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*happy new year*

Your ABCCC News



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

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*Photo on front cover –*

Deb Beal in her lovely red MGB driving through the Hills, photo taken by Glenda Duncan on Phils run to Upper Valley



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The All British Classics Car Club would like to wish all members & their families a very Happy New Year. May it be filled with fun, happiness and good health.

## Happy 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Pat Douglas

On 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023, Pat Douglas celebrated her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday.

Pat, all your ABCCC friends would like to wish you a very Happy Birthday.

We hope you had a very special day, just as special as you are!



## 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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<b>The Federation of Veteran, Vintage and Classic Car Clubs Website <a href="http://www.federation.asn.au/">http://www.federation.asn.au/</a></b>			

## CONTACTING THE ABCCC VIC INC.

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 On Facebook [www.facebook.com/AllBritishClassicsCarClub](http://www.facebook.com/AllBritishClassicsCarClub)  
 Postal Address PO Box 190, Coldstream, Victoria, 3770



## 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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

Bank details: BSB 063 863, A/c No.1001 3709, please provide your surname and the word "dues" as reference.



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. At this point, we are half-way renewed.

Renewal Form is at the end of this newsletter or can be downloaded from the ABCCC Website if required to update information.

Thank you, Ed Bartosh

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## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

AGM will be Sunday March 24<sup>th</sup> 2024

More details to come.



## 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 2024

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

		Sun, Feb. 4th	Expressions of interest sought for a Gliding day at Leongatha contact Graham Talmage 0419 399 752 hydewood@bordernet.com.au	Wed. Mar. 13th	Leigh's Grand Prix Leigh Wishart
Sun. Jan 14th	Constantine's Picnic in the park	Tues. Feb. 6th-9th	Seaside Escape Marj and Brian Pepper	Sun. Mar. 17th.	Esky Run with the Birkett's
Wed. Jan. 24th	Coffee with the Craven's	Wed. Feb. 14th	Coffee with the Cravens	Tues. Mar. 19th-20th	Erica /Walhalla Lance Brazier
		Sun. Feb. 18th	British & European day @ Yarra Glen Phil Cook	Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Annual General Meeting - AGM
Sun. April 7th	Out for lunch with the Tootells	Sun. May 5th Fed.	Scoresby picnic at the Steam Centre info Jack Craven	Fri. June 7th-10th	Hamilton Kings Birthday Rally Tony Pettigrew
Wed. April 10th	Coffee with the Cravens	Wed. May 8th	A big kids day out. The 3 G's Geraldine, Greg and Gary	Wed. June 19th	Coffee with the Cravens
Wed. April 17 <sup>th</sup>	One day only Jack Craven	Sun. May 19th	Heritage Motoring Day Rex's Big day out	Sun. June 23rd	The inaugural Jervis-Read run. Robin and Anne
Sat. April 27th	Lunch and Music at the Emerald Hotel Sth. Melb. John Provis and Dawn Shoppee				
Sun July 7th	Annual lunch. Colin Brown	Sun Aug. 11th.	Observation Run Brian Aitken	Tues. Sept.10th-12th	Sandra's September Sandra Wishart
Wed. July 17th	Coffee with the Braziers	Wed.Aug. 14th.	Coffee with the Braziers	Wed. Sept. 18th	Coffee with the Braziers
Sun. July 21st	Pub run Tootells	Sun. Aug.25th	Historical Lilydale John and Jennifer Mason	Sun. Sept. 22nd	Rainy day in a Morgan Phil Cook
Sun. Oct.6th	Visiting Healesville. Ian and Lyn Terry	Wed. Nov.6th	A day out with the Anglin's		
Sun. Oct. 20th.	Gippsland drive, Graham Talmage	Thurs Nov. 14th	Visit to Beleura in Mornington. Robyn and Robert Joiner	Sun. Dec. 15th	Christmas lunch Maxine Pettigrew
Mon.Oct.28th-31st?	Trip to Mildura Lance Brazier	Fri. Nov. 22nd-24th	Indulgence weekend Peter McKeirnan		

**Website:** [www.abccc.com.au/calendar](http://www.abccc.com.au/calendar)

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



## News from the Committee

### Survey – Surplus Funds Questionnaire – April 2023- Update

Thank you again to those club members who submitted options.

