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THE CAT THAT GOT AWAY AND GOT THE CREAM!



Colin (and, we suspect Joy too, who was looking mighty chuffed while passengering in it!) Brown's latest acquisition, a Jaguar XK-150 FHC, arguably the most desirable of all the XK Series Jaguars. Sumptuous accommodation for driver and passenger, coupled with supremely effortless touring, battery condition permitting of course. This is one that was 'poached' from New South Wales and will enjoy the decent roads in our State.

Please send in photographs of your British Classic so that it can be featured here – otherwise, more Jowett pictures! A small description of the car and how it was purchased would also be nice.

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR MEMBERS!

HERE'S TO A YEAR OF SAFE, ENJOYABLE AND RELIABLE CLASSIC MOTORING.

"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)

The publication, *Your ABCCC News*, is the official magazine of the ABCCC Inc. It is published once a month, with the exception of December. The magazine's issue date is during the week of the 25th of each month. To make the editor's task a little easier, it is requested that articles, events information and photographs are with the Magazine Editor prior to the 14th of each month.

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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, 14 Grandvalley Drive, Chirnside Park, Victoria, 3116.

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

ABCCC EVENTS DIRECTORY

Note: All events listed in this directory are placed in good faith. Events for inclusion must be with the Magazine Editor prior to the 14th 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.

January 2005

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| 16 | Rally Bag Stuffing Day, Commences at 10:30 am
Bring BBQ food, drinks will be supplied.
Venue – 14 Grandvalley Drive, Chirnside Park. | Frank Douglas (03) 8704 2533 |
| 22 | RACV Great Australian Rally – Marshal Briefing
Venue – Fox Collection, Docklands. 7:00 pm, BBQ Provided. | Frank Douglas (03) 8704 2533 |
| 23 | RACV Great Australian Rally | |

February 2005

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| 13 | ABCCC Annual General Meeting. Commences at 2:00 pm
BYO Picnic Lunch and a chair.
Venue – Como Gardens, 79 Basin-Olinda Road, The Basin. | Val Jeffereyes (03) 9725 1117 |
| 19 – 20 | Gippsland Wanderings – ABCCC Event.
Note – The date has changed! | Jim Spence (03) 5956 6124 |
| 26 – 27 | Shannons Historic Race Meeting
Venue – Phillip Island GP Circuit, Back Beach Road, Phillip Island, Victoria. | |

March 2005

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| 12 – 18 | 4 th 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 (03) 9729 1480 |

April 2005

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| 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

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| 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 Lyn Higginson (03) 9336 7306
On the Sunday, take part in display at the Echuca Steam Rally.
See back page for details.
Venue – Flag River Country Inn, Meninya Street, Moama, New South Wales.
- 25 – 26 RACQ Motoring of Yesteryear 2005 Centenary Celebrations Albert Budworth (07) 3361 2424
Finish point of run from Cairns to Brisbane organized by the RACQ.
Venue – St Joseph's College Playing Fields, Vivian Street, Tennyson, Brisbane, Queensland.
- 26 Event to be advised.

July 2005

- 10 Event to be advised.
- 24 Christmas in July Dinner – ABCCC Event. Colin Brown (03) 5964 9291

August 2005

- 14 The Grand ABCCC Trivia Challenge Frank Douglas (03) 8704 2533
Note – The date has changed!
- 27 – 3 Sep Escape to Norfolk Island Paradise Rob & Mary Nolan (03) 5978 7798

September 2005

- 14 Mid-week Run – ABCCC Event
- 25 Event to be advised.

October 2005

- 9 Event to be advised.
- 23 Morning Tour & Lunch Run Tony Pettigrew (03) 9739 1146
This will be a scenic run and will finish for lunch at Kelly's Restaurant, Olinda.

November 2005

- 1 Yarra Glen Races (Cup Day) Colin Brown (03) 5964 9291
- 20 Mystery Bus Ride – ABCCC Event Ray Higginson (03) 9370 5236

December 2005

- 11 Christmas Luncheon – ABCCC Event Frank Douglas (03) 8704 2533
Venue – RACV Country Club, Healesville.
Note – The date has changed!
- 18 Event to be advised.

PLEASE NOTE!

