



ABCCC NEWSFLASH!

THE ALL BRITISH CLASSICS CAR CLUB, INC.

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COMMENT

Our AGM has come and gone, with it came the re-election of your Committee *en bloc*. The number of club members that attended was most impressive. Thank you all for coming along.

Importantly, VicRoads selected February as the time to introduce the 'new' Victorian Club Permit Scheme. Effectively this gives those vehicles on the Scheme 90-days of use prior to normal renewal. For those of us with renewal dates early in the year, this bonus was impossible to achieve! Some members do have one concern about the Scheme's permit renewal process. There should be a place on the permit renewal notice for a 45-Day Permit to be selected.

Be aware, that the VCPS is still a permit to drive an unregistered motor vehicle in the spirit of the motor vehicle club activity. It is not a permit for commuting to work or for the daily shopping trip.

We look forward to seeing you at an event soon.

Mike Allfrey

EVENT REPORT

The 40th Begonia Rally. 18th to 20th February 2011

Our club was exceptionally well represented at this delightful country event. The weather forecast was not too good for the Begonia Rally, but we made the most of what weather was available and had a most enjoyable time. The Vintage & Classic Car Club Ballarat made us very welcome. We had twenty-five entrants and fifty-plus people involved as a very good result. In addition, we carried away three of the vehicle category awards! This splendid result was due to Tony and Maxine Pettigrew (Lagonda), Colin and Joy Brown (Jaguar XK150-S) and Frank Sawyer with Val McRae (Lotus Elan). We had British classics that the voting rally entrants obviously admired. The writer scored a speed camera notice – caught driving at 64 kph in a 60 kph zone – on the way home! If memory is correct, the Rover V8 was the slowest vehicle on that stretch of Mitcham Road.

MAJOR EVENTS NEWS

RACV Great Australian Rally – Sunday 16th January 2011

This year's Rally was a good result again for our friends at Peter Mac. There was a record of 91 entrants who elected to pay-on-the-day. In addition to that, there were a record number of starters at the Westernport Marina at Hastings, but we coped easily.

A special part of this event was the raising of \$46,000. It will be handed to Peter Mac at a ceremony at the RACV City Club on 10th March. Our thanks to all who helped us achieve this splendid result.

RACV Fly The Flag 10th Anniversary Tour – Saturday 26th March To Friday 1st April 2011

En route to Ballarat for the Begonia Rally, a number of us took the opportunity to fine tune the first day's activities of the RACV Fly The Flag tour. Bookings have been such that all places were filled early-on, in a most satisfying manner. The route for the tour is confirmed and we will be visiting: South Muckleford, Bendigo, Boort, Pyramid Hill, Swan Hill, Moulamein, Deniliquin, Echuca, Chiltern, Rutherglen, Wangaratta and Healesville. A number of those places would ably qualify as the 'best of previous' Tours.

COMING EVENTS

MORNINGTON PENINSULA LUNCH RUN – Sunday 6th March 2011

The start will be 9:00 am for a 9:30 am sharp departure from Pearcedale Shopping Centre car park, Melways Map 140, Ref: H6. (Toilet facility on site.) Morning tea stop is at 10:00 am at Noel's Gallery on Mornington-Flinders Rd, Red Hill where warm delicious scones with jam and cream are waiting for us upon arrival.

Lunch is organised at Lazzar Winery - Balnarring where Sandra and Diego's famous degustation platters comprising of selected delicacies e.g.: meats, semi-dried tomato, olives, dukkah egg, cheeses, fresh seasonal fruits and salad etc., will be served with tea/coffee for \$25/head. Desserts and Alfredo ice cream are also available at extra cost if after this, you are still insatiable.

Please let Robert and Mary know of any dietary requirements and we will try to cater to your needs. Contact either via email at: RobNolan@bigpond.com or telephone after hours: 5978 7798, or Rob 0418 547 299, by 27th February.

We look forward to seeing you on the day.

Rob and Mary Nolan

RACV CLASSIC SHOWCASE – 3rd April 2011

Yes, it is on again! This year the RACV Classic Showcase will not be run as a specific ABCCC club run.

However – we have reserved space in the same location as in previous years. If you need a map that shows our site area, it can be downloaded from the AOMC's Website, or, you can contact the writer. We will not be meeting up. The officious *Little Dictator* at the Melbourne Zoo car park, baby elephants *et al*, has remonstrated enough. If there is a desire to join forces prior to driving on to our site, please let me know and arrangements will be made to get together once in the grounds at Flemington, on the way to the Members' Car Park.

Mike Allfrey

COMO GARDENS OPEN WEEKEND – 16th and 17th April 2011

Come Along And Help With This Worthy Fundraiser At Como Gardens



Over the past several years, our club has provided assistance with the running of the Como Gardens Open Garden weekend. This time around, it's an autumn opening. With the recent rains, the garden will be looking especially good. There is quite a lot for us to help with – such as train rides, serving morning and afternoon teas, selling tickets, car parking and so on. Your help will be greatly appreciated on both days. This is a very popular event with visitors coming from far and near. This time, the beneficiaries will be the St John Ambulance and the local State Emergency Service (SES). The garden will be open from 10:00 am till 4:30 pm each day.