The Committee has completed its consideration of the many options for the use of surplus funds and decided to:

1. Retain the funds as advised in the Presidents report in the June 2023 ABCCC magazine,
2. Continue to investigate other suggestions provided in the survey responses.

A proposal to promote the club and to encourage new membership from within the motoring industry was prepared by Rex Hall and submitted to the Committee for consideration which was approved. The proposal is as follows.

Mr Geoff Gwilym, Chief Executive Officer of the VACC, was approached by Rex and following discussions an ABCCC Mechanical Apprenticeship annual award was negotiated.

The ABCCC award will be presented, in conjunction with other achievement awards, to an apprentice within the motoring industry at the VACC annual Presidents Gala Dinner, usually to take place in May of each year at the Crown Casino and attended by up to a thousand VACC members and professionals from the motoring industry.

The award will be a tool box with an air brush design featuring the ABCCC Logo and Web site address. The tool box and design were chosen to best promote the ABCCC and to encourage new (younger) membership from within all aspects of the VACC and the motoring industry.

The award will be for a term of three years at the initial cost to ABCCC of \$1,500.00. On this occasion the VACC has provided the tool box sourced from one of its suppliers. The effectiveness of the award in promoting the ABCCC and attracting new members will be monitored regularly during the three-year term to evaluate its effectiveness in promoting the ABCCC and attracting new membership.

The tool box design is shown below and promotion/marketing of the event and apprenticeship awards along with the ABCCC contribution will commence by VACC in early 2024.



## 2024 Calendar dates from Federation and AOMC that might be of interest

- 21<sup>st</sup> January 2024 Festival of Motoring at Cruden Farm (flyer attached)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2024 AOMC/Shannons Aussie Classic Car Show
- 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024 AOMC British & European Motoring Show
- 24<sup>th</sup> March 2024 Mortlake Picnic
- 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024 Wunghnu Picnic
- 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024 Florence Thomson Tour – Ladies get ready!
- 19<sup>th</sup> May 2024 Murrabit Picnic
- 9 June 2024 Peter Mac Fundraising Display Day (Bendigo)
- 25<sup>th</sup> Aug to 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2024 Golden Oldies Tour

More details on websites

- <https://www.aomc.asn.au/events>
- <https://www.federation.asn.au/events>



## Reminder for upcoming ABCCC Events

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2024 - Constantine's Picnic

“Old School Classic Car Boot Picnic” –  
14<sup>th</sup>.January 2023

“Back to how it all started “

10.00am Meet at the “Tim Neville Arboretum” Francis Cres. off Dorset Road (5)

Ferntree Gully Nth./Boronia Sth. For a car boot picnic in the scenic Dandenongs

Details to be posted prior to the run. Get your Thermos and Esky ready ! Christopher & Geraldine will be ready to meet you



### Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – Coffee with the Cravens

Franks's Cakes is at 511 Scoresby Road (corner Scoresby & Ferntree Gully Rds) Ferntree Gully. Signage is easy to see. Melway reference is Map 73 D5.

If coming south on Scoresby Rd entry to Frank's is on the left. If travelling on Ferntree Gully road there is access on the left passed Scoresby Rd.

Frank's is well known for quality cakes good coffee and food.



Please let us know if you would like to come

Jack and Shirley Craven  
0425 881 449 (J)

0413 795 504 (S)

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## Sunday February 4<sup>th</sup> 2024 - A Gliding day experience at Leongatha

Soaring with the eagles, if we get enough interest

Expressions of interest sought for a Gliding day at Leongatha  
contact Graham Talmage 0419 399 752  
hydewood@bordnet.com.au



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## Tuesday 6th to Thursday 9th February

### SUMMER SEASIDE ESCAPE 2024

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. **Please email us now if you are interested in attending** [bmpepper1@bigpond.com](mailto:bmpepper1@bigpond.com)

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



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## Sunday 18th February 2024

AOMC Event

ABCCC contact Phil Cook



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## Wednesday 13th March 2024 Leighs Grand Prix

Leigh's Grand Prix on the 13th March 2024.

