



## All British Classics Car Club (Vic)

A friendly family social motoring club

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Your ABCCC News

### THE WORLD'S MOST REMOTE LAND ROVER?



*Spotted at West Point Island off West Falkland Island, not exactly a British classic motor car, but a durable workhorse none-the-less. This Land Rover is used on the island's sheep farm.*

### 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, Chimside 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”**

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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.

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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 VCPS under the auspices of the ABCCC must have been a 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.

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## ABCCC EVENTS DIRECTORY 2012

**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 to use prior to the event.**

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

### April 2012

- 1 The Northwest Run — [An ABCCC Event](#) Bryan and Anne Tootell 0412 549 906  
Venue — Meet point: Doncaster Park 'n Ride (corner Doncaster Road and Eastern Freeway).
- 14 – 15 Como Gardens Open Weekend — [An ABCCC Assist Event](#) George Hetrel (03) 9761 1341  
Venue — Como Gardens, 79 The Basin – Olinda Road, The Basin, Victoria.
- 29 RACV Classic Showcase — A Must Attend AOMC Event Mike Allfrey (03) 9729 1480  
Venue — Members' Car Park, Flemington Racecourse, Enter from Epsom Road.

### May 2012

- 9 Tore's Special Day Out — [An ABCCC Event](#) Tore and Connie Panuzzo 0413 941 502  
Venue — Meet point: Sam's Warehouse Car Park, Stud Park Shopping Centre, Rowville.
- 13 Mothers' Day
- 20 The World Famous Cream Sponge Run — [An ABCCC Event](#) Geoff and Judy Birkett (03) 9755 1772  
Our contribution to the National Heritage Motoring Day, commences at 10:00 am.  
Venue — Sassafras and Ferny Creek CFA, Clarkmont Road, Ferny Creek (Melway Map 75, Ref: D1)
- 27 Historic Winton — Austin 7 Club Noel Wilcox (03) 5428 2689 (AH)  
Australia's premier historic race meeting and includes a club display area.  
Venue — Winton Motor Raceway, near Benalla, Victoria.

### June 2012

- 3 Rex's Big Day Out — [An ABCCC Event](#) Rex and Deanna Hall (03) 9795 7669  
Venue — Meet point TBA.

## June 2012 (cont'd)

- 13 Archie's Creek Run — [An ABCCC Event](#) Peter and Rosalie McKiernan (03) 9787 6003  
Venue — TBA.
- 22 – 24 Weekend In Apollo Bay — [An ABCCC Event](#) Bryan and Anne Tootell 0412 549 906  
Venue — TBA.

## July 2012

- 7 – 8 Weekend In Tocumwal George Chrystie (03) 5874 3358  
Venue – TBA.
- 8 A Special Observation Run – [An ABCCC Event](#) Craig Douglas (03) 9753 9557  
Venue – TBA Colin Oberin (03) 9817 3182
- 22 Xmas In July Lunch – [An ABCCC Event](#) Colin Brown 0408 343 176  
This is our club's annual luncheon and is rather special.  
Venue – In The Dandenong Hills Area.

## August 2012

- 5 The Famous ABCCC Coach Tour – [An ABCCC Event](#) Ray and Lyn Higginson (03) 9336 7306  
Provided by the renowned Higginson Charabanc Tour Company  
Venue – Starts from Moonee Valley Bus Lines, 6 Tullamarine Park Drive, Keilor, Victoria. (Melway 15, D4)
- 29 – 30 A Rusty Springs Adventure – [An ABCCC Event](#) Marjorie and Brian Pepper (03) 9439 7875  
Venue – Meet Point TBA.

## September 2012

- 2 Fathers' Day
- 9 A Run Through The Yarra Valley – [An ABCCC Event](#) Colin Brown 0408 343 176  
Venue – TBA.
- 23 Phil's Touring Day Out – [An ABCCC Event](#) Phil Cook (03) 9842 5449  
Venue – TBA.

