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**A friendly family social motoring club**

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## **FLYING THE FLAG!**



A lovely cat basking in the Lakes Entrance sunshine.

1967 Jaguar 420 – Owned by Frank and Pat Douglas. Story inside.

*Please send in photographs of your British Classic so that it can be featured here – otherwise, more Jowett pictures!*

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The annual membership subscription for the ABCCC Inc. is \$35.00.

There is a once only joining fee of \$30.00. 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.

**THE ALL BRITISH CLASSICS CAR CLUB (VICTORIA) INC., FOUNDED - SEPTEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup> 1997**

**THE ABCCC IS AN ACTIVE MEMBER CLUB OF THE ASSOCIATION OF MOTORING CLUBS INC.**

**"Owning And/Or Appreciating the Spirit of Fine British Classics"**

**Your ABCCC News**

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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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> of each month. Articles published in *Your ABCCC News* may be used without permission. However, the ABCCC does ask that appropriate acknowledgment be given.

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#### 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.

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## 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 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.**

### September 2005

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| 14 | Mid-week Run – ABCCC Event            | Frank Douglas (03) 8704 2533 |
| 25 | Top of the City Tour – An ABCCC Event | Mike Allfrey (03) 9729 1480  |

### October 2005

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| 9  | The Great Pie and Gippsland Run – An ABCCC Event   | Rob Nolan (03) 5978 7798.   |
| 23 | Morning Tour & Lunch Run<br>This will be a scenic run and will finish for lunch at Kelly's Restaurant, Olinda. | Chris Newell (03) 9735 2335 |

### November 2005

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| 1  | Yarra Glen Races (Cup Day) – An ABCCC Event | Colin Brown (03) 5964 9291      |
| 20 | Mystery Bus Ride – ABCCC Event              | Ray Higginson (03) 9310 5286 BH |

### December 2005

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| 11 | Christmas Luncheon – ABCCC Event<br>Venue – RACV Country Club, Healesville. | Frank Douglas (03) 8704 2533 |
| 18 | Event to be advised.  |                              |

### January 2006

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| 22 | RACV Great Australian Rally – ABCCC Major Event | Frank Douglas (03) 8704 2533 |
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### April 2006

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| 1 – 7 | 5 <sup>th</sup> RACV Fly The Flag Tour – ABCCC Major Event | Frank Douglas (03) 8704 2533 |
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## EDITORIAL NOTES – ISSUE 89

It is getting a little bit bad, these magazines always seem to have a reason for being a trifle rushed at the finishing stage. This time it is the Norfolk Island trip that forms a very definite finish-by barrier.

In July, the AOMC conducted an Information Seminar for motoring clubs. The setting at the Veneto Club was very Italianate, and sitting there as proceedings commenced, it was easy to visualize Julius Caesar entering from stage-right! The sessions were most informative and the main speaker informed us that a club's primary existence should be fun. It was interesting to hear about examples of club meetings and the percentage of their time being bogged down in serious business. As high as eighty per cent of meeting times were serious discussion activities.

It appeared to be a fact that one make car clubs had meetings that were full of drudgery and, many clubs get tangled up with a great amount of time wasted on procedural and constitutional affairs – rather than having fun, which is what it should all be about. Fortunately our club is operating in a fun way and long should it continue to do so. The morning's session has been posted on the AOMC website and should be looked at by all club committee members.

In this issue, after a brief spell, we have interesting news on our major events, and we will keep you informed on their progress. Work is progressing apace on the RACV Great Australian Rally and, if you haven't got your entry in yet, do so soon. The same applies for the 5<sup>th</sup> RACV Fly The Flag Tour, which promises to be a bottler. There will be time for messing about in paddle steamers at Mildura. For the devoted paddle steamer enthusiasts, it may be possible to take a lingering look at the steamers on the mighty Murray River at Echuca and Swan Hill as well.

Pat Douglas has kindly copied a National Trust booklet of recipes and the heritage houses they come from in Victoria's Western District famous for excellent food. The first offering appears in this issue.

I am going to pack for Norfolk Island and plan to get some super-fresh air over there. A full report will be written on our return.

