



All British Classics Car Club (Vic)

A friendly family social motoring club

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A NEW FAT-FREE LEASE OF LIFE



Not a member's car this time, but a splendid-looking Fordson 10 hp van which is now serving well for the Pura Dairy to promote a new type of milk. There is an ABCCC link though. See more about this little gem 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 23rd 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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The Victorian Club Permit Scheme

The ABCCC Inc. is a club that is 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 and Permit (current), the AOMC VCPS Handbook and a copy of *Your ABCCC News* that contains details of the event the permitted vehicle is participating in. All enquiries should be addressed to 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 our club, 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 the following conditions for operating 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. He will advise the procedure for application with respect to the conditions set by the ABCCC.
2. A club member who proposes to place his/her motor vehicle on the Victorian Club Permit Scheme, must have been an ABCCC member for more than one year.
3. A Roadworthy Certificate must accompany an application for the Victorian Club Permit Scheme under the auspices of the ABCCC.
4. A club member who operates a motor vehicle on the Victorian Club Permit Scheme, under the auspices of the ABCCC, must attend a minimum of three (3) club events per year. The car does not have to attend three events, just the owner. Excluded from the count are the Annual Winter Luncheon and the Christmas Luncheon events.
5. VicRoads requires a permit holder to be in good financial status in order to drive the car under this Permit.
6. The ABCCC will notify VicRoads when a permit holder 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 operated under the Permit Scheme should be used within the spirit of the motor vehicle club scheme.

PERMIT RENEWALS

VicRoads requires that an ABCCC authorised VCPS Officer's signature is entered on the permit renewal notice. Therefore, your VCPS renewal should be 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 the VCPS fee. Colin will sign on behalf of the ABCCC, and then forward the permit renewal on to VicRoads. The form also requires YOUR signature, so be sure to sign it as the permit holder as well.

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

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 14th of January, March, May, July, September and November. Events organised by other clubs or associations have a contact telephone number to use prior to the event.*

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

August 2011

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| 14 | Grand Tour of Sorrento – An ABCCC Event | Karen McDonald (03) 5975 1867 |
| | Start Venue – Meet at The Sober Mule Café, Mornington Homemaker Centre, Bungower Road, Mornington (Melways 104, Re K11) | |
| 28 | Mystery Coach Tour – An ABCCC Event | Ray Higginson (03) 9336 7306 (AH) |
| | Venue – A real mystery, but within Victoria. | |

September 2011

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| 4 | Fathers' Day | |
| 14 | A Hills' Driving Experience – An ABCCC Event | Geoff & Judy Birkett (03) (03) 9755 1772 |
| | Start Venue – Kellybrook Winery at Wonga Park, (Melways 24, Re: J8). | |
| 25 | Phil's Touring Day Out, The Yarra Valley At Its Best – An ABCCC Event | Phil Cook (03) 9842 5449 |
| | Start Venue – Meet at Harvey Norman, Maroondah Highway, Nunawading, Victoria. | |

October 2011

- 9 A Day Out To Be Advised – [An ABCCC Event](#) Peter McKiernan (03) 9787 6003
Venue – TBA.
- 15 – 16 Como Gardens Open Weekend – [An ABCCC Assist Event](#) George Hetrel (03) 9761 3239
Venue – 79 Basin - Olinda Road, The Basin, Victoria (Melways 65, Re: K8).
- 21 – 23 Motorclassica – Exhibitions & Trade Fairs Ian Hankey (03) 9755 3288
Venue – Royal Exhibition Building, Carlton, Victoria.

November 2011

- 6 2012 Planning Meeting – ABCCC Committee, Plus Volunteers Tony Pettigrew (03) 9739 1146
Venue – 16 Lawler Lane, Coldstream, Victoria.
- 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 – Chateau Wyuna, Swansea Road, Mt. Evelyn, Victoria.

EDITORIAL NOTES – ISSUE NUMBER 145

On 15th May the Association of Motoring Clubs (AOMC), as a part of National Heritage Motoring Day, ran an event with multiple starting points that concluded at the Yarra Glen Racecourse. This event was reasonably well supported by clubs, and will probably be run again in 2012. It was while at Yarra Glen that the AOMC noted that a large number of participants from car clubs did not know what the AOMC actually is. That is pretty sad. The AOMC's Website is listed on Page 2. Club members are encouraged to visit it regularly for there is a vast amount of information up there in the ether about the AOMC and its achievements, Victorian Club Permit Scheme, the AOMC Motoring Shows and other topics related to the heritage motoring movement. This site is well worth a visit to help enrich your knowledge about the heritage motoring scene and the activities that are happening all around us.

