



All British Classics Car Club (Vic)

A Friendly Family Social Motoring Club

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AN ABCCC AUTUMN OUTING – April, 2015



A nice splash of colour! Deanna Hall and Anne Tootell braved the wind and, at times, cold rain for the Point Nepean Run. A report is on Page 7. A lovely photo from Gordon Lindner.

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The annual membership subscription for the All British Classics Car Club Inc. from October, 2014 will be \$45.00. There is a once-only joining fee of \$30.00. Please send membership subscriptions to Gordon Lindner, 9 Hagen Drive, Berwick, VICTORIA, 3806.

Please Note: Membership subscriptions are due by end of December.

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Your ABCCC News

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THE VICTORIAN CLUB PERMIT SCHEME

For information about how the Victorian Club Permit Scheme is conducted by the All British Classics Car Club please visit the club's Website, <http://www.abccc.com.au>.

ABCCC EVENTS DIRECTORY

Note: For up to date requirements that are related to club (and other club supported) events, view the calendar at the club's Website <http://www.abccc.com.au>

May 2015

Sunday 31st The 2015 BMS Run – An ABCCC Event Karen McDonald 0409 028 534
 Start Venue – Caldermeade Farm, 4385 South Gippsland Highway (M420), Caldermeade (RACV-VicRoads Country Street Directory, Issue 9, Map 96; Ref: A5).

Saturday 30th & Historic Winton – Austin Seven Club (Reference Only) (03) 5428 2689
 Sunday 31st Venue – Winton Motor Raceway, Winton, Victoria (Melway Map X922; Ref: B8)

June 2015

Sunday 14th Rex's Big Day Out – An ABCCC Event Rex Hall (03) 9795 7669
 Start Venue – HMAS Cerberus, South Beach Road, Bittern (Melway Map 194; Ref: D1).

Sunday 28th [Mount Dandenong](#) Run – An ABCCC Event Phil Cook (03) 9842 5449
 Start Venue – Harvey Norman, 400 Whitehorse Road, Nunawading.

July 2015

Sunday 12th The ABCCC's Annual Luncheon – The ABCCC Winter Event Colin Brown (03) 5964 9291
 Venue – Club Kilsyth, Corner Canterbury and Colchester Roads, Kilsyth (Melway Map 51; Ref: E10).

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Sunday 26th A Yarra Ranges Tour – An ABCCC Event Peter Lester (03) 9795 0033
Start Venue – Meet at the Marie Wallace Park, near the corner of Mountain Highway and Bayswater Road, Bayswater (Melway Map 64; Ref: F3).

August 2015

Friday 7th to Sunday 9th An ABCCC Weekend Away Bryan Tootell 0412 549 906
Start Venue – **TBA**

Saturday 8th Restoration Seminar – The Association of Motoring Clubs secretary@aomc.asn.au

Sunday 23rd Jindivick – Neerim South Touring – An ABCCC Event Rob and Mary Nolan 0488 547 499
Start Venue – Rear of McDonald's Carpark, Victoria St, Warragul.

September 2015

Wednesday 2nd A Mid-week Run – An ABCCC Event Peter McKiernan (03) 9787 6003
Start Venue – **TBA**

Sunday 13th An ABCCC Run Tore Pannuzzo (03) 9764 2276
Start Venue – **TBA**

Sunday 13th Mount Franklin Picnic Run – Vintage & Classic Club Ballarat Mike Simpson 0419 935 147
Information Only. See Page 10 for details.

Sunday 27th Geelong Run – An ABCCC Event Christopher Constantine (03) 9898 4431
Start Venue – The Geelong Area

October 2015

Sunday 11th Picnic Run – An ABCCC Event Phil Cook (03) 9842 5449
Start Venue – **TBA**

Saturday 17th & Sunday 18th Como Gardens Open Weekend – An ABCCC Supported Event George Hetrel (03) 9761 1341
29 Basin-Olinda Road, The Basin, Victoria. (Melway Map 65; Ref: J8) Bill Allen (03) 9846 2323

Saturday 31st 2016 ABCCC Events Calendar Planning Meeting Tony Pettigrew (03) 9739 1146
Venue – **TBA**

November 2015

Tuesday 3rd Melbourne Cup Day At Yarra Glen – An ABCCC Event Colin Brown (03) 5964 9291
Venue – Yarra valley Racecourse, Armstrong Grove, Yarra Glen (Melway Map 275; Ref: B1)

Friday 13th to Sunday 15th The ABCCC Indulgence Weekend – An ABCCC Event Peter McKiernan (03) 9787 6003
Venues – **TBA**

Sunday 29th Farm Tour – An ABCCC Event Greg Anglin TBA
Cost – \$32.00 per person – Includes Farm Tour and Roast Style Lunch.
Venue – Warrook Farm, Monomeith, near Koo Wee Rup.

