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**A friendly family social motoring club**

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## ONE OF OUR OLDER CLASSICS



*Jim Spence in his Standard Flying Eight, Flying the Flag.*

*The car, not Jim! This is a real Standard 8 which were popular in the 1940s. It was a car that could perplex people and service mechanics. There have been many instances of a patrol man attending a dead engine, and after preliminary checks, stating that the ignition timing was 360° out of correct time. Standard, in those days were different from most, their No. 1 cylinder is at the rear and the numbering sequence was forwards from there. A custom carried over to Jaguar. These Standards were also well known, in their day, for their brakes' characteristics when used while reversing fast and trying to impress the girls.*

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**"Owning and Appreciating the Spirit of Fine British Classics"**

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## IMPORTANT CLUB INFORMATION

### Introduction

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### The ABCCC Magazine (Including Disclaimer)

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Address all correspondence to: The Magazine Editor, 59 Rowson Street, Boronia, Victoria, 3155. Other editorial contact information is listed above.

### The Association of Motoring Clubs Inc.

The ABCCC Inc. is a long-time member club of the Association of Motoring Clubs Inc. (AOMC). It maintains two Delegates to the AOMC, who attend four Delegates' Meetings conducted by the AOMC per year. The meetings are on the fourth Monday of February, May, August and November and they commence at 8:00 pm. The venues for the meetings can be obtained from the ABCCC Delegates. Visitors are very welcome at all AOMC Delegates' Meetings. The ABCCC also sends representatives to AOMC conducted Information Seminars. The ABCCC also supports, enthusiastically, the motoring shows presented by the AOMC.

## The Victorian Club Permit Scheme

The ABCCC Inc. is a club that is authorized by VicRoads to operate vehicles under the Victorian Club Permit Scheme. On the Committee there are two Victorian Club Permit Scheme Officers, and their contact details are listed in the Committee Directory.

Club members will be kept up to date with respect to changes and improvements to the Victorian Club Permit Scheme. However, it cannot be stressed enough, that a vehicle operated on the scheme, must carry the VicRoads Permit (current), the AOMC Victorian Club Permit Scheme Handbook and a copy of *Your ABCCC News* that contains details of the event the permitted vehicle is participating in.

All enquiries should be directed to the ABCCC Victorian Club Permit Scheme Officers.

## Membership Subscriptions

The annual membership subscription for the ABCCC Inc. is \$35.00. There is a joining fee of \$20.00.

Please send membership subscriptions to Pat Douglas, 12-14 Grandvalley Drive, Chirnside Park, Victoria, 3116.

Membership subscriptions should be paid prior to the end of December.

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## COMING EVENTS

**Note: All events listed in this directory are placed in good faith. Events for inclusion must be with the Magazine Editor prior to the 14<sup>th</sup> of each month. Events organized by other clubs or associations have a contact telephone number, that should be contacted prior to the event, if giving consideration to take part in it, to confirm date and venue.**

### October 2004

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| 9 – 17        | Tasmania Temptations – 2004 – ABCCC Inc.  | Don Johnson (03)9830 0945    |
| 10            | Kilmore Race Meeting & Classic Car Display<br>Venue – Kilmore Racecourse, East Street, Kilmore, Victoria.                     | Ross Gardiner (03) 9818 5094 |
| 23            | Sausage Sizzle & Display – Local Little Athletics (Bayswater)<br>Venue – Repco Pty Ltd, Canterbury Road, Bayswater, Victoria. | Ross Gardiner (03) 9818 5094 |
| 30 -<br>2 Nov | Cup Day Weekend at Lorne.<br>Early Details, but Book Now!   | Tony Hodges (03) 5263 1580   |

### November 2004

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| 14      | 'Round the Bay – In a Day Tour – ABCCC Event<br>See back page of Issue 78 for details of this superb bus tour.<br>Start Point – Alexandra Avenue, near Anderson Street, South Yarra. | Ray Higginson (03) 9370 5236                                 |
| 13 – 14 | Bendigo National Swap Meet – FVV & CVC   |  |
| 19      | Inter-Club Dinner – ABCCC<br>Venue – RACV Country Club, Healesville.   | Frank Douglas (03) 8704 2533                                 |
| 20      | Preparation for RACV Centenary Great Wings & Wheels Day.<br>Volunteers requested, start at 2:00 pm<br>Meet at – Lilydale Airfield, Lilydale, Victoria.                               | Frank Douglas (03) 8704 2533<br>Ray Higginson (03) 9370 5236 |
| 21      | RACV Centenary Great Wings & Wheels Day – ABCCC INC.<br>'Vampires in the Valley'<br>Venue – Lilydale Airfield, Lilydale, Victoria.   | Frank Douglas (03) 8704 2533                                 |

### December 2004

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| 5  | Christmas Break-up Luncheon (Note the confirmation of this date)<br>Venue – RACV Country Club, Healesville, Victoria. | Frank Douglas (03) 8704 2533 |
| 12 | Morning Mystery Meander – ABCCC Event<br>Start venue – to be advised.   | Chris Newell (03) 9735 2335  |

### January 2005

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| 16 | <b>Rally Bag Stuffing Day.</b><br>Venue – to be advised.   | Frank Douglas (03) 8704 2533 |
| 23 | The RACV Great Australian Rally – ABCCC Inc.<br>Start Points – Fox Classic Car Collection, Docklands; Brandon Park, Glen Waverley;<br>Casey City Council, Narre Warren and, Western Port Marina, Hastings.<br>Finish point – Mornington Racecourse | Frank Douglas (03) 8704 2533 |

### February 2005

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| 13 | ABCCC Annual General Meeting. Commences at 2:00 pm | Val Jeffereyes (03) 9725 1117 |
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BYO Picnic Lunch and a chair.  
Venue – Como Gardens, Basin-Olinda Road, The Basin.