Some time ago, Bryan Tootell sent in an article about a rather interesting Rolls Royce. To make a long story short, after changing computers Hopefully, the result on Page 5 has worked out the way it should be.

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

A WARM WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

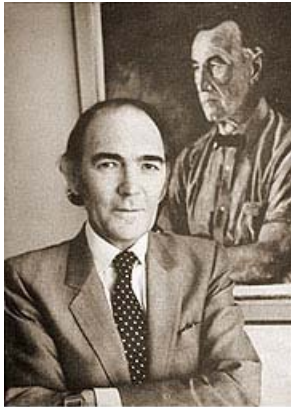
A hearty welcome to the well-oiled machine that is the All British Classics Car Club. Our club is one of the fastest growing motoring interest clubs in this country. We hope to be able to welcome you and, in actual fact, your British classic motor car, at one of our events soon. Our club aims to have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

Name	Make Of Car	Model	Year
Ian and Sherryl Ratcliffe	Daimler	Century	1957
Gordon Paterson and Gillian Hutchins	Morris	Mini Cooper 'S'	1970
Stephen Hicks and Pamela Quipanes	Hillman	Super Minx	1963
Bruce and Lynette Johnson	Austin-Healey	Sprite Mk 1	1960
	Morris	1100	1965
	Leyland	Mini Moke	1980
	Leyland	Mini Moke	1982
Ken Henderson	Austin	Van Den Plas Princess 4 L-R	1965
	Austin	Van Den Plas Princess 4 L-R	1965
	Austin	Van Den Plas Princess 4 L-R	1966
	Rolls Royce	Corniche Saloon	1974
	Carbodies	London FX4S Taxi	1986

Pat Douglas – Membership Secretary

ROLLS-ROYCE PHANTOM III CHASSIS NUMBER 3AZ138

The Phantom III Chassis Number 3AZ138 may not be the most famous of Rolls-Royces, but it is probably the most infamous.



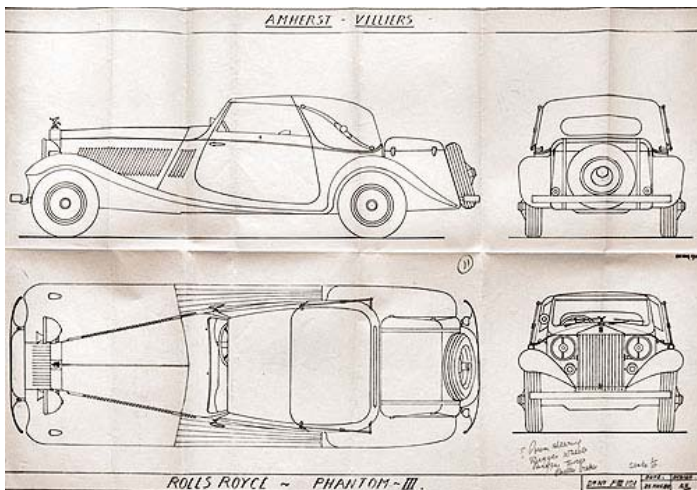
Charles Amherst Villiers in the early sixties with his portrait of Ian Fleming author of the James Bond Books

The car started life as a Hooper limousine and spent time in the US before returning to England body-less. Languishing in a field until, in 1973, it was bought by this country's (England) most famous and charismatic motor engineers, Charles Amherst Villiers (CAV).

Charles was born in 1900 and is best known for supercharging the Birkin Bentleys that as WO Bentley predicted, were not to be reliable. In R-R circles he is better known for designing and building a small running-board mounted engine and supercharger for Jack Kruse's Phantom I. Birkin got 108 mph out of it at Brooklands. Dorothy Padgett owned it for a time. It's now in Australia. He also painted portraits of Ian Fleming and Formula One World Champion, Graham Hill, which are in the National Portrait Gallery. They were completed in the early 1960s when he and others were designing the 1½ litre BRM V8 Formula One car that Hill was driving. It later won a World Championship. Charles Amherst Villiers was a lifelong friend of Ian Fleming, which is why Bond's car in the earlier books, was a supercharged 4.5 litre WO.