## October 2012

- 7 High Tea On The High Seas! – [An ABCCC Event](#) Karen McDonald (03) 5975 1867  
Venue – TBA Lyn Higginson (03) 9336 7306
- 20 – 21 Como Gardens Open Weekend – [An ABCCC Assist Event](#) George Hetrel (03) 9761 1341  
Venue – Como Gardens, 79 The Basin – Olinda Road, The Basin, Victoria.
- 12 – 25 Club Holiday Abroad (**First Group**) – [An ABCCC Event](#) Paddy and David Bullard 0429 140 182  
Expressions of interest are being called for.  
Venue – A Very Compressive Tour of Vietnam.

## November 2012

- 6 Classic Car Display – [An ABCCC Must Attend Event](#) Colin Brown 0408 343 176  
Melbourne Cup Day  
Venue – Yarra Glen Racecourse, Yarra Glen, Victoria.
- 11 Log Cabin Picnic – [An ABCCC Event](#) Frank Sawyer 0408 633 778  
Venue – TBA.
- 16 – 29 Club Holiday Abroad (**Second Group**) – [An ABCCC Event](#) Paddy and David Bullard 0429 140 182  
Expressions of interest are being called for.  
Venue – A Very Compressive Tour of Vietnam.
- 17 – 18 Bendigo National Swap Meet – Veteran, Vintage & Classic Club Bendigo [info@bendigowap.com.au](mailto:info@bendigowap.com.au)  
Venue – Prince of Wales Showgrounds, Holmes Road, Bendigo, Victoria.

## December 2012

- 9 The ABCCC Christmas Lunch Run – [An ABCCC Event](#) Tony and Maxine Pettigrew (03) 9739 1146  
Seal off an astounding year of fabulous ABCCC Events of great note with a glass of good cheer!  
Venue – Luncheon Venue TBA.

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

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## EDITORIAL NOTES – ISSUE NUMBER 149

Having been away from the desk for a fair amount of time, things are a bit rusty. This issue should be with you on time and it incorporates some information from the last issue of *ABCCC NewsFlash*.

While I was away, some time was spent in Buenos Aires, Argentina, where British Classics (and others for that matter) were conspicuous by their absence. There were a few early 1970s Peugeots, Fiats, Citroëns, VW and Mercedes Benzes still in use as every day runners. Overall, the condition of the cars was good. It was not until I was in Tierra del Fuego that I spotted a touring Land Rover. Then, while on West Point Island (part of the Falkland Islands group) two Land Rovers were spotted – one was used to take us up to the albatross nesting site on the island's other

side. The older of the two appears on our front cover. We had to forgo our scheduled visit to Port Stanley, and that meant a good chance of spotting some British relics was missed. Who knows? There could have been a Jowett powered portable generator set (ex-WD) in the town area. Next time!

This issue has a report, not Minutes, of our Annual General Meeting that was held in February. It seems that I am still the club's Editor. A rest next year, please. There is also a report on our successful foray into the 41<sup>st</sup> Ballarat Begonia Rally; another well run event.

Enjoy this issue of *Your ABCCC News*, please send in some good articles, or it may be the last!

*Mike Allfrey – Editor*

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## **BE A STAR IN A TV COMMERCIAL, ANYONE?**

The All British Classics Car Club has been contacted by a casting agency. The request was left a bit late, however, the details as sent to us are shown below. This could well be your opportunity to be a star on the liquid crystal TV screen!

The company is Nick Hamon Casting, at 55 Bromby Street, South Yarra. Our contact is Karen Newman.

Karen is a Casting Director and currently casting a TV Commercial for 'Carsales.com'. Nick Hamon Casting is looking for 'real car enthusiasts'. The brief is for a male in his 60s to 70s and be a vintage car owner. The commercial shoots one day from 11<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> April 2012. It's an eight (8) hour call. The fee is \$1,000. If you are featured (recognisable) after the cut, you will be paid a loading of \$2,000 on top of the original fee. They are seeing people this week and next week. If you know of anyone who would be interested could you please contact them ASAP. They will set up a day and time for an audition (chat to camera).