This is a day where you can invite your children, grandchildren or friends to race against our current champion Brian Atkins. Unfortunately our former Formula 5000 driver who was going to compete is unable to attend.

We need 15 drivers to secure the track just for us & as many spectators as possible to cheer on the drivers. Morning tea will be at the track prior to the race & lunch will be after racing.

Please contact Leigh ASAP so that we can get on the track.

Leigh 0403243700  
Sandra 0402215367





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**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024**

## **ESKY RUN WITH THE BIRKETTS #2**

Bring along your Esky again for an enjoyable day out visiting Bassine Cheese for morning tea, scrumptious scones with jam and cream, or choose from tempting baked cheesecake and other goodies. A fine selection of cheese available for purchase, plus their magnificent pure cream and bottled milk (the old way, with the cream on top).

The shop also has an interesting stock of locally made products for sale. Travelling from there via delightful back roads (fully sealed) to the Poowong Hotel for lunch.

Meet at the carpark BP Caldermeade 4465 Sth. Gippsland Hwy, which is just past Caldermeade Dairy.

### **DEPARTING PROMPTLY 10AM.**

Due to ongoing roadworks in the area, you would be well advised to avoid joining the South Gippsland Highway via Koo Wee Rup.

Please advise us by 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024 if you wish to attend so numbers can be confirmed with both venues.

We look forward to your company.

Geoff and Judy Birkett

Email: [greengem3@bigpond.com](mailto:greengem3@bigpond.com)

(email preferred)

Ph. 9755 1772



## Tuesday 19th March to Thursday 21st March 2024 Erica/Walhalla Overnites

Accommodation at Erica (very reasonable rates)  
There are 7 rooms or Cabins reserved at either

- Erica Hotel
- Erica Caravan Park

Wednesday travel to Walhalla

Train (optional) Leaves at 11am (group booking \$25pp will need numbers)

Dinners:

1<sup>st</sup> night BBQ at Park . BYO Food & Drinks (meat packs available from the Park or BYO)

2<sup>nd</sup> night Meal at the Hotel

Please contact Lance Brazier 0403 032 158

[lbrazier@hotmail.com](mailto:lbrazier@hotmail.com)



## Sunday 24th March – Annual General Meeting (AGM)



## Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Out for lunch with Tootells

More information to come



## Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – Coffee with the Cravens

More information to come

A coffee date with  
a good friend fills  
my cup in more  
ways than one.



[forfamilyand.com](http://forfamilyand.com)

## Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2024 – One day only with the Cravens

More information to come

★ ★ ★ FOR just  
★ ★ ★ ONE day

## Saturday April 27th 2024 – Lunch & Music at the Emerald Hotel Sth Melb



**John Provis & Dawn Shoppee**

Want to thank the ABCCC and it's members for the joy & pleasure we have experienced from our membership over the past years.

We are going to sponsor an event quite different to others. A big band concert performed by six wonderful musicians - not amateurs, but professionals who have played in Europe, USA, on cruise ships and Hamer Hall etc.

**Location:** Emerald Hotel 415 Clarendon St, South Melbourne

**Date:** Saturday 27 April 2024

**Time:** 12 Noon for lunch and drinks at own cost. Musicians will arrive and setup during lunch, and play until we finish eating. When lunch is over, those not facing the band will stand and turn their chairs around. Then the fun starts. The music will finish just after 4:15pm. There will be two fifteen minute intervals. The band is our guests and will play numbers we know and like - music to suit us with lots of variety.

**The Music:** What a wonderful world... Edelweiss ( Sound of Music )... Teddy Bears Picnic... When the Saints Come Marching In... Basin Street Blues... Alexanders Rag Time Band... Georgia... Sweet Georgia Brown... High Society... Down By the Riverside... and so on... Plus your requests.

