



ABCCC NEWSFLASH!

THE ALL BRITISH CLASSICS CAR CLUB, INC.

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COMMENT

Some Important Points

At the May Delegates' Meeting of the Association of Motoring Clubs (AOMC), a bundle of Victorian Club Permit Scheme (VCPS) Logbook wallets were collected. These will be distributed to club members who have motor cars operated on the VCPS under the auspices of the ABCCC Inc.

There are a number of events scheduled for the remainder of the year, for which the Editor of *Your ABCCC News* has no information yet. Event organisers, please get this information in as soon as you can.

Mike Allfrey – Editor

SPECIAL NOTICES – Victorian Club Permit Scheme

Event Participation Register

In accordance with our club's administration of the new Victorian Club Permit Scheme (VCPS), we need to maintain a record of those who have attended events during the year. This record is for a calendar year, and it has to be kept up to date.

Sue Allfrey has kindly volunteered to maintain the ABCCC Events Register. To make her task a bit easier, it would be a great help if event organisers could forward to Sue a list of those club members who have attended their events this year. Event participant lists can be e-mailed to sue.allfrey@bigpond.com or they can be posted to: 59 Rowson Street, Boronia VICTORIA, 3155.

VCPS Renewal Forms

As a part of the changes to the VCPS, the Permit Renewal Form has been revised. Colin Brown advises that there is now a space/box for the motor vehicle owner to sign. Colin has noticed that the forms passed on to him for processing, are not being signed in the space provided. Please ensure that your forms are properly completed before sending them and your cheque to Colin.

Mike Allfrey



Rally Bag Stuffing Is Sooner Than You Think!

Preparations are well in hand for next year's RACV Great Australian Rally, and there is still more to do. As ever, we are asking for items (and some pamphlets) for placing in the rally bags for each entrant. We don't need massive numbers of individual items, just a great number of different items. Whatever quantities you have to make up differing packages for our rally entrants. Please put out the feelers wherever you go. They could be trade gifts or samples out there that we will be willing to dispose of. Let me know so that we will make the necessary arrangements for collection.

It is our desire to make 2012 a bumper year for the RACV Great Australian Rally, and a decent rally bag will go a long way to making it a memorable event for the entrants.

I can be contacted on Telephones: (03) 5964 9291 (AH) or 0408 343 176, if you have anything for us.

Colin Brown – Rally Organiser

MYSTERY COACH TOUR – 28th AUGUST – Contact Ray Higginson
(03) 9336 7306

CLASSIC BRITISH MOTOR CARS ON TELEVISION

Auntie serves up a veritable Feast for Us!

I have to confess that, over recent years, we have not paid much attention to what programmes are appearing on the television. When shows as *The Master Chef* lead the 'ratings' and a cheat therein makes newspaper front page news, there is not much incentive to watch. I tend to hibernate with *The Last Of The Summer Wine*. The size of Nora Batty's feet is far more interesting than a cheating would-be chef!

However, all is not a waste of time in television land. Our ABC has three programmes that are worth a look for those who have an interest in British classic motor cars. On Saturday evenings at 7:30 pm there is *Kingdom* with Stephen Fry as a small town solicitor motoring around in a very nice looking 1960s Alvis 3-litre, and it appears from the endless promotions for the programme that when it is not raining, the Alvis can be seen motoring around Market Shipborough with the hood down – as it should be. *The Age Green Guide* previews *Kingdom* with the comment that it will become a Saturday night favourite - a bonus for Alvis lovers and admirers.

But there's more! On Sunday Evenings at 8:30 pm we have *Inspector George Gently*, a period crime solving series that features, in even more promotions, a very solid-looking Rover P5. I will leave it to the Rover specialists to determine if it is a Series I, II, III or even a 3.5-litre V8 model. Also spotted in the promotions are Hillman Hunter and Ford Corsair – I think. This should be a good one for Rover enthusiasts.

And, finally, there is on Tuesdays at 8:30 pm, *The Young Ones* in which a group of well-known British celebrities (oldies) come face to face with the lives they led in their heyday. The setting is a mid-1970s fitted out mansion. It seems to be an experiment to find out if the celebrities living in this 'home' feel younger because of their surroundings. No matter, they are even driven out to various places and the mansion in period motor cars. I particularly noticed a very presentable yellow Rover P6 that even had its spare wheel 'left on the boot lid'! Other cars feature are a Morris Marina and, I think again, a Hillman Hunter or Arrow.

All of this is on the very confusingly titled ABC1 (Channel 2). We also managed to find it quite easily on our television set, so it must be easier for others. Enjoy your glimpses of those fine British classics. It looks like our winter won't be so bleak after all!

Mike Allfrey

EVENT REPORTS

Ciao Italia! Rex's Big Day Out

Or something like that! We arrived in good time at the BP service station near Calder Raceway. Even though we were fairly early, judging by the numbers who welcomed us, we felt as if we were quite late. Soon, it was time to set off for our first stop - morning refreshments at the Pitru Zello olive grove and processing plant. This was an enormous building with a Café area adjacent to the olive oil extraction plant. There were some really nice olives to sample, and of course, to buy, too. After a leisurely cuppa, we were given a conducted tour of the main facility. As I looked around, I thought that the groves would have to be super-productive to keep all the machinery occupied. Everything looked brand new and it was interesting to note that some of the machines were made by Alfa-Laval, a Swedish company famous for its milking machines; and of course for those millions of 20003-B teat-squeezing liners that milk cows and goats around the world. The place was a bit nostalgic for me as, in the early 1970s, I had been involved with baling hay right where the huge new 'factory' now stood.