THIS COMING EVENTS DIRECTORY IS AS ACCURATE AS WE CAN MAKE IT. HOWEVER, IT IS POSSIBLE THAT AN EVENT'S DATE, FORMAT OR VENUE COULD CHANGE. ALL CHANGES TO EVENT INFORMATION WILL BE PLACED IN THIS DIRECTORY AS SOON AS THEY ARE CONVEYED TO THE MAGAZINE EDITOR.

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 CATERING OR MEAL BOOKINGS ARE INVOLVED.

EDITORIAL NOTES – ISSUE 82

Oh dear! Oh dear, oh dear! I really dropped a couple of classic (sic) clangers in the last issue. Firstly, the answer to the Brain Teaser item managed to get itself deleted while some space juggling was going on. Then, in the *Around the Bay in a Day* article – of course we went clockwise around the bay and didn't save fuel by doing that, and, lastly, in the Bristol item, Audrey was never daffy enough to utter such a statement, it was of course Marjorie Frobisher! Apologies, most profuse, for these totally unnecessary errors. And, where was Moses after the oil lamp was blown out? In the dark, naturally.

Last month, our club was presented with a quantity of old British and Australian *Practical Motorist* magazines. These magazines were donated by a generous old gentleman, Fred West of Dingley, who was clearing out his garage. Our thanks to Fred for these magazines, could they be the starting point for an ABCCC library? Maybe this could be discussed at our Annual General Meeting in February. Use has already been made of one item from a British *Practical Motorist* for this magazine. A special thankyou Fred for your donation. The writers of those days certainly had style, not like today's crop of 'motoring journalists' who seem to enjoy free use of importers' and local manufacturers' demonstration cars, and then simply copy the press handouts from the companies.

We have a busy year coming up, and, by the time you read this, our involvement with the RACV Great Australian Rally will be upon us. But there are also events to look forward to with keen anticipation in 2005. Coming up is the RACV Fly the Flag Tour, the fourth in the series, and this one is going to be a good one.

Please take the time to read this magazine and then make that call to offer your help as a marshal.

Mike Allfrey.

RACV GREAT AUSTRALIAN RALLY

! IMPORTANT NOTICE !

WE NEED MARSHALS TO HELP AT THE FOLLOWING LOCATIONS:

MORNINGTON RACECOURSE	RAY HIGGINSON AH 9336 7306 RALLY PARKING
MORNINGTON RACECOURSE	ROSS WOLSTENHOLME AH 5975 0970 WIDE-RANGING DUTIES
WESTERN PORT MARINA, HASTINGS	MIKE ALLFREY 9729 1480

THE FOLLOWING DO NOT REQUIRE MARSHALS BUT YOU ARE WELCOME IF YOU WANT TO ASSIST:

MELBOURNE DOCKLANDS	FRANK DOUGLAS 8704 2533
BRANDON PARK	TONY PETTIGREW BH 9761 4200 AH 9739 1146
NARRE WARREN	ROB NOLAN AH 5978 7798

**PLEASE RING NOW AND OFFER YOUR HELP
IT WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED**

MAJOR EVENTS' PROGRESS

THE AOMC MOTORING SHOWS

The British & European Motoring Show

Hard on the heels of the RACV Fly the Flag Tour, will be the RACV British & European Motoring Show and a small amount of confusion with respect to that event's date has somehow crept in. While perusing the vehicle clubs' newsletters sent to the AOMC, to glean Events Directory material for the AOMC Newsletter, it was noted that some clubs were advertising that the RACV British & European Motoring Show as being held on 20th February instead of the 20th March – the true date. Because this year is not a leap-year, the dates for March occupy the same days as for February. As far as the 28th, that is. Maybe this helps to explain the error in some club newsletters. We look forward to a bumper show on 20th March.

This year there is the facility to pre-book your car into the show. Included on the booking form is space to order a specially struck grille badge as well as other worthwhile merchandise. It should be noted that any ordered merchandise can only be collected from the show venue

Right: Map showing entrance to Greaves Reserve from Sinclair Road. Orange arrow indicates entrance gate.



The venue for the RACV British & European Motoring Show is Greaves Reserve, Bennet Street, Dandenong, Melways Map Reference 90 A7.

