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Your ABCCC News

A Day At The Yarra Glen Harness Races!



It is on again, we have booked a marquee for displaying our cars and this time it is first in best covered from the sun! See page for more details.

Please send in photographs of your British Classic so that it can be featured here – otherwise, definitely 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 Val Jefferyes and Jim Spence, PO Box 8092, Burnt Bridge, Victoria, 3134.

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

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"Owning And/Or 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. 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.

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. Events organizers, please get your event information to the Editor – SOON!

November 2006

- 4 – 5 88th Lake Goldsmith Steam Rally – Lake Goldsmith Steam Preservation Soc (03) 5342 4521
Celebrating 60 Years Of The Ferguson TE 20 Tractor.
Venue – Lake Goldsmith, Via Beaufort, Victoria.
- 7 A Day At The Races – An ABCCC Event Colin Brown (03) 5964 9291
Venue – Yarra Glen Racecourse, Yarra Glen, Victoria.
- 18 – 19 Bendigo National Swap Meet – A Federation Event
Venue – Prince of Wales Showgrounds, Bendigo, Victoria.
- 26 Observation Run – An ABCCC Event Chris Newell (03) 9735 2335
Start Point – Lilydale International Club, Nelson Road, Lilydale, Victoria.

December 2006

- 3 Christmas Luncheon – An ABCCC Event Frank Douglas (03) 9739 4829
Venue – The Lilydale International Club, Nelson Road, Lilydale, Victoria.

January 2007

- 14 Rally Bag Stuffing Day – An ABCCC Activity Frank Douglas (03) 9739 4829
Venue – 14 Grand Valley Drive, Chirnside Park, Victoria.
- 21 RACV Great Australian Rally – An ABCCC Marshalled Event Frank Douglas (03) 9739 4829
Starts – Docklands, Brandon Park, Casey Civic Centre & Hastings

February, 2007

- 4 10th Annual General Meeting of the All British Classics CC. Frank Douglas (03) 9739 4829
Venue – 79 Basin-Olinda Road, The Basin.
- 18 Walk Gumbeville – Marysville An ABCCC Event Frank Sawyer 0408 633 778

March 2007

- 4 Cranbourne Botanic Gardens Run – An ABCCC Event Jim Spence 0412 808 050
- 24 – 30 RACV Fly The Flag Tour – An ABCCC Marshalled Event Frank Douglas (03) 9739 4829
Rivers And Alpine Tour Of Victoria.

April 2007

- 15 Visit to Monsalvat – An ABCCC Event. Anne Tootell (03) 9891 6905
- 21 – 22 Como Open Gardens Weekend

May 2007

- 6 Run to Red Hill & Arthur's Seat – An ABCCC Event Rob Nolan (03) 5978 7798
- 16 Mid-week Run to Mont de Lancy – An ABCCC Event Colin Brown (03) 5964 9291
- 26 – 27 31st Historic Winton – Austin 7 Club Inc.

June 2007

- 8 – 11 Reunion With ABCCC (Queensland) – An ABCCC Joint Event Frank Douglas (03) 9739 4829
Venue – Lucky Strike Motel, Tomingley, New South Wales.
- 29 Great ABCCC Trivia Challenge and Show & Tell Night Mike Allfrey (03) 9729 1480

July 2007

- 8 Visit to Puckapunyal – An ABCCC Event Bryan Tootell (03) 9891 6905
- 22 Annual Dinner (Xmas in July) – An ABCCC Event Colin Brown (03) 5964 9291

August 2007

- 5 An ABCCC Lunch Run Geoff Birkett (03) 9755 1772
- 19 Queenscliff Run – An ABCCC Event Tony Hodges 0419 307 026

September 2007

- 5 Mid-week Run to Trawool Resort – An ABCCC Event Frank Douglas (03) 9739 4829
- 22 – 23 Indulgence Tour to Bright – An ABCCC Event Peter McKiernan (03) 9787 6003

October 2007

- 7 To Be Advised
- 20 – 21 Como Gardens Open Day
- 28 The RACV/AOMC City To Cape Run – The AOMC Inc. Iain Ross (03) 9890 0524

Note The Revised Date!

November 2007

- 3 – 6 Club Holiday at Wilson's Promontory – An ABCCC Event Jim Spence 0412 808 050
17 – 18 National Swap Meet – Bendigo
25 Run to Point Nepean – An ABCCC Event Anne Tootell (03) 9891 6905

December 2007

- 9 Christmas Luncheon – An ABCCC Event Frank Douglas (03) 9739 4829
16 To Be Advised.

June 2008

- 7 – 9 The Echuca Steam Rally – An ABCCC Weekend Run Lyn Higginson (03) 9336 7306
Please Place it in your Diary!

Note: The above listed events may require confirmation.

EDITORIAL NOTES – ISSUE 102

We had a successful Events Planning Meeting on 8th October and the provisional calendar is shown commencing on Page 3. It should be noted that there could be some minor changes to dates, venues and organizers, however, all of that should be resolved in time for handing out Events Calendars at our Christmas luncheon function in December. Fingers crossed of course! It is timely to thank those who put in such an effort this year, and further thanks to those already working on next year's events. This is a wonderful effort.

