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**A friendly family social motoring club**

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# Your A.B.C. NEWS

Outing at Tore & Connie Pannozzo's.



Tore puts on a Fine Display of his Car Collection.

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## 17TH VISIT SCIENCEWORKS (this date has changed)

Meet at the Todd Rd service (at KFC) at 9.00 a.m to leave at 9.15 we will be travelling in convoy to SCIENCEWORKS where we will be parking on the main arena for the day at 9.30 sharp.

Entry is free however entry to some Exhibits is at the normal cost. B.B.Q and Picnic facilities are available, BYO food and drink or you may purchase food or drinks at the café.

Contact Bill Allen for further details.

## 24TH VISIT TV WORLD

This outing sounds like a good day out, if you have seen Studio City before you are in for something new it has quite a few new additions to what you have seen before, so come along and join you Abccc friends for a good day out. Meet at the venue at 11:00 am \$5.00 per person and a Hotel Lunch afterwards from 12:30 to 1:00 please let Lyn Higginson know if you are attending for bookings Mel Ref 106 A9.

## SEPTEMBER 7TH CRANBOURNE BOTANICAL GARDENS

## SEPTEMBER 21ST TOURING POINT COOK IN A BUS

## OCTOBER 12TH BRITISH TRANSPORT & MACHINERY DAY

Covering all UK. Transport vehicles & equipment built between 1910 & 1960 ex: cars, bikes, trucks buses, fire engines tractors etc. Etc.

## OCTOBER 26TH VISIT OVERNEWTON CASTLE

## NOVEMBER 1-4TH LONG WEEKEND AWAY TBA

## NOVEMBER 30TH A.B.C.C CHRISTMAS LUNCH

R.A.C.V. Heaslville country Club at the Rotunda

## DECEMBER 14TH A BBQ AT TARAGO RESERVOIR

Early morning run with Neil Wakeman call for info on 9841 7773. Next run is August 10th at 7.am to leave at 7.15 am Nunawading Civic Center, be there or miss out.



# A REPORT ON THE AOMC CLUBS SEMINAR

From time to time, the Association of Motoring Clubs Incorporated (AOMC, the Victorian State-level body) has conducted very interesting information seminars for hobby vehicle clubs. On Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July, this year, the AOMC conducted a particularly interesting morning's session that drifted into the afternoon that dealt with the physical condition of hobby vehicle clubs. The entire activity was run in a very professional manner. To tell the truth, and having been involved with the AOMC since its inception, this seminar was, arguably, the best one yet. It was an exhibition of just how hard, and well, the Association is working for all clubs.

The theme of the seminar, 'Rev It Up Or Stall', was appropriate and delivered a thoughtful message to all clubs represented by Delegates.

The morning started with a warm welcome from AOMC President, Peter Richards (*Mustang Owners Club*), who informed us that his committee had identified a serious need for hobby vehicle clubs to take stock, review their current situation and see where improvements could be made. From there the Secretary, Iain Ross (*Bristol Owners Club*), took over the seminar proceedings and introduced the guest speakers. Iain also introduced a Club Management Manual that had been put together by the AOMC. This is a 'how-to' not a 'what-to' do type of manual and should form a well-used part of any club's library. Iain also handed out a very informative leaflet, titled, 'New Members, Do We Want Them?'

The first speaker was Philip Johnstone (*Triumph Sports Owners Association*), who very graphically pointed out the signs that clubs should recognise as warning signs. These signs were of the type that, in the room, many Delegates could easily relate to their own clubs' wellbeing. Philip listed a number of pertinent signs that clubs should take note of. They will not be listed here, but amongst them there were as examples – membership static or reducing, less than 20 per cent of members attending meetings, same committee year in, year out. And so on.

The next segment, Financial Management, was presented by Newell Lock, from the accounting firm Newell Lock & Co., who gave an informative presentation of the Treasurer's role in a club. This session dealt such topics as the GST, sales of spare parts, sponsorship and income tax on non-member revenue. After Newell's presentation, there was a well-supported question time.

