



ALL BRITISH CLASSICS CAR CLUB

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an incorporated club

A friendly family social motoring club

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ONCE IN A LIFETIME

Robert McDermott of Robert McDermott & Co well known Rolls Royce repairers and rebuilders has agreed to personally host a visit of our Club to his workshop at 420 Burnley Street, Richmond at 7.30pm on the evening of the 13 May 1998.

DON'T MISS THIS ONE.

If you would like to be an associate who may be interested in joining our Club, let me know as we can add some extras but we do not want to overload the occasion.

Robert will take us on a complete tour of his workshop including engine rebuilding, bodywork paintwork, engineering techniques, trimming and general repair of exotic motor cars.

Please don't be late as we want to get started promptly and allow a minimum of 2 hours for the visit

JOIN A NEW MEMBER NOW

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Your A.B.C. News

1999 ANDAMOOKA OPAL SAFARI

This Opal Safari is an opportunity for you to take your Classic Car and as a group travel up through Mildura to Broken Hill then through the Flinders Ranges looking at Wilpena Pound and other sights and then on through the crossroads of Australia being Port Augusta from there we go up through to the Woomera Rocket Range and from the Rocket Range through to Roxby Downs the massive new mining town in the bottom end of the Simpson Desert and again 30 klms from Roxby Downs is the opal mining township of Andamooka.

This is all on very good bitumen roads. We propose to take some 3 weeks for the holiday and we would be leaving Melbourne approximately 1 August, 1999.

Remember this is all on bitumen road and when we get to Andamooka we would park our cars and hire a community bus which would average approximately \$6.00 per day per person and we would use the bus to drive us to the opal mining site where we will put in an open cut using bulldozers and other machinery hired locally and see how good we are at finding opal.

The cost of the mine would be minimal – somewhere in the order of \$100.00 to \$300.00 per share with the opal that is found belonging to the group as a whole and being divided up in accordance with your shares etc at the end of the time.

This is one that we have done before and it was a great success with the Armstrong Siddeley Car Club. They will also be joining us on this occasion and we will have a maximum of 50 places available.

From a costing point of view calculate on a average of \$100.00 per couple per day as we will be using the Armstrong Siddeley catering trailer for a lot of our meals and certainly mornings and afternoon teas and lunches whilst we are travelling.

This is going to be an excursion to remember but once we have 50 people nominated then unfortunately you have to go on a waiting list.