But we can't rest on our laurels just yet! The RACV Great Australian Rally is just around the year's corner, and we are asking you to give due consideration to assisting with the smooth running of this important event. Club funds are raised from our assistance, helping to keep our annual subscription as low as it is. If you can spare the time to help us at Mornington, please contact Ray Higginson who is co-ordinating the marshalling activities. Just so that the ladies don't feel as if they have missed out, help is needed for ticket sales and verification at the public entrance turnstiles. Please contact Lyn Higginson if you can help with this very important task,

On the Sunday before the RACV Great Australian Rally, we will be holding our Rally Bag Stuffing and barbecue lunch day. Remember that many hands make light work, so that the task will be completed easily in time for a superb lunch. We look forward to a good turn out for this one.

Our search for the Venerable British Classic Car seems to have stalled at just the Rover P3 '75'. Surely there are other worthy candidates out there that can put up a challenge to the Rover – but then . . .

Tore Pannuzzo has kindly written an item on the trip he made with Frank Douglas to have a close look at the world famous Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance. Unfortunately Tore did not enclose any photos of out of reach to mere mortals, exotic cars that must have been on display at that magnificent event. I have read somewhere recently that it was a Daimler Double Six that took out the top award. At the end of Tore's article I have reproduced an image of a similar car – I think! Anyway the motor car in the illustration was featured in an edition of those excellent little books put out in the 1970s by Profile Publications. The owner of the Daimler was a Mr Burnett Esq., and in my younger days I used to see the huge Daimler when I visited Mr Burnett's farm to service their tractors. Several times, while I was there, the Daimler was out in the yard being warmed up for a run. Down the road a few miles, there was a huge Delage in the stables of the Royal Oak pub. This motor car was still in wartime storage in the mid-1950s. Both of those cars made a huge impression on me at the time and I can remember my father trying to buy the Delage – but it was never for sale. On another farm, not far away, there was a superbly maintained Riley Blue Streak Kestrel, still in war time storage. I wonder what happened to those cars?

Mike Allfrey.

MAJOR EVENTS NEWS

THE RACV GREAT AUSTRALIAN RALLY – Sunday 21st January, 2007

Preparations are well in hand for this, our first major event for 2007. All start point committees are meeting regularly and we are now gearing up for our Rally Bag Stuffing Day to be held on Sunday 14th January, 2007. The rally bag stuffing operation will commence at 10:00 am and the venue is 14 Grand Valley Drive, Chirnside Park, Melways Map 37 Reference K5.

Maybe it is because of the high temperatures endured at this year's RACV Great Australian Rally, that entries are a bit lower than they were at the same time last year. We have stocks of entry forms, so, if you

know people who would like to take part in this grand event, we would be delighted to pass on entry forms. All the proceeds gained from the rally go to Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre. 'Peter Mac' as it is affectionately known, is Australia's foremost cancer centre. The strengths of Peter Mac are its patient-centred care, its dedication to research and its ability to investigate and utilize new patient treatments. Peter Mac also trains new generations of doctors, scientists, nurses and allied health professionals.

Over the years we have raised significant funds for Peter Mac and it is our aim to maintain that tradition.

The RACV Great Australian Rally, is organized and conducted by our club and all entered vehicles must be twenty-five years old and older. The rally is open to Veteran, Vintage, Classic, Modern Classic vehicles, as well as motor cycles, historic commercial vehicles and Street Machines. The RACV Great Australian Rally is a Victorian Club Permit Scheme authorized event, and all clubs operating vehicles on the scheme are invited to join in on this great event.

The 2007 RACV Great Australian Rally will have four start locations:

Docklands; Civic Centre, City of Casey; Brandon Park Shopping Centre, Mulgrave;
and Western Port Marina, Hastings

All enquiries regarding vehicle entry and the routes taken should be directed to the rally organizer Frank Douglas. In addition, Colin Brown is deputising for Frank this year. Colin can be contacted on telephone number (03) 5964 9291, and Frank can be contacted on telephone number (03) 9739 4829.

MARSHALS FOR RACV GREAT AUSTRALIAN RALLY

A crucial part of our planning for the RACV Great Australian Rally is the need for marshals to assist with registering rally participants, assisting with the vehicle flag-off activities at each start point and assistance with traffic flow and parking at the finish point display at Mornington Racecourse. It does sound like a large amount to undertake, but the more of us there are to help, the easier it will be. In addition, it is great fun being closely involved with such an exciting event. If you can help in any way, please contact Ray Higginson who is coordinating the various marshalling activities on the day.

Call Ray on telephone number (03) 9336 7306 AH to volunteer your help. Thankyou.

TICKET SALES AT THE RACV GREAT AUSTRALIAN RALLY

To help complete our plans for the RACV Great Australian Rally, we are calling for volunteers to assist with ticket sales and ticket verification at the public entry gates at Mornington Racecourse. If you can provide some help with, what is probably, one of the most important aspects of the Rally, please contact Lyn Higginson who is co-ordinating ticket sales.

Call Lyn on telephone number (03) 9336 7306 AH to volunteer your help. Thankyou.

The Rally Committee.

THE 6th RACV FLY THE FLAG TOUR – 24th to 30th March, 2007

This highly popular event is now 94 per cent fully booked, so, if you haven't booked yet, do so quickly. Numbers have to be strictly limited due to catering limitations at some venues. Our club can bask in glory on this one! Reading Tour reports in other clubs' newsletters, it is encouraging to read glowing accounts of how well this event is conducted. All of that praise is due to our marshalling skills and having the philosophy of looking after the tour participants right from the start to the finish.