*Mike Allfrey.*

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## PAST AND FUTURE EVENT REPORTS

### THE 3<sup>rd</sup> GREAT ABCCC TRIVIA CHALLENGE – Friday 12<sup>th</sup> August, 2005

A magnificent evening for a splendid ABCCC Great Trivia Challenge in superb surroundings. For those who had to cancel for whatever reason, it was a great night and we missed you. We had enough people present to make six teams. The evening was cool and dank, but inside Meg Wood's Wine Bar and Deli, it was snug and warm. There was much to cover, so the purpose of the evening was soon underway. The Master of many cloaks, shrugged off the Wagon-Master cloak and slipped easily into that for Trivia Quiz-Master.



This year things were a little bit more difficult, the trivia quiz sheets only had question numbers listed – there were no written in questions for us to ponder over. It was all listen carefully and go! To cap it all off, there was a set of five questions that qualified for two points each. If these were answered incorrectly, two points were taken off the total score, if answered correctly two points were added. We soon had this under control, but the end twist did have an impact on final score totals.

*Left: Our Trivia Quiz-Master on full song, Session III.*

There were three sessions of twenty-five questions each. The first session gave us a feel for the difficulty of this, the Great ABCCC Trivia Challenge. Not only did we have to listen very carefully to the Trivia Quiz-Master, but also, food was being served at the same time – for some – a very clever distraction. The food, as always, was excellent, the *hors d'oeuvre* was sensational and the sausage rolls merited a ten out of ten from the Higginson Sausage Roll Appreciation Consulting Group. In fact, it has to be stated that these sausage rolls were neck and neck by the shortest of margins with those supplied to us by Dot Sawyer last year. It has to be something to do with being in the hills that makes those sausage rolls the splendid confection that they are!

The Great ABCCC Trivia Challenge – Results				
Team Name	Session I	Session II	Session III	Total Score
Rovers	5½	12	22	39½
Museum Mob	8½	3	26	37½
Italian Job	4½	18	24	46½
Koalas	4½	– 1	24	27½
Mummas & Poppers	4½	– 1	16½	20
Dead Beats	14	16	25½	55½

So, some of us managed to achieve minus results due to the scoring system for the last five questions of each session. There were also a few more than generous half points given and, in the end there was no need for a tied result play-off. As a benefit, our collective knowledge of Greek and Roman mythology has increased many-fold. The quiz was a good mix of topics and we all had a very enjoyable time. The prize was won by the team with the highest score – which is where it got a bit confusing due to one team having eight members where all the others had six. Whatever, the prize was won and, being a great chocolate cake, it was divided and distributed – thus, we were all winners!

Our thanks to Frank for being such an understanding Quiz-master, thanks also to Pat for administrating the challenge. Other grateful thanks are due to John and Meg Wood for providing the venue and the food which again, was superb.

*Mike Allfrey.*

### THE ABCCC MID-WEEK RUN – 14<sup>th</sup> September, 2005

On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September, we will meet at Coldstream at 10:00 am for a 10:15 am departure, close to the intersection of Killara Road.

Our route will take us up the Melba Highway (B300) to Yea, where we can have a refreshment stop before continuing on the Goulburn Valley Highway (B340), on which we will be passing through Homewood, Kerrisdale and Granite, before reaching our destination, Trawool Resort where a bistro lunch has been

booked. A lunch cost of \$20.00 has been negotiated. Trawool Resort is located on the right hand side of the highway and there is plenty of off-road parking available.

A suggested quiet return route would be to take the Upper Goulburn Road from Trawool to the Hume Freeway (M31), for the short run down to the Broadford-Kilmore exit and, at Broadford take the Broadford-Flowerdale Road (C382) to Flowerdale. Turn right in Flowerdale onto Yea Road (C725) to Kinglake West. From here we can disperse on our most convenient route home.

Route notes will be provided at Coldstream.

This is going to be a good one, fine spring weather has been organized, so it will be best to book early to avoid disappointment. We would appreciate your advice of attendance so that we can advise the Trawool Resort staff of our requirements. Please call Frank or Pat Douglas on (03) 8704 2533 or (03) 8704 2973 to confirm your attendance for this fun run.

*Frank Douglas.*

### **TOP OF THE CITY TOUR – Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September, 2005**



We are going to visit the Melbourne Observation Deck at Rialto Tower. Our meeting point is the reception foyer where the tour lift departs from, and we will meet at 10:37 am for a tour start at 11:00 am. A group booking tour price of \$9.50 adults and \$7.00 for concession/children/pensioners. This admission includes entry to the Observation Deck and to the Rialto Vision Theatre which shows a 20-minute film about Melbourne and Victoria. Lunch will be at Café 55 after the viewing activities.