**The Musicians** Steve Grand - Piano  
Ian Smith - Trumpet, Sousaphone, Drums, Washboard and Vocal  
Chris Ludowyk - Trombone  
Call Duffy - Drums and Washboard  
Mark Elton - Double Bass  
Jo Stevenson - Clarinet and Saxaphones

**This will be an outstanding event but numbers are limited.**

**To reserve your place please phone John on 0418 564 082  
or email: [Johnprovis@bigpond.com](mailto:Johnprovis@bigpond.com)**

# WHAT HAVE WE BEEN DOING

## Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2023 - Christmas Lunch

We had our Christmas lunch at Chateau Wyuna again this year. Another delightful event & lots of photos.







Another year to catch up on and socialise with new and old friends and the meals were delicious.

President Tony Pettigrew expressed his appreciation to all members that attended and provided an update on who had not be able to join us due to ill health, wishing them all speedy recoveries. He provided a quick update on upcoming events. Most of our Members stayed around exchanging stories and giving mutual Christmas/New year wishes.

# The tale of the wonderful classic British woodie

By Charlie Calderwood featured in Classic & Sports Car dated 27 Mar 2023

There wasn't much on offer between luxury saloons and commercial trucks in the early years of motoring. The former were so expensive that, if you could afford one, you could afford to have your luggage shipped separately.

The latter... well, they were the ones carrying the luggage, or it went by train or even horse and cart.

By the 1920s, however, both sides of the Atlantic had developed a small market for a car that could carry people *and* luggage.



volume or one-off body production.



*The first shooting brakes were built on luxury chassis, such as this 1926 Rolls-Royce 20hp by Hooper © Rocket City Customs*

The names these vehicles took on either continent reflected their origin, the 'station wagon' of the States connected America's leisure hotels with the rail network; in Britain, the 'shooting brake', or later 'estate', would transport hunting parties around the country piles of the wealthy.

In both cases, however, these niche machines would largely be made of wood.

Prior to the invention of glassfibre, and when working with steel was expensive, timber was the obvious material for low-



*The clamour for fuel rations led to some sporting models being given the timber treatment, such as this 1937 Bentley 4¼-litre © Bonhams*

Wood frames were frequently used by coachbuilders of limousines and sports cars, although it was often wrapped in cloth or leather rather than left bare.

Many woodies were built by the same coachbuilders that were making limousines in the first place, such as Mulliner, Radford and Hooper, on chassis from [Rolls-Royce](#), [Lanchester](#) and [Alvis](#).

As the 1930s progressed, however, firms began to specialise in woodies, such as Brakenvan, Utilicon and Utilibrake, and cars from more populist manufacturers – such as [Austin](#) and [Ford](#) – received the same treatment.



*Vincents of Reading converted this 1937 Bentley 4 1/4-litre into a timber-clad estate in 1949 © Bonhams*

A convenient tax break – woodies were classed as commercial vehicles – helped with their popularity, but WW2 would prove the real making of the British woodie.

That commercial classification also ensured that owners received a greater fuel ration than for a normal passenger car, so the war led to some improbable cars receiving the woodie treatment, including [MGs](#) and [Bentleys](#).

Britain's armed forces had a need for more vans and ambulances, too, and the quickest way of getting them was turning existing saloons into wagons.

The aftermath of the conflict and its resulting steel shortages meant a heyday for the British woodie in the late '40s and early '50s.



*The Lea-Francis 14hp became a favourite for conversion into a shooting brake in the late 1940s, built first by companies including Jensen Motors and the Southern Caravan Company, before work was moved to Lea-Francis' main body supplier, APA*

Many owners simply went to their nearest truck, caravan or bus coachbuilder for these cars, built as one-offs or in small batches, sometimes quite crudely.

Manufacturers got in on the act, too: first Austin with its Countryman series and then [Lea-Francis](#), which, having supplied nearly 500 14hp chassis to coachbuilders for conversion in 1948-'49, took production in-house.