The RACV Fly The Flag Tour will now be starting from Centro Keilor Shopping Centre (Melways Map 14 Reference B8). More details about this change in plan will be shown in the next magazine.

However, once more we are calling for some help. If anyone can help with cooking and handing out breakfasts to all entrants, please contact either Mike Allfrey (9729 1480), Ray Higginson (9336 7306), Tony Pettigrew (9739 1146) or Frank Douglas (9739 4829) to volunteer your help. All of these telephone numbers are 'at home' numbers.

There is one important point to make about our Dinner Plain accommodation. The central booking reservation office may ask for the balance of the full payment by 1st November. This is a typing error and the balance is in fact due forty-five days prior to arrival. There is also a security deposit (bond) that will be payable upon arrival. This deposit is required because some of us will be staying in privately owned holiday homes. It seems that some who rent these places do not treat them very nicely – hence the \$500 bond. The reservation office will 'charge' this bond by means of manually imprinting from your credit card and holding it until the cleaners have been through the unit. If there is no damage found, the credit card imprint slip will be immediately shredded. It would be advisable that, if serious damage is found upon entry to a unit, then the reservation office should be contacted straight away to report the matter.

Mike Allfrey.

PAST AND FUTURE EVENT REPORTS

RUN TO PORT ARLINGTON – Sunday 1st October, 2006

OLÉ! We were blessed with a fine mild sunny day with a freshening breeze for our outdoor lunch at the Port Pier Café, right by the fishing harbour at Port Arlington. Present were two Armstrong Siddeleys, three MGs, a Ford Cortina, a Rover and a modern Jaguar from the motor car aspect. Rob and Mary Nolan had brought their newly-acquired MGBGT around the bay and then home across on the Queenscliff ferry. This is a freshly restored New British Racing Green MG that looks absolutely right. It was nice to see Graeme and Paddy Hutchinson's black Armstrong Siddeley, with red side stripe, enjoying the spring burst of sunshine. Tony Hodges had brought his nice two-tone Sapphire for a pleasant run.



Lunch took the form of Spanish *tapas* (appetisers) in the form of delicious omelette pieces containing eggs, potatoes and onions, then came tender chicken pieces accompanied by fried potato pieces gently spiced and served with a sour cream sauce. Then came two dishes of cooked mussels, the first with a light cheese sauce and the second with a tomato-based sauce with crusty bread for soaking up the sauce.

After all that, it was time for the *paella*, a lightly spiced rice dish with prawns and mussels. If you liked mussels, it was a meal not to be missed – for those who enjoy mussels.

We went to walk off the excesses along the pier and had a good look at the fishing and shell fish boats at rest. After our return to our cars, it was time to head for home.

Our thanks to Tony Hodges for putting it all together and it was nice to see the 'new' MG participating in its first event with us.

Mike Allfrey.

A DAY AT THE YARRA GLEN HARNESS RACES – Tuesday 7th November, 2006

It is on again, we have booked a marquee for displaying our cars and this time it is first in best covered from the sun! No matter, the ultimate choice is Colin Brown's – but being early might help.

Display cars to be admitted before 10 AM. We will collect entry fee from these members and pay the club. All other members will park in general parking area and pay admission at gate \$20.00.

Bring picnic lunch to marquee (alcohol to be purchased at venue, unless you know how to smuggle). Lots of food stalls if required.

Fashion on the field, music, harness racing, large screen for seeing your horse come last in the Melbourne Cup, and an opportunity to be a winner in the Sweep.

The venue for this enjoyable event is Yarra Glen Racecourse, enter from Armstrong Grove which is on the left heading out of Yarra Glen towards Healesville (C726), Melways Map 275, Reference B1.

For more details of this fun-filled day out, with BYO everything, please call Colin Brown on 0408 343 176 or (03) 5964 9291. We do need to know numbers so that appropriate arrangements can be made for the display cars.

Colin Brown.

OBSERVATION RUN – Sunday 26th November, 2006

Our Observation Run this year will end with a cosy get together with enjoyable company. We will meet at the car park of the Lilydale International Club, Nelson Road, Lilydale at 9:30 am for a 9:45 am staggered start. Cars will be starting the run at one (1) minute intervals. Route details and maps will be handed out at the start point. Sorry! But I can't tell you the directions, as that will spoil the fun of the run. All roads are sealed and, providing it does not rain, they will also be dry. Emergency contact mobile telephone numbers will be supplied for those that think they may get lost. Arrangements have been made with the proprietors to reserve the room with balcony for up to forty people, but we can fit more if needed. It will be a nice day, so we can sit on the balcony and enjoy our meal.

The drive will take 1½ to 2 hours maximum, with some clues and questions along the way through some of Victoria's best countryside. The run will end at a beautiful little wine bar/restaurant in the Eastern Suburbs about a fifty minute drive from the City. I have chosen a different venue this year from previous years and the menu caters for Breakfast, Lunch or Brunch. It is a comprehensive menu that covers Breakfast, Your ABCCC News – November, 2006. Fellowship, Friendship = All British Classics Car Club Page 6 of 14

Starters, Entrees, Pastas, Salads, Mains and Desserts. Tea and Coffee are also available and there is a fully licensed bar to whet your appetite. The restaurant also caters for those with dietary needs. The whole range is offered at affordable rates.

