



ALL BRITISH CLASSICS CAR CLUB

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an incorporated club

A friendly family social motoring club

Edition 4

Your A.B.C. News

June 1998

NEW MEMBERS SINCE APRIL

Tom and Dot Baker
Charles and Veronica Allerdice
Mike Bindon and Maree Thomson
Ken Henderson
Colin and Anne Jenkins

W E L C O M E

Iron on embroidered cloth badges in our
Logo are now in stock
\$5.00 each from John Gardner

JULY EVENT

5 July Scienceworks

Mark your diary now
Details in July magazine

**TOM VERNEY IS OUT OF
HOSPITAL
GOOD GOING TOM.
GET WELL, JOIN IN
AND ENJOY LIFE WITH US**

Editors:- Frank and Pat Douglas

Committee

PRESIDENT

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Chris Gardner
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John Gardner
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THE GREAT AUSTRALIAN RALLY

With the intention of raising money for a worth while charity, the Mornington Peninsula Health Care Network which is all the hospitals and clinics on the Mornington Peninsula.

We will be involved in the running of the 4th Great Australian Rally from the Melbourne Town Hall to Portsea on Saturday 23 January, 1999.

This will be a very significant event with many hundreds of vehicles expected to take part and The All British Classics Car Club will be providing the officials including Marshals and organizers for this event.

It is expected that the Lord Mayor of Melbourne will flag off the event from the Melbourne Town Hall. So far Transurban City Link has donated \$20,000 to cover the cost of event with any surplus going to the hospital. There is a high likely-hood of the R.A.C.V. also becoming involved as a Sponsor. Television and media coverage are expected with the object of this becoming a significant fund raising event.

The Great Australia Rally will be run annually and for our services in developing the organization and carrying out our side of the bargain we will have the sum of \$2,500 donated to the All British Classics Car Club.

You will appreciate apart from the good that the money can do in minimizing Club membership fees and giving us sufficient funds to produce car badges, T-shirts, etc for the members.

This event will also place the All British Classics Car Club very substantially in the Club network as a Club of substance who produces and conducts worth while events for Charity.

We will be needing **your** support and we will also be needing more members between now and January 23rd so if you can bring in a new member to the fold get in touch with John Gardner our membership officer and he will get you the necessary forms if you are short of one.

Professor Peter Chandler from Monash University will be the Chairman of the event, Frank Douglas the A.B.C. Car Club President will be the Rally Organizer, John Gardner is on the Rally Committee along with Nigel Atkins and Paul Fraser from the Peninsula Health Care Network and Joel Haire Marketing Manager of Transurban City Link.

SOME THOUGHTS THAT MIGHT MAKE YOU LAUGH

Why isn't there mouse-flavored cat food?

What do you do when you see an endangered animal eating an endangered plant?

How do they get the deer to cross at that yellow road sign?

Why is abbreviation such a long word?



John & Chris Gardner's Triumph in life

Chris Gardner Co-driver of the Triumph



MODEL Triumph TR4A Roadster
ENGINE 4 CYL, 2138CC Twin SU
 4 speed manual

OWNER/S John & Chris Gardner

OWNED VEHICLE 2 years from Adelaide

HISTORY Built in June 1967, shipped to Cambridge Motors, Adelaide in July 1967. We are the fourth owners and during its lifetime the car was in storage for nine years. Restoration of new paint and new interior trim was completed in 1995.

CHARACTERISTICS It likes to tour without the roof but it does have a good heater. TR's are often referred to as a bit 'agricultural' could have something to do with the wet sleeve Massey Ferguson engine.

MEMORABLE TRIP We have already had some great trips with our ABC friends and we are looking forward to the Andamooka Safari in 1999

OTHER CLASSICS 1970 Triumph 2.5 PI sedan and a 1963 Triumph TR4 Roadster. Both of these are being restored

THOUGHTS FOR EASTER 1999

While a number of members of both Queensland and Victorian Branches will be involved with their own individual Marque Club's Annual Rally at Easter next year, it has been suggested that the ABC Car Club look at holding its own Inaugural Easter Rally so as to provide an interstate event for those not attending another Rally.

This could also provide an alternative for those unable to participate in the Opal Safari at Andamooka in August, or provide an opportunity for those going Opal hunting to meet their fellow miners (and, hopefully, fellow profiteers!). Hopefully a New South Wales Branch of the Club will be established by then, so we could have an impressive cross section of British Classics on the Rally.

MUDGEES is conveniently situated, being approximately 920 km north of Melbourne and 940 km south of Brisbane. The town offers a number of attractions which could make a stop-over there most attractive, with the following itinerary drawn up as a guide:-

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| Good Friday | Members arrive and book in at reserved motel(s)
Evening meal at local RSL Club (great sea food platters) |
| Easter Saturday | Full day bus tour of district, including a visit to Gulgong, local historical sites and a range of vineyards. A picnic lunch on the banks of the Cudgegong River.
Rally dinner at local restaurant. |
| Easter Sunday | Self drive tour encompassing a drive through Mudgee's main streets, morning tea at Lake Windamere, then lunch at the picturesque mining town of Sofala, and back via Kandos and Rylstone. Alternative tour routes could include the Zig-Zag railway at Lithgow, and a look at Bathurst.
BBQ At Motel |
| Easter Monday | Depart for our respective home state. |

Motel (three star) would cost approximately \$65 per room per night, however we would be limited to a maximum of 30 rooms over 2 motels - the rest of the town's accommodation being pre-booked for other events and local weddings, etc

JOIN A NEW MEMBER TODAY

We need more members for The Great Australian Rally

1999 ANDAMOOKA OPAL SAFARI

Every now and then we get the opportunity to take part in a unique experience using our cars.

