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

Your ABCCC News

Front Cover

Photo on front cover –

Photos taken at the Big Band Concert

Event organised by John Provis & Dawn Shoppee

See more photos and event report.

Great reviews and feedback! You should have been there 😊

Presidents Report May 2024

Well, it all started when I received a call from Bill Allen our treasurer from his hospital bed, he had received a email from the bank saying someone on our club account had opened a PayPal account and were we aware of the implications. We both thought this sounds very much like someone is trying to scam us, but decided we had better check the phone number to see if it is genuine. When I got off the phone I checked my emails and found I had two one on our cheque account and one on our on line saver account, and then Bill phoned me back to say it was genuine and with Bill being in hospital it was decide I was to follow it up.

I phoned the bank and after the normal transfers from one department to the other I was finally informed that some one in the club is trying to open a PayPal account. They told me there are four signatories to the account Pat Douglas, Colin Brown, Bill Allen and myself and I assured them non of them would have authorised it so it was blocked. The end result of that action was my access to the account was blocked, I had to have a full virus computer scan and change of password, and they blocked our account from getting a PayPal account on my recommendation. Bill and I are the only two who can do internet transactions because the banking system only allows for two, but Bill's account wasn't affected?

Next step, on the recommendation of CBA was to contact PayPal. I gave them all the details and they came back some hours later to say they have no records of the All British Classics Car Club. I replied, then someone used our bank account number with a different name and I gave them details of our account. Next morning : Do you know Mohamed Abr?????. No

End result Mohammed's account was blocked and the case was sent to PayPal's Fraud Department with an assurance that they will send me a report within 21 days

I must say I was very impressed with the people I dealt with at our bank CBA and PayPal they stopped Mohamed stealing our money, and it just shows you how careful you have to be with money

I might add we received 17c from PayPal which they paid in but couldn't take out when they tested Mohammeds account

Take Care,

Tony Pettigrew

President

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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.

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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
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 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

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

Renewal Form can be downloaded from the ABCCC Website if required to update information.

Thank you, Ed Bartosh

AOMC – Florence Thomson Tour 2024

Celebrating the Spirit and contribution of women in Australian motoring. (Editors report)


Event held 26th April to 28th April 2024 - The tour was in Gippsland, the weather was perfect. Not only did the cars look great, the ladies outfits were to be admired. Lots of the women had stories to tell about their cars too! Navigators also added to the stories of the weekend 😊

Couple of photos from the tour. Ros Smith in her 1934 Chev Roadster, this vehicle was owned by Ros's Dad, her brother restored the vehicle over 20 years ago. Also the Jaguar Mark V was another favourite



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. May 5th Fed.	Scoresby picnic at the Steam Centre info Jack Craven	Fri. June 7th-10th	Hamilton Kings Birthday Rally Tony Pettigrew
		Wed. May 8th	Cancelled	Wed. June 19th	Coffee with the Cravens
		Sun. May 19th	Heritage Motoring Day Rex's Big day out	Sun. June 23rd	The inaugural Jervis-Read run. Robin and Anne
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	Thurs Nov. 14th	Visit to Beleura in Mornington. Robyn and Robert Joiner		
Sun. Oct. 20th.	Gippsland drive, Graham Talmage	Wed. Nov.20th	A big kids day out. The 3 G's Geraldine, Greg and Gary	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

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



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

- 5th May 2024 Scoresby Picnic
- 19th May 2024 Murrabit Picnic
- 9 June 2024 Peter Mac Fundraising Display Day (Bendigo)
- 25th Aug to 1st Sept 2024 Golden Oldies Tour

More details on both these websites

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



Reminder for upcoming ABCCC Events Don't forget to RSVP

Sunday 5th May 2024 – ABCCC event

Federation Scoresby Picnic

National Steam Centre 1200 Ferntree Gully Rd Scoresby, Vic

Planning to stay together with our cars on display so pls try and get there before 10am.

Contact: Jack Craven 0425 881 449

FEDERATION
Scoresby Picnic
Car Show

Sunday 5th May 2024
National Steam Centre
1200 Ferntree Gully Rd
Scoresby, Vic

Starts 10am
Hosted by the Dandenong Valley Historic Car Club Inc.

