



## All British Classics Car Club (Vic)

A friendly family social motoring club

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007 VISITS SOUTH MUCKLEFORD  
CRICKET CLUB!



*A fine shot of the famous Aston Martin, which has reliably taken part in every one of the RACV Fly The Flag Tours. See more about the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary RACV Fly The Flag Tour inside!*

### MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

The annual membership subscription for the All British Classics Car Club Inc. is \$35.00. There is a once-only joining fee of \$30.00. Please send membership subscriptions to Pat Douglas, PO Box 201, Chirnside Park, VICTORIA, 3116.

**Please Note: Membership subscriptions are due by end of December.**

*Life Member: Pat J Douglas*

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

**Club Founder – The Late Frank E Douglas**

**“OWNING AND/OR APPRECIATING THE SPIRIT OF FINE  
BRITISH CLASSICS”**

Your ABCCC News

## THE ALL BRITISH CLASSICS CAR CLUB – YOUR COMMITTEE

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### IMPORTANT CLUB INFORMATION

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#### The Official Club Magazine – *Your ABCCC News*

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All correspondence should be addressed to the Editor, *Your ABCCC News*, 59 Rowson St, Boronia, Victoria, 3155. Other editorial contact information is listed above.

It is club policy to have the right to refuse placement of advertising material in *Your ABCCC News* from those who are not members of the ABCCC Inc.

#### The Victorian Club Permit Scheme

The ABCCC is a club authorised by VicRoads to operate vehicles under the Victorian Club Permit Scheme (VCPS). On the Committee, there are two VCPS Officers, and their contact details are listed above.

Club members will be kept up to date with respect to changes and improvements to the VCPS. However, it cannot be stressed enough, that a vehicle operated on the VCPS, must carry the VicRoads Logbook, current Permit, current ABCCC Membership card and VicRoads January 2011 VCPS letter. All enquiries should be addressed to one of the VCPS Officers.

# THE VICTORIAN CLUB PERMIT SCHEME

## NEW PERMIT APPLICATIONS

For members wanting to operate a motor car on the Victorian Club Permit Scheme (VCPS) under the auspices of the ABCCC, please contact Nello Mafodda on (03) 9719 7949, who is the ABCCC VCPS Officer In Charge. Nello will be able to provide all the information required to operate a motor car on the VCPS.

Nello's position is entirely voluntary, so due consideration should be given when contacting him.

The ABCCC has in place the following conditions for auspicings a motor vehicle, twenty-five (25) years old and older, on the Victorian Club Permit Scheme:

1. Initial contact should be made with the club's VCPS Applications Officer, currently Nello Mafodda, who will advise the procedure for application with respect to the conditions set by the All British Classics Car Club and VicRoads.
2. A person who proposes to place his/her motor vehicle on the Victorian Club Permit Scheme must have been an All British Classics Car Club member for more than one year before they may apply to do so.
3. An application (available from VicRoads) and current Roadworthy Certificate must be presented to the club's VCPS Applications Officer along with the vehicle for a safety inspection.
4. A club member who operates a motor vehicle on the ABCCC Victorian Club Permit Scheme must attend a minimum of three (3) club events per year. Each car on the VCPS does not have to attend three events, just the member. Excluded from the count are the Annual Winter Luncheon and the Christmas Luncheon events.
5. VicRoads requires that a Permit holder must be in good financial status with the club.
6. The ABCCC will notify VicRoads when a member with VCPS Permit(s) becomes an unfinancial member.
7. The ABCCC will maintain a Register of those Motor Vehicles operated on the Victorian Club Permit Scheme under the club's conditions. Such Register will be submitted to VicRoads upon request.
8. The motor vehicle that is operated on the Permit Scheme should be used within the spirit of the motor vehicle club scheme.

## PERMIT RENEWALS

VicRoads requires that an ABCCC-authorized VCPS Officer sign the Permit Renewal Form. Therefore, your VCPS renewal should be completed and sent to Colin Brown, PO Box 40, Coldstream, Victoria, 3770. Enclose with it a stamped envelope addressed to VicRoads, along with a cheque/money order for your VCPS fee. Colin will sign on behalf of the ABCCC and then forward the Permit Renewal to VicRoads.

Colin's position is entirely voluntary, so due consideration should be given when contacting him.

**IMPORTANT:** All ABCCC 'noted' events in the ABCCC Events Directory below are VCPS authorised. One of the conditions for operating a motor car on the Scheme, under the auspices of the All British Classics Car Club Inc., requires that you (and hopefully your VCPS permitted motor car) attend a minimum of three (3) club-run events per year from the date of the motor car's Permit issue. This condition excludes the Annual Winter Luncheon and the Christmas Luncheon events that are organised by the ABCCC.

## ABCCC EVENTS DIRECTORY 2011

**Note: All events listed in this directory are placed in good faith. Events for inclusion here provided to the magazine editor prior to the 14<sup>th</sup> of January, March, May, July, September and November. Events organised 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.**

**NOTE: TEXT IN RED INFORMS OF CHANGED OR CORRECTED EVENT INFORMATION.**

### June 2011

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| 5  | Rex's Big Day Out – <a href="#">An ABCCC Event</a><br>Venue – <b>Meet at BP Service Station, Calder Park</b> to Sunbury to Hepburn Springs and Daylesford. | Rex Hall (03) 9795 7669   |
| 19 | Frank's Laid-back Country Tour – <a href="#">An ABCCC Event</a><br>Venue – Wine tasting and then lunch at a rural hotel, Victoria.                         | Frank Sawyer 0408 633 778 |

### July 2011

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| 2 & 3 | A Winter Festival – Not An ABCCC Event, but worthwhile<br>Venue – Tocumwal, New South Wales.  | George Chrystie (03) 5874 3358 |
| 10    | Pub Lunch Run – <a href="#">An ABCCC Event</a><br>Venue – <b>Meet at Meet at Jackson Court, Doncaster East and meander to Kinglake.</b> | Bryan Tootell 0412 549 906     |
| 24    | Annual Winter Luncheon – <a href="#">An ABCCC Event</a><br>Venue – Marybrooke, Sherbrooke Road, Sherbrooke, Victoria.                   | Colin Brown 0408 343 176       |

## 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.
- 25 Phil's Touring Day Out – [An ABCCC Event](#) Phil Cook (03) 9842 5449  
Venue – TBA, Victoria.