26 – 27 Phillip Island Phollies – ABCCC Event.

Jim Spence (03) 5956 6124

### March 2005

12 – 18 4<sup>th</sup> RACV Fly The Flag Tour – ABCCC Inc.  
"Alpine & Lakes Tour"

Frank Douglas (03) 8704 2533

19 Set-up Session for RACV British & European Motoring Show

Frank Douglas (03) 8704 2533

20 RACV British & European Motoring Show – AOMC  
Venue – Dandenong Showgrounds, enter from Sinclair Street.

Frank Douglas (03) 8704 2533  
Mike Allfrey (09) 9729 1480

### April 2005

3 Pub Run – ABCCC Event

Bill Allen (03) 9846 2323

16 Set-up Session for RACV American Motoring Show.

Frank Douglas (03) 8704 2533

17 RACV American Motoring Show – AOMC  
Venue – Mornington Racecourse, Mornington.

Frank Douglas (03) 8704 2533  
Mike Allfrey (03) 9729 1480

### May 2005

1 Como House Luncheon & Tour – ABCCC Event  
In addition to the lunch and tour, there will be a Farmers' Market in the grounds.  
Como House, Como Avenue, South Yarra.

Lyn Higginson (03) 9336 7306

22 Club Run – ABCCC Event  
Visit a country car club for a joint tour and lunch.

Mike Allfrey (03) 9729 1480

28 – 29 Historic Winton – Austin 7 Club.

Grant Campbell

### June 2005

11 – 13 Weekend Away – ABCCC Event  
On the Sunday, take part in display at the Echuca Steam Rally.  
Venue – Flag River Country Inn, Meninya Street, Moama, New South Wales. .

Lyn Higginson (03) 9336 7306

26 Event to be advised.

### July 2005

10 Event to be advised.

24 Annual Dinner – ABCCC Event.

Frank Douglas (03) 8704 2533

### August 2005

14 Event to be advised.

27 The Grand ABCCC Trivia Challenge

Colin Brown (03) 5964 9291

### September 2005

14 Mid-week Run – ABCCC Event

25 Event to be advised.

### October 2005

9 Event to be advised.

23 Event to be advised.

### November 2005

1 Yarra Glen Races (Cup Day)

20 Mystery Bus Ride – ABCCC Event

Ray Higginson (03) 9370 5236

### December 2005

11 Christmas Luncheon – ABCCC Event  
Venue – RACV Country Club, Healesville.

Frank Douglas (03) 8704 2533

18 Early Morning Run – ABCCC Event

Tony Pettigrew (03) 9739 1146

#### PLEASE NOTE!

*IN FAIRNESS TO OUR EVENT ORGANIZERS, PLEASE ADVISE THEM OF YOUR INTENTION TO TAKE PART IN AN EVENT. THEY NEED TO KNOW NUMBERS, PARTICULARLY IF ANY ACCOMMODATION, CATERING OR MEAL BOOKINGS ARE INVOLVED.*

## **EDITORIAL NOTES – ISSUE 79**

It's official, Christmas is only fifteen weeks away (less by the time you may read this!) and already the major stores are littered with stands of gift wrap and cards. Good heavens, we have only just got over Xmas in July and already the festive season is upon us. How this year has flown! Maybe there is compensation in that we have had a busy year so far, and it is continuing that way.

This month I have included a couple of events that are not official ABCCC events. Both of these are worthy of consideration, a sunny day at the races in Kilmore can be very enjoyable watching real horsepower at work.

At the Association of Motoring Clubs' information Seminar this year, Len Kerwood (*Austin 7 Club*) gave a very interesting and informative session on the subject of attracting youth into the historic vehicle movement. This topic is much more important than at first it may seem. We really do have to set the thought train of, 'My Grand Dad had one of that model, I would like to have one,' started while our youth is young. We need to foster the desirability of our vehicles in our children and grand-children. Let's have a day next year devoted to bring more youth into our club's activities.

Please enjoy this magazine, and keep those pictures of your cars and their stories coming in.

*Mike Allfrey.*

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## **EVENTS CALENDAR MEETING – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August, 2004**

The Committee met to plan an Events Calendar for next year, but before we could start on that, some of this year's remaining events had to be tidied up. The most important aspect of this is that we will need help on the afternoon of Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> November to set up the display area for the RACV Great Wings and Wheels day. If you can be of assistance, please call Frank Douglas or Ray Higginson. During the meeting we were allocated tasks to look after on the day. After the events had been sorted, we all drove to Lilydale Airfield to survey the display area and work out the public entry gateway.

