



ALL BRITISH CLASSICS CAR CLUB

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A friendly family social motoring club

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Your A.B.C. News

MERRY CHRISTMAS



And a Happy New Year For 1999

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RACV GREAT AUSTRALIAN RALLY UPDATE

The Rally gathers momentum. We have had an impressive media launch at a private car museum in South Melbourne attended by a reasonable number of the media as a result I understand we are going to get good editorial in "Unique Cars" including a free entry form printed in that magazine as well as the "Sunday Herald Sun", "The Age" and the standard newspapers on the Mornington Peninsula will give editorial space to the Rally as we believe will several of the radio stations.

In addition some 600 flyers advertising the Rally will be distributed throughout the Mornington Peninsula in January for putting in shop windows etc, and three major trailer billboards will be placed on the Mornington Peninsula in the days proceeding the Rally to publicize the event to the people on the Peninsula.

We still require the services of some Marshalls. At present Craig Douglas on 9801 3411 has 6 Marshalls for the check-in area at the M.C.G. and requires several more. John Gardner on 5942 7535 has 5 Marshalls so far for the Melbourne Town Hall, Swanston Street area and requires the services of another 2 or 3 Marshalls. Tom Cannon on 9791 2949 has the total of 4 Marshalls for a Frankston photo opportunity stop area and might require 1 or 2 Marshalls. Tom Verney on 9584 3482 is looking after the Mornington half way stop has 8 volunteer Marshalls from the Mornington Chamber of Commerce but another 1 or 2 Marshalls from our Club would be helpful to Tom and Ray Higginson on 9336 7306 who is looking after Portsea venue is desperately in need of another 4 or 5 Marshalls as he has responsibility of traffic control as well as parking of the public cars and also the Rally entrants car parking on the Parade Ground down there.

Please this is our one big effort for the year we need your help and we certainly do not want to fall on our face and not be able to carry out our side of the Rally which is the Marshalling and running of the Rally. If we do this will preclude us from being invited again next year to continue to conduct the Rally and receive our \$2,500 donation which as you will appreciate goes a long way to keeping members subs at a low level.

The other major aspect is that we will be issuing to all Marshalls a free All British Classics Car Club cap and a free RACV Great Australian Rally iron-on cloth badge which we would appreciate all Marshalls ironing on to their right hand breast area of a white "Polo" style T-shirt. This together with dark pants or dark skirt presents a very good uniform and reflects well on the A.B.C. Club.

The senior Marshall in charge of each of the venues will ensure that you receive your cap or badges prior to the event.

MEMBERS CARS

FOR SALE

One slightly used pre owned SLED for sale. Driven by little old man on annual outings only. Mileage would not exceed one hundred million miles. Unique in as much as as it does not have the conventional 9 horse power engine. This model Comes equipped with a 9 reindeer engine, one of which would be handy on Red Nose day. **Hi Rudolph**

This sled is capable of circling the World in one night & if my calculations are correct can carry in excess of one million tons per load.

This unit is fitted with the latest Hovercraft technique & has been seen tethered to many chimneys whilst a rather chubby old fellow climbs down with a load of toys for the kids. How he does not get his suit dirty, I don,t know.

Whilst most conveyances date quickly it is believed that this low milage beauty will be in style for many years to come .Annual rent back for 24 December may be arranged by mutual agreement.

Sled comes with one elderly plump gentleman and nine reindeers.
Delivery available on 26 December.