Rex and Deanna kept us moving as we set off for Trentham Falls, where the restrooms were reputedly less 'interesting' than those at our lunch destination. There was a good flow of water over the falls and, after our break in the drive, we were off for Hepburn Springs. Our destination was the Old Macaroni Factory, which is now a

pasta restaurant. Somehow, we managed to pack all fifty-nine of us at tables for lunch.

Left: David Peck's lovely Rolls Royce at the Old Macaroni Factory.

This was an old building with a quite rustic but a pleasant eatery inside. We settled down to a three-choice pasta menu and wines from a small bar which had been built in.

Once we had eaten, music came on and there was a rousing accompaniment to Dean Martin's fabulous *Its Amore!* All of this was led by an enthusiastic *Maitre D'hôtel* (Italian?). We all joined in amid the warmth of a large log fire at the end of the room.



We had to depart a bit earlier than most. It was a most enjoyable Big Day Out and our thanks to Rex and Deanna for putting it all on for us to enjoy. We had one of our largest turnouts for a club event, proof that it was a great formula. Here's to next time!

Mike Allfrey

COMING EVENTS

A PUB LUNCH RUN – Sunday 10th 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 later time of 10.15am (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; then 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. We need to know how many will be coming by Friday 1st July.

Contact Bryan on mobile 0412 549 906, or E-mail annbry@optusnet.com

Anne and Bryan Tootell

CHRISTMAS IN JULY – Sunday 24th July 2010

After the great success of the last few years *Christmas in July* at Marybrooke, we have booked the 24th of July for another Christmas-style luncheon. We 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 person (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 14th of July. A booking form is provided at the bottom of the last page.

Colin & Joy Brown

MYSTERY COACH TOUR – Sunday 28th August 2011

Where are we going? – You'll find out when WE get there!

This popular event is again being put on by the Higginson Charabanc Tour Company. As always, the destination is a well-kept secret. No secret is where we will be departing from – Mooney Valley Bus Lines' depot at 6 Tullamarine Park Drive, Tullamarine (Melways Map 15, Ref D4).

The impressive 464 horse-power super-cruising luxury motor coach will be departing at 8:30 am sharp. If you arrive at 8:31 am you will see those mighty exhausts disappearing up or down the road. We will have a tight schedule of interesting activities for our trip; so book early to avoid disappointment. Be sure to bring a pin (with ink in it!), while writing paper will be provided.

Contact Ray or Lyn (03) 9336 7306 to confirm your booking.

Ray Higginson

PHIL'S TOURING DAY OUT – Sunday 25th September 2011

Yarra Valley At Its Best

Hopefully the weather will be kind.

We meet at the Car Park outside the Harvey Norman store, located on Whitehorse Road, Nunawading (Melways Map 48, Ref G9).

Time 9:00 am for a 9:30 am drive off. After driving through Warrandyte and Kangaroo Ground we will eventually reach Watsons Creek where we will stop at the Antique Store/Café for Morning Tea. We will then proceed on to Toolangi via Yarra Glen. Lunch will be served at the Toolangi Tavern. A set menu has been arranged at a nominal charge of \$15 to \$18 per head. Drinks will be at bar prices. From Toolangi, we will travel down to Healesville. Here we will be amazed at a demonstration in the art of Glass Blowing. Gifts can be bought at reasonable prices So, bring your wallets and credit cards; I am sure you will be more than interested.

As catering needs to be confirmed, can those members who are interested in participating on this event please let me know. Full route details will be given at the start of the event. Book now with Phil (03) 9842 5449.

Phil Cook

ABCCC EVENTS CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

July 2011

- 10 Pub Lunch Run – [An ABCCC Event](#) Bryan Tootell 0412 549 906
Venue – Meet at Jackson Court, Doncaster East and meander to Kinglake.
- 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
Full information in next *Your ABCCC News*, but numbers are early.
Venue – TBA, Victoria.
- 28 Mystery Coach Tour – [An ABCCC Event](#) Ray Higginson (03) 9336 7306 (AH)
Bring a pen!
Venue – A real mystery 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
Start Point – Harvey Norman car park, Whitehorse Road, Nunawading (Melways Map 48; Ref. G9)

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,
- 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.

Note: Event Organisers – please keep us informed with event details in good time prior to your event. Thanks.

BOOKING FORM – CHRISTMAS IN JULY LUNCHEON – 24th July, 2011

Please Reserve _____ Seats For: _____

Enclosed is my cheque/postal note/money order for \$ _____

Payable to: All British Classics Car Club, Inc.

Send to: Colin Brown
PO Box 40
Coldstream Vic 3770

Telephones: (03) 5964 9291

Form can be copied if you do not wish to mutilate Your ABCCC News