If you are interested, please contact Karen at: (03) 820 2955 or 0416 199 880 or use E-mail to [amy@nickhcasting.com](mailto:amy@nickhcasting.com)

*Via E-mail.*

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## **A SURVEY CONDUCTED IN BRITAIN**

### **A Précis Of The Results Of The FBHVC Survey**

The Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs (FBHVC) has measured the value of historic vehicle related activity in UK twice – in 1997, and in 2006. In May 2011, FBHVC – working with the Historic Vehicle Research Institute (HVRI), embarked on the process of surveying individuals, the trade, clubs and specialist museums with a view to bringing the 2006 data about the extent of the historic vehicle movement up to date.

The information-gathering process closed at the end of August and analysis of the data was completed in November. The results were presented to members of the All Party Parliamentary Historic Vehicle Group (APPHVG); and the press and representatives of the specialist trade at a reception in the House of Lords on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2011. This was hosted by Lord Montagu of Beaulieu, President of both FBHVC and APPHVG. Amongst those attending was Mike Penning MP, Under Secretary of State at the Department for Transport with responsibility for Road Safety.

The research programme looked into five main areas: economic value; employment; number and use of historic vehicles; social activity; and concerns for the future. The title of the report, 'The £4 Billion Hobby', shows the overall headline result. Other findings include:

- £4.3 billion overall value
- Nearly £1 billion in exports Over 28,000 people employed
- 57% of businesses are over 20 years old
- 850,000 historic vehicles
- 82% of historic vehicles are used no more than twice a month
- Historic vehicle are responsible for less than 0.24% of overall traffic
- 68% Of historic vehicles are valued at less than £10,000
- 4.5 million person-attendances a year at events organised by FBHVC clubs
- 52% of traders expect their businesses to grow in next 5 years

The research project was led by FBHVC Vice President Geoff Smith and was carried out by Dr Paul Frost, Dr Chris Hart and Dr Jaime Kaminski of the Historic Vehicle Research Institute with background administrative and editorial assistance from past FBHVC secretary Jim Whyman.

A PDF version of the survey report can be found by following the link below. Hard copies of the report have been sent to all FBHVC's subscriber clubs and museums; to those traders who took part in the survey; and to all MPs. Additional hard copies of the report are available at £5 each (including postage) from [secretary@fbhvc.co.uk](mailto:secretary@fbhvc.co.uk)

Please address any enquiries to FBHVC Vice President Jim Whyman [admin@fbhvc.co.uk](mailto:admin@fbhvc.co.uk)

*From The AOMC Newsletter*

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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!

Name	Make Of Car	Model	Year
Steven and Stella Haralambous	Triumph	Herald	1961
	Triumph	Stag	1974
	Jaguar	XJ-6	1971
	Morris	Major Series II	1961
	Mercedes-Benz	420	1969
	Mercedes-Benz	560 SEC	1988
	Mercedes-Benz	250	1967
Geoff and Allison Sarkier	BMW	2002	1974
	MG	YA Saloon	1948
Nigel and Kate Clayton	Rolls Royce	Silver Shadow	1972
	Daimler	Sovereign I	1972
Richard and Pauline Tonkin	Alvis	TA21 Graber	1953
	Armstrong Siddeley	Sapphire Mk I	1956
	Armstrong Siddeley	234	1956
	Armstrong Siddeley	Typhoon	1949
Dr Max and Margaret Lay	Humber	Super Snipe	1966
Howard and Jenny Coleman	MG	B GT	1969
	Jaguar	XJ-40	1993

*Pat Douglas – Membership Secretary.*

## EVENT REPORTS

### THE RACV GREAT AUSTRALIAN RALLY

#### A Splendid Event, An Even More Splendid Result – Rallying For A Cure!

This year we achieved an excellent display of eight-hundred-plus vehicles at Mornington Racecourse, on a perfect summer's day. The start at the Westernport Marina at Hastings was certainly more popular this time around. For this year's event, thanks are due to the Fairfax Community Newspaper Group for providing valuable publicity for the Rally, that certainly worked.

