



ABCCC NEWSFLASH!

THE ALL BRITISH CLASSICS CAR CLUB, INC.

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COMMENT -- Some Important Points

This issue of ABCCC NewsFlash has been sent out early so that due publicity is given to the Como Gardens Open Weekend. This was omitted from the previous magazine for a number of reasons. Those of you who receive club information bulletins electronically will have received the bulletin that relates to the Como event.

Which brings me to an element of great consequence – I am not perceptive enough to conjure up what is about to happen with respect to coming events. To provide good exposure and publicity for your events, I need information from you - the event organisers/coordinators. Crucially, I need information about events, in good time, so that they can be properly publicised to the membership – your ‘customers’.

It may be possible to schedule, in our events, a dinner and slide show with photographs taken while on a cruise to Antarctica earlier this year. Very likely, an evening in August (winter) would be most appropriate. Please let me know if that would be a ‘cool’ idea and we will work on it.

Mike Allfrey – Editor

EVENT REPORTS

2012 RACV FLY THE FLAG ‘HERITAGE’ TOUR – 17th to 23rd March 2012

Started in a Rover 3500; finished in a Saab 340!

Unless someone who completed the Tour writes a report, this report will cover events as far as the second night at Mount Gambier. It was at that point that RACV Total Care swung into action after the failure of a front wheel bearing on *Pea Soup*. Up to that point, we enjoyed another successful Tour. There were no rental cars available in town, in fact Budget had six of its cars stranded in Adelaide! So, we were accommodated for a third night in Mt. Gambier and booked on a morning flight home – hence the Saab bit. If Saab built their cars the same way they build their aeroplanes, they must be quite something. Next morning we were collected by a cab and taken to the airport.

The Saab 340, with its lady pilot at the helm, taxied to the runway at an impressive rate of knots, swung onto the main runway and then it was, whoosh, and we were off the ground in a most extraordinarily short distance. Last time I flew out of the Mount, was in a fully laden Fokker Friendship that laboured its way all the way along the runway to lift off just before the bitumen ran out. The flight was very comfortable and QANTAS and Virgin, et al, could learn a thing or two about seating comfort from Regional Express (REX).

Another cab met us at Melbourne airport and soon we were home. I had been advised that the car could take several weeks to be transported home. It arrived on a tilt-tray a day less than a week. RACV Total Care, and particularly a lass called Yasmin, certainly ensured a stress-free journey home for us and *Pea Soup*. Now all that remains to be done is for me to make a good repair – with a suitably durable amount of bearing grease in the hub!

The RACV Fly The Flag Tour for this year can be described as another successful Tour. There were a number of familiar faces missing, but those places have been filled with new Flaggers and, importantly, interesting motor cars to view at our display stops.

The Tour

It was a fine morning, with just a few spots of rain, as we set off from the Ultima Function Centre in East Keilor for the start of our Heritage Tour. It was a cautious, but easy run along the Western Ring Road and on past Geelong on the newly-provided super-bypasses. Our first stop at Winchelsea for a visit to Barwon Park was reached much sooner than expected. The grounds and mansion were looking fabulous in the late summer after the amount of rain the month before. There were guided tours of the mansion and we could see a most interestingly preserved interior. We partook of a picnic luncheon in the grounds and then it was on our way to Warrnambool.

This was to be our base for two nights. Dinner was at the Greyhound Track with it also being our RACV Community Foundation Auction Night. It was a quick auction, conducted by Colin Brown and there were some bargains easily sold. We raised a reasonable sum for the Foundation. Next morning the Tour took us to Princeton (Princetown) on the Great Ocean Road and a very pleasant stop was made at Port Campbell for morning tea. It was satisfying to note that the tea was stronger than on a previous visit! We continued on our loop tour and enjoyed our picnic lunch at a little reserve in Timboon. Then it was back to base in Warrnambool.

Dinner was a superb barbecue in the grounds of the Flagstaff Hill Maritime Museum. The soft evening light was perfect and the real highlight for most of us was the firing of the cannon. This was carried out with the full

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ceremony and, finally, the bang was resounding. Shipping out from the coast must have wondered what was going on! After the WHUMPF of the ancient cannon, we were entertained by a very effective, and probably computer generated, lights and projection show. For some of us, this was viewed through a semitransparent screen with accompanying water sprays from the museum's harbour.