## October 2011

- 7 – 9 The Annual Indulgence Tour – [An ABCCC Indulgent Event](#) Peter McKiernan (03) 9787 6003  
Touring – A secret till details are sent to tour participants.
- 15 – 16 Como Gardens Open Weekend – [An ABCCC Assist Event](#) George Hetrel (03) 9761 3239  
Venue – 79 Basin to Olinda Road, The Basin, Victoria (Melways Map 65, Ref: K8).
- 23 2012 Planning Meeting – ABCCC Committee, Plus Volunteers Tony Pettigrew (03) 9739 1146  
Venue – 16 Lawler Lane, Coldstream, Victoria.

## November 2011

- 13 Family Day Out – [An ABCCC Event](#) Marjorie Pepper (03) 9439 7875  
Venue – Melbourne Zoo, Elliot Avenue, Parkville, Victoria.
- 27 Club Picnic At Hanging Rock – [An ABCCC Event](#) Anne & Bryan Tootell 0412 549 906  
Venue – Hanging Rock Reserve, Near Woodend, Victoria.

## December 2011

- 11 Christmas Lunch Run – [An ABCCC Event](#) Tony Pettigrew (03) 9739 1146  
Venue – Yarra Valley, Victoria.

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## EDITORIAL NOTES – ISSUE NUMBER 144

Recently a Committee Meeting was held to establish a set of conditions for placing a car on the Victorian Club Permit Scheme (VCPS) under the auspices of our club. There was lively discussion with respect to the conditions considered. As a result we have, on Page 3, clearly stated our club's position in relation to the revised Victorian Club Permit Scheme. The changes recently introduced by VicRoads mean that our club must have a set of rules and guidelines in place to operate and administer the VCPS in accordance with VicRoads' requirements. Be sure to note most carefully your obligations with respect to the VCPS; this is particularly important in those cases where your motor car is operated on the Scheme under the auspices of this club (the ABCCC). Some of you may see the changes to our club's operation of the VCPS as being a bit daunting. You can be assured that our club is keeping such matters to a minimum so that its members can derive maximum enjoyment from the new Logbook Scheme. Some call it progress – as usual, I beg to differ!

A gentle reminder – our-in-between -months-magazine, *ABCCC NewsFlash!*, will be sent to those who have an E-mail address electronically. Those who do not have an E-mail address will receive *ABCCC NewsFlash!* delivered by the Post. Those club members who have an E-mail address will not receive copies via the post. This is a new club rule. The system for *Your ABCCC News* will remain as is.

We have a number of first-class events coming up, so, please be sure to book your places on them to avoid any disappointment. Those who put together our events must be congratulated for maintaining the quality of the events and tours that we enjoy so much.

Enjoy this issue of *Your ABCCC News*; so long as a few good articles come in, it won't be the last!

*Mike Allfrey – Editor*

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## REPORT ON A SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING

### Matters Of Great Importance

On Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May a meeting of the Executive Committee of the ABCCC was held to resolve several matters with respect to the recently introduced Logbook-based Victorian Club Permit Scheme (VCPS) and the method of distribution for the *ABCCC NewsFlash!* news sheet. Club President, Tony Pettigrew, opened the meeting by informing those present that, along with the introduction of the new VCPS, the ABCCC had received a flood of club membership enquiries from people who wish to join the ABCCC purely to place their car on the new 90-Day



Logbook VCPS. It appears that there are a number of older-vehicle owners who wish to use those vehicles on the VCPS, but have no desire to join club events nor be involved with the running of a motor vehicle club. This is contrary to our interpretation of the spirit of the scheme – permits to use classic and older non-registered vehicles in club events and in furtherance of club purposes.

#### **Actions – Victorian Club Permit Scheme**

It was unanimously agreed that the ABCCC should adopt a regime for conditions of entry to renewal with the VCPS under the auspices of the ABCCC.

It was then proposed that, to place a vehicle on to the VCPS, a person would have to be a member of the ABCCC for twelve (12) months prior to placing their vehicle on the Scheme through the ABCCC. A further proposal was put forward stating that a condition of having a vehicle placed on or renewed under the VCPS via the ABCCC would be that the vehicle's owner (club member) attend a minimum of three (3) club events per Permit year. It was agreed that the club's Annual Winter Luncheon and the Christmas Luncheon will not count towards the three 'must attend' club events. These were unanimously agreed to. There then took place active discussion as to how the event attendance record should be administered.

When a club member who has a vehicle operated on the VCPS via the ABCCC becomes an unfinancial member, the ABCCC is required notify VicRoads of the unfinancial status.

All new applications to place vehicles on the VCPS must be sent, with a current Roadworthy Certificate, to Nello Mafodda for processing. It should be noted that a 'failed' RWC can be submitted, as it would assist the club's VCPS Officer in determining the motor car's road safety status and suitability for club use.

All Permit renewal forms must be sent, with verification of event attendance, to Colin Brown for review and submission to VicRoads.

The ABCCC will maintain a register of those vehicles operated on the VCPS via the ABCCC, and will submit the register to VicRoads when requested to do so.

A summary of these requirements are listed on page 3.

#### **Actions – ABCCC NewsFlash News Sheet**

There was discussion about the distribution of the inter-month publication *ABCCC NewsFlash!* It was resolved that editions of the *ABCCC NewsFlash!* would be E-mailed to all club members with an E-mail address. A printed copy will be sent only to those members who do not have an E-mail address.