As a part of the promotion for the event, we were able to run a competition for a ride in an early Vintage Ventura bus (Charabanc) to the Mornington display area. The competition was over-subscribed and some consolation prizes were given to those who didn't quite make it to the actual bus ride.

*Right: The Vintage Ventura bus. Photo: Craig Douglas.*



There were reports that the public car park at the racecourse was full. This indicates the size of the crowd that the RACV Great Australian Rally attracted. In a special display area, there was a mouth-watering array of Veteran and Vintage motor vehicles. A favourite for the writer was a Vintage Sunbeam. There is something about the style and architecture of those Sunbeams that attracts one.

*Left: Craig Bennett (CEO Peter Mac) receiving the ABCCC's donation.*

This year's RACV Great Australian Rally's success was the result of a considerable amount of work put in by the Rally Advisory Committee. The success was such that we managed to raise \$60,000 to hand over to our friends at Peter Mac Cancer Institute. This was done at a ceremony at the RACV Club on 5<sup>th</sup> March. Present in the photograph above are, left to right, Colin Brown (ABCCC, Rally Organiser), Craig Bennett (Peter Mac, CEO), Tony Pettigrew (ABCCC President) and Professor Peter Chandler (President and Chairman of the RACV Board). Also present for this most auspicious occasion were Ron Pittard (Fairfax), Colin Moss (Fairfax), Brian Kelly (RACV), Gordon Oakley (RACV General Manager – Motoring and Mobility), and Professor Lester

Peters (Peter Mac). From the ABCCC were – Pat Douglas, Ray Higginson, Don Kinsey, Peter McKiernan, Nello Mafodda and Mike Allfrey.

Our achievement in raising such a sum on a one-day event is something for which those club members who provided assistance on the day must be heartily thanked. In fact a grateful thank you goes to everyone who pitched in to make our result so notable. For details and pictures, visit [www.greataustralianrally.com.au](http://www.greataustralianrally.com.au) and page 12.

*Mike Allfrey – Hastings Start.*

## **CIAO BELLA TOUR – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2012**

### **A Bright And Sunny Day Out**

The day finally arrived and forty-four hardy souls met at Frank's Italian Pasticceria. What a great start to the day! We were looked after by Frank and his staff; as promised, the coffee and pastries were sensational. Soon it was time to get the show on the road. Suitably armed with direction sheets, we set off for Mulgrave Farmers Market. On arrival we were greeted by a large sign advertising 'BRITISH CLASSIC CARS ON DISPLAY TODAY'. As we entered



the parking area, we were directed to an area that had been reserved for us to display our cars. We were made very welcome by all the staff at the market. Some members soon disappeared on an exploratory journey into the depths of the market. At the end of the day, there were more than a few bags of goodies being loaded into various classic cars.

By now the temperature was hovering in the mid-thirties so we thanked the boys and girls at the market and set off on the next leg of our journey. The trip along Port Phillip Bay was an absolute delight. The bay itself was bright blue and resembled a mirror. It was

covered by all manner of water craft - from the yachts with their white sails, to fishing boats, and everything in between. The golden beaches were covered with people, bright coloured sun shades and towels. All in all a great picture. In no time at all we had arrived at our lunch venue, Vincent's Café Restaurant at Beaumaris. We were greeted by a cool room; lots of ice water and attentive staff. All three were more than welcome on a warm day. I think I can say without that we were looked after very well by all the staff. The meals were not only enjoyable but extremely good valued. How do they do it??. Finally my thanks go to all that attended the CIAO BELLA TOUR, because you are the ones that make our days out together memorable. Looking forward to many more in the future.