Then we heard from Doug Willersdorf-Green, from Shannon's Events, Auctions & Insurance. Doug spoke to us about how we should go about securing sponsorship and gave good advice on general club matters. A useful eleven-page document was handed out to Delegates.

After a morning coffee break, the next speaker was John Peacock, General Manager of NFP Consultants, who spoke about Not For Profit organisations. John had come from Sydney to talk to us about membership retention and development. At the end of his session, John fielded many questions from those present.

Next was a most important session conducted by Leanne Coakley (*Victorian Mini Club Inc.*), the immediate past Editor of Mini Mag, that club's excellent magazine. Leanne informed those present, about the importance of a club's magazine (newsletter), both to the club's membership and to other readers who may be given a copy. Leanne described the entire production process of Mini Mag and how various club members with particular skills were having a regular input to make the editor's job that much easier. Leanne introduced Joanne Foulston from a printing company who described the printing and mailing process. This session was very capably delivered and was most informative.

The last session for the day also had two speakers. Their services had been sought by the AOMC as representatives of successful clubs. The first speaker was Graeme Lemin (*Macedon Ranges & District Motor Club*), who described how the club was formed and then about the actions the club had taken to make it so successful.

The second speaker for this segment was Graham Nicholls (*Singer Owners Club*), who spoke about how his club functioned and achieved the success that it is known for.

These two segments were very entertaining and were a fitting closure topic for a most interesting seminar.

It is hoped that all clubs do rev it up – it would be awful if some of them stalled. There were a few topics raised that apply to our club and we need to take heed of them to ensure that our club becomes even more accomplished.

Our thanks go to the AOMC for creating such an informative seminar for us. The subject matter was superb and the venue used was excellent. Our sincere thanks to all of those on the AOMC's Committee who put so much work into this most, in the current club environment, enlightening seminar. Our thanks also go to the club members and others who spoke on their special topics.

Thankyou and congratulations AOMC, this seminar exemplified you at your best!

## **CELEBRATING THE CENTENARY OF THE RACV**

To announce the forthcoming events and activities that have been planned for their Centenary's Motoring Heritage Program for the period 2003 – 2004, the Royal Automobile Club of Victoria (RACV) invited approximately one-hundred and fifty Presidents representing motor vehicle clubs to a dinner function at the RACV Club in the city. These clubs were, in the main, from the Melbourne Metropolitan Area.

Those present were given a warm welcome by Mr David Bullard OBE, President and Chairman of the RACV. David told the group that the RACV was very aware of Victoria's motoring heritage, but also, that the Centenary should be a conscious start of the next one hundred years for the RACV. The speakers for the evening were introduced and, first, Dr Max Lay, immediate past President and Chairman of the RACV, spoke about how the RACV was first formed and how the planned events and activities would relate to those early events. The second speaker was Professor Peter Chandler, Director and Manager of Centenary Events, spoke about each planned event in turn:

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October, 2003 – RACV Veteran Car Club Commemorative Run to Tooradin**

Contacts: RACV – Brian Kelly (03) 9790 2847, Veteran Car Club – Jeff Alcock (03) 9816 3416

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> November, 2003 – RACV Veteran Car Club Annual Rally**

Contact: Veteran Car Club – Jeff Alcock (03) 9816 3416

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2004 – The RACV Great Australian Rally, Melbourne to Mornington**

Contact: All British Classics Car Club – Frank Douglas (03) 8704 2533

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2004 – Australia Day, Historic Vehicle Display, Kings Domain.**

Contacts:

Federation of Veteran Vintage and Classic Vehicle Clubs of Victoria – Kevin Churchill 0412 802 177