Free entry
Vehicles 25 years & older are welcomed to park into the display area

Trade & Craft Displays
BYO Picnic Lunch
Steam Machine Displays
Food Stalls
Trophies for 5 Categories
Children's Animal Farm
Raffle Drawn 1pm
Bring the Family

Enquiries:
Peter: 0409144603
Ian: 0419312304



SUNDAY 19th May 2024 – Heritage Motoring Day with Rex

Rex's big day out celebration of Heritage Motoring Heritage Day – Sunday 19th May 2024.

Time to get that classic vehicle out and celebrate National Motoring Heritage Day.

Travel down the Peninsular Link and meet at 9.30 am for a coffee stop at the outbound BP service and restaurant at

1401, Peninsular Link Trail Baxter.

Depart BP at 10.30 am and travel to the National Trust McCrae Homestead arriving at 11 am for a guided tour of the historic homestead.

McCrae Homestead

11 Beverley Rd, McCrae VIC 3938

The cost for the tour is \$7.00 pp and has been paid up front by Rex. Reimbursement of this cost will be collected by Rex/Deanna during the coffee break at the bp service centre. Correct change would be appreciated.

We depart Homestead at 12.15pm and travel to the RSL Rye for lunch at 12.30pm.

RSL 5/11 Nelson St, Rye VIC 3941

Please indicate your attendance by 14th May to:

Rex 0408 303 129

Deanna 0408 520 729 or by Preferred – Email

rha41579@bigpond.net.au

Look forward to seeing you all, and your classic car!

Friday 7th to 10th June 2024 – Hamilton Rally

Contact: Tony Pettigrew (03) 9739 1146 for details on accommodation, also Friday lunch & dinner

Wednesday 19th June 2024 – Coffee with the Cravens

We have settled on going to "The Laughing Fox" 13 Kilvington Drive Emerald start time 10.45 am.

Some interesting shops in the village They do lunch for those that want to stay on a bit longer.

Please let us know if you are attending. Jack 0425 881449 Shirley 0413 795 504

Sunday 23rd June 2024 - The inaugural Jervis-Read run

Lunch has been arranged at The Victoria Hotel at Woodend.

There is a lovely room upstairs and there will be a log fire burning. The stair steps are broad and shallow. There is a dining area on one side and a theatre setting on the other.

Arrival 12.00pm Sit down and order lunch.

Lunch 12.30 - 1.30pm

A Film will be shown 1.35 - 3.30pm "Ford versus Ferrari"

There will be an intermission.

Afternoon tea 3.35 - 4.15pm

Depart 4.15 - 4.30pm

A morning coffee stop en route to Woodend is being considered and will be advised at a later date.

We would be grateful for fellow members advising feedback by call or text to below mobile.

Robin Jervis-Read 0412 258 998



Sunday 7th July – Annual Lunch Colin Brown

More information to come

Wednesday 17th July – Coffee with the Braziers

More information to come

SUNDAY 21st July 2024. BRYANS PUB RUN.

You are invited to join us at the "Warby Hotel", Wesburn, for lunch at Midday.

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

Please respond by 14 July, so catering can be finalised.

Bryan Tootell 0412 549 906 annbry@optusnet.com

Sandras September Tuesday 10th till Thursday 12th Sept 2024

Just a reminder that Sandra's September is approaching very fast & there are only a few rooms left at this stage.

The run starts near Warrigal and continues on to Foster, having lunch in Korumburra.

Anybody wanting to come along, here is the phone number for the Wilson Promontory Motel. 5682 2055 or 0423 582 229.

Once booked please call us and let us know so that we can add your names to the list. Sandra 0402 215 367 Leigh 0403 243 700



What have we been doing?

Sunday 7th April 2024 – Out for lunch with Tootells

Sandy & Peter Hibbert, Judy & Leon Cousins, Robyn & Robert Joiner, Judy & Geoff Birkett, Jenny & John Mason, Geraldine & Greg Anglin, Mary & Ian Hodge, Joan Clements & Peter McKiernan, Adele & Lance Brazier, Terry Sully & Mal Clark, Ann Carty-Salmon & Phil Cook, Michelle & Peter Flavelle, Maxine & Tony Pettigrew, Lilyana & Greg Margetts, Teya & John Broadbent, Darrell & Peter Jones, Dawn Shoppee & John Provis, Anne & Bryan Tootell, Pat Douglas, Deb Beal

