



ABCCC NEWSFLASH!

THE ALL BRITISH CLASSICS CAR CLUB, INC.

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COMMENT

Some Important Points

Be sure to make some changes to your diary. The most important being our Social Planning Meeting, which will now be held on Sunday, 6th November. The change has been made to avoid a clash with Motor Classica and the AOMC's RACV City To Country Club Rally, which are scheduled over the weekend of 23rd October.

There is also a change for the RACV/AOMC City To Country Club Rally – this event will now start from the Royal Exhibition Building in Carlton Gardens. If you have entered, be sure to note this change.

Another event to make careful note of is our annual Christmas Luncheon Run. This time around, it is being held in the Mount Evelyn area at the well-known Chateau Wyuna at 170 Swansea Road.

In addition to all of the foregoing, there is a change to our usual Indulgent Weekend. The substitute is a corker and should be properly supported; see Page 3.

There are some 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

CITY TO COUNTRY CLUB RALLY INFORMATION

A Memo To Club Members With Pre-1962 Cars

There have been some changes to the AOMC's RACV City to Country Club Rally on October 23rd. The start location is now from the Exhibition Buildings to coincide with Motorclassica which is now sponsored by RACV. Entrants will be allowed free entry to Motorclassica prior to departure for Healesville - a saving of \$30.

This event is limited to one hundred and fifty pre-1962 cars; there are only thirty places left. It would be great to get a good showing of ABCCC members' cars.

Application forms can be obtained from me or be downloaded from the AOMC website which is linked from www.ABCCC.com.au.

Tony Pettigrew, President

EVENT REPORTS

XMAS IN JULY – Sunday, 24th July 2011



The 24th of July saw 83 merrymakers attend the annual Xmas in July Club dinner at Marybrooke in Sherbrooke (previously the Baron of Beef) - a marvellous venue.

Most members dressed in a festive manner, bringing gifts to exchange via Father Christmas, which most of us suspect was played by one of our members. A great job "he or she" did. The members arranged their own tables, which seemed to work, as conversation on each table was hard to interrupt. I know, as Tony



and I tried a lot of times to annoy everyone with a few announcements. Tony only succeeded when he announced the details of the Fly the Flag Tour to a hushed audience.

Once again the meal provided was very good, and I am sure no one left feeling hungry. A show of hands supported returning next year (taken after the Peninsula push had left).

So enter the date now, Marybrooke Xmas in July, 22nd July, 2012

P.S. If anyone knows who played Father Christmas, please keep it to yourself, as some of our younger members don't need to be disillusioned just yet.

Colin Brown

GRAND TOUR OF SORRENTO – Sunday, 14th August 2011

Grand Day Out in Sorrento



What early birds some of our members are! Arriving at the starting point well before 9:00am, we thought we would well and truly be the first. But no, we were well and truly beaten by Val and Colin, Frank and Val and the Nolans. The Sober Mule Café's coffee machine was pressed urgently into service as participants arrived along with a sudden blanket of coastal fog.

Thirty four members set off in a good turnout of club vehicles for the Gordon Glass Studios in Red Hill. The coastal fog was soon replaced with winter sunshine as we progressed to our first destination. Several members were soon tempted into purchasing from the array of glassworks and jewellery on display. Others were happy to browse or take in the rustic beauty of the surrounding

countryside whilst inspecting the sparkling array of all British classics in the car park.

After descending from Red Hill, we drove into light fog again which was to persist until after lunch. New members - Ian and Sherryl Ratcliffe, journeyed across the bay to meet us at Sorrento. The generous offer by our lunch host Mick to provide secure off-street parking for our cars was most appreciated. Members were spared the anxiety of restrictive time limits and possible damage to their vehicles.

For a change it was the men who were quickly into some retail therapy with the Gazman shop doing a roaring trade. Members browsed the Antipodes bookshop, the galleries and boutiques before adjourning to the warmth of The Continental Hotel for what we seem to do best. Mick and his friendly, efficient staff did a splendid job of taking our orders, arranging payment and of course, tending to those who needed a tippie or two. Meals were promptly served and all seemed most happy with their menu choices.