While the Phantom III rebuild was under way, CAV met up with some senior R-R personnel and was able to persuade them to take on and finish the job at their expense in exchange for use of the car for publicity purposes. It was used to aid the launch of the new Bentley Mulsanne Turbo in 1982. This included fitting and testing turbochargers to CAV's design and, according to the newspapers of the day, building it to a standard that would enable it to win a Concours event like the Rolls-Royce Enthusiasts Club annual rally.

It all went disastrously wrong and CAV sued R-R for not completing the job or doing it properly. The story appeared in all the major newspapers (see below) and he won the case. However, although it was a humiliating disaster for Rolls-Royce, poor CAV was dead before the court ruling and was succeeded by an unwell daughter. It was a sad end to an illustrious career.



Left: Amherst Villiers's drawing of the proposed car.

The 11th King of Malaysia then purchased the car in 1999. HRH Sultan Salahuddin Abdul Aziz Shah, we understand, loved it but was not aware of its history. He sadly died rather young. His third son HH Prince Tengku Abdul Samad Shah, who now owns the car, had done some research and was fascinated by this extraordinary story. He asked us to rebuild it for him, as it had never run properly. The Prince was inordinately fond of his father and therefore wishes the car to be what R-R were not able to make it – a Concours example of one of the company's most enigmatic products, a suitable memorial to a very special relationship cut short by a cruel act of fate.

Alpine Eagle have completely disassembled the car and the rebuild is now under way. Turbochargers are not going to be used, the overdrive has been removed in favour of a higher axle ratio. The original differential was rusty and parts of the chassis had been so badly butchered that not only were many new ones necessary, but also a second hand chassis had to be robbed to get everything as it should be. We cannot say who is to blame for this work, since several companies were involved and standards were lower than anyway. All we can say for sure is this one was pretty bad.

The body has had to be altered to get the doors to fit properly - a smaller, contemporary rear window has been fitted and some new panelling. The wings are to be remade to look in proportion to the body and the interior is to be pure Gurney Nutting and not seventies R-R/CAV.

The engine was in a poor state, the liner heights were wrong and, although the area where 'O' rings seal them in the block had been sleeved and re-machined. These were off-centre so that the liners were higher on one side than the other. The work is a real challenge and that is what we like most. When it is finished, the car will be a Royal Blue with honey trim and roof covering with complimentary veneers. The wings will be larger, deeper and more elegant.

We are extremely proud of this commission and will ensure that our work lives up to or exceeds our esteemed customer's expectations. We'll build a truly wonderful car.

Photographs follow:



Body having been re-worked.



Nineteen eighties interior to be returned to 1936.



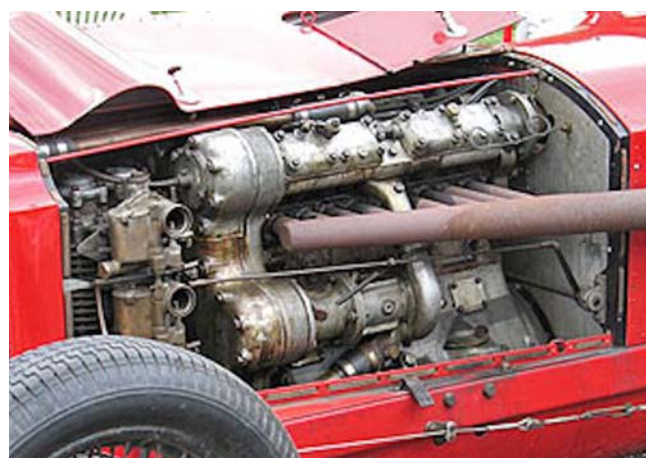
Engine never ran with turbos, but this is what it would have looked like.



Car as it was on arrival.



The Vauxhall Grand Prix car was not successful until Amherst Villiers supercharged it for Raymond Mays.



From Bryan Tootell – With Thanks

OUR BRAIN TEASER

When asked how old she was, Mary replied, "In two years I will be twice as old as I was five years ago." How old is she?

The answer is on Page 12, look for it, it is definitely there!