*Mike Allfrey – Editor*

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## **MINUTES OF THE 14<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**Held at Como Gardens, 79 Basin-Olinda Road, The Basin on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2011.**

**PRESENT:** As per attendance book.

**APOLOGIES:** John Holmes, Peter Hooper, Tony Hodges, Bruce & Lana Moran, Graeme Hutchinson, Geoff Entwistle, Grattan & Lucille Fitzgerald.

**MINUTES:** Moved Frank Sawyer, seconded Ray Higginson that the minutes of the 13<sup>th</sup> AGM be accepted.

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

Tony Pettigrew thanked members for making it a great year and the club was in great shape.

Over the year we have had some great events, which include the Cream Sponge run, Weekend Away to Tocumwal, Indulgence Weekend, Bus Tour and our overseas trip to Tasmania.

Tony thanked all who organised events for their dedication and hard work.

The Great Australian Rally was a great success and we were able to give to Peter MacCallum Cancer Centre a cheque for \$46,000. Tony thanked Colin Brown for his involvement and hard work.

The Fly the Flag is complete and will be a good tour. This year will be the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Tony is keeping an eye on some roads that have been affected by the floods.

A letter regarding the Permit Scheme will be forwarded to members on the Permit Scheme and they must be financial by 31<sup>st</sup> December each year.

An award was given to Chris Newell as Website organiser. Tony thanked Chris for all his hard work in setting up the site.

Also an award to given to Colin Brown for his work on the Great Australian Rally.

#### **TREASURER'S REPORT:**

As at the 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2010 we have \$39,932.41 in the bank. Moved Tony Pettigrew, seconded Peter McKiernan that the Treasurer's Report be accepted. *[Ed.-the report is available on the members' page of the ABCCC web site]*

#### **MAGAZINE EDITOR'S REPORT:**

Mike presented a magazine statistics on pages and word count on *Your ABCCC News* and *ABCCC NewsFlash!* Mike thanked Betty and Ed for their help in getting the magazines in the quality and timely manner that is normal for our Club.

#### **ELECTION OF OFFICE BEARERS:**

All positions declared vacant.

**PRESIDENT**

**VICE PRESIDENT**

**SECRETARY**

**TREASURER**

Tony Pettigrew

Ray Higginson

Pat Douglas

Bill Allen

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS (2)** Frank Sawyer, Colin Brown

**The committee appointed the following:**

<b>MERCHANDISE</b>	Maxine Pettigrew
<b>WEB MASTER</b>	Ed Bartosh
<b>MAGAZINE EDITOR</b>	Mike Allfrey
<b>ASSISTANT EDITOR</b>	Betty Taylor
<b>MEMBERSHIP</b>	Pat Douglas

Tony thanked the present committee for their support in the year to come.

**GENERAL BUSINESS:**

The Sound System that has been purchased by the club was part paid by a \$1,600 donation from the Campaspe Shire. The cost of the system was under \$2,000.

Tony spoke on getting younger members to help with working on the Great Australian Rally and Fly the Flag Committees.

The Great Australian Rally will have a Mornington Racecourse Committee consisting of Frank Sawyer, Peter McKiernan, Ross Wolstenholme, Ken McDonald. Colin Brown to be Organiser overall.

Hastings committee to be the same.

There will still be the same Melbourne and Stud Park start.

Frank Sawyer thanked all Marshals who worked at the Great Australian Rally.

Colin Brown also thanked all who worked on the Great Australian Rally so we could give a record amount to Peter Mac.

The Fly the Flag committee will consist of Tony Pettigrew, Brian Kelly, Frank Sawyer, Ken McDonald and Robert Stark. These meetings will be held at a location to be advised.

Tony advised that the Club would be attending the Begonia Rally in Ballarat this year. We are hoping that they will also support us with the Great Australian Rally in 2012.

Ed Bartosh circulated a Web report during the meeting to advise all of changes on the web site.

Tony thanked Pat and George for the use of their home for the AGM and for the Rocky Road.

**NEXT ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING** will be held on 12<sup>th</sup> February 2012 – place to be advised.

**MEETING CLOSED** 2:20 pm.

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## A WARM WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

A hearty welcome to the well-oiled machine that is the All British Classics Car Club. Our club is one of the fastest growing motoring interest clubs in this country. We hope to be able to welcome you and, in actual fact, your British classic motor car, at one of our events soon. Our club aims to have two motoring events each month, so there are plenty of fabulous events for you to select from. Welcome!

<b>Name</b>	<b>Make Of Car</b>	<b>Model</b>	<b>Year</b>
Ian and Sherryl Ratcliffe	Daimler	Century	1957
	Daimler	Saloon	1964
	Rover	P4 – 110	1663
	Triumph	TR-6	1971
	Jaguar	XJ-6 4.2 Litre	1973
	Porsche	924	1977
Michael Hardware & Jennifer Carey	Rolls Royce	Silver Shadow	1975
John and Glenda Robinson	MG	B – Tourer	1970
Glenn and Leisa Logan	Jaguar	MK-II	1960
Hans and Christine Pedersen	MG	B – GT	1970
	Morris	1100 Estate	1967
Joel Phibbs and Erin Dodd	Jaguar	Series XJ6 SWB	1974
	Jaguar	XJ-LWB	1974
	Rambler	Classic 770	1966
Rick and Gillian Lloyd	Triumph	Stag	1977
	Volvo	240	1987
Dianne Young and Ken Madill	Daimler	SP250 Dart	1959
	Austin Healey	Sprite Mk 1	1958
Nick Weekes and Anne Yeates	Jaguar	S-Type	1964
Garry and Dianne Barnes	Jaguar	E-Type Roadster	1969

*Pat Douglas – Membership Secretary*

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## A LETTER FROM GEORGE AND PAT HETREL

Mr T Pettigrew  
President, ABCCC  
16 Lawler Lane  
Coldstream, 3770

27<sup>th</sup> April 2011

Dear Tony,

Please extend our thanks to the fellow club members who gave generously of their time in assisting with the running of our autumn 'Open Garden Weekend'. The event, now in its 14<sup>th</sup> year, was a great success, gauged by the many expressions of appreciation both at the event and by E-mail messages. The bottom line, too, was most pleasing with \$14,000 equally shared by the St. John Ambulance and Knox S.E.S.