As a result of this meeting, we have some exciting events coming up in 2005. Take a good look at the Coming Events section on Pages 3 & 4. We look forward to good participation in these events, so please support those who are organising them. For those events that are listed as 'to be advised', it is quite in order for club members to come forward and organise an event. An event could be something as simple as a run to a favourite pub for a nice lunch or a particularly beautiful site for a barbecue lunch. It would be a great help if your event is placed with the Magazine Editor well in advance of the event taking place, such information should be with the Editor before the 14<sup>th</sup> of the two months prior at the latest.

## **MAJOR EVENTS PROGRESS**

### **The RACV Centenary Great Wings & Wheels Day**

Detailed planning for this important event is well underway. Currently, plans are being drawn for the placement of display vehicles. Once this is completed, we will know exactly where to lay the parking area defining tapes. These are plastic roll off-cuts that are free and will be pegged to the ground so that clubs and individuals will know where to park.

Preliminary groundwork has been carried out with respect to the location of the gateway into the general public car park. We have also established where the control 'office' will be located. A contingency plan, or Risk Assessment Plan, has been drawn up so that we can ably cope with any event or disaster that may occur during the day.

This event is being heavily promoted, with press releases, items in RoyalAuto and 240,000 copies of a programme booklet being placed in Leader Newspapers in the eastern suburbs. All of this promotion will mean big crowds on the day. A good number of car clubs have booked display space already. So, overall, it is going to be a very busy event for us – you all know the rest.

### **The RACV Great Australian Rally**

Planning meetings are being held once a month at the various start and finish locations. For the Hastings start, it is planned to have a display of sample cars at the Hastings Thursday Market two weeks prior to the event. This would provide an opportunity for gaining good publicity from the local newspaper and would help make market goers aware of the start point at Hastings and the finish display at Mornington. We are therefore, asking for some volunteers to display their cars at the market, if you can attend with your classic, please contact Mike Allfrey on (03) 9729 1480.



## An Important Message About The RACV Great Australian Rally

Meetings to plan for the finish of the event at Mornington are just as important as those for the start points. We will be holding monthly meetings right through to the RACV Great Australian Rally on 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 2005 and we are calling for assistance. If you live in the Mornington area and can help us, then please call Ross Wolstenholme on (03) 5975 0970. Your help on this sub-committee will be greatly appreciated.

*Frank Douglas.*

An important aspect of the RACV Great Australian Rally, is the bag that contains the rally kit and other items. To make up these bags we have what is now known as the Bag Stuffing day. This activity will take place on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January. We look forward to your help with this important part of the rally. If you can help on the day, please call Frank on (03) 8704 2533.

### A Major Events Comment

Reading the foregoing report on our major events progress, you can be forgiven for thinking that we are over-playing the calling for volunteers matter. This is largely true. However, it is our major events that are the financial backbone of our club. Monetary donations from these events go a long way to providing the funds required to operate our club. There are some costs that membership subscriptions alone can not cover. It is therefore vital that we all put in that little bit effort so that we can continue to enjoy a very low subscription, but have a great amount of wonderful club activity in spite of those low rates. We look forward to your help as it is called for. The ABCCC is an equal opportunity volunteer recruiter!

## Brain Teaser

What is black when you buy it, red when you use it, and grey when you throw it away?  
Again, the answer is buried in the text somewhere.

## PAST AND FUTURE EVENT REPORTS

### IT'S COLDER ON THE CALDER – THE CASTLEMAINE RUN – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> August, 2004

This was a club run that was much looked forward to and the morning when we set off was fine, but quite cool. Our meeting point was the Botanical Gardens at Malmsbury, after a fairly cool drive north-west – particularly so as we passed Mount Macedon. Once we reached Malmsbury, the gardens were bathed in sunshine and we were given a warm welcome by a group of assorted ducks from the pond. It seemed that it was their morning tea break after a morning's serious dabbling.

Here were presented with a comprehensive goodies bag with brochures and snacks. Soon, it was time to drive on to Castlemaine, the objective of our day's activities. Our first stop was for a guided tour of Buda House, up on the hill overlooking south-east Castlemaine.



*Some of the cars lined up outside Buda House.*

The house was a very interesting insight into how people lived at the various times when additions were made to the original house.

Before we went inside the house, we had to place blue plastic covers over our shoes to prevent dust from getting into the house. As we walked around, we all made the same shuffling sound.

Outside again and we had a tour of the extensive gardens. What great plans there were in those early days of settling the area. There was an enormous cypress tree that must have approved of where it was planted, and the hedge was just as enormous and must have required constant clipping.

The late morning sun on the hill was warm and the day was clear. Photographs were taken of the cars, but as seems to be usual for us, they were facing the wrong way for the sun. Next time, maybe. Then it was time for the short drive to the Cumberland Hotel for a cool drink and lunch. Apparently the hotel was

under new management and the serving of lunch became a bit confusing. Table numbers were awry and those who ordered first were served last and so on. When the meal did come, it was good and it was wonderful to have salad with proper lettuce in it!

With the delays at lunch, time was at a premium and we charged off to the Hot Rod Shop in Chewton, where the proprietor, Rod Hadfield was waiting to give us a talk about his workshop and sales outlet. The whole place was very impressive and the hot rods on display were examined closely. Here we found workmanship of a very high standard. To some of us the rods looked amazing, if a bit impractical.