INTERESTING ENTRIES ON MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE CLAIMS

Editorial Note: Not too sure about the origins of this one. I remember my father reading this out loud from the Manchester Guardian (that goes back a bit) newspaper, while I was still at school. We all had a good laugh that breakfast time. At that time, about 1955, Item 3 was a 'stationary tram' that was collided with. This could also mean that nothing has changed over the twenty-two-odd years that have elapsed since!

Another interesting fact – in England, green cars feature most as being 'not seen', with respect to insurance claim information. That is why a certain Rover runs around with its yellow fog lights aglow.

The following quotes taken from the Toronto News on July 26th, 1977, are actual statements from insurance claim forms where car drivers tried to summarize accident details in as few words as possible. Such instances of faulty writing serve to confirm that incompetency can be highly entertaining.

1. Coming home I drove into the wrong house and collided with a tree I don't have.
2. The other car collided with mine, without giving warning of its intent.
3. I collided with a stationary truck coming the other way.
4. In my attempt to kill a fly, I drove into a telephone pole.
5. I had been shopping for plants all day and was on my way home. As I reached an intersection, a hedge sprang up, obscuring my vision and I did not see the other car.
6. I had been driving for forty years when I fell asleep at the wheel and had an accident.
7. I was on my way to the doctor with rear end trouble when my universal joint gave way causing me to have an accident.
8. My car was legally parked as it backed into the other vehicle.
9. As I approached the intersection a sign suddenly appeared in a place where no sign had ever appeared before, making me unable to avoid the accident.
10. I told the police I was not injured, but upon removing my hair, I found that I had a fractured skull.
11. I was sure the old fellow would never make it to the other side of the road when I struck him.
12. I saw a slow-moving, sad-faced old gentleman as he bounced off the bonnet of my car.
13. The indirect cause of the accident was a little guy in a small car with a big mouth.
14. I was thrown from my car as it left the road, and was later found in a ditch by some stray cows.
15. A pedestrian hit me and went under my car.
16. I thought my window was down, but I found out it was up when I put my head through it.
17. To avoid hitting the bumper of the car in front, I struck the pedestrian.
18. The guy was all over the road. I had to swerve a number of times before I hit him.
19. The pedestrian had no idea which way to run, so I ran over him.
20. An invisible car came out of nowhere, struck my car and vanished.
21. A truck backed through my windshield into my wife's face.
22. I pulled away from the side of the road, glanced at my mother-in-law, and headed over the embankment.

Via E-mail – With Thanks

VICTORIAN CLUB PERMIT SCHEME NOTICE

It has come to our notice that some Victorian Club Permit Scheme (VCPS) permit renewal forms are being sent in without being signed by the permit holder. The signature is a new component in the revised VCPS, or, as we call it, the 90-Day Logbook Scheme. Please ensure that your signature is in the box on the form before sending it to me for processing and forwarding to VicRoads.

Colin Brown – VCPS Officer (Renewals)

IT'S A SMALL (FORD) WORLD

And, There's An ABCCC Connection

It seems that Small Fords are suddenly becoming popular with TV advertising agents. Last year we had a **100E Anglia** appearing in a Bank of Queensland advertisement, now we have a little **Fordson E4930C/B "Ten Five"** (10 hp 5 cwt) panel van being used in a Pura Milk advertising campaign. Watch out for their advertisement, promoting a new type of full cream milk – Pura New. The van appears right at the end, driving across the bottom of your screen. It looks fabulous in its "Pura New" livery!

I can now tell you how that van came to be used in the advertisement. In mid-2010, I was approached by Daniel Gatland of CBD Promotions, Toowong, Queensland who was seeking to acquire a **Fordson "Ten-Ten"** (10hp - 10cwt) panel van on behalf of a client who was going to use it in an advertising campaign. It could be in any condition – funds were available to restore it if necessary. Unfortunately, these vans have become very popular for promotional purposes and are becoming very hard to find. Daniel had just missed out on a roadworthy **"Ten Ten"** van in South Australia which had been bought to promote a boutique brewery in Victoria. I was aware of a few that may be available, but all were in poor condition and would need a lot on them to bring them up to fully roadworthy condition. As time went by, it



was obvious Daniel's luck was running out and I suggested he broadened the field by looking for a **"Ten Five"** van. I told him that this type of vehicle had been very popular with dairymen in the U.K. when I was young. I sent him some pictures I had taken of such vans that had been preserved in the U.K. As if by magic, Tony Pettigrew, President of the All British Classics Car Club, introduced me to someone in Sydney who wished to sell a **"Ten Five"** van that looked in very nice condition (**see picture, top right**). I had been asked to look out for such a van by someone else a long time ago, but when I offered it to him, he declined, so I told Daniel, and he soon snapped it up – and the rest, as they say, is history!