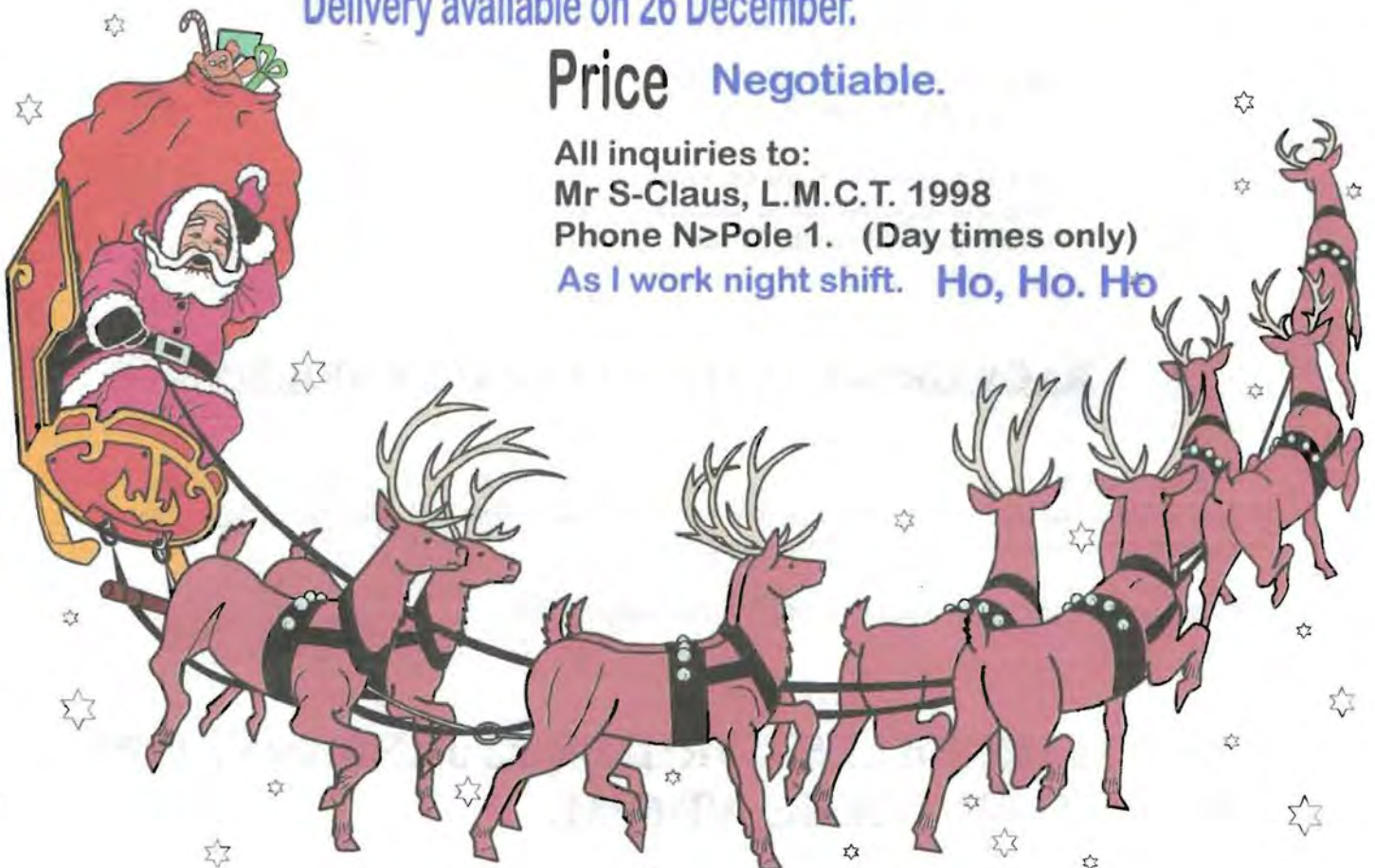
Price Negotiable.

All inquiries to:

Mr S-Claus, L.M.C.T. 1998

Phone N>Pole 1. (Day times only)

As I work night shift. **Ho, Ho. Ho**





Our visit to Portsea Sun 15 November 98

On the 15 November some 30 Club members visited the old Army Officer Cadet School/Quarantine Station at Portsea.