Sunday 29th Berry Street For Kids Display – Triumph Car Club Event. Chris Sallmann csallmann@bigpond.com
Venue – Docklands, Melbourne.

December 2015

Sunday 13th The ABCCC Christmas Lunch – The ABCCC End of Year Event. Maxine Pettigrew (03) 9739 1146
Venue – Natalie's, 669 Maroondah Highway, Mitcham, Victoria.

January 2016

Sunday 17th RACV Great Australian Rally – An ABCCC Major Event Colin Brown (03) 5964 9291

March 2016

Sunday 13th to Saturday 19th 15th RACV Fly The Flag Tour – An ABCCC Major Event Tony Pettigrew (03) 9739 1146
Exploring – The West.

NOTE: TBA = To Be Advised

EDITORIAL NOTES – Issue Number 183

Recent editions of *Your ABCCC News* have featured articles about the use of 'D' shackles for connecting a trailed vehicle's hitch safety chains to the tow vehicle's towbar. There has been a fair amount of discussion on this subject, both in magazines and at recent car display events. Readers will remember that I was originally sent an article on the subject, with a photograph of part of a 'D' shackle with its threaded pin. That version of the photo was not recognised by the Editorial Computer, so a substitute shackle was found and photographed to serve as an illustration. There was a note stating that neither the 'D' portion nor the pin featured any form of quality/standards information.

Recently, I was at Bayswater Bolts looking for some hardware, and I spotted a wall display of a range of 'D' shackles that carried the correct standards marking. The identification was in the form of a yellow-coloured pin, see photo at right. This colouring is much more permanent than any form of paint, it appears to form a part of the plating. It was also noted that there were similar markings in green, red, blue and purple on pins, probably identifying different grades of threaded pins.



While I have been out on my regular walks, I have taken an interest in the hitches of trailers attached to tow vehicles. This has been quite an interesting exercise because there are chains out there attached to tow bars with simple light wire loops and even the use of zip type nylon cable ties, that could not hope to hold dynamic forces in the event of the safety chains having to serve their purpose. From these observations, there is certainly a concern with regard to safety chain attachment on our roads and, very likely, the attention of the police is worthwhile. It has been suggested that provided a 'D' shackle coupled with a threaded pin that is the same, or larger diameter than the chain link material's diameter, there will not be any action resulting from police inspection of the hitch assembly.

There have been comments in recent magazines and newspapers about the Victorian Club Permit Scheme (VCPS), describing the scheme as 'Cheap Rego' and 'Club Rego'. This also applies to some car club newsletters seen recently. The VCPS that our movement fought for is not, and never has been, a form of vehicle registration. It is a permit to drive an unregistered vehicle that is more than twenty-five years old on the nation's highways. However, it is probably the general perception of what it is that will become the normal way of describing our VCPS as 'Cheap Rego'.

At last our Events Directory has a few less 'TBA' labelled club events and our thanks is appropriate for those who have helped the cause. However, we still need information so that your events can be properly promoted.

Enjoy this issue!

Mike Allfrey – Editor.

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	Car	Model	Year
Graeme and Janet Johnstone	MG	TC	1949
	Triumph	1800 Roadster	1947
	Rover	P3	1949
Leon and Judy Cousins	Rover	P6B '3500'	1976

Gordon Lindner – Membership Secretary.

SOUND ECONOMIC ADVICE FROM CANBERRA

Sometime this year, we taxpayers may again receive another 'Economic Stimulus' payment. This is indeed a very exciting programme, and I will explain it by using a question and answer format:

Question: What is an 'Economic Stimulus' payment?

Answer: It is money that the federal government will send to taxpayers.

Question: Where will the Government get this money from?

Answer: From the taxpayers.