Moving on now, we look forward to our spring event, 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> October.

Attached, a cheque in favour of A.B.C.C.C. for \$1,000.

Best regards,

George and Pat Hetrel. (Signed)

Como Gardens, 79 The Basin – Olinda Road, The Basin, VICTORIA, 3154.

*Editor Note: The actual letter would not scan easily, so it was typed in. Our thanks to George and Pat.*

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## OUR BRAIN TEASER

Take away my first letter; take away my second letter; take away all my letters, and I would remain the same. What am I?

The answer is in the text somewhere in this magazine, not too far away!

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## AN UNFORTUNATE ACCIDENT

Club member and Austin-Healey enthusiast, Gordon Lindner, suffered an accidental fall recently. It is understood that Gordon broke a few ribs in the fall. We all trust that he is well on the mend by now and that the ribs 'knit' together properly and in good time – that red Healey is waiting for a good blast.

*The Committee and Members*

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## MAJOR EVENTS NEWS

### RACV FLY THE FLAG 10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY TOUR

#### We Notch Up Another Successful Tour

With virtually a full year's planning behind it, concerns about floods along parts of the route, and a close shave with one of the meals, the **RACV Fly The Flag 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tour** turned out to be a great episode for the



organising committee. The highlights and magic Tour moments far outweighed any lows there may have been. The weather was absolutely perfect for enjoyable touring, particularly along the river Murray, where the days were warmed by clear sunshine and the stars shone brilliantly at night.

*Left: "Pea Soup" on duty at Yapeen Road.*

The marshals arrived early at the Ultima Function Centre in Keilor to prepare for the first Flag-off Ceremony after an especially nicely served breakfast. It is always great to witness flaggers greeting each other on this early morning occasion. Some of us who were marshalling at South Muckleford set off early to reach our appointed duty posts in time for the first Tour cars to arrive. This entailed a position on

the Castlemaine to Maryborough road for the Yapeen Road turn-off to the left and on to the cricket club. Yours truly had this duty and the green Rover ("Pea Soup") was parked in a prominent position, with RACV flag flying, to show the way to South Muckleford. The Yapeen Road intersection is rather unfortunately located, being part way along the first decent straight after leaving Castlemaine and seen by Joe Public as a prime overtaking area.



The deplorable standard of driving on our country roads was well illustrated here. Shortly before any Tour cars came along, there was nearly a very nasty accident. A Commodore station wagon was not up to speed quickly enough for a small hatch that was following it. The hatch started to overtake the wagon and swung back to the left lane too quickly, not realising that it was still alongside the wagon. The wagon swerved violently to its left and came extremely close to colliding with "Pea Soup". Quite a number of dangerous overtaking incidents were witnessed while on duty at this post – thankfully no tour cars were involved.

A fine barbecue lunch was provided by the Muckleford Cricket Club, whose oval we were using for our display. Once lunch was over, it was on to Maldon for a refreshment stop. Here we saw our own Wally Thompson in his Ford Prefect ferrying 8 and 10 club members from the railway station to the historic shopping area. It was that club's National Rally and they had taken the steam train ride from Castlemaine. After a very pleasant cup of tea, we motored on to our overnight stop at Bendigo.

Once we had checked in at the Four Season Bendigo, it was time for a chat and a glass or two. It was a short walk to the dining room for dinner where we were entertained by Norm Whitton. He played us some good stuff, including a couple of Lonnie Donnegan favourites. It was a fun night, and we set off in the morning for Pyramid Hill. In truth, Bendigo and VicRoads need to do a better job with road signage. After a spot of confusion, we found the right road and set off for a warm welcome at Pyramid Hill. This little community really did the entire



Tour proud. It was especially pleasant talking to the locals in the warm sunshine. They had marked out the parking area by the wheat silos with bright sheep rattle powder, and, for a spell, we took over the township. The morning tea was superb and the generosity had to be seen to be believed. Pyramid Hill was one of those special Tour Moments.

*Left: Morning tea stop at Pyramid Hill.*

Our next stop was to collect a packed lunch at Boort that we enjoyed beside the lake. The townfolk put together a good picnic, and the locale made it a pleasant experience.

Soon after leaving Boort, we came to what, for many, was the highlight of the Tour. This was the treasure that is the Spanner Sculptures in the gardens at Bryngoleu Homestead on the road to the little town of Quambatook. This was a real eye-opener, a corking head turner! Over the years, the owner collected spanners from all types of machinery and motor vehicles. Being of a farm machinery background, it was a great pleasure for me to identify the spanners that came in tool kits with all manner of machines. It is quite probable that there is a farm machinery restorer out there who is searching high and low for a particular spanner to complete a restoration project. A lengthy chat with the workshop's curator was enlightening – he had never seen or heard of the American brand Blue Point Spanners. Ah, well! The sculptures were very impressive, and I am sure that, one day, someone will desperately need that 3/8" Whitworth ring spanner near the bottom of the globe sculpture!

*Right: Illustrating clearly the way spanners were welded together to form a perfect globe perched on a base formed by harrow discs with a polar 'icing' of welded spanners.*

Just over from the workshop there was a gentleman selling books called *Footprints On The Loddon Plains*. This was interesting to me as relatives of my grandfather had farmed Fernihurst Station on the Loddon River. The sales gent was smart, because he spotted my name tag and said, "Your family features in here – about the middle!" I was hooked and bought a copy on the spot. So far, I have found mention of Fernihurst Station, but nothing about my relatives! No matter, it is a most interesting book and will be treasured.