There will be a very worthwhile prize for the winning car with the highest points scored.

If you wish to take part in this enjoyable event, please contact me on (03) 9735 2335 so that bookings can be made.

Chris Newell.

OUR CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON – Sunday 3rd December, 2006

This year there will be a major change – the venue. Over the years we have been having our Christmas luncheon at the RACV Country Club, Healesville. This year the rose garden rotunda is not available for us because renovation and extension work is happening at the RACV Country Club. However, all is not lost, we have secured a function room at the Lilydale International Club. During the winter, we used their club facilities for our Great ABCCC Trivia Challenge, and very successful it was too.

We will be meeting at the Lilydale International Club, located in Nelson Road, at 12:30 pm for pre-lunch drinks, and lunch at 1:00 pm. Our club will be providing wines and beers during the lunch.

An important part of our Christmas function is the popular Kris-Kringle gift swapping goings-on. Gifts should be of no more than \$5.00 value and, don't forget, gifts for ladies and gents. Come and join us for a splendid luncheon and great company. Bookings are essential and should be made with Frank Douglas by telephoning (03) 9739 4829. Please do it now! The Lilydale International Club is located at Melways Map 38 Reference H3 (bottom right hand corner of grid square). We look forward to you joining us on this very special occasion.

Note: Don't drive to Healesville – you will be disappointed!

Frank Douglas – President.

THE TREASURER'S REPORT – Period 11th May to 30 September, 2006

Opening Balance as at 10:05:2006		15,921.21
ADD Receipts		
Members' Subscriptions	555.00	
Donations: G Hetrel	1,000.00	
RACV Fly The flag Tour	2,500.00	
Breakfasts – RACV Fly The Flag Tour	1,340.00	
Bank Interest Received	93.04	
Club Events: Christmas In July	2,805.00	
Nagambie Indulgence Tour	4,300.00	
Houseboat Deposit (Cheque Not Presented)	1,200.00	13,793.04
Sub Total		29,714.25
DEDUCT Payments		
Club Events: Christmas In July	3,700.00	
Nagambie Indulgence Tour	4,385.00	
Other	475.00	
Postage And Stationery	170.00	
Name Badges	147.95	
Catering Trailer	58.14	
Merchandise	1,236.95	
E-mail Server	350.00	
Printer And Toner	1,198.30	
Gifts – Pens, Clock And Glasses	1,148.71	
Subscription To Association Of Motoring Clubs Inc.	148.50	13,018.55
Closing Balance As At 30:09:2006		16,695.70
Bank Statement Page 110	17,678.28	
Less Unpresented Cheques: 318	125.00	
319	55.00	
320	148.50	
321	554.08	
322	100.00	
	982.58	16,695.70

Projected Income:

Membership Subscriptions 122 @ \$35.00

RACV Great Australian Rally

RACV Fly The Flag Tour

Due Jan 07 4,270.00

Due Jan 07 4,500.00

Due April 07 5,500.00

14,270.00

Presented by: AJ Hodges – Club Treasurer.

Editor's Note: Our grateful thanks to Tony for keeping tabs on our income and expenditure.

FRANK AND TORE'S TRIP TO ALASKA AND PEBBLE BEACH

What a trip it was! I took plenty of photos and video, it was a fantastic trip and Frank was great company. We crammed in a lot, we stayed with great people – both in Alaska and in San Francisco. The fishing was pretty lean, but then I'm not a fisherman. The highlight of the trip would have to be the Blackhawk Museum and the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, where the quality and variety of cars that I saw was fantastic, the type you see in movies and magazines.

Yosemite National Park was one of those wondrous places you won't forget too quickly.

The Las Vegas strip with those grandeur hotels was paradise in itself. No wonder everyone wants to go there.

Travelling with Frank was fantastic, we had the royal treatment with all the airlines and at the airports we were treated like VIPs. Thanks Frank, when are we going again?



A view of the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance.

I would estimate that there was a more than 50,000 strong attendance. The car park that was allocated to us was a mini bus ride away.

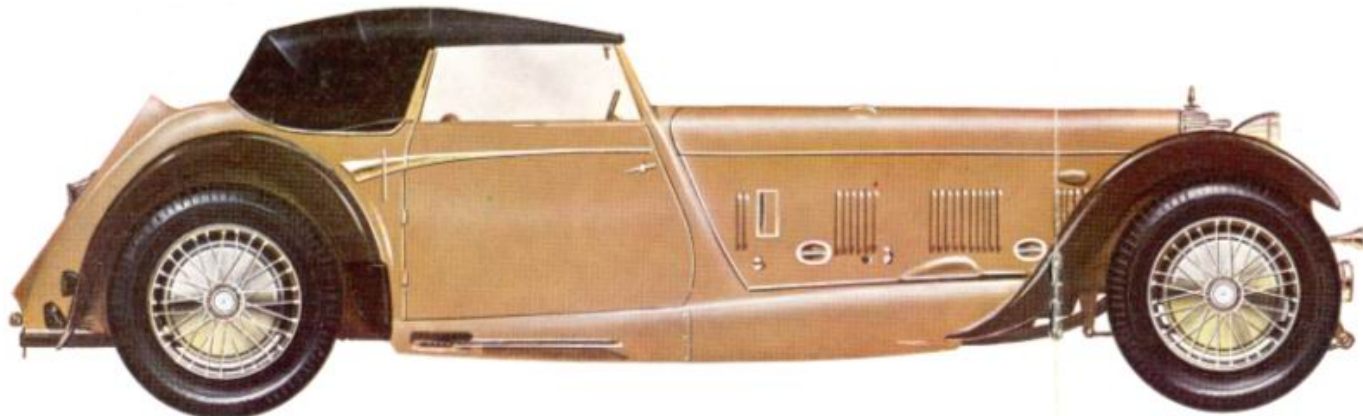


Our guide through the road works.