Question: So, the Government is giving me back my own money?

Answer: Only a smidgen of it.

Question: What is the purpose of this payment?

Answer: The plan is for you to use the money to purchase a high-definition television set, thus stimulating the economy.

Question: But isn't that stimulating the economy of China?

Answer: Shut up!

Below is some helpful advice on how best to help the Australian economy by spending your stimulus cheque wisely:

- If you spend the stimulus money at K-Mart, Big W, Target or the host of \$2 shops we have, the money will go to China, Vietnam or Sri Lanka.
- If you spend it on petrol or diesel, your money will go to the Arabs.
- If you purchase a computer, it will go to India, Taiwan or China
- If you purchase fruit and vegetables, it will go to China, India, Peru
- If you buy an efficient car, it will go to Japan or Korea.
- If you purchase useless stuff, it will go to Taiwan.
- If you pay your credit cards off, or buy stock, it will go to management bonuses and they will hide it offshore.

Instead, keep the money in Australia by:

1. Spending it at garage sales, or
2. Going to footy games, or

3. Spending it on prostitutes, or
4. Beer, or
5. Tattoos.

(These are just about the only Australian businesses still operating in Australia.)

Which brings up the following conclusion:

Go to a footy game with a tattooed prostitute that you met at a garage sale and drink beer all day! No need to thank me, I'm just glad I could be of help.

Rob Nolan.

TOURING WITH THE BIRKETTS, FRANK SAWYER AND KEN MCDONALD

THE 14th ANNUAL ALPINE MINI TOUR, MARCH 28th & 29th 2015..

The Alpine Mini Tour is something Geoff and I have participated in since its inception. This year Frank Sawyer and Ken McDonald joined in the fun, Ken navigating for Frank in Frank's Lotus Elan. The start was Bairnsdale Saturday morning, we all opted to leave Friday to be fresh for the start.

The weather on Friday was poor, we were hoping the skies would clear, the Mini was dancing like a skittish horse on the highway as the semis roared past. I noticed a sign at the front of a church "God makes miracles out of man's mistakes", and I hoped it was not an omen. We unwound in Bairnsdale Friday afternoon, catching up with Greg and Lil Margetts and prepared ourselves for a 9am start the following morning.

All the Minis assembled in the parking area under the water tower in the Main Street of Bairnsdale, we received our pre tour talk and the trip notes were handed out to the navigators in a series of randomly number envelopes. Completing one sheet of notes provided the clue to which envelope was to be opened next. Emergency envelopes were provided for those who may become geographically disoriented – but points deducted if they were opened.

The Saturday morning was magnificent touring weather, sunny but cool. We left Bairnsdale for Bruthen, then on to the Alpine Way gathering answers to questions on the trip notes and hoping they were correct, or at least enlightening. The directions looped off the Highway onto Doctor's Flat Road just out of Ensay. This route has been travelled by us many times before, and is a very pleasant way to avoid the Highway – usually! We managed a detour around a bridge that had been washed away, the Mini gobbling up rocks into its air scoops, luckily not spitting them out onto Frank's Lotus. The next bridge (or lack of it) would have deterred Michael Caine in *The Italian Job*, we back tracked to the Alpine Way and resumed answering clues at Swifts Creek. This time the diversion onto the Cassillis Road was all intact. The day had become blue and gold and the countryside spectacular. All the 30-plus Minis sang along, accompanied by the Lotus, a Citroën, Datsun and a Holden.

Lunch stop was at Omeo. Most of us who had been on the tours before, assumed our overnight stop would be Mt. Hotham. We were very wrong indeed. Opening our next envelope we were directed through Mt. Hotham toward Bright. The mountain tops were now bathed in clear afternoon light. Range upon range of lavender, blue and purple, the dead trees from the previous fires standing above the undergrowth starkly grey and looking like hair on a cat's back.

A turn off at Germantown had to be quickly re-thought by the marshals . . . another bridge down! Frank and ourselves decided on a quick trip to Bright to refuel and continue to Mt. Beauty. We were now bluffed as to where our overnight stop would be. The next envelope told the tale – Falls Creek.

