



ALL BRITISH CLASSICS CAR CLUB

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A friendly family social motoring club

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Your A.B.C. News



RACV Great Australian Rally
Saturday 23 January 1999

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On Parade at Portsea 23.1.99

WHAT A MAGNIFICENT DAY

What a great day - What a magnificent spectacle and what a show the All British Classics Car Club put on for the motoring fraternity. I take my hat off to the Officials and Marshalls and all those who helped and contributed towards this top day.

I believe that we as a Club can be very proud of our contribution towards this event and the compliments that have been paid since the event indicate strongly that those that participated in it were very pleased and will pass the word and we can look forward to a bigger, better and even brighter - Year 2000 RACV Great Australian Rally.

Again with all sincerity - **Thank you.**

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Welcome to a new member:-

Michael Ban who drives a Sunbeam Alpine
Series IV GT
Look forward to seeing you on our outings.



RALLY REPORT

Some 258 entries finally nominated to join the Rally and with an odd exception they commenced either at the MCG or the half way stop at Frankston. From the MCG we went to Melbourne Town Hall and that was a very nice spectacle.

The run down the Nepean Highway was excellent, the day was warm but pleasant and we had an interesting stop at Mornington for morning tea at the Grand Hotel. Those that joined in at Frankston also joined in for the morning tea.

From there we followed the beach road down to the old Army Cadet School at Portsea and what a magnificent location. The parade ground was full of a beautiful range of top quality automobile memorabilia.

The music played by the Yale House Jazz Band and the Frankston Highland Pipe Band helped considerable to give the day the right atmosphere and the food provided by other car clubs and the hospital auxiliary insured that nobody went hungry and as everybody departed to go home there was still smiles on the entrants faces.

So I would suggest that this has been a very successful day and very historic day in the annuals of the All British Classics Car Club

EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY

Our first event in February is Picnic at Hanging Rock on the 14 February, and we will be meeting at the Hanging Rock side of Calder Park on the Calder Highway at 9am so that we can travel as a group to Hanging Rock and park together as a group. This is an excellent picnic venue but usually hamburgers, etc are also available. **SEE YOU AT CALDER PARK**

28 February - Mystery Observation Run by Tom Cannon and Mario Napoleone. We will be meeting at 10am in the car park of the Yarra Valley Country Club in Bulleen Road, Bulleen. Melways 32 - E.5, just inside the north entrance of the Club. We would suggest that you bring a picnic lunch but food is available at the conclusion of the run and you may need \$5.00 for entry fees during the run. An envelope will be given to each car in the event that you become disorientated so that you can join again the group at lunch time.

Don't forget the wasp stoppers or bring the aerogard and have a good weekend.

14 March - The British and European Motoring Show at the Flemington Race Course and again we suggest that we arrive at 10am so that we can set up display of our cars and possibly even a small recruiting booth for additional club members.

Early morning runs - This has been disrupted a little by virtue of Neil Wakeman having to spend a little time in hospital, however he expects to be back on the road and those who would like to take part in the early morning runs he suggests that you ring him on 9841 7773 at home or 0411 456 047 being his mobile number. Get the wind out of your hair, become an escapee and join in on the early morning runs.

STOP PRESS

Coming events	21 February	Next ESCAPE RUN Meet at Nunawading Civic Centre Whitehorse Road, Nunawading 7am for 7.15am.
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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Nothing is more important to the Club than maintaining its level of membership. As you will be aware membership dues are now payable. Whilst many of the members have paid some have overlooked. So if you could pop your cheque in the mail it would be appreciated.

If for some reason you have decided not to renew, please tell us why! Thank you

Members Cars

Aston Martin DB5 1964..Mike & Maree Bindon

The car was built for the original owner W.D.J. Bennet Esq of Woodlands Park, Iver Heath Bucks UK in April 1964. Little is known of the early history but we believe it was brought to Australia in the early 1970". Barney Govan-Smith, who owned the Shepparton Ford dealership at the time, owned it for a while. It was probably Barney who painted the car maroon, it was originally blue.

I purchased the car in July 1988 with a good body, tatty interior and engine in 1,000 pieces. The idea was to rebuild the engine and have the car running in six months. Well it got the better of me and I ended up by completely stripping the car and replating, replacing and/or repainting all the components.

Six years later, 1994, and the DB5 was ready for the road. With only 100 miles on the clock, Maree and I drove off for the Aston Martin National Meeting in the Barossa Valley... in the pouring rain. After this outing he was named "Rainbird" and has lived up to the name on many occasions!

We have enjoyed the DB5 very much and it has provided many hours of motoring pleasure. We now have done over 13,000 miles.

It is a wonderful thoroughbred.



GENERAL NEWS

Together with our Queensland associate club we are having a number of members name blanks badges purchased as if we do this bulk we save good money and I am certain that everybody will agree our name badges are as good as any if not better than most.

EASTER 1999

You will be aware that we are traveling to Denman in NSW at Easter Time for a meeting with the Queensland Club members who are traveling south. Apart from a pleasant time and relating to each other we propose as a task to endeavor to get All British Classics Car Club under way in NSW and we are involved in a minor advertising campaign to see if we get interest from individuals in NSW who would like to take the steering wheel and steer the new club into existence. Remember if you would like to join us at Denman in NSW over Easter Time it is not too last give Frank Douglas or John Gardner a ring and lets what we can put together.

SICK BAY TIME

Two of our members Bob Talbot and Neil Wakeman have both suffered health problems during the month of January. We wish them both well and look forward to seeing them back on their feet and participating as soon as possible.

This space is reserved for members contributions

This is your chance to burst forth in print

Don't miss the opportunity

Contributions to the Editor by 15th of the month