Now registered in Victoria "YHO 343" the van, immaculate in its "PURA New" livery of cream and two shades of blue. It appeared at Knox City shopping centre on Maundy Thursday and again on Easter Saturday, when it was captured by Sandra on her mobile 'phone (**middle, right and right**). (Daniel had kindly sent me the picture of the milkman). Attendants nearby were giving out free samples of the new 2% fat milk, which I have to admit tastes very nice!

The van had been seen before Easter outside Cardinia Park footy ground, Geelong, and more recently it has been seen in north west Tasmania. Wherever it goes, it is a beautiful sight! Watch out for it coming your way!

Bill and Sandra Ballard

PAST AND FUTURE EVENTS

THE CREAM SPONGE RUN – Sunday 15th May 2011

With the weather threatening to be another snow experience for the CSR, or at the least flooding of the Macclesfield Road section of the trip, Geoff set off on a reconnaissance trip. The day before, fearing the worst. There had been storm damage along the way - with branches being cleared off the route to be taken, but the way looked clear for everyone on Sunday.

Thank you all for coming, we eventually came to grips with the quirky workings of the hall heating system, and Ray Higginson was nicely warmed up as the day progressed.

New members Hans and Christine Pederson brought along two prospective new members. We hope Ben and Louise will by now have joined the ABCCC. We hope see them again soon at another Club outing. Also Steve and Tania Power with Daniel and Joshua made the trip from Geelong to be part of the day. Now that they both have time off from their work on Sundays, we look forward to their company again soon.

Everyone really got into the spirit of the day and competition was serious. The "buddy" system seemed to work well by encouraging all entrants to have a go. It was most satisfying to see the sponges all polished off at lunchtime – did we see Ben depart with some hidden in a box when leaving for home? We must have imagined it. Strange, though, the container with the forks in it had quite disappeared.

We enjoyed putting on the day for you very much, thanks for your company, and also thanks to Tony, Maxine and Pat for helping to pack up at the conclusion of the day.

OFFICIAL RESULTS:

Judge's Decision Final – (Although Bribery Will Be Seriously Considered Next Year)

Position – 1 Rob and Mary Nolan	31 points
Equal Position 2 – Tony and Maxine Pettigrew	30 points
Equal Position 2 – Frank Sawyer and Val MacRae	30 points

THE SNOWBALL AWARDS:

Christine and Hans Pederson, Louise and Ben	29 points
Steve and Tania Power, Daniel and Joshua	29 points
Kevin Ryan and Phil Cook	28 points
Ken and Karen McDonald	28 points

THE REST:

Anne and Bryan Tootell	27 points
Sue and Mike Allfrey	27 points
Val Jefferyes and Colin Forrest	27 points
Alex and Sandra Farrow	27 points
Rex and Deanna Hall	26 points
Wally and Sue Thompson	26 points
Ray and Lyn Higginson	24 points
Marg Wilson and Robert Laughton	Did Not Enter

As can be seen by the even results, you were all very smart. Next year we will have to be really cunning and clever with questions so we can confound and confuse – but still have a laugh!!

Judy and Geoff Birkett

A PUB LUNCH RUN – Sunday 10th July 2011

A most Enjoyable Day out to the North of Melbourne

This would have been the coldest (overall) day this winter. Out of the wind it was reasonably mild, but the wind-chill factor really made its presence known. This was to the effect that the snugness of *Pea Soup* was preferred to open air motoring in our Jupiter. Starting out in the Rover, it seemed as if the power steering fluid had congealed to a frozen grease-like texture! The car soon warmed and we were off to the meeting point at East Doncaster. Here we were reminded of 'outside Dan Murphy' driving skills, where there was a bent over parking sign.



Left: It weren't us occifer!

Some of us stayed in our cars; some went into the café for a warming cuppa; and yet others braved the elements for a chat before departure. Immediately after departure, east along Doncaster Road, *Pea Soup* was guided into the left hand lane (normally a bus lane but exempt on Sundays) only to find it was a 'turn left only' lane and we were to turn left at the lights further along! No matter, after a pause in the traffic came along, we motored straight ahead. No cops around.