To all of those people out there who think that Frank is not a follower, you are all wrong, we came across some road works at which we waited for approximately thirty minutes as it was a one-way drive for which you had a pilot vehicle to lead you. I would estimate the drive to be about eight to ten miles, but then, I'm not sure whether Frank was waiting for the pilot vehicle to break down, as it was driven by an attractive lady.

Tore Pannuzzo.

Editor's footnote: I understand that the winning car at Pebble Beach was a 1931 Daimler Low Chassis Double Six similar to the one shown below:



Daimler Low Chassis Double Six with Drophead Coupé, body by Corsica of Cricklewood.

OUR SEARCH FOR THE VENERABLE BRITISH CLASSIC

There has been no more input for this quest.

DON'T FORGET TO FILL IN YOUR AHMF SURVEY FORM!

Forms can be obtained by contacting the Editor.

JOKE TIME – Editor's Desperate Again

A man had great tickets for this year's AFL Grand Final. He settled down in his seat with a vacant seat beside him, to enjoy the proceedings from his good vantage point. Another man, sitting in a less viewer friendly seat, spotted the vacant seat and approached the first man and asks, "Is anyone using the seat next to you?" "No", he replies, "the seat is empty."

"This is incredible!" said the second man, "Who in their right mind would have a seat in such a good position, for the Grand Final, the biggest sporting event in Victoria, and not use it?"

The first man says, "Well, actually, the seat belongs to me. My wife was supposed to come with me, but she passed away. This is the first Grand Final we haven't been to together since we got married."

"Oh . . . I'm sorry to hear that. That's terrible. But couldn't you find someone else, a friend or relative, or even a neighbour to take the seat?"

The man shakes his head. "No. They're all at the funeral."

Editor's Note: This joke brings back a memory from the distant past – the scene was Mrs Nick's Robin Café, right outside the Bristol City Football Club's ground, where 'Committee' meetings were held by the supporters club. It was the Friday before a match and the discussion was about who would be able to attend with the group. One fellow said, "My daughter's getting married tomorrow, but I should be able to slip out of the reception and just make the kick-off." The true loyalty of a supporter!

A ninety-one years old man met a very attractive ninety year old lady at his new retirement village. They immediately struck up a good friendship and, having similar interests meant that they spent a fair amount of time together enjoying the social scene in the retirement village. The old gent felt it was about time to further the closeness of their friendship and invited the attractive lady to a dinner dance in the vicinity. Af-

ter wining, dining and dancing the evening away, he drove her home in his sports car and she invited him in for a coffee and a nightcap. Having enjoyed such a good evening together, one thing led to another and they finished up in bed together. After their passionate lovemaking they lay quietly reflecting on their glorious moments of zealously loving exertion.

He thought: "If I had known she was still a virgin, I would have been more patient and considerate."

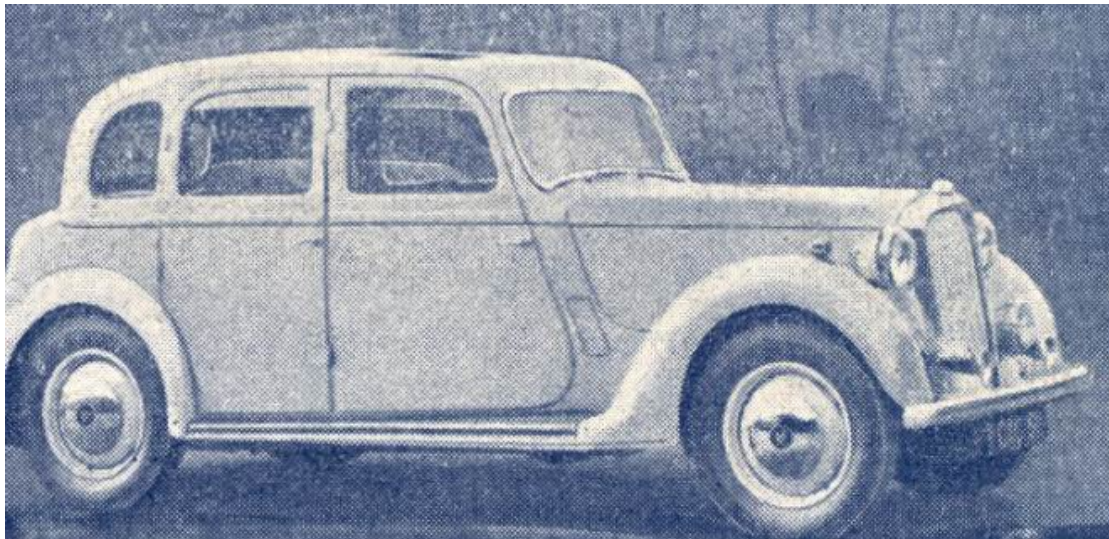
She thought: "If I had known he was still up to it, I would have taken off my pantyhose."