We took our leave from this most interesting pause along the way and headed to Swan Hill via Quambatook. Along this route there was quite a lot of evidence of the recent flooding, with water in the fields beside the road and some potholes in the surface we were travelling on.

We stayed two-night in Swan Hill. We used the Leisure Centre for our evening meals and breakfasts while caterers travelled from Mildura to keep the flaggers well fed. One evening was the Auction Night, which proved to be a testing task for Colin Brown and Frank Sawyer. Probably, there were too many lots to sell off, and most of those lots were difficult to make attractive to bidders. Some of the bidding was really brisk, and a good amount of money was raised for the RACV Community Foundation. While on the first day at Swan Hill, the Tour was to be divided into two groups to tour Tyntynder Homestead. However, this was not to be because the homestead had only recently changed hands, and the new owners requested no visitors. A quick deal was done with the paddle-



wheeler *Pyap's* operator, and timed departure cruises were arranged. In addition to that, local enthusiast, Peter Minnis, opened up his collection of fine Fords for us to visit. This turned out to be, for me, one of those magic Tour activities – a group of people really enjoying themselves with plenty of pleasant banter and all day to enjoy it! Our grateful thanks to Peter for making his splendid collection available for us. Peter's collection bowl raised more funds for the Foundation. For the rest of the day, we enjoyed a meander around the Swan Hill Pioneer Village and specially organised cruises at certain times on the well-filled Murray River.

Next morning, "*Pea Soup*" was pressed into service to reach Moolamein ahead of the Tour and place some direction signs. Our morning tea stop was at Mooloomoon Station's famous shearing shed. It was another perfect touring day, and the huge shed was opened for our inspection. Entering this vast shed and pausing for a moment to grab the atmosphere, it was easy to imagine the hive of activity (and cursing like only shearers could!) it must have been in its glory days. Careful examination showed some very beautiful timbers that had been brushed by passing sheep and fleeces with the lanolin giving the wood a lovely sheen. There was ample parking space for the Tour motor cars, and the entry road was a good opportunity for getting some 'action' photos as the cars came towards the shed. After a leisurely look around, it was time to motor on to Deniliquin and from there to Echuca for another two-night stopover.



Left: On tour at Mooloomoon Station, Deanna Hall places full confidence in the Chev's ride (and in the driver's ability too!)

While in Echuca, the Tour organisers were instructed to obey twenty-two conditions for parking our motor cars in the Historic Wharf area and its surrounds. These 'conditions'

were the result of extremely zealous Council Traffic Department's interpretation of local health and safety rules. Pre-tour, this was cause for a spot of alarm, but in practice it really turned out to be a non-event! Parking was easy, and that was followed by a very pleasant lunchtime cruise on the fast flowing river.

We boarded the paddle steamers thus:

P.S. <i>Canberra</i>	Vehicles' Tour Nos. 001 – 050
P.S. <i>Pevensey</i>	Vehicles' Tour Nos. 051 – 100
P.S. <i>Pride Of The Murray</i>	Vehicles' Tour Nos. 101 – 150
P.S. <i>Arbothnut</i>	Vehicles' Tour Nos. 151 – 175
P.S. <i>Adelaide</i>	Vehicles' Tour Nos. 176 – 200

The P.S. *Arbothnut* was actually diesel engine powered, but that did not matter at all. Sadly our cruise was a bit brief, and as is often said, time passes quickly while having fun! The Murray, not far below its banks, was majestic, and we could sense that all those river red gums were taking a hearty drink after those years of drought. The evening was the Noggin and Natter Night, and it proved popular too.



Next morning, John Wood flagged us all off from the Rich River Golf Club at Moama to send us on our way to Wangaratta for our final night of the Tour. Our route took us along the infamous Murray Valley Highway to RACV Resort Cobram for a morning tea that was very close to being a substantial lunch! Well done ladies, and an appreciative thanks from all of us!

Left: John doing the honours for a lovely 1963 Rolls Royce Silver Cloud III.

Then it was on to Chiltern for a wander along the historic main street and a cool drink before continuing to Wangaratta. The theme of the night was fancy dress, and the Tour Marshals were cunningly dressed up as

the Mad Hatter and his entourage [including a nervous March Hare (Brian Pepper), Alice (Maxine Pettigrew) and the rest of us as playing cards]. Our costumes will make good barbecue table cloths; the vinyl is perfect for weather tantrums and sauce spills. The tables were a bit cramped, and we were most thankful that there was not an emergency because two exits were hemmed in by tables. It was a great, let-your-hair-down, fun sort of night, and the music was great. I must confess to drinking a bit too!

In the morning we set off for the RACV Country Club at Healesville. This was the leg where "*Pea Soup*" decided to act up a bit. The near empty tank was filled, and, soon after, there was a definite smell of petrol in the Rover. This was a mite alarming, and a stop was made at Swanpool, home of Australia's coldest public loo, to investigate the pervading smell. Nothing could be found amiss, and at Yea, a further stop was made and some drips of fuel were found beneath the engine on the RHS. Aha! On the way to Mount Slade's summit and the

Toolangi turn-off, Bill Allen's huge Ford Galaxie was stopped on the side of the Melba Highway – with an empty petrol tank. Then I noticed that "Pea Soup's" tank was very close to being in the same condition! Bill soon discovered a lodged closed carburettor choke. I motored on very cautiously to the Country Club.

Once there, it was soon seen that petrol was oozing from the RHS evaporative canister's drain tube. After lunch, we enlisted the aid of Tristan Jones, one of the RACV patrol men who had followed us all the way on the Tour. He took a lengthy look and called for a tilt tray to convey "Pea Soup" to the home garage. After just a few minutes, another RACV patrol unit arrived from the Healesville depot and informed us that he had to have a look before a tilt-tray could be called. This is the thoroughness of Total Care in action. After a hefty thump at the offending carburettor with an iron bar, he pronounced it fixed and let me drive home – still with a petrol smell! It turned out that the float was three-quarters full of petrol and was not doing much floating!