The entrance to Rialto Tower is at 525 Collins Street, Melways Directory reference: Map 2F B6; UBD Directory reference: Map 1 G16.

The Rialto car park is closed on Sundays so alternative parking is being organized for you.

We definitely need to know numbers taking part in this event, our price is based on twenty or more in our group.

*Left: It is to the top that we will be vertically touring to.*

If you wish to join us on this exciting vertical tour, please call Mike and Sue Allfrey on (03) 9729 1480 to make your reservation. Close-off date is 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

We look forward to your joining us on this event.

*Mike Allfrey.*

### **MID-MORNING MYSTERY MEANDER – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2005**

Our Mystery Meander, organised by Chris Newell & Janet McGregor. 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 10:00 am for a 10:15 am start on our mystery tour that will take us to a venue in the hills for Brunch, where the meals are excellent (if you can remember last years destination), are of the best Australian tucker they even do an all day big breakfast if you fancy your bacon and eggs.

The venue is fully licensed and sells a selection of local Australian wines, and a selection of Aussie beers and English beers. Same as last year 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 only.

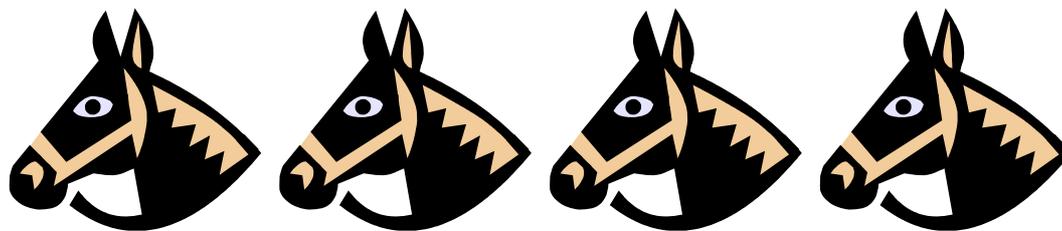
Route maps and instructions will all be provided at the starting point.

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

*Chris Newell.*

***A REMINDER!***  
***WE ARE REQUESTING MARSHALS FOR***  
***THE RACV GREAT AUSTRALIAN RALLY- 22<sup>ND</sup> JANUARY, 2006.***

## YARRA GLEN HARNESS RACE MEETING – 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2005



This enjoyable event is being organized by Colin Brown, but, because Colin and Joy are off to distant places for a well earned holiday, Tony Pettigrew will be taking bookings and selecting the cars that will be placed on display near the grandstand.

Come and enjoy a country race day with your fellow club members. We have hired two mini marquees in front of main grandstand.

Bookmakers and the TAB will be on hand to accept donations to the horse racing industry . So dress up, pack a picnic, a bottle of bubbly, and watch some great harness racing, and see all the thorough bred events on the big screen.

Cost Adults \$20 Children Free

Please make your bookings with Tony Pettigrew on (03)9739 1146.

*Colin Brown.*

## MYSTERY BUS TOUR – 20<sup>th</sup> November, 2005



This is one of our popular events and we will be taking part in a tour of great interest. The tour will commence with a BYO barbecue breakfast from 8:00 am at the electric barbecues on the Yarra River bank in Alexandra Avenue, South Yarra, west of Anderson Street. At left is an image from last year's breakfast – this year the weather is going to be even better.

Our bus, so generously provided by the universally acclaimed Higginson Charabanc Touring Company's fleet of modern will be one of the more than 454 horse-power touring coaches and it will depart, promptly, at 9:00 am for destinations unknown, but thought to be to the west of Melbourne, and maybe, up a little bit.

If you wish to join us on the Mystery Tour, please contact Ray Higginson on (03) 9310 5286 BH, or Lyn Higginson on (03) 9336 7306 AH. We do need to know numbers, so please advise of your intention early in order to not miss a seat. The tour will be limited by the size of the bus we will be using.

*Ray and Lyn Higginson.*

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## MAJOR EVENTS NEWS

### RACV GREAT AUSTRALIAN RALLY – Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2006

The next RACV Great Australian Rally will feature a new start venue for the city start area. The new venue will be Federation Square and, this will be used in conjunction with Brandon Park (Glen Waverley), Casey Civic Centre (Berwick) and Western Port Marina (Hastings). The committees for each start point and for the finish/display at Mornington Racecourse have now had two meetings each and work is progressing smoothly.