Anon.

1949 CLASSICS

The *Australian Motor Manual 1948-9 Annual* features interesting revues 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 30 in the series. (*Note: No offence Bill, but the rear was cut off in the original.*)

Rover 1½ Litre 12 h.p. and 2¼ Litre 16 h.p.



Beneath the outward reserve the two new Rovers house one of the most up-to-date power units in any vehicle. It is, in essence, a smaller edition of the Rolls and Bentley unit with overhead inlet and side exhaust valves, making the newer "F" head. Veritably there are four models of the engine varying in size with 4 and 6 cylinders. The saloons have either four or two windows and are imported with all leather upholstery and complete with heating, demisting and other devices. It is all the fine car that it is claimed to be, a first rate performance and comfort plus.

Editor's Note: Very much the same would have been said about the recent lost cause, the Rover '75'. This was a car with a good performance, high levels of comfort and supreme presence – as close to a Rover as it could be in modern times.

From Motor Manual, 1949. With Thanks.

FOR SALE AND WANTED

For Sale: 1981 Mercedes-Benz 280-S. Automatic, mechanically thought to be good, interior very good but body has heavy surface rust. Asking just \$400.00. Contact Jim Spence on 0412 808 050.

Wanted: Morris 'J' Type Van. Any reasonable condition. Contact Mike Slaney (03) 9551 6658.

AN EXPENSIVE SCRATCH

Recently, in a moment of utter and absolute negligence, my future classic, the Rover '75', was slightly damaged on the rear passenger side door. The scrape, which didn't go through the paint, was inflicted while I was reversing the car out of the garage – a task that has been undertaken countless times with no mishap. This time there was a moment's lapse in concentration or some-such, and without feeling any nudge the damage was done to a 250 mm square portion of the door skin. Oh Dear!

The car had been booked in for a service, in readiness for our whale watching trip – being unusually prepared. I asked the dealer to provide a quote, hoping for a good colour match, for effecting a repair to the door. Upon collecting the Rover, I was amazed to find that the cost would be \$1,545.50. After due consideration, the dealer was informed that the matter would be thought about. Later it was also thought that maybe you would be interested to read the make up of the quote shown below:

Vehicle: Rover 75 Automatic
Registration No.: RJE 349
Body: 4-Door Sedan

Colour: Pearlescent Maroon
VIN No.: SARRJSLLM1D206816
Build Date: October, 2001

Remove and Refit Items	Amount
Lift and Secure Vehicle	\$10.00
Rear Road Wheels and Re-torque	\$15.00
Rear Guard Liners and Seals	\$30.00
Inner Boot Trims and Fittings	\$60.00
LHR Lamp	\$10.00
RHR Lamp	\$10.00
Rear Bumper Assembly	\$55.00
LHR Quarter Mould	\$15.00
LH Turret Mould	\$20.00
LH Drip Mould and Extension	\$25.00
String Front and Rear Rubbers	\$20.00
LHR Door Inner Trims and Handles	\$55.00
LHR Door Outer Handles and Moulds	\$55.00
LHF Door Inner Trims and Handles	\$60.00
LHF Door Glass and Regulator	\$45.00
LHF Door Outer Handle, Moulds and Mirror	\$60.00
	\$545.00
Repair Parts	Amount
LHR Door Scratch Damage and Minor Dent	\$85.00
	\$85.00
Repaint Only Parts – Pearlescent Clear-over-Base	Amount
Repaint and Blend as Required, Mix and Match Colour, Oven Allowance, LH Rear Quarter Panel, LH Cant Rail, LH Rear Door, LH Front Door	\$750.00
	\$750.00
New Parts	Amount
Misc. Clips, Rivets, Consumables	\$25.00
	\$25.00
Labour and Painting Charge	\$1,380.00
Approximate Cost of New Parts	\$25.00 (Subject to Confirmation)
NET TOTAL	\$1405.00
PLUS GST @ 10%	\$140.50
ESTIMATED TOTAL	\$1,545.50

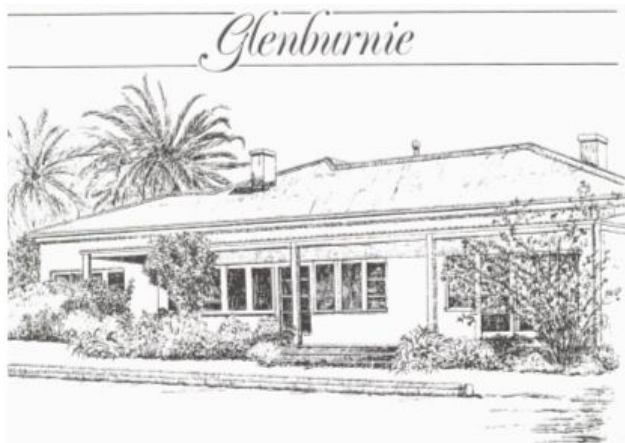
So, just a minor scratch can be quite sobering. All a part of the perils of modern motoring. But, just why the RH rear lamp and bumper had to be removed is mystifying! On top of that, it would be logical for me to expect that the car's actual body colour would have been stated correctly, by the selling dealer, as Copperleaf Red.