Gates will be opened to admit display vehicles from 9:00 am and the spectators will be admitted from 10:00 am. The only entrance for display vehicles will be at the Sinclair Road gates. Vehicles entering the grounds are requested to form two rows in Sinclair Road, this will help speed access to the display area. Please take notice of directions given by marshals.

At this year's RACV British & European Motoring Show the Mercedes-Benz Club, the Daimler Lanchester Club and the Wolseley Club will be conducting their Concours d'Elegance events.

The AOMC and the ABCCC look forward to your enthusiastic support of this important event.

The RACV American Motoring Show ®

On Sunday 17th April, come along and enjoy acres of sheet metal and chrome that are the American Dream! Listen to the burbling V8s and Bill Haley or Elvis Presley being belted out by those wonderful cartridge players as the big convertibles cruise in for the big display.

The venue for the RACV American Motoring Show, this year, is Mornington Racecourse. Melways Map Reference 146 B3.

Right: Map showing entrance to the display area from Racecourse Road, Mornington. The approximate gate location is shown by the purple arrow.



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The AOMC and the ABCCC look forward to your participation in this important event.

Some Notes on Both Shows

This year the ABCCC is playing a major role in the presentation of the two AOMC Motoring Shows. There is also very significant sponsorship from the RACV. The two shows are major fund raisers for the AOMC and those funds are used in the cause of the historic vehicle movement. You can help both the AOMC and the ABCCC by volunteering to assist on the days before – setting up the show sites, and on the show days – helping with the smooth-running of these events.

To provide your help in running these shows, simply call Frank Douglas. Remember, many hands make light work, and, this work helps to keep subscriptions low in our club.

Mike Allfrey.

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

Subscriptions were due by the end of December, if you are not yet up to date financially, then right now is the time to resolve that small lapse. The importance of being a financial member of a club cannot be stressed enough. Currently, our Public Liability Insurance premium is based on the number of financial members our club has. In addition, a member of this club who operates a motor vehicle on the Victorian Club Permit Scheme, through the authorisation of the ABCCC Inc., must be a financial club member. If not, the vehicle being used on the Scheme, is judged to be an unregistered motor vehicle, and the normal penalties apply for driving an unregistered vehicle.

Please send your subscription of \$35.00 to Pat Douglas, 14 Grand Valley Drive, Chirnside Park, VICTORIA, 3116. Cheques should be made payable to the All British Classics Car Club Inc., not to the ABCCC.

Thankyou.

Pat Douglas – Membership Secretary.

Brain Teaser

The phrases, 'two plus eleven' and 'one plus twelve' – have similarities. What are they?

Look for the answer, it is hidden in the text!

PAST AND FUTURE EVENT REPORTS

CHRISTMAS LUNCH FUNCTION – Sunday 5th December

Our Christmas luncheon function was again held at the RACV Country Club (Healesville). This event was well attended and there was a fine line up of British classics basking in the beautiful sunshine on the Ro-



tunda lawns. There was one car of particular importance, from the Editor's point of view, the Triumph Roadster that will feature in these pages in the March edition. We were nicely entertained by easy listening music and song.

It was during the traditional handing out of Chrissie Kringle gifts that an important award was presented to Lyn and Ray Higginson. This award was in well deserved recognition for the effort that Ray and Lyn have put into the social scene during 2004. More importantly, it was a very fitting thankyou for our 'Round the Bay in a Day' charabanc tour that they so generously provided for us last November. The award is a splendid way of saying heartfelt thanks.

Above: Ray and Lyn just after the presentation – did Barry instigate the laughter?



Line up of fine British Classics, the modern German sneaked in somehow!

A wonderful lunch was enjoyed by all, the chicken pieces were exceptionally delicious. After the meal our President gave an oration thanking those who had helped make the year's activities so successful and a special welcome was extended to our visitors from England. Then we spent time admiring the cars lined up on the lawn. There were splendid examples from Rover, Jaguar, Triumph, Van den Plas (Austin), MG, HMB, and, a Euro ring-in, Mercedes-Benz. There were some others parked under the trees that the writer can not accurately remember. Apologies for missing any marques.