Next year we will be introducing the facility to accept rally participants at the start points. The rally fee will be slightly higher due to the lateness of the application.

We will be needing marshals at each of the start points as well as at Mornington. If you can help, please contact Frank Douglas, Ray Higginson, Tony Pettigrew or Mike Allfrey. The more marshals we get, the lighter the task on the day.

Further information about this important event will be featured in future magazines.

*Mike Allfrey.*

## RACV FLY THE FLAG TOUR – 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2006

The 5<sup>th</sup> RACV Fly The Flag Tour, 'The Rivers & Ocean Tour', is already well advanced in the planning stages. The next tour is going to be a really good one and our itinerary is as follows:

**Day One:** Melbourne to Yea – 102 km (63 miles); Yea to Shepparton – 119 km (74 miles); Shepparton to Echuca – 75 km (47 miles); Echuca to Kerang – 96 km (60 miles); the day's total – 392 km (244 miles).

**Day Two:** Kerang to Swan Hill – 59 km (37 miles); Swan Hill to Mildura – 235 km (146 miles); the day's total – 294 km (183 miles).

**Day Three:** In Mildura area – rest day.

**Day Four:** Mildura to Horsham – 311 km (193 miles)

**Day Five:** Horsham to Port Fairy – 214 km (133 miles); Port Fairy to Warrnambool – 29 km (18 miles); the day's total – 243 km (151 miles).

**Day Six:** Warrnambool to Lorne – 168 km (104 miles).

**Day Seven:** Lorne to Melbourne – 138 km (86 miles).

**Tour Distance:** 1546 kilometres (961 miles)

Following the high demand for places as Marshals for the RACV Fly The Flag Tour, it was necessary to hold a ballot to fill the twenty-two places required. Thankyou for your interest and for volunteering so generously. A list of the Marshals balloted for the position follows:

### Team 'A'

Ray & Lyn Higginson (Senior Marshal)  
Frank Sawyer & Val MacRae  
Bill & Terri Allen  
Tore & Connie Pannuzzo  
Ken & Karen McDonald

### Team 'B'

Tony & Maxine Pettigrew (Senior Marshal)  
Carl Gibson & Barry Kuriata  
Nello & Diane Mafodda  
Bryan & Anne Tootell  
Harry & Jean Cooper  
Ross & Pat Wolstenholme

A block booking for Marshal accommodation has been made, it is necessary for the marshals to confirm their individual bookings with the suggested accommodation venues:

Kerang – Barham All Seasons Motor Lodge, Telephone Number 5453 2900

Mildura – Commodore Motor Inn, Telephone Number 5023 0241

Horsham – Commodore Major Mitchell Motor Inn, Telephone Number 5382 0125

Warrnambool – Olde Maritime Motor Inn, Telephone Number 5561 1415

Lorne – Lorne Hotel, Telephone Number 5289 1409

As planning work continues on this, one of our major events, we will keep you informed as news comes to hand. If you have not already booked for the Tour, do so now to avoid disappointment.

*Mike Allfrey.*

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## A PRESIDENTIAL JAGUAR

*The magnificent Jaguar gracing our front cover is owned by Frank and Pat Douglas and Frank tells us a bit about the car here:*

This Jaguar was purchased some eighteen months ago from a dealer who had a good story to tell about its heritage. On checking, a good proportion of that story is questionable, so, what we really know is that the car has had a great deal of money spent up-grading it. Lots of receipts for work done, and these check out. In addition, the engine has since been given a top overhaul, a new radiator core installed, a new set of tyres and the rear main crankshaft seal has been replaced with a Ford seal. This is said to be better than the Jaguar seal which is notorious for leaking oil.

The body was well filled with great amounts of BOG, but Bill Bonner, our club member, cut this and a fair bit of rust out and replaced the suspect panels. So, at the end of the road, having got the bugs out, we now have a very nice reliable 4.2 litre baby Jag.

*Frank Douglas.*

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## A UNIQUE PRESENTATION



It was at the Historic Vehicle Clubs Presidents' Cocktail Party in honour of opening the new RACV Club premises at 501 Bourke Street recently that we took the opportunity to present a portrait to ABCCC club member, David Bullard. David is the immediate past President and Chairman of the RACV Board. This presentation was our way of thanking David for the successful bringing together of the RACV and the enthusiast historic vehicle clubs of Victoria during his time as President and Chairman of the RACV Board.