Left: Enjoying a gourmet barbecue at the Flagstaff Hill Maritime Museum.

Monday breakfast was served at the Maritime Museum, while the Tour fleet was on display in the car park. We were flagged off on our way to Nelson and on an impressive facility just a few kilometres south of town.

to Mount Gambier. Our dinner function was at The Barn, The staff behind the bar were impressively numerous with them were serving dinner in an efficient manner.

Right: In superb morning light and lingering long shadows our Tour waits patiently for Flag-off time.

Next morning the Tour took us to Penola for a stop to view the St Mary McKillop Centre. Then, for some of us it was a bit further north to Hollick's Wines for a good quality red and a bottle of their speciality, a delightful white dessert wine of the botrytis type. After stocking up we set off for Millicent and returned to Mount Gambier. It was as we rounded a roundabout to drive down the road to The Barn, that a strange sensation was felt through the Rover's steering. On stopping to investigate, nothing was immediately obvious and, because the road was busy with late afternoon traffic, we continued, slowly, the nine kilometres to The Barn.



The front of the car was jacked up and Steve Kendall and Colin Kilpatrick, our RACV technicians helped investigate and repair a failed front wheel bearing. They raced into town and procured a set of new bearings before establishments closed. All to no avail as the outer bearing cone had spun and welded itself to the stub axle. That was the point where RACV Total Care swung into impressive action.



Above: Joyful happenings in Ballarat – Fancy Dress night on the RACV Fly The Flag Tour. From Anne Tootell.

The Editorial Desk has no idea what happened after Mount Gambier – please use your vivid imagination!

At the conclusion luncheon, awards were presented as follows:

Category	Year	Make & Model	Awarded To
Best Vintage	1928	Chevrolet Utility	Ray and Ron Brown
Best Early Classic	1934	Lancia Augusta	Robert and Rosalind Gilbert
Best Classic Car	1950	De Soto SP20	Don and Jill McKenzie
Best Modern Classic	1979	Porsche 930 Turbo	David and Julian Hosking
Best Open Sports Car	1964	Sunbeam Tiger	Alan and Jean Detrey
Best Family Car	1963	Holden EH	John and Michelle Goddard
Best Commercial	1959	Holden FC Utility	Mark Galea
President's Award	1961	MG A Coupe	Stuart and Chris Bell
Best Overall Vehicle	1956	Ford Victoria	John Provis
Frank Douglas Trophy	1929	Dodge DA	Christopher and Geraldine Constantine

Our congratulations to the award recipients.

Mike Allfrey

COMING EVENTS

COMO GARDENS OPEN WEEKEND – 14th and 15th April 2012

An ABCCC Assist Event

Please note that the Como Gardens Open Weekend is on again. You can either join us as volunteer helpers on either day, or, simply come along as an interested visitor.

All monies raised by the Open Gardens Weekend are donated to worthy causes in the local area. The ABCCC has helped to raise significant funds for the SES, CFA, and the St. Johns Ambulance Service, just to name three. The weekend 14th and 15th April this year is the 100th anniversary of the sinking of *RMS Titanic*. To mark the occasion Peter Brewer, a member of the Surrey Hills Model Boat Club will bring along his 2.7 metre scale model of *RMS Titanic* for demonstrations on the gardens' pond. These will not be ordinary demonstrations, because they will be scale re-enactments of the first part of the sinking.



A view of the Como Gardens pond on a previous Open Weekend.

In addition to all of this, there will be a number of British classic cars on display. There will also be special train rides on George Hetrel's narrow gauge railway; and demonstrations as well as information sessions about the numerous attractions. There will also be a few engine start demonstrations with some of Como Gardens' collection of historic racing cars.

We ask you to join in and help. Please let George know that you will be there to help and which task you can assist with. Morning and afternoon tea along with a sausage sizzle lunch will be provided to those who help with this very special cause.