Our drive to Kinglake via Kangaroo Ground and Whittlesea was a very pleasant one and, after many years of not using those roads, was quite a revelation. The notes were spot-on and we all arrived at the Kinglake Pub in good time to be greeted by a warming log fire. We had a two

choice setting for lunch, and very enjoyable it was too. A request for a Cinzano and lemonade at the bar was too much for this pub, so glasses of house red and Sauvignon Blanc were easily accommodated.

After lunch, the rain (sleet?) really settled in. It was hard to leave the warmth of that room, probably helped by the thirty-two bodies in the room too! Our route home took us via Mount Slide and Yarra Glen. On the road towards the Melba Highway intersection, there is a sign indicating an 80 kph limit, about 75 metres before another one indicating the limit was 100 kph. We have to wonder at the reasoning for such signage, particularly when the road conditions had not changed at all for some considerable distance. (Note: Is Mike still trying to make sense of the shire???)

Our thanks to Anne and Bryan for a rather special run that was most enjoyable. Thanks also to all of those worthy new members who introduced themselves to the ways of our club.

Mike Allfrey

GRAND TOUR OF SORRENTO – Sunday 14th August 2011

By the Bay for a Day

Meet from 9:00 am at The Sober Mule Café, Mornington Homemaker Centre, Bungower Road, Mornington. (Melways 104, Re: K11.) The café will be open from 9:00 am for those needing a caffeine fix to start the day.

We will depart at 9:30 for a pleasant thirty minute drive through the rural Peninsula landscape to the internationally acclaimed Gordon Glass Studios, located on the corner of Dunn's Creek Road and Red Hill Road, Melways 161, Re: H12. This is a great opportunity to do some early Christmas shopping, gift buying or treating yourself to a piece of exquisite glasswork or jewellery. We will then proceed via Red Hill to Dromana where we will join the Mornington Peninsula Freeway for the drive to Sorrento. In Sorrento you will be free to roam the galleries, antique shops and boutiques before a 1:00 pm lunch at the Continental Hotel, Sorrento.

After lunch you may continue to browse, have a famous Just Fine Foods KillaVanilla slice or take in the spectacular ocean views from the back beach. We intend it to be a relaxed day out. Please telephone us on (03) 5975 1867 if you wish to join us by no later than Thursday 4th August.

Karen and Ken McDonald

MYSTERY COACH TOUR – Sunday 28th August 2011

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

This popular event is again put on for us by the Higginson Charabanc Tour Company. As always, the destination is a well-kept secret. Not such a secret is where we will be departing from – Mooney Valley Bus Lines' depot at 6 Tullamarine Park Drive, Tullamarine, Melways 15, Re 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 on our trip, so book early to avoid disappointment. Be sure to bring a pin (with ink in it!), writing paper will be provided.

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

Ray Higginson

A HILLS DRIVING EXPERIENCE – Wednesday 14th September 2011

Cider and Wine Tasting and a cosy Pub Lunch

We look forward to meeting you for our mid-week run at 10:00 am Kellybrook Winery in Wonga Park, (Melways 24, Re: J8). There is an extensive range of wines and champagne to taste. In addition there is also their own champagne cider which is bottle fermented, sparkling draught cider and apple brandy. We are sorry to relate that a particular favourite of ours, their non-sparkling table cider (scrumpy), is unavailable this season. Hopefully it will be back on their list next year. There is a nominal charge of \$2.00 per head for tasting.

After a leisurely taste, we will leave via Warrandyte, St. Andrews and Kinglake for lunch at the Flowerdale Pub. We had the pleasure of lunch there recently, and can vouch for the moderate price, good food and a friendly welcome. You can choose off the board. There is something for everyone. We will return via Glenburn and Yarra Glen. If there is time, a browse through the antique shops in Yarra Glen.

Please advise us on (03) 9755 1772 by 7th September 2011 if you wish to join in the fun for the day.

Geoff and Judy Birkett

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

The Yarra Valley at its Best

Hopefully the weather will be kind. We will meet at the Car Park outside Harvey Norman's located on Whitehorse Road in Nunawading, Melways 48; Re: 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 and Café for Morning Tea.