*Frank Sawyer*

## **THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ABCCC – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2012**



This report is by someone who was not present. It is, however, well understood that at the time when nominations for Committee positions were called for, no one stood up and pleaded to be given the chance to take on the Editor's position. Apparently there was a stunned silence. It is also apparent that you will still be suffering the ramblings and scribbling of a tired Editor. All is not lost, however, there is a new topic for a year's worth of *Your ABCCC News* – penguins, seals, whales and glaciers – plus their progeny! It is also apparent that the President's position did not change either – nor any other positions as well.

*Left: Tucking-in to a hearty lunch. No would-be Editors there!*

*Mike Allfrey – Editor*

## **BALLARAT BEGONIA RALLY — February 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup>, 2012**



### **A Very Successful Event For The ABCCC**

It is understood that our club's cars came away from the 2012 Begonia Rally with four awards.

*Not sure what this is about, probably one of our award recipients. Photo via Picasa.*

*Mike Allfrey*

## THE MIRBOO NORTH BREWERY LUNCH RUN – Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2012

### A Spritely Drive to Mirboo North

The day before our first organised drive was a typical Melbourne winter's day, except that it was an autumn day, and it was cold and wet - very, very wet. There were flood warnings, wind warnings and just warnings in general!

By the day of our drive though, the weather forecast was for 25 degrees and 30% chance of rain. With that in mind we thought, that as it was a Spritely drive we had better set the scene in our sprite with its roof off. The rain held off, allowing 53 people in 30 cars to venture out for the day.

Once we had set off and had ventured out of suburbia you could look up at the mountains and see the low lying rain clouds covering them as if they were blankets. The smell of the rain in the bush with the parrots eating on the side of the little country roads was splendid and made us realise just how picturesque our countryside is.

After about an hour or so of small, windy roads through small townships, past green farms and through towering trees before we came to our first stop at The Red Parrot Café for morning tea. Some of us were even fortunate enough to have a parrot perch alongside us on the railing while we had our morning tea.

We were there only for a short time, just enough to top up our caffeine levels and possibly our sugar levels before we headed off to Mirboo North through Willow Grove, Trafalgar and Thorpdale.



The roads meandered through forested hills for a few more miles until they finally opened up onto the rolling, green hills of farming land. Once we crossed the Princess Hwy at Trafalgar the road started twisting through the red dirt hills and up through the Strzelecki Mountains. At one point we looked up and were greeted by two eagles soaring above us in the wind currents with they being low enough for us to see just how big and impressive a bird they are.

*Left: The ABCCC takes over Mirboo North.*

We all reached The Mirboo North Brewery in good time and got seated for lunch. The noise levels were quite high as everyone seemed to be in

good spirits. After a vigorous morning's drive we were all ready for a hearty lunch.

After every club drive or social drive we both promise each other that the pressures of life will never get in the way of a good drive, a good drink, a good meal, and good conversations with good friends.

We would like to thank everyone for joining us today; you all made it worthwhile. We look forward to seeing you all on the next drive.

*Robert and Stella Stark — 1965 Austin Healey Sprite (Blue)*

### THE NORTHWEST RUN — 1 April 2012

We will be meeting at the Doncaster Park 'n Ride (corner Doncaster Road and Eastern Freeway) at 9:00 am for a 9:20 am departure. We will then proceed to Kyneton for morning tea/rest stop and browsing the many and varied shops. Then is a push on for our lunch destination at the (Country Pub of the Year) Redesdale Hotel, on the Kyneton/Heathcote Road. Limited to 30 people.

Note: A holding deposit of \$10/person must be forwarded by the Organisers by 12<sup>th</sup> March 2012 to reserve our booking. Please contact Anne and Bryan Tootell on 0412 549 906 or, email [annbry@optusnet.com](mailto:annbry@optusnet.com)

*Bryan Tootell*

### RACV CLASSIC SHOWCASE – Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2012

#### Formerly The British & European Motoring Show

The AOMC has been contacted to reserve a space for our cars. As this goes to press, there has been no response. Further contact will be made with the AOMC after the RACV Fly The Flag Tour. There will be an individual mailing about this.