The ABCCC has worked with David to promote an excellent understanding between the RACV and the historic vehicle club movement, and it was very appropriate that our presentation by Frank Douglas, was made to David on the propitious occasion of the opening of 501 Bourke Street.

We recognize the value of David's help and guidance in bringing our clubs and the RACV together, and thank him, because it is greatly appreciated.

Long may it carry on!

## OUR CLUB'S FINANCES

### Treasurer's Report for the Period 1<sup>st</sup> January to 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2005

Cash Balance 1 <sup>st</sup> January, 2005		5913.23
Add Receipts Comprising:		
Members' Subscriptions	2800.00	
Club Events – Christmas-in-July	3615.00	
Club Events – Other	55.83	
Sales of Club Merchandise	738.00	
Donations Received – RACV	7000.00	
Donations Received – AOMC	5000.00	
Bank Interest Received	34.75	
		<u>19243.58</u>
<b>Sub Total</b>		<b>25156.81</b>

Deduct Payments Comprising:		
Club Events – Christmas-in-July	4313.60	
Club Events – Other	327.35	
Purchase of Club Merchandise	567.07	
Bank Charges	21.70	
AGM Fee	35.80	
Postage and Stationery	1916.52	
Registration – Trailer	32.10	
Portrait	1933.78	
Name Tags	227.70	
Internet Connection	454.95	
Trophies	1061.60	
RACV Great Australian Rally Deposit	100.00	
		<u>10992.17</u>

**Cash Balance 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2005** **14164.64**

### Summary – Christmas-In-July, Tokar Estate

#### RECEIPTS:

\$40.00 by 70 Attendees	2800.00
Auction Proceeds – Hat	50.00

Auction Proceeds – Wall Hanging	65.00	
Auction Proceeds – Painting	700.00	Auction Total 815.00
Total	<u>3615.00</u>	

PAYMENTS:	
Tokar Estate	3770.00
Trophies	371.00
Framing	92.00
Refund	80.00
Total	<u>4313.60</u>

Net Cost of the Event to ABCCC 698.60

Break-up of payments to Tokar Estate:	
\$45.00 by 68 Attendees	3060.00
Plus \$10.00 for J Wood (who paid \$80.00 Direct to Tokar Estate)	10.00
Wine Cost	700.00

3770.00

*Tony Hodges – Hon. Treasurer.*

## JUST HOW BIG IS IT?

It was after examining the photographs taken at the Annual Dinner by Frank Sawyer that we noticed that, in some of them, Colin Brown was describing something big, and it got bigger. What was it? We would really like to know! Maybe Joy is telling us how it really is – who knows?



1. Colin, centre, describes how big it is.



2. It must be quite something!



3. Is it really worth bragging about?



4. Some don't believe it!



5. But Joy shows us how it really is!

Now, what we want from our readers are some captions, humorous of course! No doubt there will be a small prize for the winner – at the Editor's discretion.

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## SOBERING RESEARCH RESULTS – FÜR DIE LEDERHOSEN TRINKER, JA!



Bavarian men might want to rethink their annual Oktoberfest revels in light of a new study.

### There's Trouble Brewing, Guys

You have to hope that this study is flawed, but the evidence it seems irrefutable. Several months ago, scientists at Europe's annual reproduction conference suggested that the results of recent analysis revealed the presence of female hormones in beer, and suggested that men should take a look at their beer consumption. The theory is that drinking beer makes men turn into women.

To test the theory, 100 men were each fed six pints of beer within a one hour period. It was then observed that 100 per cent of the men gained weight, talked excessively without making sense, became overly emotional, couldn't drive, failed to think rationally, argued over nothing, had to sit down while urinating, couldn't perform sexually, and refused to apologise when wrong.

No further testing is planned.

*Ross Gardiner, Frank Douglas et al.*

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## A MOUTH-WATERING RECIPE FROM BARNOOLUT

This property was first established in the early 1920s, having had two owners before it was acquired by Dr. Edwin Crozier. After the end of the First World War, Dr. Crozier went to Cambridge and completed a Medical Degree. He married Nancy Legoe (an Australian) and returned to Australia where they eventually bought 'Barnoolut' and spent the rest of their married life there. Barnoolut is located in Victoria's splendid Western District.