We will then proceed on to Toolangi via Yarra Glen for lunch at the Toolangi Tavern. A set menu has been arranged at a nominal charge of \$15 - \$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 the you will be more than interested.

As catering needs to be confirmed, will 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. Contact Phil Cook on (03) 9842 5449.

Editor's Note: Please get your bookings to Phil early! (Before 11/09/2011) He has to go overseas for his work and will be away in the weeks immediately prior to the event. Phil will still be running this event. Late entries should be lodged with Tony Pettigrew (President) or with Mike Allfrey (Editor).

Phil Cook

A DRIVE THROUGH THE MIDLANDS OF NSW – April - May 2011

Rob and Mary's driving adventures!

It's been a few years since we last drove up to Queensland along the Newell Highway, to participate in the Wintersun Festival showcasing lots of American cars and plenty of rock and roll shows and paraphernalia (now called Cooly Rocks) in Coolangatta. The reason for this trip was to get to the QLD/NSW border to Tyalgum (near Murwillumbah) for our one-week health retreat at Tyalgum Ridge Resort over Easter, drinking "Green Smoothies" (vegetables & fruit) four times a day, over a week of "detoxing", learning about maximum nutrition, cancer healing, psychology and doing Yoga. We also visit some friends up there and along the way home.

Corowa was our first and last stop on this trip where we have friends that recently bought the Golfers Lodge Motel next to the Corowa Golf Course. Their Website is www.golferslodge.com.au. We did a few scenic drives around the main towns of Rutherglen, Howlong and Chiltern, and the smaller towns of Burrumbuttock and Balldale. We made a visit to Max's Motor Museum in Corowa on the outskirts of the main town. The museum is open every afternoon with a retired gentleman named Max MacLean to greet you at the door. He is proud to show you around his clean museum of cars he has collected as well as cars temporarily on show. A gold coin donation is the entrance fee, it all goes to charity.



Above: The Ford seen parked in Rutherglen.

In Murwillumbah, in the back streets of the town, there is an antique store full of all varieties of lighting and lamps as well as plenty of collectibles and antiques. It is run by a cunning millionaire with lots of cars for sale which would be wonderful to own. Jags and Rollers are littered along the outside of the building.



Above: Two Jowetts owned by the Jowett family in Albury. Ray Jowett's Javelin and Peter Jowett's vintage.



Above: A special John Cooper modified Morris Mini Minor in Corowa. Should suit the Birketts!

At Rutherglen, we soon spotted a beautiful custom Ford Coupe Hot Rod, owned by a local.

Between Tyalgum and Murwillumbah along the back roads via Chillingham, we came across an Austin 1800 which hasn't been used for quite a few years.

In Inverell, the National Transport Museum has two big buildings housing lots of cars, bikes, buses etc., as well as a good collection of dolls and sewing machines.



Above: A sadly neglected Austin 1800 and a wonderful restored Vauxhall ute with a canvas top.

There is a fabulous scenic drive between Narrabri and Inverell via Bingara. If you take the road to Copeton Waters State Park you will pass over the high wall dam. There is a scenic picnic spot called Saw Rock where a short walk will take you to a marvellous geographic rock formation looking like pipes. Bingara has a lovely restored art deco theatre called the Roxy, originally owned by Greek families in the 1930's. It used to be the local cinema, but now is turned back into a theatre (after

sitting many years in neglect). Part of the theatre is the dining area with wooden benches and a bar that once served original milkshakes and ice cream in glass oval bowls. The Information Centre in the building is enthusiastically happy to give people a tour of the place. Our wonderful John Wood has actually played there recently, on 30th May 2011 in "The Club". *Roxy theatre photo is at the end of this article. It misbehaves a lot!*



Above: Rob's super find – a dusty EH Holden.



Above: Jaguars, Rolls Royces and a wonderful Daimler (DB-18?) among the back streets of Murwillumbah.

Just before Peak Hill, there were stacks of old cars piled up in an overgrown storage yard. All rusted, mainly Holdens that have probably been sitting there for quite some time. They are left overs from the now closed local Holden Dealership. The old owner stills runs the local garage, but won't part with anything.



Above: Old car storage Peak Hill style.

Just by accident, Rob spotted an old storage building with an EH Holden inside under some cardboard, dust, and lots of pigeon droppings. Rob enquired who owned the building, but it seems the owner is the old Holden Dealer and does not want to talk to anyone and just leaves them as is, collecting dust. The cars (actually 4 identical EH models) all look fantastic, but it's a shame the state they are in. Rob always wanted a good EH!