Our thanks to Frank and Pat Douglas for organising this special lunch for us, it does round off the year's activities for us very nicely. Thanks also to the staff at the RACV Club Healesville and to the band that entertained us so pleasantly.

Mike Allfrey.

EARLY MORNING RUN (EMR) – Sunday 12th December 2004

Members partaking in the event were Frank and Pat Douglas (*Jaguar*), Tony and Maxine Pettigrew (*Triumph Spitfire*), Colin and Joy Brown (*Jaguar XK150*), Phil Cook (*Morgan*), Bill Bonner and Heather Gillespie (*HMB*), new members Frank and Lorraine Bradley (*Mini*), Carl and Bernadette Gibson (*BMW*) and Chris Newell and Janet McGregor (*Triumph Stag*). The weather was glorious.

We assembled between 0900 and 0930 at the Lilydale International Club on Maroondah Highway Lilydale for a brief chin wag before setting off at 0930, each car was given a map and a set of instructions, on the reverse of these were the words "Keep these instructions with you at all times" and a printed number, in case any car was held up/took a wrong turn for any reason.

We departed 0930 as planned, and covered a distance of 130 kilometres, by heading out through Warandyte, Christmas Hills, Yarra Glen, Healesville, Woori Yallock and Monbulk, before reaching our final destination of Kelly's on the Hill in Olinda. Kelly's is a Fully Licensed Restaurant

We were joined by Ross Gardiner at the venue, due to Ross having suspected water condensation in his fuel system, he opted to take his modern car and came straight up to Kelly's.

We were met by Al and the staff at Kelly's who were very receptive to our group; firstly the car park was "reserved" for us, which meant we had all our cars in the one area. The staff had originally set aside approx 40 places for our group, but quickly and effortlessly re-planned our position in the dining area, before long seating us all around one large table.

Orders were taken, and the chef came out of his galley to say he may not be able to have all our meals ready at the one time, but promised to do his best to keep them as close together as possible, but needless to say he did a splendid job and there was only 7 minutes from first to last meals being placed on the table.

After the meals the Proprietor Bill Pentney handed me an envelope containing a Gift Voucher, he was then asked to pick a random number from 1 to 9, which he did, Bill chose number 4, I then asked the table who had this number on the reverse side of their instructions, no one had taken any notice of the reverse side of their instructions ("Keep these instructions with you at all times"). All members dashed out to their cars to retrieve their instructions and see who had won the Gift Voucher, the winner finally announced to be a very deserving Frank and Pat Douglas.

There was praise from all as to the menu and quality of the meals, and not a single complaint was heard, the Staff at Kelly's on the Hill, were excellent as was the food, which ranged from a full breakfast to an exquisite seafood platter for two, also on the menu is the infamous "Kelly Burger" (not for the faint-hearted), and all at a very reasonable cost. Bill Bonner did manage to demolish a Kelly Berger, but only just, well done Bill.

Due to the overwhelming success of this day, the event has been added to this years calendar for October 23rd, it promises to be a good day, with a slightly longer/different route and a mid way/morning stop for refreshments, before arriving at Kelly's on the Hill, be prepared.

Chris Newell.

THE WAY IT WAS – ROOM IN THE BOOT

If the bonnet of your car boasts a wind-swept Lady, a Winged 'B', a leaping Jaguar, a Viking's Head or similar mark of repute or opulence, you will not of course be bothered with the problems of stowing gear in the boot to the best advantage. For one thing, you may be relieved of this responsibility by the chauffeur, valet or handyman who will have packed for you the £50 or £70 worth of nicely shaped, fitting leather valises, contoured to pinch the last inch from the handsome boot.

You will merely have the job of directing where the grouse, pheasants or mallard can conveniently be placed and consign the venison to the roof rack.

To many a lesser mortal, however, the problem of fitting normal-sized, rectangular, sometimes expandable, cases into a non-expandable boot can become a Chinese puzzle. When all is apparently neatly stowed, nothing will make the boot lid close with that satisfying snap of the lock. In many ways, it was a lot easier to load that protuberance which passed in the car's catalogued accessories as 'folding rear carrier'.