RACV – Brian Kelly (03) 9790 2847

**February to November, 2004 – 'Development of Motoring in Victoria', RACV Centenary Travelling Exhibition**

Contact: Davina Gibb (03) 9790 3043

**Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2004 – RACV Centenary Fly the Flag Tour of Victoria.**

Contacts: RACV – Brian Kelly (03) 9790 2847, ABCCC – Frank Douglas (03) 8704 2533

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2004 – RACV Veteran Car Club Annual Rally**

Contact: Veteran Car Club – Jeff Alcock (03) 9816 3416

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2004 – RACV Wings and Wheels Day, Lilydale Airport**

Contacts:

RACV – Brian Kelly (03) 9790 2847, ABCCC – Frank Douglas (03) 8704 2533

Lilydale Airport – Roger and Neroli Meridew (03) 9739 1211

Frank Douglas, representing the All British Classics Car Club, gave an outline of the forthcoming Great Australian Rally. He stressed that it was up to the historic vehicle clubs to give the event good publicity and to help us achieve a target number of 1,000 vehicles on this important rally. Frank announced special awards for those clubs that had more than ten (10) vehicles, those clubs that had more than twenty (20) vehicles and those clubs that had more than thirty (30) vehicles participating in the Great Australian Rally. The awards are classified as follows:

Ten (10) vehicles or more – Bronze Award

Twenty (20) vehicles or more – Silver Award

Thirty (30) vehicles or more – Gold Award

These awards were displayed and exceptionally handsome they looked too.

Frank also announced that the beneficiary of the rally will be the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre. It is hoped that a significant amount of money will be raised for this very worthy cause.

Brian Kelly, RACV Motoring Clubs Liaison Officer, announced the Wings and Wheels Day at Lilydale Airport. This will be a major event in the RACV Centenary Program. Brian informed those present that proceeds from the event would be divided between the RACV Foundation, the Association of Motoring Clubs and the Federation of Veteran, Vintage and Classic Vehicle Clubs of Victoria.

The Club Presidents' Dinner was a successful evening and we look forward to keen participation in the events that were announced during the proceedings. Our thanks to the RACV for organising this important gathering, and to those clubs who were present. Now it is up to you to ensure that these exciting events in the RACV Centenary Motoring Heritage Program are well supported by our club's membership. As we were informed, this will be the start of the next one-hundred years, we look forward to similar functions in the future at 501 Bourke Street.

# **THE RACV GREAT AUSTRALIAN RALLY** Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2004

This annual event has grown to become Victoria's largest veteran, vintage and classic vehicle rally, with travel from Melbourne to the Mornington Peninsula. Sponsored by the RACV, the rally is designed to give enjoyment to motorists in historical vehicles while providing much-needed funds to the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre. This well run event is an important part of the RACV Centenary Motoring Heritage Program (2003 – 2004).

In 2004, the RACV celebrates one hundred years of service to the motoring public in Victoria, and to commemorate this one hundred-year milestone, a special limited edition centenary badge has been struck. This badge will be gold plated and will be available to all participants in the 2004 RACV Great Australian Rally. It is anticipated that one thousand vehicles will take part in this major event.

In addition to the centenary badge, there is a very significant award if our club can field ten or more vehicles.

This club award is a very attractive bronze commemorative bronze plaque. Those clubs that field more than twenty vehicles will receive a silver plaque, and those with thirty or more vehicles will receive a gold plaque.

Veteran, vintage, classic and modern classic cars, motorcycles and commercial vehicles are eligible to enter. We are invited to enter this event by the All British Classics Car Club Inc. and is, therefore, an authorised Victorian Club Permit Scheme event. Jowetts operated on the Victorian Club Permit Scheme are eligible to participate in this rally.

There will be four start locations for the RACV Great Australian Rally:

The Fox Car Museum, Old Footscray Road, Melbourne Docklands.