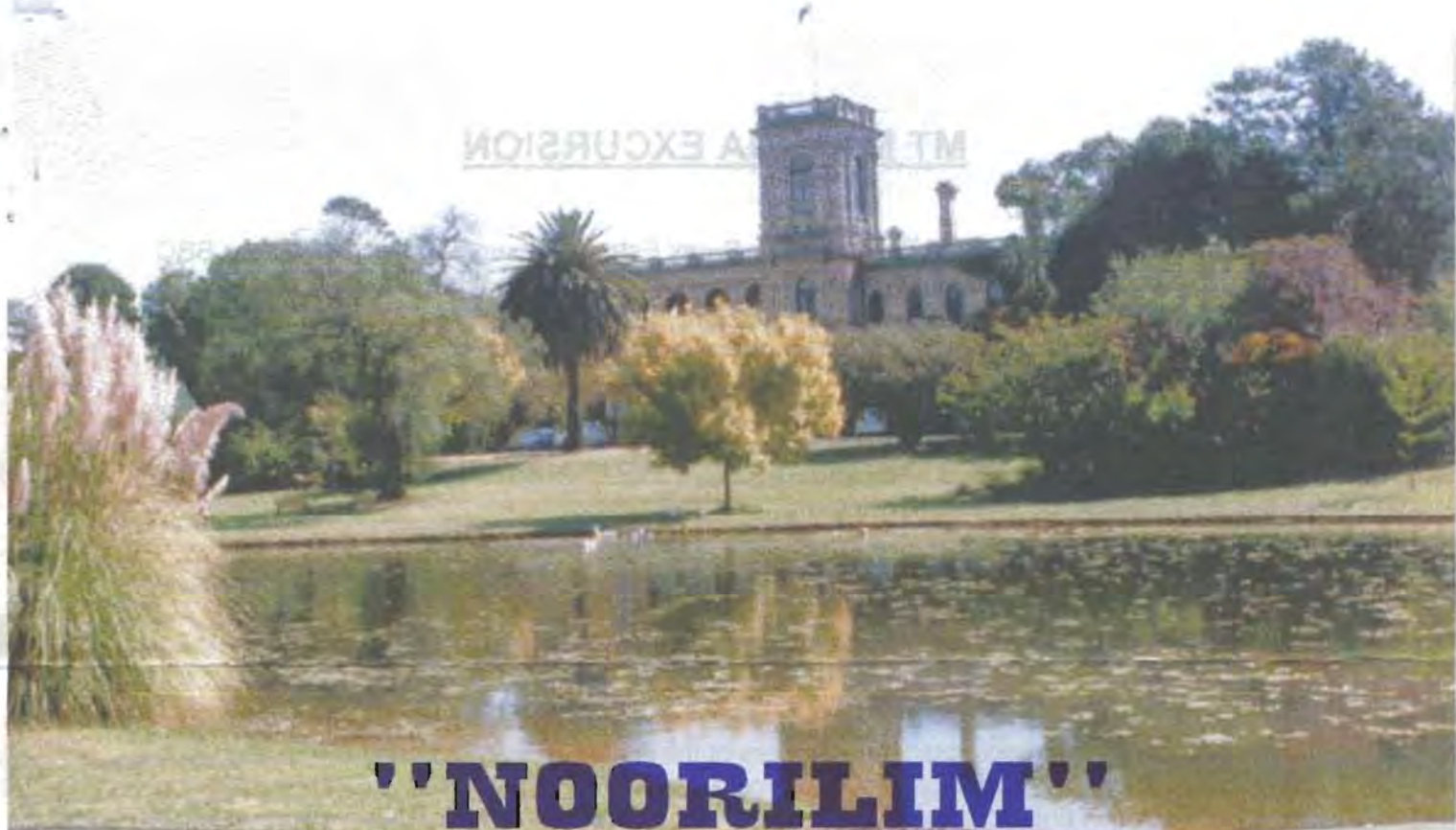
With your booking we would require a \$100.00 deposit per booking so that this money could be defrayed against the cost of establishing the lease and preliminary expenses together with purchasing the necessary miners right and advance payment on a lot of food that we will be taking on the catering trailer.

This is a great opportunity. **DON'T MISS IT.** Ring Frank Douglas now on 9801 3411 and he will answer any questions that you may have.

Thought for the month

What you get out of a club is in direct proportion to what you put into it.

WE WELCOME YOUR PARTICIPATION,,,



"NOORILIM"

NOORILIM - MURCHISON

On the 29 August we have an opportunity of a lifetime to visit a Stately Mansion set in some 12 acres of beautiful gardens approximately 15 kms north of Nagambie along the Goulburn River.

Noorilim is a magnificent old Mansion; beautiful fitted out and with wonderful period furniture, drapes etc.

It is the home of Mr & Mrs Brian Thomson - Brian enjoys Classic Cars and has himself owned quite a few, so much so that he turned the Couch House on the property into a museum for automotive artifacts and old cars and bikes.

His wife expressed an interest in costumes of the earlier Australian periods and as such Brian then built another Couch House, which Mrs Thomson has decorated throughout with the costumes of earlier Australian periods.

She regularly changes the displays and having has the opportunity to visit this Mansion and the various adjuncts to this I would say that this is a visit that you would not want to miss.

The Mansion is best describes "The manner to which you would like to become accustomed to".

We will give you more details as we get closer to the date but we would meet in Nagambie approximately 10.45am and go from there as a group having a picnic lunch on the verandahs or within the gardens of the property and generally having a very enjoyable day.

Plan for this one. Don't miss it. It's the opportunity that you have been waiting for

MT MARTHA EXCURSION

On the 14th February we visited the Balcolme Creek Estuary Reserve at Mt Martha for a BBQ lunch and a pleasant stroll around the area concerned. We had a interesting mix of cars including one Rolls Royce, one MGTC, one Special Bodied Austin A40, a Jaguar Convertible, an Aston Martin and amongst all things a Holden.

We did get some rain but we had picked the position right, there was a very nice shelter there all stocked with a log fire with kindlering and electric BBQ's which we proceeded to light the fire and get the BBQ's operational. The end result was a very pleasant day with some very pleasant people. Sorry you were not there.

CLUB PERMIT SCHEME AND AOMC

We have recently been accepted as members of the Association of Motoring Clubs and we are now proceeding with an application to become an approved Club under the Club Permit Scheme. At which point in time members who wish to operate on Club Plates will be able to do so through our Club and either participate in approved Club outings or obtain Club Permits for the use of their car through the ABC Club. We will keep you posted.