Contact George Hetrel (03) 9761 1341 or comogardens@bigpond.com

Como Gardens are at 79 The Basin-Olinda Rd. The Basin, Melway 65, K8. www.comogardens.com.au

George and Pat Hetrel

RACV CLASSIC SHOWCASE — Sunday, 29th April 2012

Formerly The British & European Motoring Show

Venue: Members' Car Park, Flemington Racecourse, Flemington, Victoria

Tickets: Pre-book - \$13.00 Each

The All British Classics Car Club (ABCCC) has booked space at the RACV Classic Showcase so that our club can display its vehicles as a group. The AOMC has sent us a quantity of pre-booked tickets at just \$13.00 each. This represents a \$3.00 saving on paying for your entry on the day.

Note: The pre-purchase offer expires on 9th April 2012. Please place your request(s) for tickets by contacting: Mike Allfrey on (03) 9729 1480 or michael.allfrey@bigpond.com

It is our intention to give the RACV Classic Showcase good support. This event is a vital fund raiser for the Association of Motoring Clubs, Inc. (AOMC) to support the work that body does on our behalf - a justly deserves support.

Bring along chairs, a picnic, information about your car that can be given to an interested public, and join us for a very pleasant day amongst British Classics (folk and cars). Please be sure to enter the Members' Car Park *via* the entrance gate on Epsom Road, Flemington (Melway 28, H12). Gates open for display cars at 9:00 am, and cars should be in position before 11:00 am. Marshals will direct you to the ABCCC's reserved area. Your ticket covers everybody in your car at time of entry to the venue.

We look forward to a grand display of our Classics and our Club on the day.

Mike Allfrey – Editor

TORÉ'S SPECIAL DAY OUT — Wednesday, 9th May 2012

Meet at Sam's Warehouse car park, Stud Park Shopping Centre, Stud Road, Rowville (Melway 72; J12) at 9:00 am for a 9:30 am start. Our morning tea stop at Dalywaters Flower Farm, 240 Bungower Road Mornington (Melway 146; E1), where 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 it's a short trip to Steeples Restaurant, for a two-course seniors' meal cost \$15 per head. It's fantastic value. For those members on the Mornington Peninsula, you can meet us at Dalywaters. We should be there by 10:15 am. We need to know numbers by the 5th of May.

Tore Pannuzzo

THE CREAM SPONGE RUN — Sunday, May 20th 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/Ferny Creek CFA, Clarkmont Rd., Ferny 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 of the run.

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 16th May. This will assist with the pub booking, and of course to ensure enough sponges are baked!

Geoff and Judy Birkett

OUR WEEKEND IN APOLLO BAY – 22nd to 24th June 2012

Fellow Members are invited to join with us for a relaxing couple of nights away. We propose to depart Melbourne late Friday morning, stopping for lunch in Colac, before continuing to Apollo Bay, checking in to our Motel (at \$100/night). The evening meal will be at the local Hotel Bistro.

On Saturday, following morning tea, we will all visit the local lookOut, then on to a waterfall, before returning to town. You are then free to follow your own pursuits, e.g. visiting the 'Otway Fly', Lighthouse tour, game of golf, fly over the Twelve Apostles, etc. Dinner will be at an Italian restaurant.

We will then head off on Sunday morning, stopping at Wye River for morning tea, then on to Geelong for lunch at an acclaimed 'pub of the week', before individually departing for our home destinations.

Costs, for food and extras will be at the discretion of the participants. Bookings are limited to be accommodated in the Motel, and to keep the 'Group' to a manageable size.

Please contact us promptly to secure your position on 0412 549 906 or annbry@optusnet.com

Anne and Bryan Tootell

A SPECIAL OBSERVATION RUN – 8th 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

Colin Oberin at 0411 646 769, or Ancolk@gmail.com

Colin Oberin

A HOLIDAY IN VIETNAM – Friday 16th to Thursday 29th November 2012

Booking Information

Interest in this holiday event has been such that we have converted the Vietnam Holiday Tour into two separate tours. The first, which is fully booked via expressions of interest, is confirmed from 12th to 25th October 2012. The second tour has been scheduled from 16th to 29th November 2012. Both tours are shown in our Events Calendar where the red ink to inform you of changes that have taken place. We are expecting a run of expressions of interest in the November Vietnam Tour, so be sure to get your booking in soon.