We arrived at our destination, and took part in a driving test, which called for a plastic bottle of water to be placed on the car, and without it falling off, drive as fast as you could go around a milk crate and back to the start and be timed. Frank managed 11 seconds in the Lotus, we finished in 10.5 seconds. There was no rule as to where the bottle was to be placed. Frank's was under the wipers, Geoff put ours in the air scoop in the bonnet.

Right: Posers lined up on the Rocky Valley dam wall.

After a good dinner Saturday night and an early breakfast Sunday (and the promise of more wonderful weather), we left Falls Creek for the Bogong High Plains Road, stopping for a photo opportunity with all the entrants lined up on the wall of the Rocky Valley Dam. Sunday was principally a tour and enjoy day, the navigator only being necessary to point the bonnet in the right direction and not answer too many questions.



This drive took us onto the Omeo Highway and past Anglers Rest, back into Omeo.

From there a steady cruise down the Alpine Way with a short loop off onto the Reedy Creek Road. Just at this point, as if anyone needed reminding, it was brought home to us just how wonderful this country is. Just ahead on the road was a drover with his dogs quietly urging along a herd of Poll Herefords. What a great sight. We stopped to let them amble past and enjoyed the moment.

Our notes took us to Bruthen, but turned us back toward Swan Reach, then off the main road for another great drive to reach the Princes Highway at Nicholson. The finish and lunch was at the archery/mini golf complex and the conclusion of another memorable tour. Unfortunately Frank and Ken had an urgent call to leave for home, and we parted company here. On the upside for them it was good weather for the trip back, and we hoped it would not be too tiring for them.

We completed 664 miles from start to finish, and it is a tribute to the Mini that at 53 years of age, it is still fun to drive and keeps up with the 'moderns'. More importantly it has the ability to make people smile and say wistfully "I had a Mini once".

Judy Birkett.

AOMC NEWS

AOMC Delegates' Meeting Dates

For your diary – the Delegates' Meetings are generally held on the third Mondays of February, May, August and November of each year. The remaining dates for 2015 are as follows:

August 17th, 2015 Delegates' Meeting

November 16th, 2015 Delegates' Meeting and Annual General Meeting

All meetings for these dates will be held at the Chevrolet Car Club Rooms at 1/3 Edgecombe Court Moorabbin (Melway Map 78; Ref: B7). Meetings begin at 7:30 pm and feature a guest speaker. Visitors from clubs are welcome to attend.

Mike Allfrey – AOMC Delegate.

EVENT REPORTS

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING

COMO GARDENS OPEN WEEKEND – Saturday 8-18th and Sunday 19th April, 2015

Once again our volunteers assisted Pat and George Hetrel with their Autumn Open Garden weekend at the beautiful Como Gardens at the foot of the Dandenong Ranges. The weather had been quite pleasant until the Friday when preparations for the two-day event commenced. We did manage to mark out the car parking area without the lime being washed into the creek. Approaching the venue early on Saturday, the weather did not look too good – the hills were enshrouded by cloud and drizzle. In the car park, there was some concern about the ground being a little bit soft close to the railway line, but cars were directed to stay on the firmer areas and all went well. Then a squally shower of rain arrived and it was time for umbrellas or rain-proof clothing. After the rain ceased the sun shone from a clear sky for a spell and quite a number of visitors started arriving. It did rain off and on, but the parking area was kept close to being full for a good spell. Meanwhile, things became a bit squishy just inside the entrance gate, but the ground below stayed firm.

Right: Don Kinsey explains the features of a part of George's auto museum.

There were a number of amusing incidents, a huge Nissan patrol had just vacated a parking space and we directed a lady in a very small car to park there. Her response, "My car cannot possibly fit in there, direct me to a larger space!" Makes one sort of wonder what is on our roads! Then there was the young fellow who could not reverse his Falcon because its wheels were spinning uselessly. A quick look underneath revealed bald tyres. Organising the car parking can be entertaining and, frequently, very rewarding.

On the Sunday, it rained quite heavily proving that garden enthusiasts are a determined lot – as are the children who look forward to a ride on the Como Gardens Railway. One visitor asked what the rail gauge is, I knelt down and spread thumb and little finger of one hand and held it up for him to inspect. That was sufficient for him!



Later in the day, there was quite a quagmire inside the entrance gate, but if sensible driving was used entry and exit were easy to achieve. It was also entertaining to watch the SES special four-wheel-drive vehicles being reversed into their parking positions, directed by the lady who supervised the manoeuvre most certainly from a book of vehicle parking commands and rules.