It was great to see other relatively new members enjoying our company including Nick Weekes and Anne Yeates, Peter and Michelle Flavelle, Peter and Carolyn Hooper (as well as the Ratcliffes). It was good to see the phantom Mk II Jag of the Kelly's make an appearance along with our own XJC after some gremlin sorting. A Mini, Daimler, Reliant, Austin 1800 ute as well as various Jaguars and MGB's made for a fine display of all British classics on the day. Thanks to everyone for making it another successful day out.



Ken and Karen McDonald

COMING EVENTS

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 for a 10:00 am start at Kellybrook Winery in Wonga Park, (Melways 24, Re: J8). There is an extensive range of wines and champagne to taste a. In addition to those fine samples, 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 the wine 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 serves and friendly welcome. You can choose off the board with something for everyone. We will return via Glenburn and Yarra Glen. For those interested and if time permits, 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

Yarra Valley At Its Best



Hopefully the weather will be kind. We will meet at the Car Park outside the Harvey Norman store, located on Whitehorse Road, 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/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 As catering needs to be confirmed, 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, we need to confirm the final numbers with the Tavern by 18th September, contact Phil on (03) 9842 5449, or 0417 568 851.

Editor's Note: Late entries should be lodged with Tony Pettigrew (President) or with Mike Allfrey (Editor)

Phil Cook

ROSALIE'S AND PETER'S RUN TO NOOJEE – Sunday, 9th October 2011

Unfortunately due to lack of interest we have cancelled this years "Indulgent Weekend" - hopefully to return next year. We have, however, replaced this event with a pleasant Sunday drive to Noojee.

We will meet in the car park of the Whitehorse Civic Centre, Whitehorse Road east of Springvale Road, Nunawading, (Melways 48, Ref: G9) and just before the police station. Enter off the service road; our meeting time being 9:30 am for a 10:00 am departure. The route will take us to Yarra Junction. We will stop for a one hour break for morning tea and enjoy a shopping expedition. We will then reassemble and head to Noojee along Little Yarra Road (C425) for a distance of some 75 kilometres through picturesque countryside. At Noojee we will be lunching at the Outpost Restaurant (Outpost Toolshed Retreat). Meals are to order with a great selection and prices ranging from \$18-\$25 plus your choice of beverages. As this is a very popular weekend venue we have reserved seating for 40 with any numbers in excess to this will be subject to availability. If you intend to be part of this special day out please contact Rosalie or Peter McKiernan on (03) 9787 6003 or 0407 876 023. **DON'T MISS OUT - REGISTER NOW!**

Peter McKiernan

ABCCC 2012 SOCIAL PLANNING MEETING – Sunday, 6th November 2011



It is that time of year again, when there will be a Social Planning Meeting. It will commence at 12:00 noon, and is open to our Committee and to those who have ideas for club events and are prepared to run them. This meeting is an important part of our club year and we need good-ideas. Come along with your ideas and let's plan a really good year's classic motoring. Our club aims to have two events per month, and sometimes, there can be three events. After the meeting there will be a barbecue to seal the events. Meat and drinks will be supplied. Those attending should organise salads and desserts by liaising with Maxine Pettigrew.

The Social Planning Meeting will be held at the home of Tony and Maxine Pettigrew, 16 Lawler Lane, Coldstream (Melways 280, Re: K5). Please call Maxine (03) 9739 1146 if you plan on attending. You can also E-mail tony3@tpg.com.au. We look forward to a good range of imaginative ideas for next year.

Tony Pettigrew, President

OUR TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS LUNCH – Sunday, 11th December 2011



Another year, another very fitting way to conclude it!