The Civic Centre, City of Casey, Overland Drive, Narre Warren

Brandon Park Shopping Centre, Corner Ferntree Gully & Springvale Roads, Mulgrave

Western Port Marina, Skinner Street, Hastings (Note: This start point for pre-1935 vehicles only)

The rally route has been designed so that all entrants can enjoy a morning refreshment stop at the Western Port Marina. The RACV Great Australian Rally will pass through a well-directed route to the finish point at the Mornington Race Course. At the finish, those vehicles entered for judging will be directed by the marshals to a special enclosure at the racecourse. Fantastic prizes will be awarded for costume and vehicle judging.

Entry forms for the 2004 RACV Great Australian Rally are now available from the Spares Officer (03) 9729 1480, or Frank Douglas (ABCCC) on (03) 8704 2533, or Brian Kelly (RACV) on (03) 9790 2847 (BH). Entries received before 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2003 will go into the draw for a place in the 2004 RACV Centenary Fly the Flag Tour, a very worthwhile prize.

The entry form also has an order section where merchandise including the gold plated grille badge, rally cloth badge, rally cap with suede peak and embroidery, rally polo shirt with embroidery and rally polar fleece vest can be ordered. The two clothing items are available in a comprehensive range of sizes. Also on the entry form is a section where a RACV picnic lunch hamper order form can be requested.

Completed RACV Great Australian Rally entry forms should be sent to:

RACV Great Australian Rally, Community Relations & Fundraising Department, Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre, Locked Bag 5, A'Beckett Street, Victoria, 8006. Fax No. (03) 9656 1444 or, E-mail [rally@petermac.org](mailto:rally@petermac.org)

## **A Note About the Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre**

The beneficiary of the rally, Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre or 'Peter Mac' as it is affectionately known, is Australia's foremost cancer centre. The strengths of Peter Mac are its patient-centred care, its dedication to research and its ability to utilise new patient treatments. Peter Mac also trains new generations of doctors, scientists, nurses and allied health professionals.

Peter Mac is the only cancer centre in Australia where researchers work directly alongside clinicians to provide the very latest in cancer treatment to their patients. The researchers are only too aware of the urgency of translating findings made at the bench top to the bedside.

Sir Peter MacCallum, who founded the centre over fifty years ago, believed that only the best was good enough in the care of cancer, and Peter Mac continues this tradition today. We look forward to your participation in the RACV Great Australian Rally and your help in raising vital funds for Peter Mac.

## **RACV CENTENARY TOUR – 2004**

The past two RACV Fly the Flag Tours have generated a great amount of positive feed back, and we expect an excellent turn up for the RACV Centenary Tour in 2004. This significant tour is scheduled to run from Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> March to Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2004.

The RACV Centenary Tour is a four-night, five-day tour commemorating the 1904 rally run by the then Automobile Club of Victoria (ACV), later to become the Royal Automobile Club of Victoria (RACV). We will cover the same route and visit the same estates – 'The Gums' at Penshurst and Narrapumelap Station at Wickliffe.

The itinerary is as follows:

Day 1 – Melbourne to Geelong to Colac to Camperdown for dinner and overnight stay.

Day 2 – Camperdown to Hamilton, via 'The Gums' and then on to Hamilton for dinner and two overnight stays.

Day 3 – A day of motoring activity with a run to Halls Gap accompanied by a local car club. Dinner will again be at Hamilton.

Day 4 – Hamilton to Ballarat via Narrapumelap Station for morning tea and on to Lake Bolac for lunch. Dinner and overnight stay at Ballarat.

Day 5 – Ballarat to Bacchus Marsh to Melbourne for luncheon and presentations.

Booking forms for this event will be released soon. Due to the popularity of the Fly the Flag Tour, you will need to get your entries in quickly once the entry forms are released.