Both tours will commence at the Hanoi airport, and will conclude at Ho Chi Minh City (Saigon) airport. Club members participating will need to make their own air travel arrangements to and from Vietnam.

Tentative enquiries have been made with Vietnam Airlines regarding a group price. This is as follows: \$AU882.00 plus taxes at \$AU377.84, total \$AU1259.84. Please contact me booking information.

Bookings require a deposit of \$AU200.00 per person. This will enable the organisers, Tonkin Travel, to secure bookings and avoid price rises. Your deposit are required by Monday 30th April 2012.

Final payment of the balance will be required approximately one month before departure date. Instructions for payment of Tour deposit are as follows: Pay to ANZ Account, BSB: 013-165, Account number: 5465-90508. Please quote as a reference: ABCCC (your name).

Please confirm your intentions at paddybee@alphalink.com.au as well as when the deposit has been paid.

Please contact me at above E-mail address if you have any further queries. As soon as you have made or authorised the payment, please send an E-mail to Huong huong@tonkintravel.com at Tonkin Travel informing her of the payment date and reference used. She will then confirm a receipt of your deposit.

Paddy Bullard

AN HUMOROUS EXCHANGE AFTER BEING PULLED OVER BY THE LAW

Humorous For Some!

A police officer pulled over a speeding car. The officer said, "I clocked you at 140 kilometres per hour, sir." The driver said, "Good grief! Officer, I had it on cruise control at 100, perhaps your radar gun needs calibrating." Not looking up from her knitting the wife says: "Now don't be silly dear, you know that this car doesn't have cruise control."

As the officer wrote out the ticket, the driver looks over at his wife and growled, "Can't you please keep your mouth shut for once?"

The wife smiles demurely and said, "You should be thankful your radar detector went off when it did."

Then the police officer made out the second ticket for the illegal radar detector unit, the man glowers at his wife and says through clenched teeth, "Woman, can't you keep your mouth shut?"

The police officer frowned and said, "And I notice that you're not wearing your seat belt, sir. That's an automatic \$75 on the spot fine, sir."

The driver said, "Yeah, well, you see officer, I had it on, but took it off when you pulled me over so that I could get my licence out of my back pocket."

The wife then said, "Now, Dear, you know very well that you didn't have your seat belt on. You never wear your seat belt when you're driving."

And then, while the police officer is writing out the third ticket, the driver turns to his wife and barks, "Why don't you shut up?"

The police officer looks over at the woman and asks, "Does your husband always talk to you this way, Ma'am?"

Now for the punch line . . .

"Only when he's drunk."

Found by Bryan Tootell

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
Greg and Phyl Howe	Austin Healey	3000 B17 Mk II	1962

Pat Douglas – Membership Secretary.

ABCCC EVENTS CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

April 2012

- 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.
- 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 — [An ABCCC Event](#) George Chrystie (03) 5874 3358
Venue — TBA.
- 8 A Special Observation Run — [An ABCCC Event](#) Craig Douglas (03) 9753 9557
Roaming in the City - 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
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 have filled this tour.
Venue – A Very Comprehensive 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, Touring Vietnam – [An ABCCC Event](#) Paddy Bullard paddybee@alphalink.com.au
There are still calls for expressions of interest for this tour.
Note the firmed-up dates. [See Page 5.](#)
- 17 – 18 Bendigo National Swap Meet – Veteran, Vintage & Classic Club Bendigo info@bendigowrap.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.

FREE TO A GOOD HOME!! – A SET OF EPSON INKJET CARTRIDGES FOR EPSON STYLUS R210, R230, R310, R350, RX510, RX630 AND RX650 PRINTERS. STILL IN PACKAGING. THE PRINTER LOST THE PLOT JUST AFTER the PURCHASE OF THE CARTRIDGES – TALK TO MIKE ALLFREY IF YOU CAN USE THESE CARTRIDGES. IT WOULD BE A SHAME TO THROW THEM ALL OUT.

There has been a stunning silence on this offer!

More pictures from the 2012 Fly The Flag rally



Early morning at Ultima Function Centre



Nice line of motors at Barwon Park Mansion



Taking a look before the wheel bearing seized



A double flag-off at Warrnambool