After that, wooden-bodied estates and vans became a significant proportion of the firm's output – indeed, the final two Lea-Francis cars were both woodies.



The increased prevalence of monocoque chassis began to kill off the woodie by the mid-1950s, however, as it did coachbuilding in general, while low-volume work with both steel and aluminium was becoming cheaper, too.



*Designed as a car/van hybrid for travelling salesmen, shopkeepers and farmers, the Morris Traveller was the last true production woodie, very much a car of its era*

Morris, which was one of the last to join the timber game, would provide a culminating crescendo for the British woodie.

Morris wagons, known as Travellers, were built at Cowley, first the Morris Oxford MO Traveller of 1952 and then, in 1953, the Minor-based Morris Traveller.

The latter would be the first of its type built on a semi-monocoque chassis, with the wooden frame becoming a structural member – something that condemned many Travellers to short lives after the MoT test was introduced in 1960.

More than 250,000 Minor Travellers were built, becoming by far the most popular British woodie and also the last mass-produced example, having outlasted even the US offerings when production ceased in 1971.



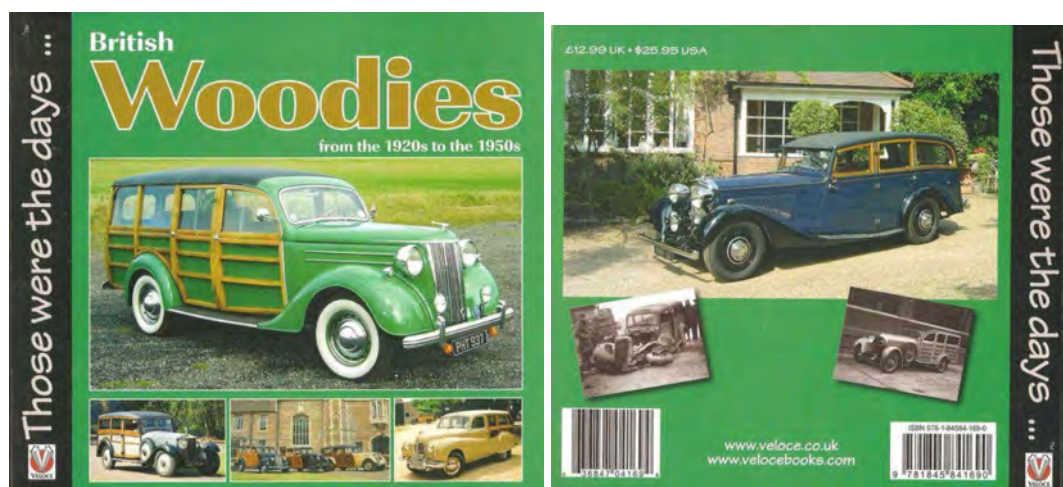
*Evoking US wagons, where faux-wood panelling had become the norm, Ford brought Di-Noc synthetic timber to Britain for the top-spec Consul Cortina Super Estate*

The Minor wasn't the last Traveller, though. The Mini Traveller (and its Austin Countryman clone) of 1960 had similar woodie looks, but by that stage they were purely ornamental – simply wood stuck to the outside of the body.

The Ford Consul Cortina Super Estate took that idea on another step in 1963, with mock-wood panelling stuck to the side of the car as had become the fashion in America, where the spread of monocoque construction had similarly led to the true woodie being largely abandoned.

The ADO16 Traveller/Countryman diluted the concept yet further with an optional faux-wood strip across the side, while the Mini Clubman Estate of 1969-'80 would be the British woodie's final whimper, with a wood-coloured vinyl sticker available for each flank.