With the end of daylight saving, we were hoping for a mild day, not to be. At the Ringwood Lake start it was wet and miserable and attendees were redirected to go directly to our morning tea stop for a chat in more pleasant surroundings. The coffee is good, but the crowd is overwhelming and the exit directly to Don Road has now been blocked off. We were hoping for a break in the weather, but it didn't let up so no

chance of any photos from the vantage points along the way. About half way down from Pantom Gap we were brought to a stop due to a tree falling across the road. Greg Margetts and John Mason managed to tear away and move smaller growth which allowed us to pass on and reach the Hotel by the due time given by Management. The Staff were very attentive, the food was enjoyable. if anything, too much, the Company was excellent and we thank all attendees for making it a pleasant day. Anne has added a quick Thank You to our President Tony for the gracious recall of our most momentous Events, of course I'm sure this one will be added to the list.

Bryan Tootell.



Wednesday 17th April 2024 – Cravens Classy Day out !

Greg and Geraldine Anglin
Debbie Beal
Lance and Adele Brazier
Terry and Leonie Conway
Phil Cook & Ann Carty -Salmon

Leon and Judy Cousins
Jack and Shirley Craven
Rex and Deanna Hall
Peter & Sandra Hibbert
Tony and Maxine Pettigrew

Greg and Lilley Margetts
Rob McCann
Paul and Jennifer Pascoe
David Peck & Pam Telford

Brian and Ann Tootell
Terry Sully
Ron Duncan & Glenda Rogers
Michael and Jill Justin



Saturday April 27th 2024 – BIG BAND CONCERT AT EMERALD HOTEL

Dawn and I had great pleasure in organising our Big Band Concert.

Way back in July last year we decided to organise an event, different to anything in the past.

Dawn and I have followed traditional jazz for almost all of our lives. In fact it was jazz that brought us together about five years ago.

We have been enjoying some of the musicians, who played for us this weekend since about 1984, In fact when adding the years that we have known today's musicians it comes to well in excess of 200 years.

As the ABCCC, and it's members have given us enormous pleasure over many years, we decided to give back by sharing our jazz experience with our car club friends.

The planning of this event started prior to the Club's October meeting. This involved organising a suitable date, venue, the musicians of our choice, and the availability of key club members who for years have really put in to the club, by organising events etc,etc. We did not want them to miss out.

We planned, printed and distributed flyers, newsletter articles and advertising, and emails prior to the event to ensure nobody missed out.

You might say why did we do this?—Because we had something different, and we thought something special to give—an experience that many members may not have ever experienced.

Our choice of top musicians, who have played extensively around the world; in Europe, Asia, USA would be brought together for this special occasion.

We chose 48 tunes, many of which would be known by members eg Road to Gundagai, Sweet Georgia Brown and so on. We submitted these to Jason, the leader, to reduce the number and to organise in a suitable order.

One of the many highlights of the day was when nearly everyone present, including the whole band burst into song with great gusto to sing “On the road to Gundagai” This really warmed our hearts.

I looked at Dawn and said “we got it right darling- everyone is having a great time, and enjoying themselves”.

Judging by the enormous feedback during the event, followed by just so many txts, emails and phone calls since; all praising the venue, service, food, the music, and the overall fun, indicates that we achieved the success we set out for.

Considering all of this, Dawn and I would like to have our BIG BAND CONCERT again next year, and we hope the committee will allow a day on next years calendar.

Thanks to everyone who shared the day with us...Dawn and John.



Great reviews received of the event & lovely gallery of ABCCC members enjoying the day!