Contact details: Telephone Number (03) 9790 2572 Facsimile Number (03) 9790 2878

## **WANTED! MARSHALS FOR THE GREAT AUSTRALIAN RALLY**

As has been the trend, the RACV Great Australian Rally in 2004 is expected to attract more entrants than in the 2003 rally. Next year we are expecting to have more than one thousand vehicles participating in this important event, that forms a major part of the RACV Centenary Motoring Heritage Program. This number of vehicles requires good marshalling practice to make the event memorable for the participants and organisers.

We are asking you to give serious consideration to providing assistance to the running of the RACV Great Australian Rally, and, if you are a member of another club, please ask the members of that club to give us some help. For the next rally, we hope to give the marshals at the Mornington Racecourse a shorter spell by having a second shift operating. The plan is to have the first group marshal the vehicles into their display positions and for the second group to handle latecomers and assist with the vehicles exiting the display area. A shared workload means less work for everyone.

Marshals will also be required at each of the start points and extra marshals at the Western Port Marina, because all participants are converging on this point for refreshment breaks.

If you can help, and believe us, it will be appreciated, please contact:

Frank Douglas 8704 2533

Tony Pettigrew 9739 1146

Ray Higginson 9336 7306

Bill Allen 9846 2323

Mike Alfrey 9729 1480

## **EDITOR'S CORNER**

The ABCCC would like to welcome these new members to the Club:

Ray & Wilma Gardini

1969 MGB Roadster and 1969 - MGBGT

Please note I have a new address and phone number:

15 Olive St - Dandenong, 3175

Ph: 8707 5957

My email address is has also been changed to:

cannons@abccc.com.au

Thank you

Heather Cannon

# BRITISH TRANSPORT & EQUIPMENT DAY

*Editor's Note: This event is an official ABCCC run and we anticipate a good number of our cars to be on display. It would be a good idea to make up an interesting display theme that would appeal to the younger enthusiast.*

The Rootes Group Car Club (Inc.) Victoria are very conscious of the fact that the historic vehicle movement consists of an 'aging tribe of automotive nuts', just like the writer. The Committee of the Rootes Group Car Club (RGCC) is trying to encourage an infusion of younger men and women into all types of motoring enthusiast clubs. Their aim is to enable the collective years of automotive knowledge to be passed on and not lost forever.

To get the younger people interested in older vehicles, the RGCC is organising the first British Transport and Machinery Day, to be held on 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2003. The venue for this great display is the Mineral Springs Park, Donnybrook, and Victoria. The display commences at 10:00 am and finishes at 4:00 pm. The display will be open to all British built motorcycles, cars, utes, vans, trucks, buses, fire engines, stationary engines and tractors built between 1910 and 1960. Clubs are asked to help promote this important event via their newsletters and through their membership. It should be remembered that the target spectators are those from the younger age group.

The display will have vehicles and exhibits located on the display site in chronological manufacture order. If it is desired by clubs to have vehicles of their specialist marque displayed in blocks of one vehicle per year of production, this can be arranged. For this arrangement, bookings need to be made early!

To gain the best possible response to a display, it is a good idea to have a photographic display showing an exhibit 'as found' and stages of its restoration to its current state. Clubs should also have displays that encourage younger people to become involved in the historic vehicle hobby. The theme should be to encourage younger people to have a go and take part in this interesting hobby.

Our youth should be made aware that it is not expensive to commence a vehicle restoration project and, with care and good management, a restoration can represent a sound investment if completed thoroughly. This is where the specialist clubs can make a major contribution by passing on information and very valuable expertise, be it for a complete project or for just a component of that project. Many skills have been learnt by those involved in the historic motoring movement – it is now our responsibility to ensure that those skills are passed on to younger generations.

It is, after all, those younger generations that will keep the hobby and its skills alive. Preservation of the historic vehicle fleet, be it tractors, cars or trucks; all of those vehicles are a vital part of our heritage and therefore must be looked after for the enjoyment that they will certainly provide in the future.