During the **RACV Fly The Flag Tour** wind-up luncheon, prizes and awards were handed out. It is very likely that the best presentation was the raffled set of Tour badges mounted on a special shield. Geoff Clarke from the RACV Community Foundation did a sterling job selling tickets for the raffle. It was amazing that he didn't run out of ticket books. Every morning at breakfast, all day and every evening, Geoff "had a deal for us!" It was most appropriate that the shield was withdrawn from the auction and raffled instead. Thanks are due to all who so generously chipped in for a chance to win that beautiful shield.

Other prizes and awards were presented by Peter Chandler, RACV President and Chairman of the Board, to the worthy winners as follows:

Best Vintage Car	1929 Chevrolet Sports Tourer	Peter and Lucille Clark
Best Early Classic Car	1946 Oldsmobile Ace 66	Bob and Judy Wilson
Best Classic Car	1969 Holden Monaro GTS	John and Heather O'Sullivan
Best Modern Classic Car	1976 Triumph Stag	Colin and Jenny Thomas
Best Open Sports Car	1973 Morgan 4/4	Ross Hannay
Best Family Car	1961 Ford Falcon XK	Colin and Jan Faulkner
Best Commercial Vehicle	1972 Land Rover Series III	Graham Talmage
President's Award	1948 Sunbeam Talbot 80	Bob and Joan Stewart
Best Vehicle Overall	1928 Ford A Model	Arnold and Glenda Chivers
Frank Douglas Award	1934 Singer Le Mans	Peter Lester (Popular Choice)
Badge Shield Raffle Winner		Rex Hall

Congratulations to all of our winners.

Sue was away in England at the time of the Tour, and it is most appropriate to thank certain ladies for 'mothering' me all along the way. Heartfelt thanks are due to Rosalie McKiernan, Marj Pepper, Maxine Pettigrew, Karen McDonald, Pat Douglas and Lyn Higginson. Lovely ladies, it was all greatly appreciated! This, the tenth running of the Tour, was a most enjoyable one. Highlight? Mooloomoon Station!

*Mike Allfrey*

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## PAST AND FUTURE EVENTS

### ERRATA

We have been advised that there was an omission from Colin Oberin's report on the RACV Classic Showcase that was held last April. ABCCC country member Robert Wood's Mercedes Benz 280CE took first place in Section I of the Mercedes-Benz Concours event.

Apologies for that omission; our only excuse for that is, never having been furnished with the Mercedes-Benz Concours d'Elegance winners' information, we were unaware of Robert's wonderful result. In such a thorough judging situation, the class win is a great achievement. Congratulations from all of us!

*Mike Allfrey*

## HIGH COUNTRY TOUR – 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> April 2011

### A Very Special Little Tour

We met at Yarra Glen for an early start in overcast miserable conditions that were going to stay with us for a couple of days. But we were all in high spirits and left for our morning tea destination in Yea where Diane and Nello Mafodda joined us. We took the scenic route from Yea through Euroa to the freeway, stopping at the Glenrowan service centre for petrol and other necessities before travelling to our lunch stop at the Milawa cheese factory. John and Virginia Rowe, our members from Bendigo, joined us there. From Milawa we travelled in convoy to our motel in Bright. After the normal pre-dinner drinks and nibbles, we adjourned to the local pub for dinner to end a very enjoyable first day.

Day two was designated a free day, and everybody did their own thing meeting for lunch at the café next to the brewery and again for dinner at the motel. Afterwards, we were joined by a bus load of "oldies", the motel owner told a few jokes, and we had some lively banter with the other group.



After breakfast the next day the main group departed to Mt Beauty for lunch. Maxine, Nello and Tony went to Chiltern to heal the wounds of friendship with a mate we neglected to see on the Fly the Flag tour. The day turned out quite interesting, with Maxine and Nello collecting apples from several trees along the way which brought back some childhood memories. That night we had dinner at Simone's, the top provincial restaurant in Victoria.

On day four, we woke to a very cold, misty morning with a forecast of  $-3^{\circ}$  on Hotham. We left Bright at 9:00 am to drive through Harrierville, where we met thick fog with snow on Mt. Hotham. But it cleared by the time we reached our coffee stop at Dinner Plain. After Dinner Plain, the weather cleared more, and the sun shone, the



skies were blue, and the scenery looking over the valley's with their autumn colours was magnificent. After lunch at the Swifts Creek bakery, we continued down through Bairnsdale to our motel in Metung. That night was a free night, but most of us had a very enjoyable night at the Metung Hotel staying quite late having a few Guinness and beers.

*Left: Doing what we do so well!*

The next day we left for Lakes Entrance where we had arranged to take the Wyanga Park Winery lunch cruise. This was a very relaxing cruise to the winery with comprehensive wine tasting, an interesting commentary along the way, followed by a nice lunch in the winery restaurant. That night

after a rather full day we decided to have take-away pizzas rather than go out to dinner.

Overall it was a very enjoyable week away and we all give our thanks to Peter McKiernan for once again organizing a fantastic holiday.

*Maxine and Tony Pettigrew*

## **PAT'S MID-WEEK RUN – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

### **Visits To Two Interesting Places with French Connections**

There was a sign of slippage by the well-oiled machine that is the ABCCC. Some of us arrived at the Lilydale International Club a little bit early, due to a slight misunderstanding of times. It was a freshly cool morning, and all of a sudden, the Rover's windows fogged up due to a breath of cold air as the door was opened. It was, initially, very cold! We did have a good turnout for this popular event, and, with the sun finally breaking through, it was pleasant having a chat while we waited for Pat Douglas to arrive.