We were then ushered into the workshop area – and there it was – the Rolls Royce Merlin engined 1957 Chevrolet hot rod. The car looked incredible with a very clever paint job. It had been decorated like an aircraft that would never take-off. There were all the usual decals such as 'NO STEP' and 'EARTH', but the incredible part of the finish were the two-thousand painted on rivet heads! Each one carefully hand painted so that the perspective was correct in relation to the others around it. Here was an example of true patience, for sure.

After this visit it was time to head for home, it started to rain quite heavily as we passed Doncaster Shopping Town, but we left the hood down and the rain stopped when we reached Boronia. It was a grand day and our thanks are due to Bill and Terri Allen for putting it all together for us.

*Mike Allfrey.*

## **SNOWBALLS IN SEPTEMBER – Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2004**

This was a beautiful day and it was a little bit unfortunate that it fell on Fathers' Day. It was quite foggy when we left, with the hood down of course, but once through Lilydale the sun came out and we had sunshine for our activities. We met in Coldstream and set off for Marysville in a convoy of British classics, plus the very distinctive HMB. The cars taking part in the run were: Austin Princess 4 Ltr R, Jaguars 420 and XJ-6, Triumphs Stag and TR4, Rover P6B, Jowett Jupiter, Morris Cooper 'S', MG B GT and Morgan.

The run to Marysville via Healesville and the Blacks Spur soon highlighted the fact that the Jupiter's rear tyres were gasping for more air. The new surface on the Spur is very smooth and has good grip properties. Upon our arrival at Marysville, Fred Sawyer was waiting for us at his motor and memorabilia museum and we lined the cars up in the car park with the museum building in the background. Once again, the light was wrong for photography.



Once inside, we were treated to a tune on Fred's old fair ground music machine. It was a catchy tune and there was some foot tapping, but no actual dancing. We were then given a demonstration of the weight driven clock that loses no time while being wound.

*Some of the cars lined up at the museum.*

There is a lifeboat style slave weight that, after setting the weight mechanism, keeps on driving the pendulum while the main weight is being wound up. The clock is unique in the world and keeps very good time. After looking at the other exhibits, it was time for morning tea. And what a morning tea! Dot Sawyer had made a huge batch of sausage rolls that were delicious and, would have been spoilt with an application of tomato sauce. Marysville is now justly famous for sausage rolls. It was definitely time to work off that morning tea, so some of us took our leave to spend the time before lunch having a look at the water coming over Steavenson's Falls. After the amount of rain during the month, the water was fairly cascading over the falls.

Some of us went down to the bridge at the base of the falls and saw a wombat crossing the foot bridge. It was very shy and no close-up photos were taken. It was very pleasant just basking in the sun and watching all that lovely water coming down. Then it was time to meet at the Mountain Lodge for lunch. Our hostess, Suzette, gave us a warm welcome and provided a superb lunch. This took us right up to mid-afternoon to crunch time. There were comments about it costing \$25.00 to get to the snow on Lake Mountain and some of us departed for home and Fathers' Day evening celebrations. I think two cars went up to check out the snow situation. We decided to give the snow a miss, and to avoid the snow homeward bound traffic and four wheel drive bullying, set off for home too. Our thanks to Frank and Pat for organizing the day, to Fred for his entertaining tour of his museum and to Dot for providing those sensational sausage rolls and the rest of the morning tea.

It was a lovely day and the trip home was easy. It did rain a little at Narbethong, but the hood stayed down.

*Mike Allfrey.*

### **KILMORE RACES & CLASSIC CAR DISPLAY – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October, 2004**

The Classic Car Display at the Kilmore Cup Meeting is not an official ABCCC event, but is well worthwhile participating in. Display cars can be placed in position between 10:00 am and 11:00 am, enter from East Street. Display car and occupants entry is free and there is a special lunch deal for display vehicle crews at \$27.00 each. Both the Cortina Mark One Owners Club and The Jowett Car Club have been invited to take part in this fun event. If you wish to join in, please contact Ross Gardiner on (03) 9818 5094. Ross will provide information about a superb breakfast stop *en route*.

*Ross Gardiner and Mike Allfrey.*

### **SAUSAGE SIZZLE & DISPLAY – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2004**

We have been invited to a Sausage Sizzle and Display at Repco, Canterbury Road, Bayswater in the interests of the local Little Athletics. Linda has offered to lay on some specials and some stuff for a raffle. All proceeds go to Little Athletics. She is looking for focus type cars for the display.

*Ross Gardiner.*

### **'ROUND THE BAY IN A DAY' COACH TOUR – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2004**

We are pleased to report that the response to this tour has been such that our coach has been filled. However, if you wish, you can leave your telephone number so that if there is a cancellation, we can fit you in. All enquiries to Lyn and Ray Higginson on (03) 9370 5236.

*Ray Higginson.*

### **INTER-CLUB DINNER – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November, 2004**

Paul Caro, a foundation member of the Queensland All British Classics Car Club, has now been elected President of that club. Paul is known to quite a number of us, having taken on the management of the funds for last year's Opal Safari to Andamooka. He is a long time friend of Frank and Pat Douglas and he has accepted an invitation to visit Melbourne at the RACV Centenary Great Wings and Wheels Day. At this major event, Paul will be a judge of the historic vehicles on display. He will be staying with Frank and Pat during his southern sojourn.