The British Transport and Equipment Day can only happen through the generosity of its sponsors. We ask you to support these sponsors, all of whom are very close to the historic vehicle movement. Our sponsors to date are:

**AA Bearings & Seals**, 8 Rooks Road, Vermont (Call Dennis on 03 9874 1661)

**Antique Tyre Supplies**, 134 McEwan Road, West Heidelberg (Call Allan on 1300 554 413)

**Automotive Surplus**, 34 Thornton Crescent, Mitcham (Call Reg on 03 9873 3566)

**Penrite Oil Company**, 11 Havelock Road, Heathmont (Call Kevin or Phil on 03 9800 4222)

**Filters Distributors**, 691 Maroondah Highway, Mitcham (Call Eve on 03 9874 6352)

**Ash Differential Service**, Rear 363 Neerim Road, Carnegie (Call Steve on 03 9569 4846)

Display charges are as follows:

Stationary Engines	\$1.00;	Motorcycles	\$5.00;	Cars Utes Vans etc	\$7.00
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For details about the British Transport & Machinery Day, please contact one of the following:

Greg Laming	(03) 9874 4316	Rob Egglestone	(03) 9337 4963
Brian Turnbull	(03) 9798 0180	Geoff Jones	(03) 9775 5238

The Rootes Group Car Club looks forward to keen participation on the day by all of those clubs that support products of British origin.  
*Greg Laming, Rootes Group Car Club Inc.*

# **MELBOURNE CUP LONG WEEKEND AT MARYSVILLE**

**31<sup>st</sup> October to 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2003**

This weekend has been a reserved date in our events section for a while now, however, we now have a great venue lined up for you. Dot and Fred Sawyer, who conveniently live in our chosen venue, Marysville, have arranged a very special accommodation deal for us. Accommodation has been reserved at the Mountain Lodge Marysville, which is located at 32 Kings Road, Marysville, 650 metres south of the Post Office. Twenty-three (23) rooms have been reserved for us and the all inclusive rate of \$85.00 per head per night includes dinner, bed and breakfast being, four course dinner with choices, supper of cheese and biscuits, fully cooked country breakfast, a complimentary fruit basket and tea and coffee making facilities. There is also a provision for a late checkout on the Monday at 2:00 pm.

The Mountain Lodge Marysville has many activity facilities – salt water swimming pool, lounge and dance floor, tennis court, billiards room, table tennis. In addition, there are several attractions in or near Marysville like the Stevenson Falls, which are floodlit at night, many walking tracks radiating from the town.

Our accommodation deal at \$85.00 per person, per night, twin-share is there if you book right away, this offer closes in mid August, and from then it will become \$95.00 per person, per night, twin-share.

Act now and call (03) 5963 3270 to make your reservation, ask for Suzette and tell her you are from the All British Classics Car Club. We look forward to you joining us for a very enjoyable weekend.

Maybe you cannot get away for the long weekend, so, why not consider joining us for the Saturday, and Saturday night dinner, bed and breakfast. After dinner we could have a rewarding Trivia Night and a fireside supper.

We need to know numbers taking part in this weekend away, so please call Frank Douglas on 8704 2533, but remember, make your own booking with the Mountain Lodge Marysville now. They will ask for a \$50.00 deposit per room booked. The Fax number for Mountain Lodge Marysville is (03) 5963 4078, if you wish to use that facility.

Our thanks to Dot and Fred Sawyer for making the arrangements. We shall see you all there!

## **THE LONE RANGER**

The Lone Ranger and Tonto went camping in the desert. After they got their tent set up, they fell asleep. Some hours later, the Lone Ranger wakes his faithful friend and says, Tonto, look up at the sky and tell me what you see.?"

Tonto replies, "Me see Millions of stars. "What does that tell you?" asked the Lone Ranger.

Tonto ponders for a minute, then says,

Astronomically speaking, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets.

Astrologically, it tells me that Saturn is in Leo. Time wise, it appears to be approximately a quarter past three.