Mike Alfrey.

HELP REQUESTED!

**WE NEED MARSHALS FOR THE RACV GREAT AUSTRALIAN RALLY
 IF YOU CAN HELP, CONTACT RAY HIGGINSON ON (03) 9336 7306 AH
 YOUR HELP WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED – THANKYOU**

A GOOD RECIPE FROM GLENBURNIE



Continuing our series of recipes, from *Tried & Trusted*, History and Country Cooking from Victoria's home of good food, the Western District. Here's one for delicious bran biscuits, ideal for those outings and picnics that we indulge in.

The Chomley family purchased 'Glenburnie' just over fifty years ago. The original homestead faced the shearing shed which was very practical, but hardly an attractive outlook.

Mrs Rawdon Chomley planned a whole new front to the home, facing the opposite direction. Building materials were scarce at the end of the war, so the men made bricks for the builders who added several rooms and a veranda.

The Best Bran Biscuits

Ingredients

1 Cup Bran	1 Cup Plain Flour
3 ozs Butter	½ Teaspoon Bicarbonate Soda
2 Tablespoons Sugar	1 Teaspoon Cream of Tartar

Method

Spread the bran onto an oven tray and heat until warm and dry, but do not burn. Cool. Cream butter and sugar. Stir in sifted flour, bran, bicarbonate of soda, cream of tartar and enough cold water to make a stiff paste (about ¼ cup).

Roll out to about ¼ inch thick, cut neatly and bake 20 to 30 minutes in a moderate oven. Watch carefully. Cool and serve buttered.

This is an old recipe for crisp, plain biscuits but with a modern flavour as they contain bran and very little sugar.

Mary Chomley – With thanks.

OF TOOLS AND SPARES

This item is taken from a book, Odhams Motor Manual, that was donated to our club. The manual is obviously from the 1930s and here it discusses what tools and spare parts should be carried in everyday motoring of those times. As you will find, the comment is comprehensive and seems a long way from where we are today – when just a mobile telephone, equipped with global positioning system, digital camera, an MP3 (whatever that is) player, a text message facility and the help telephone number ready programmed in so that help can be obtained with the press of one button. The incredible thing is that all of that fits easily into a shirt pocket! The article follows:

TOOLS AND SPARES

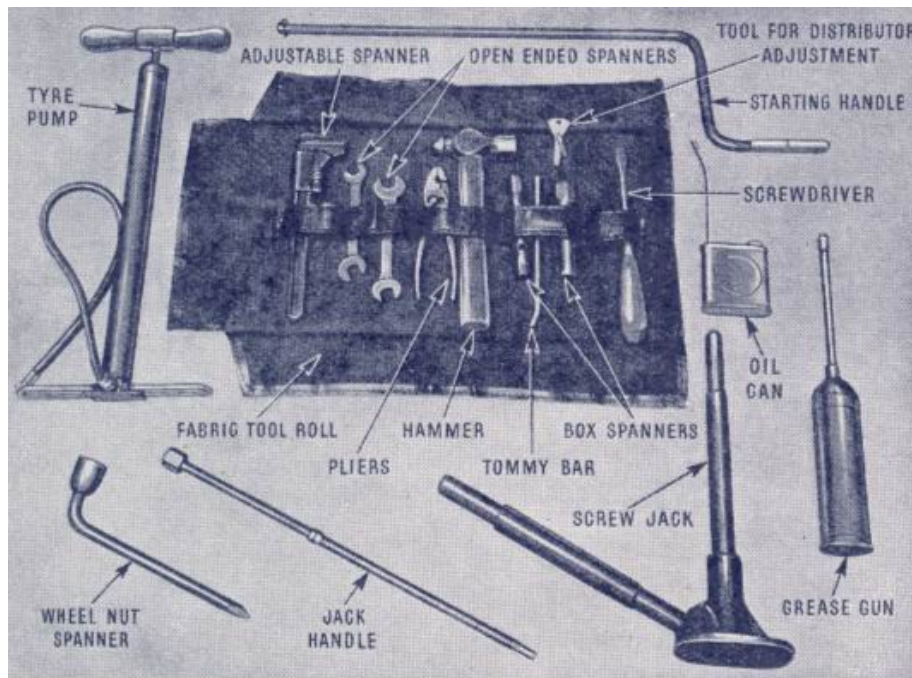
Annoying rattles can be caused by an insecurely fastened jack, starting handle, or wheel brace suggests that an improved method of stowing the tools can often be devised. On many modern cars, it is true, excellent stowage is provided for these important items, and attention will probably be concentrated on disposing of such additional tools as the owner considers desirable.

The number of tools carried will naturally depend on the inclinations and mechanical ability of the owner. The tools furnished by the manufacturer are generally adequate for any job that is likely to be tackled by the roadside, and these are usually fitted in a tool roll which prevents them from rattling. The practically-minded owner can often improve on this arrangement, however, by carrying a selection of the most generally used tools in a drawer fitted beneath one of the front seats, or in the luggage compartment, so that when it is slid out each tool is ready to hand. One scheme is to fit the tools in spring clips screwed to the base and sides of the drawer. Alternatively, an owner who is handy with a fretsaw can cut out a series of openings in a sheet of plywood to accommodate the tools snugly. This is fitted at a suitable height above the bottom of the drawer, and the openings are lined with baize or felt. The result is a form of tool stowage which is both effective and pleasing to the eye.