It is our intention to strengthen the ties between the two clubs and, to assist with this, ALL MEMBERS are invited to join Frank and Pat at an inter-club dinner on the evening of Friday 19<sup>th</sup> November, at the RACV Country Club Healesville. The cost of the dinner will be a very reasonable \$30.00.

Please note that ALL MEMBERS are invited to join us and welcome Paul Caro.

For bookings, please telephone Frank Douglas on (03) 8704 2533 before 10<sup>th</sup> November to CONFIRM your attendance.

*Frank Douglas – President.*

### **MORNING MYSTERY MEANDER – Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2004**

Our last club event for this year will be a Mystery Meander kindly organised for us by Chris Newell. Our Mystery Meander will start from the Lilydale International Club car park, at the corner of Maroondah Highway and Nelson Road. We will gather there from 9:00 am for a 9:30 am start on our mystery tour that will take us to a venue in the hills for Brunch, where the meals are excellent, are of the best Australian tucker and even do roast beef and Yorkshire pudding. The venue is fully licensed and sells a selection of good wines, Aussie beers and a fair selection of English beers. After lunch coffee or tea will be on the house and there will be a raffle, exclusive to the ABCCC, for a meal for two at the venue. The prize has been kindly donated by the proprietor to us. The car park area at the side of the lunch venue has been reserved for ABCCC motor cars.

Route maps and instructions will be provided at the start point.

For bookings, please contact Chris Newell on (03) 9735 2335. Or [chrisnewell@abccc.com.au](mailto:chrisnewell@abccc.com.au).

*Chris Newell.*



## QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND AWAY – 11<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> June, 2005

We have made a booking at the Flag River Country Inn at Moama just across the Murray River from Echuca, where we will be taking part in the display of historic vehicles at the Echuca Steam Rally. The rooms booked are twin share and have been booked for two nights, Saturday and Sunday. Eighteen rooms have been reserved in the ABCCC name, and it is up to you to confirm the booking with the River Country Inn. We recommend that you make your confirmations soon, this will avoid disappointment later. It took a fair amount of persuasion to make the booking for just the two nights on a long weekend, so if you wish to spend a third night there, it would be well to confirm that also. The negotiated room rate is \$104.00 per night, with further discount if using your RACV blue, bronze, silver or gold card. The River Country Inn's telephone number is (03) 5482 5511 and the fax number is (03) 5482 2591.

It is proposed that on one evening we will light up the barbecue for our evening meal in the motel's courtyard that is sheltered on three sides and can seat thirty people. Maybe the barbeque uses charcoal – geddit? It is also anticipated that we will travel to Moama via Shepparton, so that we can visit the Goulburn Valley Motor Vehicle Drivers Club's clubrooms. Our display at the steam rally will be on the Sunday. More on this later. Be sure to get your bookings in at the River Country Inn soon!

If you have any questions about this event, please call me on (03) 9336 7306 AH.

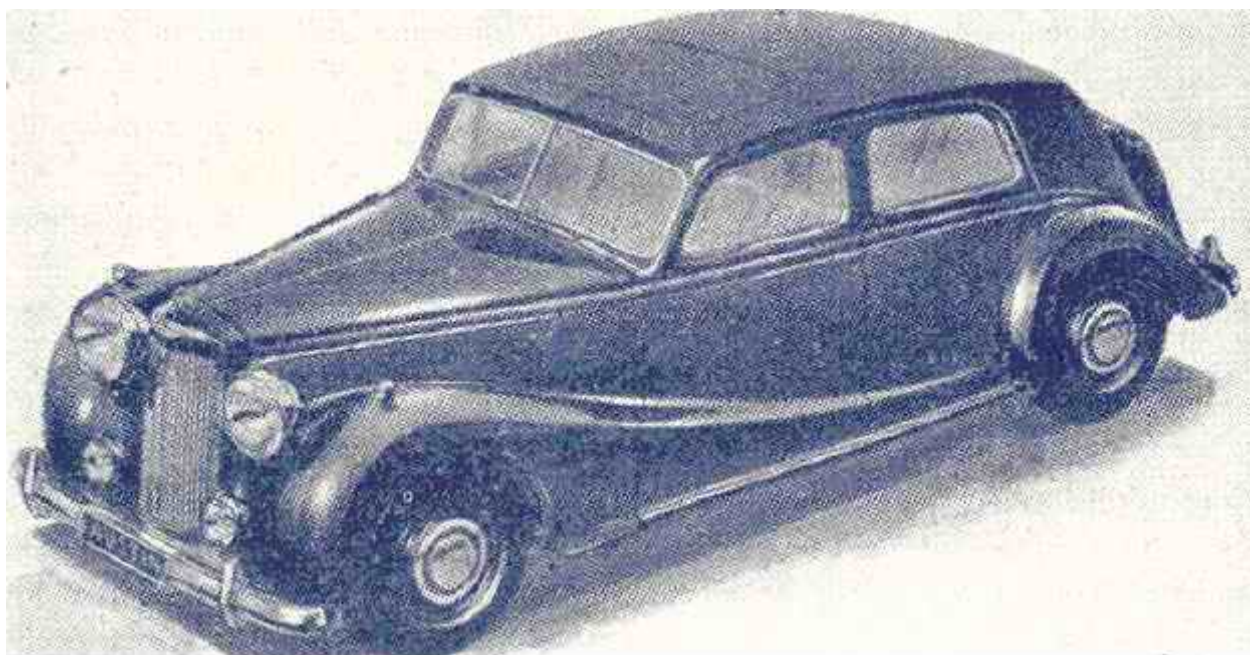
Lyn Higginson.