*Mike Allfrey*

### TORÉ'S SPECIAL DAY OUT — Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2012

We will at Sam's Warehouse car park, Stud Park Shopping Centre, Stud Road, Rowville at 9:00 am for a 9:30 am start for our morning tea stop at Dalywaters Flower Farm, 240 Bungower Road, Mornington (Melway 146: E1). Here they will provide us with coffee or tea and a selection of homemade cakes followed by a guided tour of the property at a cost of \$12 per head.

Then a short trip to Steeples Restaurant, for a two-course seniors' meal at a cost \$15 per head. It's a fantastic value for those members on the Mornington Peninsula. You can meet us at Dalywaters; we should be there by about 10:15 am.

We need to know numbers by the 5<sup>th</sup> of May.

*Tore Pannuzzo*



# THE CREAM SPONGE RUN — Sunday May 20<sup>th</sup> 2012.

## Our Contribution To The National Heritage Motoring Day



This year we look forward to seeing you at 10.00 am for a cream sponge morning tea at the Sassafras/Ferry Creek CFA, Clarkmont Rd., Ferry Creek. (Melway 75, D1). Your donation for morning tea will, as ever, be gratefully accepted by the Brigade, and will assist in enabling this wonderful group of volunteers to continue their good work.

*Left: All lined up! Cream sponges, 2011.*

As we have done in the past, there will be tour notes with directions and questions to answer, which will lead you to your pub luncheon destination. Cunning, crafty and devious though the questions may be, we have not lost an entrant yet - and don't forget there is the incentive of prizes awaiting the teams with highest score at the finish.

This event coincides with National Heritage Motoring Day, so polish your beautiful British classic car and come join in the fun.

Please let us know on telephone number (03) 9755 1772, by 16<sup>th</sup> May if you are attending. This will assist with the pub booking, and of course to ensure enough sponges are baked!

*Geoff and Judy Birkett*

## A SPECIAL OBSERVATION RUN – 8<sup>th</sup> July 2012

### Roaming In The City

For a change we will not be touring the countryside. Instead, participants on this club run will be provided at our inner city meeting point with a facsimile golf-scoring card with instructions on how to complete each "hole". Completing your "card" will involve touring around our wonderful city to observe some of the interesting features you might otherwise just drive straight past. A few automotive challenges will be thrown in for a bit of fun. Non-golfers need have no fear – all instructions and challenges which we ask you to have a "swing" at will be automobile friendly - not golfing based. No need for any of you golfers to bring your clubs.

Further details including start time, our central meeting, and lunch points will be provided closer to the event, i.e. when Craig and Colin have figured it out!!!!

For any advance queries please contact the organisers:

Craig Douglas at 0418 543 544, or [crdoug@bigpond.net.au](mailto:crdoug@bigpond.net.au)

Colin Oberin at 0411 646 769, or [Ancolk@gmail.com](mailto:Ancolk@gmail.com)

*Colin Oberin*

## OUR HOLIDAYS IN VIETNAM – 12<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> October and 16<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> November 2012

### Notice To All Members Of ABCCC Who Have Shown Interest In Participating In The Vietnam Tour, 2012

As a result of discussion with Members, it was decided to arrange for the Tour to be offered on two different dates:

October 12<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> 2012

November 16<sup>th</sup> to 29<sup>th</sup> 2012

(The tours will be identical, as far as is possible, and the local weather is suitable in both October and November.)

Because the numbers of persons in each group will now be smaller and more manageable, early booking is not such a priority as it was with one large group. Therefore, the cut off time to pay deposit for the October trip will now be extended to mid-March, and the cut-off date for the November trip will now be mid-April.