Theologically, it's evident the Lord is all-powerful and we are small and insignificant.

Meteorologically, it seems we will have a beautiful day tomorrow.

What it tell you, Kemo Sabi?"

The Lone Ranger is silent for a moment, then says,

Tonto, you idiot, someone has stolen our tent!"



## THE VISIT TO TORE'S CAR COLLECTION

On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July, a good number of us descended on Connie and Tore Pannuzzo to view their car collection and partake of a barbecue lunch. When we arrived, the fire in the barbecue was blazing ferociously and Tore's fleet was immaculately presented. It seems that a substantial number of Armstrong Siddleys have gathered here for a life of supreme luxury. In addition to the Armstrong Siddleys there was a brace of RM Rileys, a brace of Mk VI Bentley's and one each of Rolls Royce and Jaguar XJ6. Out front there was Tore's service vehicle, a 1950s Fordson van.

Once the barbecue blaze had settled down a bit, it was time to cook our barbecue items and enjoy lunch surround by a mass of British luxury motor cars. The barbie plate was super hot, and seared steak was the order of the day! By Jove! there was some heat stored in that plate. Our hamburgers were turned over frequently to cook through, and prevent thorough charring.

It was a lovely afternoon with quite a number of people turning up and having a really good time. It did start to spot with rain, so there was a quick dash to the Jupiter to raise its hood, the first time since the start of the Fly the Flag Tour. Our grateful thanks to Connie who plied us with salads and a particularly nice dip and crackers. Thanks also to Tore for driving the barbecue and letting us drool over his superb collection. It was a very satisfying afternoon amongst great company.

*Mike Allfrey.*



All British Classics Car Club Vic Inc.  
Treasurer's report

For the six months ending 30 June 2003

Cash Balance 1 January 2003		3147.29
Add receipts for this period:		
Members subscriptions	1820.00	
Donations received	5500.00	
Club Events	2005.00	
RACV Centenary Clock	496.00	
Interest received	11.61	9832.61
Sub Total		12979.90
Deduct payments for the period:		
Printing postage & stationary	250.00	
Purchase of club merchandise	487.50	
Printer expenses	1557.60	
Catering trailer	75.50	
Club events	2629.75	
AGM fee	33.00	
RACV Centenary Clock	1455.00	
Club website	438.00	
Bank charges	12.90	6939.25
= cash balance 30 June 2003		6040.65

A.J. Hodges  
Club Treasurer

### Joseph Lucas, Prince of Darkness

Is a somewhat common slogan, particularly among old British Motor vehicle owners. This is really quite unfair and it displays a basic inability to comprehend the simple principals of a basic electrical system. Forget all the nonsense about magnetic fields and the flow of electrons along a conductor, for it is just that - nonsense - a myth put about by auto-electricians to support their lavish lifestyles at your expense.

*The reality is smoke! When you think about it, it all becomes startlingly obvious smoke makes all electrical things' function. If smoke escapes, the component stops working.*

For instance the last time you had to grovel under your car to replace the starter motor, didn't it start smoking before it stopped working? Of course! The wiring loom carries the smoke from one device to another, pumped around the system by the dynamo/generator/alternator, and when a wire springs a leak it lets the smoke out and everything stops. The starter motor requires a lot of smoke to work properly, so it has a very thick wire running to it. The battery stores up lots of smoke dissolved in battery acid which is why they were once called accumulators; until it became apparent that we "Home" mechanics would twig to the secret. Naturally, if you try to dissolve too much smoke in your battery it will escape through the little holes in the top. This is why those new fangled batteries with sealed tops explode when they get too much smoke in them.

*But why is Joseph so maligned? Why are Lucas parts more likely to leak smoke than say, Bosch or Marelli? Because Lucas is British and British things always leak. British engines leak oil, British sports cars leak rain, British hydrolastics leak fluid and British governments leak military secrets. So naturally British electrical components leak smoke?*