As soon as Pat arrived, we were given instruction sheets, and we set off for the Lilydale Herb Farm for a quick look around and a superb cuppa in the café (which, as well as having a French atmosphere, also had a local theme to it). The biscuits were probably ANZAC's baked with French flair – they were sublimely delicious!

Then, it was on to Mont de Lancy, a bit further along the road. There we browsed the shop and the café, where plum and Port conserve was available. This was a restaurant with French connections, where we had a fine roast lunch with, of course, French wines. The last time I experienced such a lunch in France, the roast goose was barely warmed and still very raw.

*Right: Our cars parked at Mont de Lancy.*

Our thanks to Pat Douglas for putting it all together for us; it was a pleasant day out and with excellent company too. Those who joined in were – Bill Ballard, Mike Alfrey, Robyn and Robert Joiner, Val Jefferyes and Colin Forrest, Bryan and Anne Tootell, Tony and Maxine Pettigrew, Pat Douglas and Geoff and Judy Birkett.



*Mike Alfrey*

## **Rex's Big Day Out - Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2011**

### **Warm Friendship and Lunch - from Sunbury to Daylesford**

It's time to get that British classic out again for a run in the country on beautiful, well-maintained roads with lots of interesting things to do and see. We'll meet at the North end car park of the BP Service Centre at the intersection of the Calder Freeway and Holden Road, Calder Park, at 9.15am for 9.30am departure. We then travel to Pitruzzello Estate Olive Grove & Vineyard, Sunbury for morning tea and a tour of the olive processing plant. From there, we'll travel for an hour through beautiful scenery, past Trentham Falls and the township of Lyonville, to the Old Macaroni Factory at Hepburn Springs, where we will enjoy a lovely pasta lunch at Lucini's Historic Pasta Cafe. If time permits, we can take a tour of the old Macaroni Factory or perhaps visit the many Antique stores in and around Daylesford. Thanks to Members Andrew and Pat Swann for the venue suggestions.

*Rex Hall*



## Frank's Laid back Country Tour – Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2011

### Wine-tasting and Lunch in Rural Victoria

We will meet at the Lilydale International car park at 9:00 am for a 9:30 am departure. We will head north to a world-class winery for an organised tasting, followed by a conducted tour. The cost for this will be a very reasonable \$5 per head. It will provide an insight into the day-to-day workings of a winery as well as an opportunity to sample not only wines, but also local produce.

We then drive north for approximately an hour to our lunch destination at the bistro of a rural hotel, where we have reserved tables for our group. The bistro has a good selection of reasonably priced meals to choose from. Should you have any special dietary requirements, please do not hesitate to give me a call as almost anything is possible with a little notice.

Lunch is planned to be a relaxing time, so if you wish to sit around and enjoy each others company after lunch, you are more than welcome to do so. If, on the other hand, you feel like a scenic afternoon drive, then that is available also.

So give that great British classic a bit of TLC. Then come and join us for what I am sure will be another ABCCC classic day out. Please call to let me know if you intend to join us as we need to know numbers for the tour and the catering. This helps us make the day better for you.

Contact Frank on mob: 0408 633 778, E-mail: [classicautos@aol.com.au](mailto:classicautos@aol.com.au)

*Frank Sawyer*

## A PUB LUNCH RUN – Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> July 2011

### A Most Enjoyable Day Out To The North Of Melbourne

We know it's cold and miserable in the middle of winter, and you would rather sleep in. SO, we will meet at the late time of 10.15 am (for an 11.00 start) at Jackson Court, Doncaster East, take the Middleborough Road exit from the Eastern Freeway (north of the freeway, Middleborough Road becomes Wetherby Road), head north for one kilometre to the Doncaster Road traffic lights, turn right for half a kilometre to Jackson Court. There should be ample parking in the adjacent area to Dan Murphy's. For those who would like a coffee before we depart, there is a coffee shop (Filli's) on the south side of the Court which will be open. Toilet facilities are in the parking area (modern ones, usually clean).

We will then meander through the rural northern district via Yan Yean, Whittlesea and on, up the hill to Kinglake, for a hearty lunch at the Pub. As we have to advise numbers for staff allocation, your intention to participate is required by Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July. (Mobile No. 0412 549 906, [annbry@optusnet.com](mailto:annbry@optusnet.com))

*Anne and Bryan Tootell*

## CHRISTMAS IN JULY – Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2010

After the great success of last few years' *Christmas in Julys* at Marybrooke we have booked the 24<sup>th</sup> of July for another Christmas-style luncheon, and have kept the same traditional menu as last year, drinks will be provided by the club.

### Luncheon Information

**Time:** 12:30 pm for 1:00 pm

**Location:** MARYBROOKE, 10 Sherbrooke Road, Sherbrooke (Melways Map 75, Ref: H2)

**Menu:** Cream of butternut pumpkin soup  
Roast pork and turkey with crackling, and cranberry sauce  
Served with an assortment of roasted vegetables, pan gravy and condiments  
Individual plum pudding, with warm custard.  
Coffee/Tea

**Cost:** \$30.00 per head (Drinks provided by our club)

By popular demand we will have a Kris Kringle (\$10 Minimum)

**Note:** This is the Annual Club Luncheon, and is a Member-only Event. Pre-booking and payment is required by the 14<sup>th</sup> of July. A booking form is provided at the bottom of the last page (With due consideration to Hancock's Half Hour).