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## 1949 CLASSICS

The *Australian Motor Manual 1948-9 Annual* features interesting reviews on all motor cars that were available in this country for 1949. Each month we are going to feature one of the cars here. It is interesting to read what was said then, about the British cars in the market place. We now know how they all performed, but let's enjoy the writers' expectations of the British offerings for 1949. Here is Number 7:

### AUSTIN SHEERLINE 29 h.p. Six



*A newcomer to England's long line of luxury limousines in the higher priced group is the Austin Sheerline with an imported body. This is an entirely new car from bumper to bumper and is notable for its rugged chassis, independent suspension, six cylinders, and one of the few British cars with the gear lever on the steering column. The accent is on style in the interior and it is one of the most beautiful that have come our way since the war. What is most useful is its high powered engine rated at 29 h.p. and developing 125 b.h.p. This offers interesting comparison with the best American cars whose distribution is limited by dollars.*

*From Motor Manual Annual with thanks.*

# THE RACV CENTENARY GREAT WINGS & WHEELS DAY

21<sup>st</sup> November, 2004

THE ALL BRITISH CLASSICS CAR CLUB IS CONDUCTING THIS IMPORTANT AVIATION AND MOTORING EVENT. WE ARE ASKING FOR ASSISTANCE ON THE SATURDAY AFTERNOON PRIOR TO THE EVENT TO HELP SET-UP THE GROUNDS FOR THE MOTOR VEHICLE DISPLAY AREA. YOUR HELP WITH THIS WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

WE ARE ALSO CALLING FOR ASSISTANCE ON THE DAY TO ASSIST WITH MARSHALLING. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT, THIS EVENT HAS BEEN HEAVILY PROMOTED AND WE ARE EXPECTING A LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE TO ATTEND THIS, THE FINAL EVENT OF THE RACV'S CENTENARY CELEBRATION YEAR. WE NEED YOU!

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## A WARM WELCOME FOR NEW MEMBERS

The All British Classics Car Club extends a warm welcome to our new members, and their cars, who have joined our club since the last issue of *Your ABCCC News*. We look forward to meeting you at one of our events very soon.

New Members	Motor Car	Model	Year
Kevin and Joan Ryan	Ford	Cortina GT	1969

*Pat Douglas – Membership.*

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## LOVERS' PARKING ONLY

Back in the good old days, every English village had its own secluded Lovers' Dell, other names that come to mind are Lovers' Close, Lovers' Wood, Lovers' Copse or, Lovers' End – a quiet place where we could park late at night for a bit of serious courting. One warm summer's night the following exchange was overheard:

Her voice, "No!"

His voice, "Let me do it."

Her voice, "No!"

His voice, "Please, let me do it."

Her voice, "No!"

His voice, "Tell me why we can't do it?"

Her voice, "When I marry, it is my wish to be a virgin . . . . and, besides, it gives me headaches."

*Jim Bates – with thanks.*

## **BEFORE THE NANNY SOCIETY STRUCK**

### **People Over 35 Should All Be Dead**

*This item came from Colin Brown and obviously originated in the US. This being a British oriented club magazine, it may be appropriate to Australianise it a bit. Thanks are due to Colin for sending it in.*

Here are the reasons why those of us who are over thirty-five years old should not be around to enjoy our activities and hobbies:

According to today's regulators, do-gooders and bureaucrats – those of us who were children in the 1940s, 50s, 60s or even maybe the early 1970s, probably shouldn't have survived.

Our baby cradles cots were covered with bright coloured lead-based paint. We had no child-proof lids on medicine bottles, no child-proof locks on doors and cabinets. We swam in disused quarries, irrigation channels and ponds – all unfenced. When we rode our bikes, we had no helmets. We rode in the family car without seat belts or air-bags. Riding in the back of a ute or station wagon was a fun thing, and on a warm day, was a special treat.

We drank water from a garden hose, not filtered water from a bottle. Horrors!!

We ate cream cakes, bread and butter (sometimes even dripping!) and drank lemonade with sugar in it – but we were never overweight because we were always outside playing. We shared one bottle of soft drink with four friends, and no one actually died from this.

We would spend hours building our billy-carts out of scrap and scrounged parts. We then rode full tilt down the hill, only to find out we had forgotten all about the brakes. But, after running into the bushes a few times, we soon learnt how to solve the problem.

We left home in the morning and played all day, so long as we came back when the street lights came on. No one was able to reach us all day – no mobile 'phones!! Today that would be unthinkable.