NEW MEMBERS

We have received quite a few inquiries from members about friends and associates who they would like to nominate as new members of the Club. Accordingly we are attaching with this copy of your ABC News two membership application forms so that you will always have forms on hand to give out. If you need any more forms be in touch with John Gardner and he will be only too happy to pop some in the mail to you.

'wot a larf'

ad-men recon that half the battle of launching a new car can be won by presenting the right image. BUT they do not always get it right.....
FORD produced a glamorous new model in Mexico and after much name searching came up with the title. CALIENTE. However they quickly changed the name to the un romantic S-22 when the dealers in Mexico pointed out that CALIENTE in Mexican means 'STREET WALKER'.
GENERAL MOTORS did not have any greater success in Mexico when they introduced their Chevrolet NOVA. Sales were slow. In Mexico NOVA means WONT GO'.



"el Presidente's new TOY

One of our good members David Smith is the proprietor of the very stately old English style Beaufort Manor at Yea and having just paid over the necessary money to acquire ownership of the Jaguar XJS convertible the undersigned decided to blow the cobwebs out and go and have a look at David's Beaufort Manor so that we could arrange a visit up there later this year.

Its proposed that we will be having a lunch at the Manor and then going on from there to look at some exotic South American animals in the Seymour area and your events people will be giving details of this visit shortly.

Needless to say Beaufort Manor is an impressive establishment which has lunches, dinners and overnight accommodation and is highly recommended from the point of view of any of our members who are travelling north.

Incidentally the Jag preformed O.K. and will not doubt be seen at many Club outings.

ALL BRITISH DAY

The All British Day is important to us as all our cars are obviously British cars and we would like to ask that you make a special effort to attend at the Flemington Race Course for the All British Day and give John Gardner a hand to man our membership stand and as well as having a good time and helping the Club with its membership drive on this particular day.

Thank you in advance.

COMING EVENTS

For those of you who are new to the Club or have lost your earlier edition of the ABC News these are the events that are scheduled for the next couple of months

Sunday 29 March A day out in the hills. We meet at 10am on the Maroondah Highway at Coldstream and from there we will travel to the Toolangi Forest Discovery Centre which is a very unique display of Australian timber and the products that are made from this, coffee is available there. There is a short film on the old logging time and the old logging towns and having spent a pleasant stop there we will then drive on up to Maroondah Dam where we will enjoy a picnic lunch. It is BYO everything including your Classic Car. Incidentally don't forget the wife.

Sunday 5 April This is the ALL BRITISH DAY at Flemington Race Course car park. We should be there by 10am and this is perhaps one of the major days of the year for us. This is where all British cars are on display and being of course THE ALL BRITISH CLASSICS CAR CLUB we want to have as good a display as anybody else and there is also of course an excellent chance of some new members joining our fold. As indicated John Gardner is organising a display stand on the day and he would like some help. So what about giving him a call. There are sausages and various other foods available but if this does not suit bring your own. On this occasion a number of members will be torn between parking with their one Marque Club or parking with THE ALL BRITISH CLASSICS CAR CLUB. Anyway come and enjoy a chat.

Sunday 19 April An Observation Run – this will be conducted by Adam Francis and we will be meeting at the Manningham Council car Park (this is the old Doncaster and Templestowe City Hall) in Doncaster Road at 10am for a start. This is a BYO everything as we will finish up having a picnic lunch. Don't forget a pen and a piece of paper. There will be prizes and a fun day for all. Adam Francis may be contacted on 9512 4586 if you have any queries.

Saturday 9 May **STOP PRESS - NEW EVENT**

We have arranged with one of our members, David Smith for a nice lunch at Beaufort Manor for a \$20 per head including local wines.

Meet at Coldstream township 10.15am for 10.30am departure to Yea. After a nice tasty lunch then drive to Seymour for a visit. Don't miss this.

Sunday 10 May **CANCELLED BECAUSE OF MOTHERS DAY.**

Friday 22 May This is our Social Night when we will be enjoying a Brown Brothers Wine Tasting at the Club Rooms at the rear of 737 Boronia Road, Wantirna. This is where we had our Christmas BBQ. There will be a small admission of \$2 per person. BRING A PLATE and turn up between 7.30 and 8pm, look forward to a pleasant evening and make arrangements that you are able to drive home without a problem.