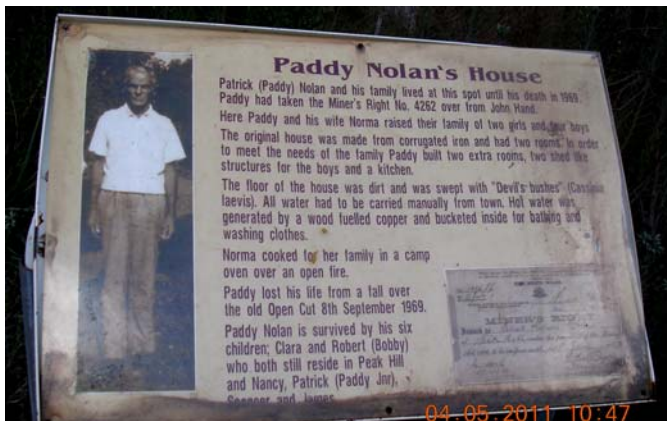
Above: A beautifully restored Historic Tingha route bus (amazingly not one used or owned by Expo Tours or Moonee Valley Bus Lines).

On our walk around the interesting Open Cut Mine at Peak Hill, we hoped to come across some forgotten gold, but my old ancestor Patrick, had beaten me to it! (see below). He actually has a son called Robert, but no family relationship, that I know of!



Above: The open-cut mine at Peak Hill.

There was a Miners Certificate dated 19th June 1956 issued to Paddy Nolan. It is valid for a year. I was nearly four years old then! The locals tell me his son Robert (about my age) is now living in Dubbo.



Above: Paddy Nolan's information board.

In Parkes, McFeeter's Car Museum has been open for a couple of years now and is on the main highway going into town from the south. It's an immaculately maintained car museum with a great variety of motor cars which the owners have collected over their lifetime. Some others are on loan. One of the late model cars, a 1990 Honda CRX, was a very fast "hoon car" which was confiscated by the Police and impounded. It apparently had about \$140,000 spent on high tech modifications (and was far from street legal) owned by a colourful young drug dealer, who is now no longer living the high life!

Before heading towards Corowa, we stopped at Grenfell, an old gold mining town and birth place of Henry Lawson. There is an unused railway station that is beautifully restored and is close to the local Men's Shed. Walking around O'Brien's Reef area, you have some lovely scenic views of the town with lots of old gold mining equipment remaining.

We very much enjoyed our trip, mainly up the Newell Highway in NSW, and also thoroughly enjoyed our one-week health retreat.

For further information please feel free to contact Anand and Runi from www.rawpower.com.au. or Victoria Boutenko, of www.rawfamily.com



Above: A pause to reflect on what could have been at O'Brien's Reef gold mine near Grenfell.



Above: Commemorating the Henry Lawson Festival.



Above: The beautiful unused railway station at Grenfell, New South Wales.

Editor's Note: Our thanks to Mary and Rob for putting this story together for us. It had to be changed around a bit to make all of those photos fit. Just wait for the trip report from Africa!

Rob and Mary Nolan

MYSTERY COACH TOUR – 28th AUGUST –

Contact Ray Higginson (03) 9336 7306

ROB NOLAN AT THE ROXY!

Here It Is Folks!



Above: At the Roxy Theatre in Bingara.

A 'HENRIETTA' JOKE

Henrietta has Nine-Pence-Three-Farthings' Worth Of Worldliness (and she's not a blonde)

Henrietta goes to work one morning crying her eyes out.

Her boss asked sympathetically, "Henrietta! What's the matter?"

Henrietta replies, "Early this morning I got a phone call saying that my mother had passed away."

The boss, feeling sorry for her, says, "Why don't you go home for the day? Take the day off, to relax and rest."

"Thanks, but I'd be better off here. I need to keep my mind off it, and I have the best chance of doing that here."

The boss agrees and allows Henrietta to work as usual. A couple of hours pass and the boss decides to check on her. He looks out from his office and sees the Henrietta crying hysterically . . . "What's so bad now? Are you going be okay?" he asks.

"No!" exclaims Henrietta. "I just received a horrible call from my sister. Her mother died, too!"

Now, where did that come from?



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