But there is a knack of loading a boot – largest and heaviest cases to the front of the car (or back of the boot), and smallest and lightest nearest to the loader. Heaviest to the front of the car also benefits the car's handling by concentrating the load amidships. Each time the boot is re-loaded, the contents must be put back to pattern in the opposite order, to the great annoyance, incidentally, of hotel baggage porters. The owner usually stands removing the bags from the boot as fast as they are inserted by the tip-conscious porter! Hence the adoption of the continental tipping system of payment on the number of bags *carried* and not *loaded* into cars and coaches by hotel staff. For brief night stop-overs. Small zipper bags are the best. Stowed handily nearest the loader, they can easily be removed without disturbing the rest of the contents. When using open car parks overnight, it is wise to empty the car.

Now the cavernous rectangular trunk of the older cars has given way to the flowing but inconvenient lines of the modern, most owners prefer to use 'soft' flexible valises and hold-alls rather than the once-fashionable stiff hide cases. With these, the same rule applies, large to the back of the boot . . . and so on, the suppleness of the containers an invaluable asset here in allowing the boot to be used to its full capacity, with no space wastage. Rolled or folded items like rugs, blankets, ground sheets, and top or duffle coats can be stuffed into convenient corners around the valises.

There is one exception to this rule. To avoid completely emptying the boot to reach the spare, stack small, light hold-alls round this indispensable article so that they can be quickly removed.

Progress has been made in another direction for the comfort and well-being of motorists. A wide-necked flask is available for keeping the picnic butter (or ice cream) in a solid piece. Cool it first with cold water. The advent of plastic and polythene containers, properly designed and contoured for the job, pliable and unbreakable, allow liquids to be carried safely and cleanly.

In hot, dry weather, if any doubt exists about the sealing of the lid and boot, cover the whole contents with one of the domestic dust sheets; they ensure that feminine coats with delicate linings are protected. Hats can be pinned to the roof lining.

Remember, too, that by now, with your boot satisfyingly laden, so also are your tyres, and especially those at the rear. You will therefore be mindful of tyre wear and put from 2 to 5 more p.s.i. in the rear tyres to cope with the extra weight. Balance the rear by putting 2 or 3 p.s.i. above normal pressure in the front tyres. – *WG Macdonald.*

From Practical Motorist – August, 1961. With thanks.

NOTICE OF MEETING

THE ALL BRITISH CLASSICS CAR CLUB INC. WILL BE
HOLDING ITS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING ON

SUNDAY 13th FEBRUARY, 2005

THE VENUE FOR THE MEETING IS

COMO GARDENS

79 THE BASIN TO OLINDA ROAD, THE BASIN

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL COMMENCE AT

2:00 PM SHARP

YOUR INPUT AND COMMENT ABOUT OUR CLUB IS VITAL. WE
LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR ATTENDANCE AND ENTHUSIASTIC
INPUT.

Val Jefferyes – Club Secretary.

JOKE TIME

The Greatest Brumby of them All

In the high alpine country in Victoria, it was round up time for brumbies, those tough nearly feral horses. It was a hot evening at the pub and, in the balmy atmosphere, after throats were lubricated, the talk got to arguing which was the best brumby ever seen. By late evening the tales had become more imaginative than fact. Pat O'Phlattery had been silent at the bar for quite a while. All of a sudden he spoke up and stated, "I'll tell you about the best brumby that ever was." The others laughed, because Pat was known for not saying much – but they listened. Here is Pat's story as told:

'Jimmy was up in the high country after brumbies. His own horse was a brumby, and it was considered to be the best there ever was. As well as the horse, Jimmy had a pet crow that traveled everywhere Jimmy went, even on the horse. This crow, it never ever left Jimmy's shoulder through thick and thin – it was a very faithful crow, which is a bit bizarre, because crows aren't well known for their faithfulness.

'One evening Jimmy spied this brumby and decided it would be worth catching, breaking in and selling, so he urged his horse to give chase. Well, the chase was really on, the brumby took off and kept ahead for miles across the open country. Jimmy's horse could just keep the brumby in sight and then the fleeing brumby came to a wide ravine, made a wide circle and leapt across the deep ravine. The wild horse made it with ease to the other bank and turned to see how its pursuer would handle the ravine. Well, Jimmy

spurred his horse to jump the ravine. The horse made a mighty leap and fairly flew through the air. The plucky animal just got his front hooves onto the far bank after that long, long leap, and scrambled up the bank to resume the chase.