We did not have Playstations, Ninetendo 64, X-Boxes, no video games at all, no 99 channels of Pay-TV, no video taped films (movies), no surround sound, no personal mobile 'phone, no personal computers and no Internet chatrooms.

We had friends! We went outside and found them.

We played cricket and sometimes the ball would really hurt. We fell out of trees, suffered cuts and bruises and broke bones and teeth. There were no law suits from these accidents – they were accidents and no one was to blame, but us. Remember what accidents were?

We had fights and punched each other and became black and blue – but we learnt to get over such trivia. We made up games with sticks and tennis balls, and ate nasty things. Although we were all told it would happen, we didn't poke out many eyes and the nasty things didn't upset our stomachs too much.

We rode our bikes or walked to a friend's home and knocked on the door, or rang the bell and just walked in and talked to them.

Some school children weren't as smart as others, so they failed a grade test and were held back to repeat the same test again. Horrors!! Exams were not adjusted for any reason. Our actions were our own and consequences were expected. The idea of a parent bailing us out if we broke a law was unheard of. The parents actually sided with the law. Imagine that!

This generation has produced some of the best risk-takers, problem solvers and inventors, ever. The past fifty years have been an explosion of innovation and new ideas. We had freedom, failure, success and responsibility – and we learnt how to deal with it all. And, you're one of them – CONGRATULATIONS!

*From Colin Brown, with thanks.*

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## **AOMC NEWS**

### **Information Seminar**

At fairly short notice, the Association of Motoring Clubs Inc. (AOMC) conducted a very informative Information Seminar. On Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July more than 160 club Delegates from other clubs took part in the proceedings. The venue was the Veneto Club and the facilities were excellent. All presentations were delivered in a professional manner and the only complaint was that there were not enough hand outs for some sessions.

The topics presented were:

- Vehicle Inspections for the Victorian Club Permit Scheme (VCPS)
- Public Liability Insurance for Motoring Clubs
- Vehicle Insurance (Vigil)
- Club Spare Parts Undertakings
- Attracting Younger People into the Historic Motoring hobby
- Organising a Major Event

The opening session was about the task of vehicle inspections for those vehicles operated on the Victorian Club Permit Scheme. The AOMC has produced a useful booklet on this topic. It is still in draft form, but the information inside it is of great use for vehicle inspectors in clubs. Vehicle inspections can be carried out by a licensed Roadworthy Tester or by the club's designated Vehicle Inspector(s). The booklet is being examined by your Committee and comment will be passed on to the AOMC.

Within the club movement, there is a fairly strong push for compulsory annual roadworthy tests for cars on the VCPS. This is a tad worrying, because the whole idea behind the VCPS was to keep the cost of hobby motoring within reasonable levels. With the State Government steadily increasing the cost of the Permit, plus the roadworthy test, it could soon become a more expensive way to use a little-use vehicle.

There was a considerable amount of question activity on the VCPS in general, which indicated that a good number had not read the latest VCPS Handbook.

Ken Bradley from TCIS gave us a talk on Public Liability Insurance. Since that item, our club has joined the TCIS Group Insurance scheme, for a saving of about \$300.00 over our previous insurer.

A representative from Vigil Insurance spoke about insurance for older vehicles. Their specialist field is for modified vehicles, but they handle normal hobby vehicle insurance as well.

Iain Ross (*Bristol OC*) then spoke about clubs being involved in a spare parts undertaking for those cars they cater for. It seems that we have been doing the right thing ever since April 1957. Iain mentioned that having a good spares service will help membership involvement in club activities (not so in the JCC!). It was also mentioned that it was becoming increasingly difficult to get small numbers or parts manufactured (very true). It was suggested that for high cost item production, a deposit be taken from the membership prior to commencing the project.

After morning tea, Len Kerwood (*Austin7 Club*) gave a very good presentation about attracting youth into the historic motoring movement. Some of Len's suggestions are listed below:

- The club send birthday cards to members' children and grandchildren.
- Get the children involved by asking them to help at club events, don't give them tasks that are too 'heavy'.
- Keep and prepare your motor car so that the children can ride in it with their parents' blessing. This could mean installing special child seats and seat belts.
- Once the children are old enough, give them a chance to drive your motor car.
- Have other marque cars along to your club's events, and reciprocate. The idea behind this is that your family's children may be a little bit tired of hearing about your pride and joy. They might get interested in another marque, not a bad thing – overall.
- The club should set up a suitable Web Page, this technology is a draw card.
- Arrange school visits as a club event when History of Transport is on the curriculum. When on a touring event, let the schools along the route know that you are coming. This has been a very successful part of the Fly the Flag Tours.
- Help at school events. The Austin 7 Club members take on marshalling duties at the Maryborough event where children from many schools race vehicles they have constructed over a twenty-four hour period.

Our thanks to the AOMC for putting on this interesting seminar, it was greatly appreciated.

*Bill Allen – AOMC Delegate.*

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## CLUB REGALIA

Pictured below is a superb pure wool, hand crafted Jumbuk Jumper, just right for those winter days, and on *Spirit of Tasmania's* deck during crossing. These jumpers are made especially for the ABCCC and there is an exclusive offer on them for our members.



Front (left) and rear (right) views of the Jumbuk Jumper, note ABCCC badge patches and the leather shoulder and elbow protectors.