*Images: C&SC archive/Rocket City Customs/Bonham*



For more reading, unfortunately this is 'out of print' now (published 2008). Try your luck at second hand book racks, keep a look out for this book

# RARE ROLLIN' WOOD

Between the 1920s and 1950s, long before the contemporary SUV was ever a sparkle in the designer's eye, the go to vehicle for utilitarian business and family use was the station wagon. Since automobiles evolved from the old horse drawn wagons, these handy vehicles began to appear with wooden bodies on an automobile frame. The earliest of these were called depot hacks - a designation that was superseded by the term station wagon owing to their common use as a transport from rail stations to the final destinations of the travelers. Station wagons covered in wood are commonly called woodies now, and the most common of the wood station wagons were mostly Fords. But there were woodies of all brand names in the heyday of these cars, and some of the wood adorned cars were not wagons. Convertibles, hardtops, and sedans - even a few heavy duty vehicles - were available in wood covered models. Not to ignore the popular Ford models, which nearly everyone loves, this is a presentation of some of the rarest woodies from the 30s to the 50s - cars that often are sold at auctions for prices exceeding \$100,000.

Which one WOOD be your favorite?





1940 PACKARD SERIES 120



1941 WILLYS PHANTOM



1941 CADILLAC ESTATE WAGON



1941 INTERNATIONAL HARVESTER



1941 PONTIAC SILVER STREAK



1941 HUDSON ESTATE WAGON



1942 FORD SUPER DELUXE



1946 PONTIAC CHIEFTAIN



1947 CHEVROLET MASTER DELUXE



1947 FORD SUPER DELUXE SPORTSMAN



THE ASSOCIATION OF  
MOTORING CLUBS

# Festival of Motoring

## at Cruden Farm

### Sunday 21st January 2024

Open to all Historic, Veteran, Vintage, and Classic vehicles over 25 years old.

Club displays welcome

**A Celebration of Motoring Throughout the Decades.**



- **Display Vehicles Must Be Pre Booked** [www.aomc.asn.au/festival-of-motoring](http://www.aomc.asn.au/festival-of-motoring)
- Cruden Farm, Cranbourne Frankston Rd, Langwarrin
- The McClelland Drive gates open for display vehicles from 9am
- \$20 Entry for display cars (Includes passengers)
- Spectator entry and car park off Cranhaven Rd.
- Spectator Admission \$10 per person, Children free
- All profits from this event will be donated to Beyond Blue
- Childrens Entertainment, Music, Food & Trophies



Presented by the Association of Motoring Clubs in association with RACV

For further details contact 0473 832 277

[www.aomc.asn.au](http://www.aomc.asn.au) and aomc facebook



# ALL BRITISH CLASSICS CAR CLUB (VIC), INC.

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## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

THE PRESIDENT AND THE COMMITTEE WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL OF THE MEMBERS FOR THEIR ONGOING SUPPORT OF OUR CLUB. ATTENDANCE AT ALL EVENTS HAS BEEN EXCELLENT, AND WE TRUST THAT YOU WILL RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP.

**MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS ARE DUE AS OF JANUARY 1<sup>ST</sup> EACH YEAR**

**ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTION IS \$45.00 PER FAMILY MEMBERSHIP**

All members with cars on the Victorian Club Permit Scheme are required to attend three club events from the date of the motor cars permit issue, and renew their membership by the due date. Failure to do this will result in having their membership cancelled.

The ROAD SAFETY ACT says that you MUST be a financial club member at all times, or your Club Permit plates are invalid and you will be unregistered, uninsured and ineligible for road use.

Please fill in your details below; payments may be made by EFT or CHEQUE made payable to the ALL BRITISH CLASSICS CAR CLUB (VIC)

Send to: Ed Bartosh  
c/- PO Box 190  
Coldstream. VIC 3770

Bank details: BSB 063 863, Account No. 1001 3709; provide your Surname and "dues" as the reference on payment.

Name.....Partner.....

Address..... Post Code.....

Mailing Address..... Post Code.....

Phones: Home.....Mobile.....Partner Mobile.....

E-Mail..... Partner e-mail.....

Birthdate..... Partner birthdate.....

Please update your vehicle ownership as we need the information to keep our club records current. If your vehicle is on the Club Permit Scheme, please indicate below if it is with the ABCCC register.

Year	Make	Model	Reg No	ABCCC Reg Y/N
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Payment of \$45 is  attached  sent EFT