'So, Jimmy's horse in managing to leap that huge ravine, with Jimmy on his back, goes to prove that his brumby was the best that ever was.'

At the bar, Bluey said, "That doesn't prove a thing. How wide was the ravine?"

"Wide?" asked Pat, "My oath, it was wide! I'll tell you it was wide all right, mate. Jimmy's crow decided to turn back half-way!".

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
Roger & Jean Stanley	Austin	London Taxi	1972
	LTI	London Taxi	1986
Correction	Jaguar	Mk 2	1961
Nathan Gardiner & Fiona Nelson	Ford	Cortina Zao	1965
	Morris	Mini 850	1962
Bill & Sandra Ballard	Ford	Model CX DL Rdstr	1938
	Ford	TW Ten Saloon	1937
	Ford	TW Ten Tourer	1938
	Ford	100E Escort Wagon	1960
Graeme & Vera Ridgway	MG	'B' Roadster	1973
Bruce & Valerie Mitchell	Morris	Oxford 'MO'	1950
Michael Carr & Donita Leonard	Triumph	TR3a	1958

Please note, Roger and Jean Stanley have been welcomed again, the reason for this is that an error appeared in the description of their Jaguar. Our apologies for any inconvenience this may have caused.

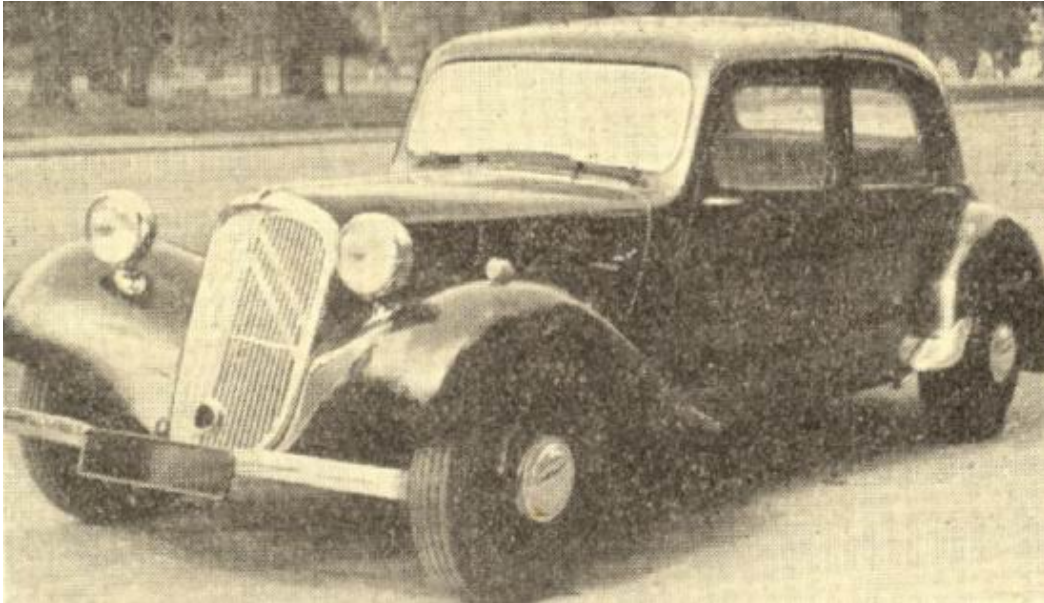
Pat Douglas – Membership.

Brain Teaser Answer: Their sums are 13 – but the real answer is that they both contain the same letters!

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 10:

CITROËN 15 h.p.



Still the car with the most advanced specification though its engineering features have been proved since 1934, particularly the front wheel drive so noted for pulling the car in the direction it is steered, so invaluable for cornering, and in eliminating the skid risk. The 15 h.p. imported saloon is British built and can give more advanced specifications than any vehicle in its price range. Independent suspension with torsion bar springing uninfluenced by road or rust. Detachable cylinder barrels and integral chassis and body are further proof that this is a car to keep – as previous Citroën owners will endorse. The gear lever is mounted on the dash panel.