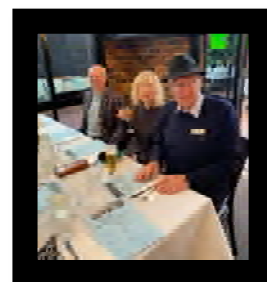
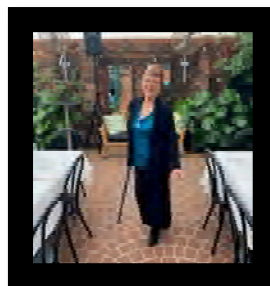
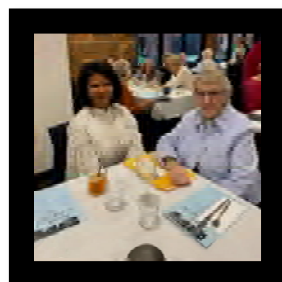
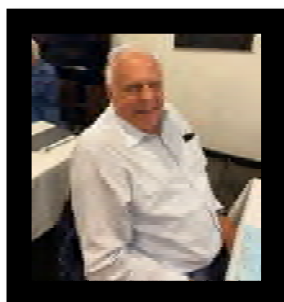
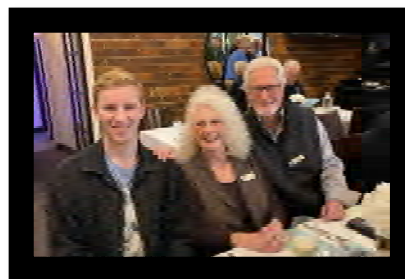
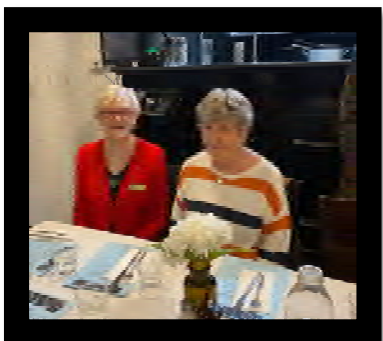
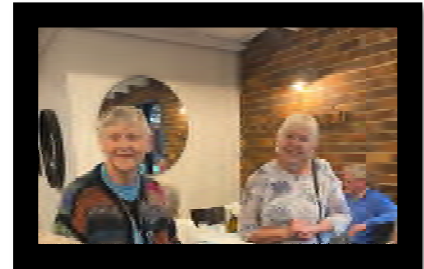
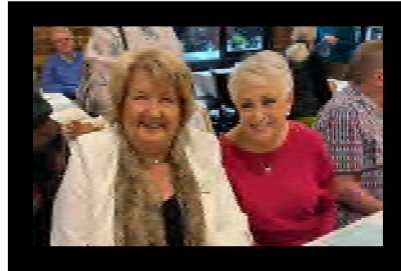
Emailed to Editor from Jack & Shirley Craven

"We signed up for the Jazz event supported by John and Dawn. We expected a really good event- but we were wrong it was way beyond good- it was a fantastic day. The Jazz men were so entertaining, so skilled and clearly having great fun in producing music and humour and what next . Out of the blue Geordie Hibbert stepped up for a go on the drums and that was quite a surprise - a player for the future perhaps and well treated by the band- good on them. The Hotel was also cozy and the food was a good standard and staff were friendly and professional.. They - the band and the hotel do Jazz regularly- info on the website

Wow - thanks John and Dawn and the "Emerald and the players "

Emailed to Editor from Ann & Bryan Tootell

Hello Dawn and John, just a quick note to say Thank You for organizing such a wonderful Day. I'm sure everyone just loved it. The food and Service was excellent and as for the Band they are INCREDIBLE - such Talent and fabulous personalities. I made a point of thanking the lovely Pianist as Joy and I loved watching him also. I am exhausted today and I am sure Joy will be as we did not sit still from the time they started until they finished. Thank you once again.....Anne and Bryan



And the Big Band



here is Georgie



Colin thanks the John, Dawn and the Big Band

LOST CAUSES OF MOTORING

Below, is the final chapter from Lord Montague's book that was first published in 1960. Should this book have been written in recent years, it would have been of three volumes to cover the Lost Causes for Great Britain alone. Indeed, Lord Montague wrote two added volumes that covered the Lost Causes Of Motoring in Continental Europe – both are also most interesting to read.

Mike Allfrey.

CHAPTER 14

The Reckoning

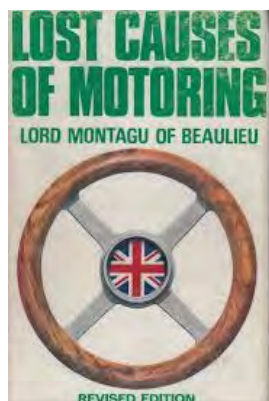
'It makes gear changing as simple and as noiseless as breathing.' – Unit Ten advertisement, 1922.

... And, we may add, as bankruptcy, too! This is of necessity rather a mournful and nostalgic story, for the Lost Causes are mostly those which failed to make the grade.

