting in Lang Lang at 10am where we will have morning tea at Wendy May's, then wandering across the road to Aunt's Place which has 6 rooms of memorabilia & nicnacs there is also an Op Shop a little further down the street.

We plan to leave Lang Lang about 11am taking a very picturesque & interesting drive on excellent roads to Trafalgar where for \$25pp a BBQ plus tea & coffee including entry to the Holden Museum will take place. After having, our BBQ lunch at the Holden Museum in Trafalgar we will continue on to Maffra.



After checking in to our motel and freshen up we will have dinner at the Sportsman's Club which is a 2 minute walk. Saturday morning we will go to the Maffra Motor Museum where the theme is going to be cars from the 70s. There will be show bags supplied to give you some ideas of the things you can do in the area Saturday afternoon. Saturday night we will be having dinner at The Farmers Arms Hotel about 12 Kim away.



Checkout these photos of the beautiful and interesting scenery we will see in September. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Leigh 0403243700 or Sandra 0402215367

Indulgence 2023 Friday 24 to Sunday 26 November 2023



The indulgence weekend will take place in November.

This year we will be travelling to Echuca in Northern Victoria with the format being somewhat different and more relaxed than that of previous events.

We will meet at McDonalds Tullamarine travelling via Romsey and Lancefield to the Northern Highway, proceeding to Elmore for lunch. After lunch we'll continue to Echuca and our accommodation at Moama where we can enjoy drinks and nibbles on the banks of the Murray prior to visiting our dinner venue at a local club.

Saturday morning you are free to visit Echuca and enjoy some retail therapy. At 11.30am, we will be collected by bus to travel to the Cape Horne winery, where we'll have grazing platters and stone oven pizza along with samples of their wine.

After a relaxing afternoon, we'll return to our hotel for more social activity on the river bank followed by a selection of sandwiches, chicken and salads for dinner.

On Sunday, we'll return home and to our regular diet routine.

If your plans have changed and you are now not attending pls contact me.

Peter McKiernan on 0407 876 023.

A Tasty Tour of Castlemaine Victoria

An All British Classics Car Club Victoria Event

Sunday 1st October 2023

Introduction

Enjoy this Castlemaine foodfest and old-time country town scenery including the Sunday Farmers Market and feasting with a great lunch at the Railway Hotel. Sunday 1st October 2023.

Bookings: Ian Terry 0409 097 496

Email: ian.wfd1947@gmail.com

Schedule for Trip

Map Refs :RACV VicRoads N07
Country Directory

Meet at BP Servo / BP service Centre, M79
Calder Hwy just past Thunderdome
Time: 9.30am for 10.00 start
Map Ref: 78 D/4

Farmers Market: Western Reserve, Forest
St, Castlemaine, time range 9.30 to 1.00pm
Map Ref: 628 G/7

Railway Hotel: 65 Gingell St Castlemaine
12.30 pm for lunch Ph. 03 5472 1250
Map Ref: 628 F/6

Information for You:

Enjoy also in afternoon, time permitting, Buda Historic Home 42 Hunter St, Map 628 H/5
Have a look at the retro picture theatre as well. Castlemaine Gaol visit an option too.
Railway Hotel has options of Beer Garden and inside restaurants depending on weather.
Restaurant booked for up to 30 people but can accommodate more.

Hope all enjoy this day out. Lyn and Ian Terry, contact for attendance. : 0409 097 496

Sunday Farmers Market



Forest Street (Pyrenees Hwy)
Castlemaine

Lunch At Railway Hotel Castlemaine



SUMMER SEASIDE ESCAPE 2024

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Tuesday 6th --Thursday 9th February



After a very successful seaside short break in 2022 we are inviting expression of interest for a three night adventure in and around the beautiful Bellarine Peninsula , based in the Point Lonsdale / Queenscliff area.

We look forward to hosting you again and in order to proceed we welcome your expression of interest to; bmpepper1@bigpond.com

Hope to see you in the Summer. Marj and Brian Pepper



RACISM OR ???

Everyone seems to be in such a hurry to scream 'racism' these days.

A customer asked, "In what aisle could I find the Guinness?"

The shop assistant asks, "Are you Irish?"

The guy, clearly offended, says, "Yes I am. But let me ask you something. If I had asked for Italian sausage, would you ask me if I was Italian?"

Or if I had asked for German Bratwurst, would you ask me if I was German?

Or if I asked for a kosher hot dog would you ask me if I was Jewish?

Or if I had asked for a Taco, would you ask if I was Mexican?

Or if I asked for Polish sausage, would you ask if I was Polish?"

The shop assistant says, "No, I probably wouldn't."

The guy says, "Well then, because I asked for Guinness, why did you ask me if I'm Irish?"

The clerk replied, "Because you're in Bunnings'.

Thanks Lance

[Spotted in the ABC Gippsland News..... incase you missed it!](#)

Gippsland Vehicle Collection exhibition remembers golden age of 1970s car manufacturing in Australia

By Rachael Lucas Posted Sun 16 Jul 2023



A regional vintage car museum is celebrating the golden era of Australian automotive manufacturing, showcasing the "breathtaking" size and beauty of 20th century suburban leisure cruising vehicles.