### Apricot Chicken – Ingredients

- 6 Chicken Pieces (Breasts, Drumsticks or Thighs)
- 6 Large Mushrooms (Cut into Pieces)
- 1 Tin Small Tomatoes
- 1 Packet, French Onion Soup
- Garlic Granules
- Fresh Ground Pepper
- 1 Large Can Apricot Nectar

### Method

Sprinkle garlic granules over the chicken pieces. Put all ingredients into a casserole dish, cover with apricot nectar. Cook in moderate oven (160 – 180 °C) for approximately one hour.

Serve with French potatoes or steamed rice and green beans. It can also be served with a green salad for lunch. *Mrs. Nancy Crozier.*

*Compiled by Joanne Dickinson.  
Illustration by Jill Williams.  
With thanks to the National Trust.*

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## YOUR CLUB'S ANNIVERSARY

On 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 1997 the All British Classics Car Club (Vic.) Inc. was formed. This auspicious September date this year marks the eighth anniversary of our club. Foundation members Frank Douglas, Pat Douglas, Tony Hodges, Nello Mafodda and Colin Hallam met to form an incorporated club. A short time later, the first general meeting was held and forty members attended. Since then our club has grown to have more than one hundred and fifteen members – and it is still growing!

It is important that we remember when our club was started and we should mark our anniversaries in a special way. Maybe, this year and since it is the closest event to the anniversary date, we should drink a toast to our club during the luncheon at the Trawool Resort on our first mid-week run.

## A SPECIAL OFFER

We have just received from the supplier a shipment of car badges. These are 90 mm (3½") diameter, made of brass with an outstanding design coloured in enamel. We are giving each club membership FREE one badge, and a second one may be purchased for only \$10.00, about half the cost of making these top class badges. The only catch is that you will be given your new badge at the next ABCCC event YOU ATTEND. See either Bill Allen or Pat Douglas and they will give you your badge and cross your name off the list. This offer is only valid till Christmas, and we look forward to seeing lots of ABCCC car badges on nice cars.

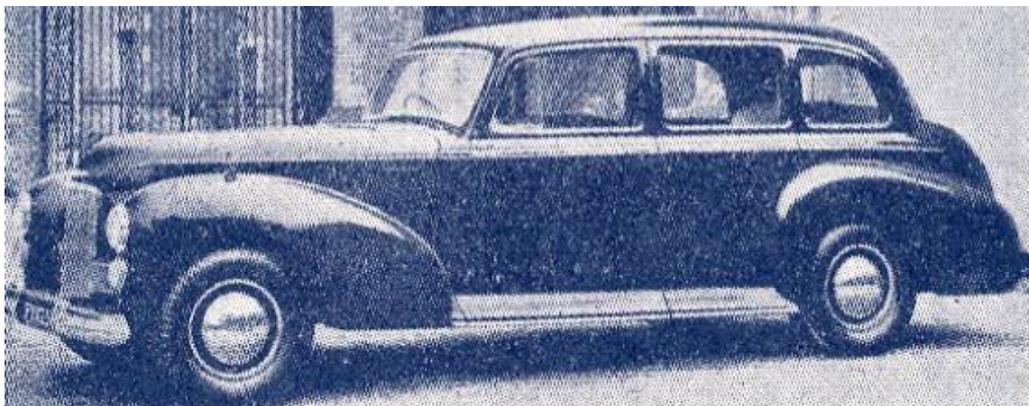
*Frank Douglas – President.*

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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 British cars here. It is now 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 15:

### HUMBER PULLMAN 27 h.p. Limousine



*Without losing its typical Humber character, the new Pullman has a longer length of 17 ft. 6½ in. and incorporates new coachwork by a leading English firm specializing in the restricted limousine field. The streamlined front is restrained and the well-known 6 cylinder Super Snipe engine is continued. A new braking system with two-leading-shoe brakes, a new synchromesh gearbox with steering column control are notable features. The interior is partitioned with speaker grille behind the front-seat. Running board lights, radio controls in arm rests, two occasional folding seats, a larger luggage compartment and air conditioning are just a few of the comforts incorporated in this outstanding Rootes production.*

*From Motor Manual, 1949. With Thanks.*

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## CLUB REGALIA

New car badges are now available at a special LOW price of just \$10.00 plus postage. These are made of brass and are 90 mm diameter. Before committing to purchase, see special offer on Page 11. They are very smart and can be obtained by contacting the writer. The pre-existing club car badge remains at \$35.00, so you will realize that this new badge is a STEAL! Get yours now.