Failure, however, is not necessarily ignominious, for it is these earlier efforts which spur later generations to conquer the problems which defeated the under-capitalised experimenters of the past. The sliding-type gearbox is now on its way out, yielding to complex and costly automatic transmissions with dog-Greek names, but G.W.K. had propounded an ingenious if unreliable substitute in 1911, and Lyle and Macklin had all but rendered it redundant on their 1925 Invicta, while Lanchester eschewed it altogether until economic necessity forced them to fall into line with convention. To the Lost Causes we owe not only four-wheel brakes but the concept of disc braking as well.

So it is with competitively-priced machines. In my opinion many of the Lost Causes went to their graves through the impact of three outstanding commercial successes: the Morris-Cowley of the nineteen-twenties, and Hillman 'Minx' in the early nineteen-thirties, and the Jaguar in the later thirties and forties. The less expensive victims – the G.W.K., the Galloway, the Rhode and, most of all, the Clyno – spurred the big firms on, for they were something to compete against, and Invicta and Railton set a very high standard in the specialist field. Competition furthers quality, and the lack of competition today, though it has perhaps not resulted in a general deterioration, has led to a uniformity of design that must be deplored. I personally feel that no one has yet beaten the Jowett 'Javelin' at its own game, but its impact is still being felt, and the standard of handling and fuel economy in 1½-litre family saloons has improved out of all proportion since 1948.

I have often been asked why I have chosen to dig up the past and chronicle the doings of manufacturers whose products were relatively uninteresting. My answer is that they were of absorbing interest; at least four of the *marques* I have recorded are internationally famous – Invicta, Jowett, Lanchester and Lea-Francis, while lesser lights such as Alldays and Onions, Clyno, Star and Argyll had their devoted followings. The ingenuity of the pioneers – Johnston, Mead, Macklin, Frank Smith, and all the others – demands that their exploits should be set down on paper before they and the teams that backed them are forgotten; and I would not be my father's son if I neglected this opportunity of perpetuating their memory.



Lord Montague of Beaulieu.

From the book – Lost Causes Of Motoring – With Thanks.

Update on Tony's very British Mark V project

Jag. Mark V Report May 24

Quite a bit of progress this month, finished the rocker shaft, reamed all the rocker bushes and ground the faces and completed the assembly. And while adjusting the tappets I realised I had forgot to mark TDC on the front pulley, Mark V TDC is marked on the Flywheel and very difficult to see with the engine in the chassis and with the ignition timing not yet set, and also it is now electronic with no points to guide me I thought It could be a problem. Back to basics old Jag engines are back to front, no 1 cylinder is nearest the driver, so a bit of wire through the spark plug hole found TDC and the timing marks on the flywheel could be seen with the help of a mirror and with fingers crossed I set the ignition timing.

Now it was time to prepare for start up, I filled the radiator only to see the water coming out as fast as I poured it in. I had forgot to put hose clamps on one of the hoses, this is what happens when you have ten minutes to spare and play with your baby. Next I put 8 litres of oil in the engine keeping back 3 litres for the pressure primer I had borrowed. I connected the primer to the oil gauge outlet and pressurised to 80 psi and let it circulate through the engine, yes you guessed it drip drip drip through the bolts securing the cam followers. Fitting the missing copper washers fixed the problem.

Next petrol in the tank, yes your right drip, drip, from the drain plug, easy fix drain the petrol and fit a new washer and away we go again. Electric pump going crazy but no petrol at the carbies. So I grabbed a old tennis ball drilled two holes in it jammed it in the tank filler tube and put compressed air into the tank, the pump changed it's tune and I soon had petrol pissing out of the carburettors all over the garage floor. The needle and seats had stuck after laying around for a while but a few judical taps fixed that. By now it was late in the day and the garage stunk of petrol so I decided it was time for a glass of red and fight another day.

The next day I walked over to the garage and the petrol smell was gone so buggar it let's give it a go. I had fitted a isolating switch to the battery so if I had stuffed up on any wiring I could switch everything off immediately, I gave two squirts of Start you Bastard and pressed the button and it started instantly. One of those very very satisfying moments in life.

That was all earlier in the month since then I have assembled the doors, I never realised how much was involved not having pulled them apart. The first door took 8 hours, some of that time was spent doing it twice, first replacing all the felt in the window runners then fitting the door locks and window regulators, chrome strips and handles and all this done through little holes in the inner door skin. After the first one it got easier but still took about 4 hours a door. I am now working towards my first drive up and down my driveway but more about that next month.

Tony