For any queries call (03) 98981881, 0429140183 or, at [paddybee@alphalink.com.au](mailto:paddybee@alphalink.com.au)

*Paddy Bullard*

### Editor's Note:

(The following is the latest update to that which appeared in the *ABCCC NewsFlash* March 2012.)

The tours will commence at the Hanoi airport on 12<sup>th</sup> October and 16<sup>th</sup> November; and will conclude at the Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) airport on 25<sup>th</sup> October and 29<sup>th</sup> November 2012. Club members participating will need to make their own air travel arrangements to Vietnam and return. I have made tentative enquiries at Vietnam Airlines about a group-booking price. This is \$882.00 plus taxes of \$377.84; Total of \$1259.84 (in Australian dollars). Details of Australian travel agent, through whom group a booking can be made, are available on request to me.

At this time there are more expressions of interest than places available. Places will be allotted in order of booking. Therefore, early decisions will be helpful. Bookings of a deposit of \$200.00 per person are required. This will enable the organisers, Tonkin Travel, to secure bookings in the local area and avoid price raises. Final payment of the balance will be required approximately one month before departure date.

Payment of tour deposit are as follows: Pay to ANZ Account, BSB: 013-165, Account Number: 5465-90508. Please quote as a reference: ABCCC (and your name).

Confirm this with me at [paddybee@alphalink.com.au](mailto:paddybee@alphalink.com.au), and notify me when your deposit has been paid.

This will be a most enjoyable and interesting tour. Please contact me at above email address if you have any further queries. As soon as you have made or authorised the payment, please send an email to Huong at Tonkin Travel informing her of the payment date and reference used so that she can identify and confirm receipt of your deposit. Her email address is [huong@tonkintravel.com](mailto:huong@tonkintravel.com)

*Paddy Bullard*



*Above: RACV Great Australian Rally – a beautiful Vintage Sunbeam and the Melbourne start location.*

## **SOME HANDY TIPS FOR MODERN TIMES**

### **E-Mail Tracker Programmes**

The source of this information is a computer technician. He spends a lot of time clearing the junk off computers for people and listens to complaints about slow computer operating speeds. It should be noted that not all requests to forward E-mails are bad, just some of them. He sent the following:

By now, I suspect everyone is familiar with [snopes.com](http://snopes.com) and/or [truthorfiction.com](http://truthorfiction.com) for determining whether information received via E-mail is just that — true/false or fact/fiction. Both of them are excellent sites.

Some advice that may work for you.

1. When you see an E-mail that instructs you to, 'forward this on to ten (or however many) of your friends', 'sign this petition', or, 'you'll get bad luck', or, 'you'll get good luck', or, 'you'll see something funny on your screen after you send it', or, whatever — it almost always garbage. Even when you get E-mails that demand you send the E-mail on if you're not ashamed of God/Jesus — they are playing on our conscience and it is a waste of time. Ignore them and don't participate.
2. In addition: E-mail petitions are not acceptable to government or any other organisation, CentreLink, etc. To be acceptable, petitions must have a 'signed signature' and the full address of the person signing the petition, so this is a waste of time.

You can do your friends and family members a great favour by sending this information to them. You will be providing a service to your friends. And you will be rewarded by not getting thousands of spam E-mails in the future. Do yourself a favour and stop adding your name(s) to those types of listing, regardless how inviting they might sound, or make you feel guilty if you don't.

Another important tip is to delete all previous names from your E-mails before forwarding. Send E-mails to your entire address list as BCC, then everyone after you don't get your friend's E-mail address.

### **Tips for Handling Telemarketers**

Three little words that really work:

1. The three little words are: 'Hold on, please . . .'  
Saying this, while putting down your phone and walking off (instead of hanging-up immediately) would make each telemarketing call so much more time-consuming that boiler room sales would grind to a halt. Then when you eventually hear the 'beep-beep-beep' tone, you know it's time to hang up your handset, which has efficiently completed its task. Those three little words will help eliminate telephone soliciting.
2. Then there are the annoying phone calls with no one on the other end?  
This is a telemarketing technique, where a machine makes phone calls and records the time of day when a person answers the telephone. This technique is used to determine the best time of day for a 'real' sales person to call back and get someone at home.