A continuing attraction is the Scarecrow competition. It is a free competition, however, entries will have to be registered before 14th April. Entries can be registered either via E-mail to comogardens@bigpond.com or, telephone George or Pat on (03) 9761 1341. Entries will be given an entry number, which must be attached to the scarecrow in something water-proof. There will be prizes for:

- ▶ Best Under 15 Year-old Entrant;
- ▶ Best Over 15 Year-old Entrant;
- ▶ Best School Entrant

All scarecrow entries must be erected in the gardens before Friday 16th April. Participants may position their scarecrow anywhere within the gardens – examples, guarding the veggie patch, guarding the train station or keeping watch over the pond.

Judging will take place from 10:00 am on Saturday. Prizes will be presented on the Sunday at 2:00 pm. All exhibitors must collect their scarecrow during the week after the Open Weekend. Prizes will be donated by the RACV, Bunnings Warehouse and from Coles Supermarkets. The prizes will be presented by John Wood.

In addition to the usual activities and the interesting car collection, there will be feature displays put on with the generous help from some specialist organisations. There will be:

- The Rainy Day Bookstall – the best little bookshop in the hills.
- Horticulture – ferns and orchids for sale.
- Garden tours and a sausage sizzle, Devonshire teas and other refreshments.
- Model boats, live music and croquet on the lawns. Rides on the Como Gardens Miniature Steam Railway.
- On Sunday afternoon there will be an informative talk on keeping beehives and producing delicious honey. Pat has taken on bee keeping with her mentor being the speaker. This is a new and very interesting activity.
- Visit the Fairy Tree for face painting, children's activities and a "dolls from around the world" display.

On top of all that, there will be live demonstrations of the St John's Ambulance, the Alpha Dog Training Group and the SES. Como Gardens are at 79 Basin – Olinda Road, The Basin (Melways Map 65, Ref: K8). If you can provide some assistance on either or both days, please contact George Hetrel on (03) 9761 1341. Club cars can be displayed outside the car museum.

George Hetrel

ABCCC EVENTS CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

March 2011

- 6 Mornington Peninsula Lunch Run – [An ABCCC Event](#) Rob Nolan (03) 5978 7798
Lunch Venue – Diego & Sandra Lazzars Winery Restaurant, Balnarring, Victoria.
- 26 – 10th RACV Fly The Flag Tour – [An ABCCC Major Event](#) Tony Pettigrew (03) 9739 1146
1 April This tour is fully booked. – Muckleford, Bendigo, Boort, Swan Hill, Echuca, Wangaratta and Healesville.

April 2011

- 3 RACV Classic Showcase – [An ABCCC Supported Event](#) Mike Allfrey (03) 9729 1480
Formerly & Still – The AOMC British & European Motoring Show
Venue – Members' Car Park, Flemington Racecourse, Flemington, Victoria. (Enter from Epsom Road).
- 11 – 15 A Special High Country Tour – [An ABCCC Event](#) Peter McKiernan (03) 9787 6003
Visiting – Bright and Metung, Victoria.
- 16 – 17 Como Gardens Open Weekend – [An ABCCC Assist Event](#) George Hetrel (03) 9761 3239
Venue – 79 Basin - Olinda Road, The Basin, Victoria (Melways Map 65, Ref: K8).

May 2011

- 4 Mid-Week Lunch Run – [An ABCCC Event](#) Pat Douglas (03) 9739 4829
Lunch Venue – Mont de Lancy, Victoria.
- 8 Mothers' Day.
- 15 The Famous Cream Sponge Run – [An ABCCC Event](#) Geoff & Judy Birkett (03) 9755 1772
Venue – Ferny Creek CFA, Clarkmont Road, Sassafras, Victoria.

June 2011

- 5 Rex's Big Day Out – [An ABCCC Event](#) Rex Hall (03) 9795 7669
Venue – TBA. Victoria.
- 19 A Special Club Run – [An ABCCC Event](#) Frank Sawyer 0408 633 778
Venue – TBA, Victoria.

July 2011

- 10 Pub Lunch Run – [An ABCCC Event](#) Bryan Tootell 0412 549 906
Venue – TBA, Victoria.
- 24 Annual Club Luncheon – [An ABCCC Event](#) Colin Brown 0408 343 176
Venue – Marybrooke, Sherbrooke Road, Sherbrooke, Victoria.
- 31 Car Clubs' Winter Seminar – AOMC Inc. TBA

August 2011

- 14 Grand Tour of Sorrento – [An ABCCC Event](#) Karen McDonald (03) 5975 1867
Venue – TBA, Victoria.
- 28 Mystery Coach Tour – [An ABCCC Event](#) Ray Higginson (03) 9336 7306 (AH)
Venue – A real mystery, but within Victoria.

September 2011

- 4 Fathers' Day
- 14 A Hills' Driving Experience – [An ABCCC Event](#) Geoff & Judy Birkett (03) (03) 9755 1772
Start Venue – TBA, Victoria.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Subscriptions for club membership were due by end of December 2010. For those who are not financial for year ending December 2011, this will be the last edition of either *Your ABCCC News* or *ABCCC NewsFlash!* that you will receive. To keep on receiving our publications, please be sure to pay your annual subscription as soon as possible. Thank you.

Also, note that club registration validates your VCPS plates. If you are not financial with the Club, your vehicle is not legal to drive on the road!