The Gippsland Vehicle Collection's latest exhibition takes vintage car lovers on a cruise down memory lane to the automotive hedonism of 1970s Australia — a time before fuel-efficiency and green credentials were front of mind.

'Living in the 70s' presents an impressive showcase of beastly coupes, muscle cars and stately king-of-the-road family classics, from a time when engines roared on front suburban lawns and mufflers marked territory.

Exhibition curator Chris Henry said Datsuns, GT Falcons, Monaros, Premiers and Statemans would all be on display, from a decade when the caravan and boating industry was opening up and people had more leisure time for holidays and weekends away. "People wanted performance, they wanted V8 engines so that they could tow their boats and their caravans," he said.

Although largely based on successful American designs, Australian cars oozed the bawdy bravado of a nation coming of age. Gippsland Vehicle Collection secretary Sue Lawrence said "life was much easier" 50 years ago. She describes how the home decor colour palette of lime green, tan and orange extended to the vibrant orange, yellow, green and red paintwork of 1970s vehicles. "We were a lot more carefree in that era than we are today," she said. "You didn't have the amount of turmoil and so forth."

But Mr Henry said with the global petroleum shortage causing fuel prices to soar by the mid 70s, a period of economic "stagflation" would steer the market to more compact, fuel efficient vehicles.

"From 1975 onwards, people were conscious of fuel consumption, so that's where the Japanese cars came in with those fuel efficient, four cylinder engines," he said.

Football, meat pies, kangaroos and Holdens

Mr Henry said it was an era in which Australian consumers were patriotic and wanted to buy things that were made locally. "The Holden was basically the car of choice for a lot of people, but then the [Chrysler Australia] Charger was also the car of choice for a lot of people very early in the 70s," Mr Henry said.

"This was when Australia made stuff; when we made Victa lawnmowers and we made Malvern Star bikes and Hills Hoists." However he notes that people were buying all sorts of cars at the time, including Falcons and European luxury cars.

According to Gippsland Vehicle Collection volunteer Peter Barnard, there were at least six car manufacturing plants across Australia in the 1970s. "Volkswagens were assembled in Dandenong, Renaults and Peugeots were assembled in Heidelberg, we had Chrysler over in South Australia, Holden had three or four plants," he said. "Ford was here, Nissan were producing out in Dandenong, and then there was Bolwell."





The Valiant Charger became one of Chrysler's top selling vehicles of the 1970s. (ABC Gippsland: Rachael Lucas)

Australian company Bolwell, based in Mordialloc, produced more than 800 vehicles, manufacturing five different commercial models of sports cars between 1962 and 1979.

Mr Barnard said there was also a parallel parts and accessories industry in Australia at the time, selling wheels, brakes and Pilkington glass to the American market.

50 years of rapid change

There are many similarities between the 1970s and the 2020s: both decades have seen a time of great social and political change, protests, increased immigration and a focus on Indigenous rights, gender identity and connection to the environment. Even the current "van life" movement is arguably a contemporary incarnation of the 1970s Sandman culture, which enabled nomadic surfers a sense of freedom with instant surfside free camping.

Sandman panel vans were often decked out with wheels, mattresses and tail tents. (ABC Gippsland: Rachael Lucas)

But Australia has changed dramatically since like football, meat pies, kangaroos and Holden became a consumer catchcry of the nation half a century ago.

The decline of Australian manufacturing, the infiltration of computers, automation and the internet, and a shift in consciousness towards cleaner, greener products have changed automotive consumer habits forever.

These days the swagger, beauty and engineering of 20th century classic cars is shaded by criticism of their carbon footprint.

Peter Barnard laments the decline of Australia's car manufacturing industry. (ABC Gippsland: Rachael Lucas)

But despite their legacy, Peter Barnard argues these artworks on wheels were built to last, compared to modern vehicles which are crafted with cheaper and more disposable materials and technologies.

"The steel has changed, it's got a lot more carbon in it so you can't pull a dent out as easy, but electronics is probably where cars have become more complicated," he said.



Bold colours, sporty stripes and ostentatious detailing were popular in the 70s. (ABC Gippsland: Rachael Lucas)

With the global automotive market now wedded to utilitarian SUVs, complete with cup holders and GPS navigation systems for time poor multi-taskers, Mr Henry said the golden age of 20th century suburban leisure cruising appears long gone.

"That era will be never duplicated again," Mr Henry said.

"We'll never see the size and the breadth of these cars — just the sheer size of them is breathtaking."



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'We cars'

The exhibition in Maffra runs until October 31.

WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING

Wednesday 5th July Christmas in July Lunch at King Henry Restaurant in Sassafras

Over 40 members braved a typical cold and misty winter's day in the hills for a wonderful festive treat on Wednesday 5 July. An array of Christmas decorations throughout welcomed us into the entire front of house, complete with open fires burning in each room. Tables ranging in size from two to around 12, allowed choice for friends to sit together, while encouraging social mingling between courses. The menu choice was designed to meet any special dietary requirement with creative vegetarian, vegan or non-traditional Christmas alternatives offered. The meals were beautifully prepared, cooked and presented in very generous serves by skilled chefs. I noticed a couple of motor-themed cocktails as well as festive combinations added to the 'specials' list. The service was engaging and efficient, ensuring prompt attention to ordering, food/drink delivery and non-intrusive clearing. All these observations combined to make a luncheon party to remember – good food, drink, atmosphere and above all, great company. I received many text, voice and email messages also commenting very positively on the day, thank you. I will pass these back to our hosts, Ross and Mary. Deb Beal



Sunday 9th July 2023 Cravens ABCCC drive day to Gembrook

“the Motorist” and Noojee Hotel

Brian & Annette Aitken	Terry & Leonie Conway	Phil & Greg Howe	Colin Oberin
Greg & Geraldine Anglin Debbie Beal	Leon & Judy Cousins Jack & Shirley Craven	Robin & Anne Jervis-Read John & Jenny Mason	David Peck Tony & Maxine Pettigrew
Trevor & Jill Beaumont	Peter & Michelle Flavelle	Peter McKiernan & Joan	John Provis & Dawn Shoppee
Lance & Adele Brazier	Peter & Sandra Hibbert	Ken Moulten & Sue Pilkington	Graham Talmage & Kate Senko

The Event start point was “ Best Friends car park Stud Park shopping centre for route instructions and short warm up natter.

Next stop , about 30 mins.,to Gembrook and David Peck's "The Motorist" - David is a member of ABCCC ."The Motorist“ is a pot pourri of all things car and motorcycle including books and magazines. Some wondered how the bus got in the - answer carefully! Well worth the visit The Hairy Dog Cafe is close to the Motorist and did a good job with coffee and cakes - both the venues struggle if all of us came at the same time which we didn't and it worked out well. We stayed about 1hr 20 mins in Gembrook then on to Noojee via Launching Place - its a country drive with a minimum of traffic lights - and a drive time off !1Hr 15 mins The pub “Nooj” does have its own characters a busy friendly country hotel and on the day ABCCC guys all seemed happy with the lunch. They also had a musician but close contact was necessary to hear- did not matter though it all merged into a fun time for all. It's a worthwhile venue - parking a little tight and booking , which we did , is a must.

Thank you all (37) for coming and for those that did not make it perhaps take the trip preferably in warmer weather.

PS" Koala Stamp” for David Peck and the Motorist 😊



Jack and Shirley Craven







Now who now owns this 1993 XJ40 Jaguar? Rumour is fact that a British car is added to his fleet again!
He has seen the light!



DID YOU KNOW ABOUT THIS DINASAUOR AT NOOJOO?

During the early 60s, while the hotel was owned and managed by Clem Dunn, Jack Kelly a local Powelltown man sculpted a series of dinosaurs from bull ferns and they stood amongst the greenery alongside the river behind the hotel. Over the years they deteriorated and are now long gone but one that remained for many years was the well-known and well-loved 12 foot T-Rex dinosaur that stood outside the front of the hotel until the late 90s.

In 2015 the beloved Dino dinosaur was restored & now lives outside to the right of the hotel



Update on Tony's very British Mark V project

Jaguar Mark V Project August 23

A lot has happened since my last report, a month in Tasmania and a lot of time spent on other activities and despite further set backs on the engine, I have still managed to make some progress.

On a happy note the rusted out wreck which came with the project turned out to be a 3.5Litre not 2.5 whoopee I now have three engines to play with.

Unfortunately through lack of garage space the wreck was dumped in a paddock and as the project car came without a exhaust system I spent two days jacking up the wreck and removing the exhaust which I have used as a pattern to have a new one made. I also removed the heater core and carburettors, though I had overhauled the originals they were not matching so now I have used one to make a matching pair. I have gone as far as I can on the chassis but still stuck on the engine, the cylinder head on the project car was in a bad way, not enough metal left on the valves to regrind and the guides badly worn. A new set of valves from the UK was a ridiculous \$1500 so I took the head off the spare engine that came with the project and found it to be in better condition but still had two burnt out exhaust valves. In desperation I took the head off the wreck and it was near perfect, it is now out for surface grinding and I will then just lap in the valves. Incidentally the engine in the wreck appears to have been in good condition with looking to have had little wear with virtually no lip, makes one wonder what the history is and why was it dumped in a paddock and left to rust beyond repair? Perhaps he was married to a Maxine.

So to keep things moving I have started on the body, repaint and fitting the heater and blower, fitting all the dash mounting brackets, cleaned and painted brackets that I have no idea where they go (hope they are off this car). At the rear I have fitted the spare wheel compartment and petrol tank which I had previously flushed and painted and I am now working on the wiring loom. The loom comes in two main sections and I have run the back section first connecting the petrol gauge sender and I have also run extra wires for the indicator lights. At the front I have connected the cut-out and regulator, the fuse box, heater and wiper motors.



All the chrome work is now finished and the doors are painted ready to fit, the dashboard and door capping are out for veneering and my grandson is making me a couple of dashboard pieces which have rotted beyond repair.