We had a very interesting tour of the old Quarantine Station Museum. A very nice picnic lunch and a group briefing and inspection of the whole area which will be used as the finish venue of the RACV Great Australian Rally on the 23 January, 1999

RACV GREAT AUSTRALIAN RALLY BRIEFING

It is essential that we all understand what is happening at the Rally so that we can all put our best effort in and accordingly we are having a evening BBQ at 6pm on Friday 22 January, 1999 at the Club Rooms at 737 Boronia Road, Wantirna.

Please make an effort to come to this briefing and enjoy a BBQ.

**ALL MARSHALLS – FRIDAY 22 JANUARY, 1999
PLEASE BE THERE AT 6PM.**

FORT QUEENSCLIFF

CONSTRUCTION OF THE FORT BEGAN IN 1860 WITH BUILDING OF A WALL TO RETAIN EARTH - WORKS OF A BATTERY. BY 1863 LOCAL VOLUNTEERS WERE MANNING THREE 68 POUNDER SMOOTH BORE MUZZLE LOADING (ML) GUNS TO PROTECT MELBOURNE AND GEELONG AGAINST SEA - BORNE ATTACK. BY 1880 AN UPPER BATTERY OF THREE 9 INCH RIFLED ML GUNS AND A LOWER BATTERY OF FOUR 80 POUNDER RML GUNS HAD REPLACED THE ORIGINAL GUNS. SEARCHLIGHTS WERE INSTALLED IN 1886 TO ILLUMINATE TARGETS.

THE WALL AND KEEP WERE BUILT IN 1882-85 TO PROTECT THE BATTERIES FROM LAND BASED ATTACK AND A DITCH WAS DUG AROUND THE WALL TO EXPOSE ATTACKERS TO RIFLE FIRE FROM DEFENDERS.

FORT QUEENSCLIFF ALSO COMMANDED OTHER FORTIFICATIONS BUILT AROUND THE HEADS - FORT NEPEAN IN 1878, SWAN ISLAND IN 1880, CROW'S NEST IN 1886 AND FORT FRANKLIN AND EAGLE'S NEST IN 1889.

NEW AND IMPROVED GUNS WERE MOUNTED FROM TIME TO TIME AND BY 1912 THE FORT HAD GREATER RANGE AND FIRE-POWER THAN EVER WITH ONLY THREE 6 INCH MARK VII COASTAL GUNS.

DURING WORLD WAR II THE FORTIFICATION OF THE HEADS WAS REVIEWED AND IN 1942 TWO 6 INCH COASTAL GUNS WERE REMOVED FROM THE FORT TO POINT LONSDALE AND THE REMAINING ONE TO NSW. ABOUT THE SAME TIME SEVERAL GUNS WERE RE-POSITIONED ON POINT NEPEAN.

THE FORT HAS BEEN THE HOME OF THE AUSTRALIAN ARMY COMMAND AND STAFF COLLEGE SINCE DECEMBER 1946. MUCH WORK HAS BEEN DONE. TEMPORARY BUILDINGS REMOVED AND A NEW INSTRUCTIONAL FACILITIES BUILDING WAS OPENED IN 1988.

The Fort is Open for inspection - Saturday, Sunday & public holidays, when a conducted tour will leave from the guard room at the main gate.

PAST EVENTS

In recent weeks the Club has visited both sides of the heads of Port Phillip Bay. Firstly visiting Queenscliff where we had a very pleasant light lunch and an interesting inspection of the Queenscliff Fort and military establishment. This was followed in November with a visit to the Military Museum/Portsea.

FURTHER EVENTS

Keep in mind our Christmas BBQ which starts from 12 noon on December the 6th at the Club Room at the rear of 737 Boronia Road, Wantirna. BBQ is provided, what you will need to do is to bring your food, your drinks and your knives, forks and plates.

Come along and enjoy a Christmas fellowship with your friends.

ANNUAL DUES

The members at the Annual General Meeting will deal with the question of membership fees for the year 1999.

Our membership is on a calendar year basis and you will receive your subscription shortly.

We would appreciate if you could pay promptly and we look forward to receiving your dues.