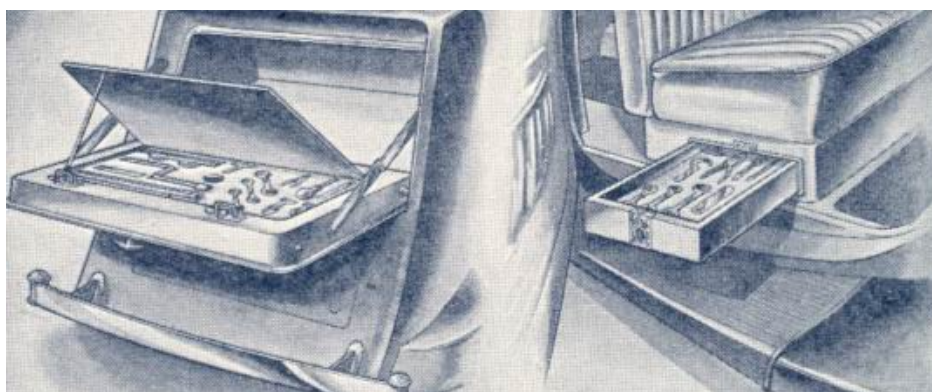
Some Useful Items

In addition to a comprehensive range of tools, one or two other items should find a place in the tool box or in suitable stowage on the car. These include a roll of insulating tape, preferably the pure rubber variety; a stick of modelling clay, invaluable for sealing water leaks and a host of other stop-gap uses; an inspection lamp. With sufficient cable to reach any part of the car so that wheel-changing or repairs at night can be carried out at least with adequate illumination, if not in comfort; a coil of copper wire for temporarily securing loose or broken items; a box of assorted nuts, bolts, split pins and steel, fibre and spring washers, covering the most commonly-used sizes on the car; and last, but by no means least, a fire extinguisher.

Rather a mixed bag perhaps but each item is likely to be needed by the roadside sooner or later. Such spares as sparking plugs, lamp bulbs, and fuses are not included, as they should find a place on any well-equipped car; on the other hand there is no object in carrying a large variety of spares or materials which can only be effectively used in the garage.



TOOL KIT. *This representative tool kit is sufficient to carry out repairs in an emergency. They are wrapped in a fabric tool roll to prevent them rattling when the car is moving.*



STOWING TOOLS *Two methods of stowing tools in modern makes of cars. The tools supplied by the manufacturer are usually adequate for any job that is likely to be tackled by the roadside. The owner can add to the tools supplied but it is advisable to have them so that they will not rattle when the car is moving; a tool roll is useful for this purpose.*

From Odhams Motor Manual – With Thanks.

NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

There will be the Annual General Meeting of the All British Classics Car Club Inc., to be held at the home of Pat and George Hetrel, 79 The Basin to Olinda Road, The Basin. This is at Melways Map 65, Reference K8 (Top LH Corner of Grid Square). The meeting will be held on Sunday 4th February, 2007. Because this will be the club's 10th Annual General Meeting, our club will be providing a lunch voucher to all of those who advise that they are attending the meeting. If you arrive without providing notice of intention, please bring a picnic lunch with you. The lunch is being catered for from outside and a set number of lunches will be ordered.

Lunch will commence at 12:30 pm and the AGM will commence at 2:00 pm sharp.

Our thanks to Pat and George for providing their beautiful garden for us to enjoy.

We look forward to your input for our Annual General Meeting. To secure your free lunch voucher, call me on (03) 9739 4829.

Frank Douglas – President.

CLUB REGALIA

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

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| ➤ Metal Bumper/Grille Badge | \$35.00 Each |
| ➤ Stainless Steel Key Ring (New!) | \$10.00 Each |
| ➤ Window Decal – Club Logo | \$2.00 Each |
| ➤ Cloth Badge – 75 mm Diameter with Club Logo | \$3.50 Each |
| ➤ Cloth Badge – 205 mm Diameter with Club Logo | \$25.00 Each |
| ➤ Club Polo Top White and Blue (some with ABCCC on collar) All Sizes | \$35.00 Each |
| ➤ Club Polo Top White and Black – Small Size Only | \$7.50 Each |
| ➤ Club Polo Tops 1 White, 1 Dark Blue (Small Size Only) | \$12.50 Each |
| ➤ Tee Shirts White, Black with Club Logo (Small Size Only) | \$7.50 Each |
| ➤ Jumbuck Jumper c/w ABCCC Logos | \$120.00 Each |
| ➤ Jumbuck Jumper Less ABCCC Logos | \$100.00 Each |
| ➤ Caps with Club Logo, Blue/Fawn | \$15.00 Each |
| ➤ Caps with Club Logo, Black | \$12.50 Each |
| ➤ Hats – Plain, Colour Fawn (Slightly Soiled) Large Size Only – Special at | \$5.00 Each |
| ➤ Jackets with Club Logo (Heavy Weight) S. M. L. XL. & XXL. | \$140.00 Each |
| ➤ Quality Ball Point Pen with ABCCC Monogram | \$TBA |

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.

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THANKYOU.