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. Stainless Steel Key Ring (New!)   | \$10.00 Each  |
| 3. Window Decal – Club Logo  | \$2.00 Each   |
| 4. Cloth Badge – 75 mm Diameter with Club Logo                               | \$3.50 Each   |
| 5. Cloth Badge – 205 mm Diameter with Club Logo                              | \$25.00 Each  |
| 6. Club Polo Top White and Blue (some with ABCCC on collar) All Sizes        | \$35.00 Each  |
| 7. Club Polo Top White and Black – Small Size Only                           | \$7.50 Each   |
| 8. Club Polo Tops 1 White, 1 Dark Blue (Small Size Only)                     | \$12.50 Each  |
| 9. Tee Shirts White, Black with Club Logo (Small Size Only)                  | \$7.50 Each   |
| 10. Jumbuck Jumper c/w ABCCC Logos   | \$120.00 Each |
| 11. Jumbuck Jumper Less ABCCC Logos  | \$100.00 Each |
| 12. Caps with Club Logo, Blue/Fawn   | \$15.00 Each  |
| 13. Caps with Club Logo, Black   | \$12.50 Each  |
| 14. Hats – Plain, Colour Fawn (Slightly Soiled) Large Size Only – Special at | \$5.00 Each   |
| 15. 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. The new key rings are rather special, place your orders now.

For all your Club Regalia requirements, please contact me on (03) 9846 2323.

*Bill Allen – Regalia Purveyor.*

## FOR SALE

### 1966 Humber Super Snipe



This superb and dependable motor car is offered for sale by club member Peter Chandler. It is currently operated on the Victorian Club Permit Scheme, and proudly carries the red plate number CH-7312. The Engine Number is 8084700850. The car is in very good condition and has had considerable upgrade and maintenance carried out by Downshire Motors.

Asking price is \$8,000.00.

Please contact Peter on (03) 9572 1112 or,

E-mail [peter.c.chandler@bigpond.com.au](mailto:peter.c.chandler@bigpond.com.au)

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## NEWS FROM CHINA

*In this item, taken from the AOMC Newsletter, Speciality Equipment Market Association (SEMA) has a look at regulatory issues that have come into play in China. This one could have ramifications for companies wishing to do business abroad. This item has been produced here for information purposes only.*

Consumers in China seeking to personalize their vehicles are having a more difficult time doing so thanks to new government requirements. In May of last year, the central government passed the National Traffic Safety Regulations of 2004. The law prohibits the changing of the dimensions of the vehicle – length, breadth, height and even colour. Motorists making unauthorized changes are required to pay a substantial fee and change their vehicle back to OE stock.

When cars are licensed, the Vehicle Management Bureau (VMB) takes a photo of the exterior of the vehicle. Each motorist is required to keep this picture in his or her vehicle at all times. The photograph is referred to at the mandatory annual inspection and may be used by the police throughout the year to ensure that no unauthorized changes were made.

In order to legally install aftermarket products, the U.S. Consulate in Shanghai noted that consumers can ". . . go to their local VMB, which is typically under the Public Security Bureau (police) to seek approval to modify their car, including changing the colour and other exterior changes". The law refers only to the exterior of a vehicle, and under-hood changes are therefore not directly regulated.

Ms. Shui Cong Fang, secretary general of Shanghai Automotive Parts Circulating Trade Association, noted that the Regulation of Road Safety includes a ban on modifying the structures and features of registered vehicles as of 1<sup>st</sup> May, adding a roadblock to the path of the burgeoning car tuning industry.

The regulations relating to automobile modifications in China are open to interpretation by local officials, which leads to a lack of consistency in enforcement. Indeed, sales of accessories and performance products are growing rapidly, and one chain-store operator noted, "As long as the safety issue is covered, then being in a grey area as far as the rules of what you are and aren't allowed to do to your car is okay. If it is safe, the government won't care really. So you can modify your Soueast Lioncel or your Toyota Corolla as long as you do it safely".