### **Dealing With Junk Mail**

When you get advertising material enclosed with your various bills, return them with your payment. Let the sending companies throw their own junk mail away.

It costs them nothing if you throw them away! Reply-paid postage was around 50 cents before the last increase. In that case, why not get rid of some of your other junk mail and put it in these convenient, postage-paid return envelopes?

*Via E-mail.*

## A STANDARD DAY IN THE LIFE OF A BMW

The other day I was cruising along as usual coming onto one of the motorways, which was very busy with inferior cars.

First off, I couldn't believe that the volume of traffic didn't slow down for me at all, as I came off the slip road! I had to squeeze into a barely big enough gap between two cars in order to get onto my motorway! The driver of the car behind me did realise his mistake though and honked an apology to me with a long blast of his horn. Unbelievably, I had to do the same again before I could get to the BMW lane.

Anyway, once I was in the BMW lane and posing along at 110 mph enjoying the adulation that the inferior car drivers were giving me, I noticed an inferior car ahead of me which was not only in the BMW lane of my motorway, but was driving at a ridiculous 70 mph!

Naturally, I was soon positioned within a foot or so of his rear bumper and flashed my headlights to remind him he shouldn't be in the BMW lane of my motorway, and to get out of my way. Of course, once he realised it was a BMW behind him, he did just that, but I could hardly believe it when he pulled straight back out behind me! He also tried to keep up with me and when he realised I would out-run him, he put on some blue lights in his front grille and urged me to get onto the hard shoulder so that he could congratulate me on being an excellent car.

Needless to say, I was eager to oblige and when we had stopped, the man gave me a piece of paper confirming what I already knew – that I am very fast! Apparently he wants everyone to know what a superior car I am, so my driver had to take his driver's licence to a police station to be sent away to have some points put on! (They're not free points either; they're £20 each and he was only allowed three of them.)

But the man at the police station said that because I am a BMW, it won't be much longer before I earn the full twelve points, and then my driver won't even need a driving licence, so they will take it off him!

See, now that's the sort of respect you get when you are a BMW!

(Question: Why is the ABCCC hearing for a German car? Aren't there any good British cars which keep a diary. Can we hear from them??? - Asst Editor)

*Sent in by Bill Ballard*

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## AN EDITORIAL NOTE

My apologies for this being less than the normal fourteen pages. Time has been a factor as there has been much needed repairs to *Pea Soup*, to get the Rover ready in time for the RACV Fly The Flag Tour. The concern (Rovers don't have problems, they have concerns!) was a failed brake lamp switch. Being of the hydraulic type and the car's electrical system being quite complex for its time, it was quite time consuming first finding the switch, and then isolating it to test with a multi-meter. The fact that there was a poor connection at the rear where the trailer plug socket is connected, didn't help the search. A new switch was quickly fitted by ABS in Ferntree Gully, who provided excellent, if temporary service, until the genuine switch arrives.

### **RACV Classic Showcase Information**

With respect to our club's involvement in the RACV Classic Showcase on 29<sup>th</sup> April, there will be a separate mailing to the membership about where we will be located. One point is certain, three large clubs are holding special own-events within the Showcase, this could mean that show space may well be tight.

Be sure to watch your E-mails or letter boxes!

*Mike Allfrey – Editor*

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### **HAVE YOU PUT OFF PAYING YOUR MEMBERSHIP TO THE ABCCC?**

Please Note: If you have not renewed your ABCCC membership yet, this will be your last ABCCC News unless you do so. If that is the case, in addition to not being financial with the club, your cars plated in the Victorian Club Permit Scheme under the auspices of ABCCC are considered unregistered – which may have serious consequences. Contact Pat Douglas if this applies to you.

RACV GREAT AUSTRALIAN RALLY 2012



Photos by Mike Allfrey