1949 Text from Motor Manual Annual with thanks.

Editor note: This model Citroën was built in Slough, just west of London and therefore, just, qualifies for our British criteria. The car did have a significant level of British content.

CLUB REGALIA

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

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| 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. Jumbuck Jumper c/w ABCCC Logos | \$120.00 Each |
| 10. Jumbuck Jumper Less ABCCC Logos | \$100.00 Each |
| 11. Caps with Club Logo, Blue/Fawn | \$15.00 Each |
| 12. Caps with Club Logo, Black | \$12.50 Each |
| 13. Hats – Plain, Colour Fawn (Slightly Soiled) Large Size Only – Special at | \$5.00 Each |
| 14. 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.

Couldn't you handle an exciting week away after a dreary Melbourne winter?

Escape to **Norfolk Island Paradise** 27 August to 3 September 2005



Norfolk Island is a South Pacific (five by eight kilometre) island paradise not far from mainland Australia where the climate is mild and the scenery spectacular. It has many unique & interesting indigenous attractions. (Maybe we play Sherlock Holmes ?)

Captain Cook made the first European discovery in 1774. Years later a colonial penal colony was established and is described as the Southern Hemisphere's oldest and best preserved collection of Georgian buildings.

You will be tempted with the islands GST and Tax Free shopping, restaurants with excellent food, overwhelming views, national parks, open gardens, fishing, history and local culture. You will find the locals are very laidback; the food is locally organically grown; meet the descendants of the Bounty mutineers – Christian, Quintal, McCoy, etc; enjoy the friendliness and hospitality of the locals; note the speed limit is 50km/hr on the whole Island.

Come join Robert and Mary Nolan on a relaxing trip **planned** for 27 August to 3 September 2005. Please register your expression of interest as early as you can so that we have an estimate of numbers and thus can get a very good deal with the travel agency. To give you a current rough estimate of cost, we are looking at approx \$2000 p/p for the 8 days/7 nights, including flights, all breakfasts, all dinners, car hire (on a special basis), comprehensive sightseeing & admission to group attractions, for an unusual experience at a unique destination.

Deposits will be required once all is finalised and the balance of payment is due 60 days prior to travel. To travel to Norfolk Island you will either hold a valid Australian or New Zealand passport or "Official Document of Identity". Currency is Australian Dollars. Easy holidaying !

More detailed trip notes will follow once we have nussed out the details to make our stay pleasant, comfortable and unforgettable. Robert and Mary are still revising the itinerary for the trip and costings etc.

Please note you unfortunately cannot bring your Classic Car with you, but you can bring along snapshots of your Classic Cars so that it does not feel left out, as well as showing them off proudly to the islanders!



To help with costings, please register your interest by 10 February 2005 with Robert and Mary Nolan on either:

Home: 03 5978 7798 AH or

Email: marynolan@abccc.com.au or robnolan@bigpond.com

People currently expressing initial interest:

(Note: Mary lost her list of people interested at time of announcement at the Christmas lunch. If your name has either been omitted or inadvertently put on the list, please advise us again and accept our apologies)

Frank & Pat Douglas

Lyn & Ray Higginson

Jim Spence & Val Jefferyes

Barry Coates & Kate Moore

Paul Ross & Elinor Boyd

Colin & Joy Brown

WE ALL LOVE A PARADE!



At the Rotary Steam Rally, Echuca.



We have been assured that the Queen's Birthday Weekend Away is going to be one of those memorable occasions that should not be missed. The Rotary Steam Rally at the Murray River port of Echuca is one of those events that are so superbly organized that one slips back into yesteryear so easily. It is a most pleasant way to spend a day amongst so many exhibitors who are always willing to talk about their little piece of our rich history. We will be taking part in the Historic Vehicle Display on the Sunday.

Left: South of Echuca is the Rotary Steam Rally venue. Purple arrow shows entrance to rally site.

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. **BOOK NOW!**

It is proposed that on one evening we have a barbecue evening meal in the motel's courtyard that is sheltered on three sides and can seat thirty people. 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!



Arrow shows approx location of motel.

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

QUEEN'S BIRTHDAY WEEKEND AWAY – 11th to 13th June, 2005

Lyn Higginson.