On this occasion we have the opportunity of experiencing the delights of driving through the Australian outback on top grade bitumen roads, visiting both the Broken Hill areas, the Flinders Ranges and then the unique cross-roads of Australia, Port Augusta then through the Woomera Rocket Range and via the giant Olympic Dam, copper and gold mine and at last to the Andamooka Opal fields, which is situated in the bottom end of the Simpson Desert amongst a mixture of picturesque large rolling sand hills covered with vegetation to rolling gibber rock country.

By good fortune we now have top grade bitumen road all the way to the Andamooka Opal fields and we have been able to arrange accommodation for a maximum of 50 people in the town for an Opal Mining Safari in August 1999.

Andamooka is a unique little township situated way in the Australian outback. It has many migrant people who have come there to seek their fortune with the beautiful Gem Grade Crystal Opal that comes from this particular field. Many have stayed and made this remote, quaint township their home.

The Andamooka Opal field produces the best grade of Gem Crystal Opal in the world. Because of a low moisture content this Opal is very stable and much sort after in the worlds market place.

We intend to put in a collective mine of the open cut nature. The costs of the mine are spread over the participants of the Safari who wish to be involved. We are looking at a all up cost in the order of Aust \$5,000 to Aust \$7,000 but spread over the people involved this comes down to somewhere between \$100 to \$200 per share. The Opal that is found belong to the group as a whole and is disposed of in accordance with the groups wishes at the end of the cut.

Either the Opal or the money from the sale of the Opal will be redistributed in accordance with the shares held with the Safari members.

Whilst in the Andamooka area we will take the opportunity of visiting the gigantic sized Lake Torrens Salt Lake which is 2,130 square miles in size and is approximately 10 ½ miles due east of Andamooka.

How would you like to be going into the sand hills for a bonfire/BBQ night under the beautiful starlight skies that you experience in the Australian outback.

We have also arranged both a visits to the giant Roxby Downs/Olympic Dam mining complex as well as a unique experience being a visit to the giant Andamooka Cattle Station Homestead, which is some 90 klms by road from the Andamooka Opal Fields. There Barry Durham the station manager will entertain us with a outback BBQ.

This is once in a lifetime opportunity to both experience the outback and to participate in a unique Opal mining experience and to enjoy your Classic car.

If you have any questions that we can answer please give Frank Douglas a ring on 03 9801 3411 or fax 03 9801 7767 or e-mail nationwide@tbsa.com.au



SATURDAY 9 MAY VISIT TO DAVID SMITH'S

BEAUFORT MANOR, YEA

Whilst there was only 14 members present we had a wonderful lunch at the Manor cooked by David and his wife and enjoyed some very nice local wines and in the finish because we were having such a good time we decided not to proceed on to Seymour for the second half of the visit but to enjoy a pleasant long lunch.

Wish you were there

FORTHCOMING EVENT - 27 JUNE

A booking has been made for the ABC Car Club at Chadstone Tenpin Bowling for 8.30pm. The cost is \$11 per person, which covers 2 games plus shoe hire.

Come along and have a side-splitting laugh as we throw our bowls into the gutter.

Afterwards at approximately 10.30pm we will discuss our newly discovered talent over a pancake supper at the Chadstone Pancake Parlor. Cost depends on what you eat!!!!

Come along and make this fun night a great success.

Please contact Chris on 5942 7535 to secure a spot on an alley. (An idea of numbers is essential)

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AUSTRALIAN RALLY

Melbourne to Portsea

You are **INVITED** to come & **ENJOY** this unique event from the Melbourne Town Hall, along the new **CITY LINK** then to Portsea

Saturday

23rd JANUARY 1999

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All proceeds from this event will be donated to the
PENINSULA HEALTH CARE NETWORK

The event will be a one day rally featuring Veteran, Vintage, Classic, Late Classic & Modern Classic cars and Motor Bikes. Participants are asked to dress in the era & style of their vehicles.

Those attending this **PICNIC** on the **PENINSULA** will be issued a Rally Bag at the start

Entry Fee per Vehicle \$20.00

PRIZES

Entry forms and associated material will be posted to your Club or to individuals on request by 1 October 1998. Enquiries..9801 3323

Host Club. All British Classics Car Club Inc.

The Peninsula Health Care Network thru 15 agencies at eleven locations provides a wide range of public health services to the Mornington Peninsula community including Emergency Treatment, Hospitalization, Rehabilitation, Psychiatric Treatment and Care, Aged Care & Health Promotion & Education.