Numerous car club members, asked about government oversight, insisted that it has not yet been an issue for them, though other clubs perceived a very different situation. Said a representative of the Lu Tong Club; "I think the government doesn't really worry much about the car clubs and what we do with cars sometimes". Jun Li of *China Motor* magazine notes that the speciality equipment market is booming in China as "... more and more car owners are youth who always want to show their character and fashion, hence they attach importance to the automobile that ..." there are about two-hundred tuning stores in Beijing and four-hundred to five-hundred or so in southern cities".

Some enthusiasts add accessories but change the car back for its annual inspection. Other motorists get around the restriction by arranging to have the vehicle modified by the dealer before the VMB has had a chance to make an official record of the vehicle.

*From SEMA News April, 2005 – With Thanks.*

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# The Great Pie and Gippsland Run

Sunday 9 October 2005

Come for a peaceful scenic drive through a small but interesting part of lovely South East Gippsland. An enjoyable day, all food catered for. Just bring your "comfy" walking shoes.

**Meeting spot:** The Aussie Pie Stop – on Princes Highway, Narre Warren (Melways 110 D5) right near Overland Drive, next to Red Rooster (Fountain Gate Shopping Centre).

If you feel like a **hearty** start to the day, **come** for an Aussie breakfast of 2 eggs, bacon & toast with billy tea and/or coffee (only \$7.95). Extras available – mushrooms, sausages, etc. If you haven't been here before, you won't believe the selection of pies and other foods available !

Breakfast **from 7:30am** or arrive around 8:30am for a **9:00am sharp "take-off"**!

**For the girls** – first stop is a bargain price pottery with lots of ceramic Christmas present possibilities, a free raffle and early morning tea/coffee and biscuits.

**For the boys (& the girls)** – a "surprise" Museum with a difference, if you haven't been to this one before, it's definitely different and unique! Where is it, you say? (It's a surprise) We get a "Guided Tour" with morning tea and biscuits provided for \$6 a head.

Then the scenic drive starts and we plan to have an "Organic" lunch at a "picturesque surprise destination" (weather permitting) otherwise a good pub lunch for under \$17 including tea and coffee.

Late afternoon is free but the suggestion can be a group visit to Coal Creek Heritage Village in Korumburra, where we can have a good laugh together, or visit other interesting local attractions.



**Please RSVP** to Rob & Mary on either 5978 7798 or [MaryNolan@abccc.com.au](mailto:MaryNolan@abccc.com.au) by Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2005 for catering purposes.

**Also** let us know if you want breakfast or not !

*Rob & Mary Nolan.*

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## SMILE A WHILE!

Two Irishmen walk into a pet shop in Dingle. They head to the bird section and Gerry says to Paddy, "Dat's dem". The owner comes over and asks if he can help them. "Yeah, we'll take four of dem dere little budgies in dat cage up dere", says Gerry. The owner puts the budgies in a paper bag, Paddy and Gerry pay for the birds, leave the shop and get into Gerry's truck and drive to the top of Connors pass.

At the Connors Pass, Gerry looks down at the 1,000 feet drop and says, "Dis looks like a grand place", and takes two birds out of the bag, puts them on his shoulders and jumps off the cliff. Paddy watches as Gerry falls all the way to the bottom, killing himself stone dead. Looking down at the remains of his best pal, Paddy shakes his head and says, "Blow dat, dis budgie jumping is too damn blamin' dangerous for me!" *There is more!*

Moments later Seamus arrives up at Connors Pass. He's been to the pet shop too and walks up to the edge of the cliff carrying another paper bag in one hand and a shot gun in the other. "Hi, Paddy. Watch dis", Seamus says. He takes a parrot from the bag and throws himself over the edge of the cliff. Paddy watches as halfway down, Seamus takes the gun and shoots the parrot. Seamus continues to plummet down and down until he hits the bottom and breaks every bone in his body. Paddy shakes his head and says, "And I'm never tryin' dat arrotshooting either!" *But, there's still more!*

Paddy is just getting over the shock of losing two friends when Sean Og appears. He's also been to the pet shop and is carrying a paper bag out of which he pulls a chicken. Sean Og then hurls himself off the cliff and disappears down and down until he hits on a rock and breaks his spine.

Once more, Paddy shakes his head. "Fook dat, lads. First dere was Gerry with his budgie jumping, den Seamus and his parrotshootin', and now Sean Og and his blamin' hengliding!"

*From The Handlebar Express – Williamstown Motorcycle club Magazine.  
With Thanks.*