*Colin & Joy Brown*

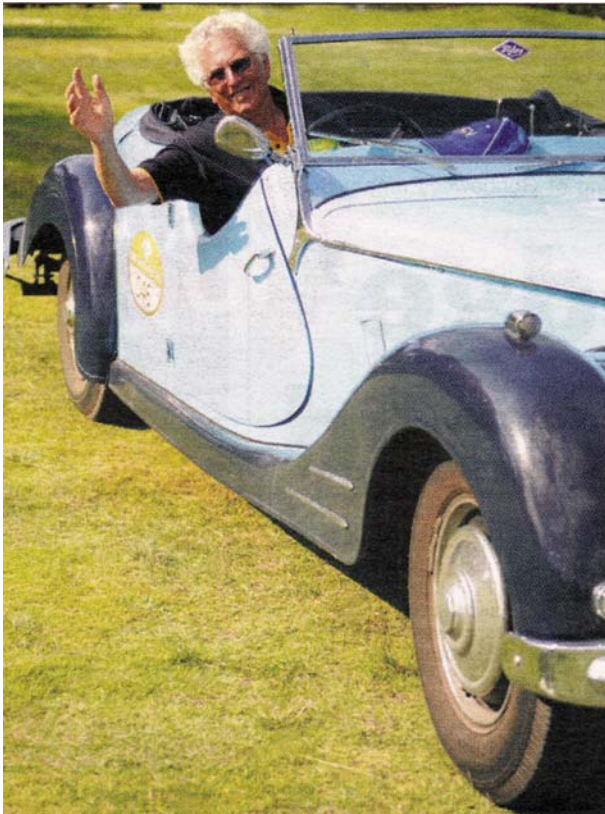
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**WARNING NOTICE ON A STEERING-LOCK** (Bar-like anti-theft device to prevent moving steering wheel) – Caution, remove before driving car.

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## CLASSIC CARS FLYING THE FLAG

A Clipping From *The Riverine Herald* Newspaper, 30<sup>th</sup> March 2011



About 210 vintage and classic vehicles arrived in Echuca-Moama yesterday as part of the annual RACV Fly the Flag Tour. In its 10th year, the tour features vintage and classic vehicles, including motorcycles and commercial vehicles. More than 400 car enthusiasts are taking part, spending two nights in Echuca-Moama, before leaving tomorrow to continue the tour, which started in Keilor on Saturday and included stops in Bendigo, Swan Hill and Echuca-Moama. It finishes in Wangaratta on Friday.

The aim of the tour is to promote heritage motoring to the wider community, as well as providing a boost to the economies of the towns it visits. Vehicles involved in the tour will be displayed in the port precinct today while their owners go on a paddle steamer cruise.

The cars will leave from Rich River Golf Club Resort at 9:00 am tomorrow and will travel as a group for the start of the day's motoring. One of the best places to see the cars go by will be in High Street, Echuca. It is the third time the tour has visited Echuca, having an over-night stop in 2007 and passing through in 2003. "They enjoyed it, so that's why we're back," tour organiser Tony Pettigrew said.

Left: **Prized:** Tore Panuzzo of Scoresby shows off his 1950 Riley RMC507, which was made in England. Tore has owned the car for more than thirty years and says it is a "part of the family."

Note: Photo is a scan from newspaper.

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### SIMPLIFICATION OF THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE

Having chosen English as the preferred language in the EEC, the European Parliament has commissioned a feasibility study in ways of improving efficiency in communications between Government departments. European officials have often pointed out that English spelling is unnecessarily difficult; for example: cough, plough, rough, through and thorough. What is clearly needed is a phased programme of changes to iron out these anomalies. The programme would, of course, be administered by a committee staff person at top level by participating nations.

In the first year, for example, the committee would suggest using 's' instead of the soft 'c'. Certainly, sivil servants in all sities would resieve this news with joy. Then the hard 'c' could be replaced by 'k' sinse both letters are pronounsed alike. Not only would this klear up konfusion in the minds of klerikal workers, but typewriters could be made with one less letter.

There would be growing enthusiasm when in the sekond year, it was announsed that the troublesome 'ph' would henseforth be written 'f'. This would make words like 'fotograf' twenty persent shorter in print.

In the third year, publik akseptanse of the new spelling kan be expekted to reash the stage where more komplikatad shanges are possible. Governments would enkourage the removal of double leters which have always been a deterrent to akurate speling. We would al agre that the horrible mes of silent 'e's in the languag is disgrasful. Therefor we kould drop them and kontinu to read and writ as though nothing had hapend.

By this tim it would be four years sins the skem began and peopl would be reseptiv to steps sutsh as replasing 'th' by 'z'. Perhaps zen ze funktion of 'w' kould be taken on by 'v', vitsh is, after al, half a 'w'. Shortly after zis, ze unesesary 'o' kould be dropd from vords kontaining 'ou'. Similar arguments vud of kors be aplid to ozer kombinations of leters. Kontinuing zis proses yer after yer, ve vud eventuli hav a reli sensibl riten styl. After tventi yers zer vud be no mor trubls, difikultis and evrivun vud find it ezi tu understand ech ozer. Ze drems of ze Guevrnmt vud finali hav kum tru. (*Test your spell checker's ability with that!*)

*From the Internet with Fanks*

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## A WELL PLANNED RETIREMENT!

### A Perfect Example Of Government Mismanagement



Outside England's Bristol Zoological Gardens there is a car park for 150 cars and 8 buses. For 25 years, its parking fees were managed by a very pleasant attendant. The fees were – for cars £1.40, and for buses £7.00.

Then one day, after 25 solid years of never missing a day of work, he just didn't show up; so the zoo's management called the Bristol City Council and asked it to send them another parking attendant. The Council did some research and replied that the parking area was the Zoo's own responsibility.

The Zoo advised the Council that the attendant was a City employee.

The City Council responded that the parking area attendant had never been on the City payroll.

Meanwhile, sitting in his villa somewhere on the coast of Spain, France or Italy – is a man who'd apparently had a ticket machine installed completely on his own, and then, had simply begun to show up every day, to collect and keep the parking fees, estimated at about £560 per day – for 25 years.

Assuming seven days a week, this amounts to just over £7-million. On top of that, no one even knows his name.

*Via E-mail – With Thanks*

*Editor's Note: Coming from the Bristol area, an opportunity has been lost!*

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## BOOKING FORM – CHRISTMAS IN JULY LUNCHEON – 24<sup>th</sup> July, 2011

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