This is a members-only, pre-paid event and our luncheon will be held at the superb Chateau Wyuna, 170 Swansea Road, Mount Evelyn (Lilydale), (Melways 52, Re: H2), or, using GPS, Lat -37.793535, Long 145.360612. If you are arriving from the west on Canterbury Road, make the slight right turn into Mt Dandenong Road. At the next roundabout, take the second exit onto Leith Road which becomes Swansea Road. Continue straight on at the York Road roundabout and, at the Marne Road intersection with Swansea Road, turn right. The Chateau Wyuna Reception Centre is located approximately 200 metres on right. There is ample parking on the grounds. This could be a good

opportunity for a group photograph of our cars, so be sure to bring along your British Classic.

Luncheon will be \$30.00 per person and payment is due before 1st December 2011. Cheques should be made payable to the All British Classics Car Club Inc. Please sent them to Maxine Pettigrew, 16 Lawler Lane, Coldstream, Victoria, 3770. Please note, late cancellations and 'non shows' will receive a refunded. A booking form is located on the back page. If you do not wish to damage your copy of this *Newsflash*, a photocopy of the form is quite acceptable.

Note: Because our lunch is subsidised by the ABCCC, this event is a 'financial members only' event.

We will be running the popular Kris Kringle, which our club is so good at. This year, we are setting a limit of \$10.00 per item for placement in Santa's toy bags. So, come along and enjoy the real start to the festive season. It comes with good company and a very special yuletide meal. To make your reservation booking, please contact Maxine on (03) 9739 1146.

See you there!

Tony Pettigrew, President

CONGRATULATIONS!

A Rover Guild Life Membership Is Conferred

In the latest issue of *The Norseman*, the newsletter of the Rover P4 Guild, that our Bill Allen has been awarded life membership of that club. Bill was presented with a commemorative plaque at a recent meeting of the Guild.

As well as being the Hon. Treasurer of our club, Bill is also Hon. Secretary for the Rover P4 Guild.

Congratulations, Bill and Terri, on a well-earned award!

ABCCC EVENTS CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

September 2011

- 14 A Hills' Driving Experience – [An ABCCC Event](#) Geoff & Judy Birkett (03) (03) 9755 1772
Start Venue – Kellybrook Winery at Wonga Park, Victoria (Melways 24, Re: J8).
- 25 Phil's Touring Day Out – [An ABCCC Event](#) Phil Cook (03) 9842 5449
Start Point – Harvey Norman car park, Whitehorse Road, Nunawading (Melways 48; Ref: G9)

October 2011

- 9 **Rosalie's Day Run To Noojee** – [An ABCCC Event](#) Peter McKiernan (03) 9787 6003
Start Point – Nunawading Civic Centre (Melways Map 48, Ref: H9).
- 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 65, Ref: K8).
- 23 **RACV City to Country Club Rally** – An AOMC Event AOMC (03) 9890 0524
Start Point – Royal Exhibition Buildings, Carlton Gardens, Victoria (Melways 2B, Ref: J10).

November 2011

- 6 **2012 Planning Meeting** – ABCCC Committee, Plus Event 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, 170 Swansea Road, Mount Evelyn (Lilydale), Victoria.

January 2012

- 15 RACV Great Australian Rally – [An ABCCC Major Event](#) Colin Brown (03) 5964 9291
Start Venues – Melbourne, Stud Park (Rowville), Western Port Marina (Hastings).
Finish Venue – Mornington Racecourse, Mornington, Victoria.

March 2012

- 17 – 23 The 11th RACV Fly The Flag Tour – [An ABCCC Major Event](#) Tony Pettigrew (03) 9739 1146
Itinerary: Keilor, Barwon Park, Warrnambool (2 nights), Mt Gambier (2 nights), Hamilton, Ballarat and return...

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

CHRISTMAS LUNCH RUN 2011 BOOKING FORM

Please reserve _____ seats for: Name(s) _____

Note: Because it is subsidised by the ABCCC, this event is a **financial members only event.**

Enclosed is my Cheque/Postal Note/Money Order for \$ _____.

Payable to: All British Classics Car Club, Inc.

Send To: Maxine Pettigrew
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