These super winter quality jumpers are crafted from wool that is unique in this country. Jumbuk Wools is the only company that manufactures naturally greasy garments, from washed fleece to finished product, under the one roof. Some lanolin is left in Jumbuk Wools to give you all the natural benefits – extra warmth, resilience and water resistancy. The wool is soft, springy and durable – it holds its shape well, yet is quite soft for you to wear.

These Jumbuk Jumpers are available in two weights, light and heavy knit styles. Every jumper is individually created at Jumbuk Wools, a small family business located in Bairnsdale, East Gippsland. They are made with total 'hands-on' care. Individually knitted pieces and complete quality control through all stages of manufacture give you a guarantee of quality workmanship.

The ABCCC is offering the Jumbuk Jumper on an individual order basis. Please state the size and weight you require when you place an order.

The ABCCC Jumbuk Jumper, heavy or light knit, is available at the following very special prices:

With ABCCC logo patches, shoulder and elbow protectors	\$120.00
Plain with shoulder and elbow protectors	\$100.00

These are prices that will never be seen again, so, please get your orders to me soon. The Jumbuk Jumpers will be modelled during our winter events.

Set out below is a listing of the ABCCC's current stock of other Club Regalia items:

1. Metal Bumper/Grille Badge	\$35.00 Each
2. Window Decal – Club Logo	\$2.00 Each
3. Cloth Badge – 75 mm Diameter with Club Logo	\$3.50 Each
4. Cloth Badge – 205 mm Diameter with Club Logo	\$25.00 Each
5. Club Polo Top White and Blue (some with ABCCC on collar) All Sizes	\$35.00 Each
6. Club Polo Top White and Black – Small Size Only	\$7.50 Each
7. Club Polo Tops 1 White, 1 Dark Blue (Small Size Only)	\$12.50 Each
8. Tee Shirts White, Black with Club Logo (Small Size Only)	\$7.50 Each
9. Caps with Club Logo, Blue/Fawn	\$15.00 Each
10. Caps with Club Logo, Black	\$12.50 Each
11. Hats – Plain, Colour Fawn (Slightly Soiled) Large Size Only – Special at	\$5.00 Each
12. Jackets with Club Logo (Heavy Weight) S. M. L. XL. & XXL.	\$140.00 Each

I will bring a limited range of Club Regalia to all events that we attend for perusal or purchase. For all your Club Regalia requirements, please contact me on (03) 9846 2323.

*Bill Allen – Regalia Purveyor.*



# 'ALONG THE GREAT OCEAN ROAD'

## OUR TOUR

We will be departing from the Todd Road Shell Service Centre on the west-bound side of the Westgate Freeway, as indicated by the orange arrow on the map at right. Our meet-up time is 9:43 am for a 10:00 am departure.

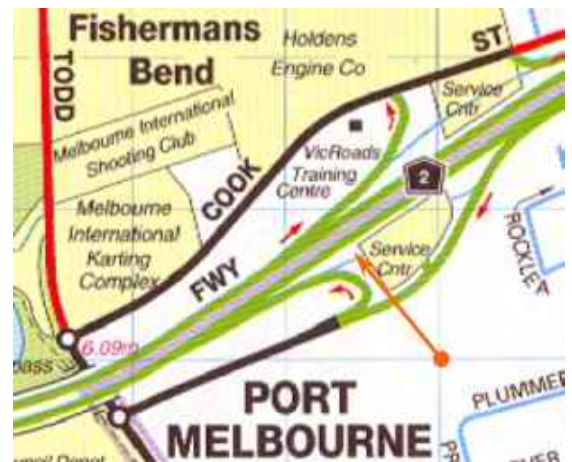
We will drive to Geelong and then follow the road signage to Torquay via the Surf Coast Highway (B100). We then continue on B100 to Anglesea. Upon entering the town, after crossing over the Anglesea River, look out for signs to the golf course and turn right into Noble Street immediately after crossing the river. At the golf club, a table has been booked for us to partake of lunch. Our view will be over the golf course and the Golfing kangaroos could be dining as well.

After lunch we return to the Great Ocean Road (B100) through Aireys Inlet and Eastern View to Lorne. Here we check into our booked motel, the Lorne Coachman Inn, located on the right before entering the town. The motel's address is 1 Deans Marsh Road and is 700 metres north of the Post Office. Look out for the Best Western sign, the motel's telephone no. is 5289 2244.

Afternoon tea can be had at any of the cafés and outdoor restaurants in the main street. Our evening meal has been booked at the Lorne Hotel at 6:00 pm.

After a morning walk (or jog for those fit enough) we will drive towards Deans Marsh on C151, to a berry farm at Pennroyal where a fixed menu lunch has been arranged. I fixed the menu, so you can blame me if you want to! After lunch, a scenic drive down to Skenes Creek, via Barwon and Forrest on C119, and then back to Lorne on B100. An evening meal has again been arranged at the Lorne Hotel.

Those who wish to stay longer than the two days need to book now because accommodation is always at a premium in Lorne.



Great Ocean Road from Torquay to Apollo Bay (Distances shown in miles)

**BRING YOUR CLASSIC CAR, TOUR DATE: 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> OCTOBER, 2004**

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