Left: The 'new' Panhard et Lavassor has its wonderfully interesting engine in full view.

In the auto museum, Don Kinsey and his team of helpers conducted tours explaining the virtues of each exhibit. The most interesting of these was, obviously, the veteran Panhard Lavassor, George's latest acquisition. With its hot tube ignition system, the starting of this interesting engine several times on each day proved to be a popular event on

its own. When this engine started, it could be heard from the car park. Not quite a match for George's Bugatti which can be heard two suburbs away once it gets on song! All great fun and well worth being a part of it all.

The dog club put on good displays of dog behaviour and timed runs to leap over hurdles on their way to grab a tennis ball from the far end of the course and return with it. These were larger dogs like border collies, but there was a little terrier that very quickly grasped what was going on, making good times but ducking under some of the hurdles along the way. The geese on the pond kept wary eyes on the dogs and on the model boats that invaded their territory. The St John's Ambulance folk, along with Pat and her team, kept the sausage sizzle and scones with jam and cream going all day. It would be interesting to know the count of scones sold over the two days. The narrow gauge VR diesel-hauled train was well supported on both days. Drivers were Tony Pettigrew and Wally Thompson with the Guards Rick Lloyd and Tore Panuzzo keeping the passengers in check. Overall and in spite of the weather it was a successful and rewarding weekend to be involved in. Below is a note sent to our club by Pat and George Hetrel to the attention of the President of the ABCCC Inc.:

22nd April, 2015

Dear Tony,

Please find enclosed a cheque in favour of your organisation for \$1,000. Please convey our appreciation to those club members who participated in our April Open Gardens Weekend for the strong support to the event.

Best regards,

Signed - George Hetrel

A special thank you to all of our members who assisted over the two days. Along with that, thank you George for donating such a generous boost to our club's funds. It is greatly appreciated.

Mike Allfrey.

POINT NEPEAN RUN – Sunday 26th April, 2015

With the sudden change to Winter, our proposed picnic day was abandoned and the schedule revised.

Some thirty brave Members gathered at the Quarantine Station carpark under threatening skies, then filled the bus to capacity and headed off to Fort Nepean. The icy wind coming off Bass Strait almost blew us away, however the further we walked down the path to sea level, the more we were protected in the lee of the hill, and the Bay, at this point, was quite calm. The tide was exceptionally low with the whole reef exposed as we viewed a container ship making its way through the heads and into south channel.

The old power station building is still in fairly good condition and we started to work our way up through the site. The main gun station has a sound system, information boards, and period photos to take us back, as this is where the first Allied shot of WW 1 was fired, and the first Australian shot of WW 2 also. Then we proceeded on through ammunition storage areas and a system of tunnels to a lookout point and up to the parade ground.



been down to this unique and untouched area. With some suggesting that they would be coming back for another explore along with family Members and friends.



The Quarantine Station is a grim reminder of the hardships of our early settlers, suffering Spanish 'Flu, Typhoid and the like and the brave medical staff who cared for them. Also displayed are the huge steam chambers where cases and personal belongings were transported in on rail trolleys for eradication of the germs. The hospital buildings are still in good condition and the outlook over the bay from the balconies would have been a tonic for patients' recuperation.

We then had an enjoyable lunch together at the Rye Hotel, away from any weather problems, with a Jazz band playing ANZAC tunes. We were delighted by the comments of Participants thanking us for an interesting day, as many of our people had never

Anne and Bryan Tootell.

JOINT EVENT WITH ABCCC QUEENSLAND MEMBERS – Sunday 3rd May, 2015



Victorians and Queenslanders mixing it with cars and vines. The two girls are 'ring-ins' from a chooks' day out.

Even though this event has been on our calendar of events since late last year, definite information about what was going to happen surfaced only recently. For our contribution, we organised a car display and lunch at Killara Wines Estate in Seville East. Our Queensland colleagues had escaped some pretty awful wet weather up north to come south and be greeted by a fine display of motor cars and a beautiful clear sunny Autumn day that only God's Own Country could produce. We arrived to find a NSW registered coach already parked and its passengers eagerly awaiting our arrival, and parked our cars facing the winery's dining area with magnificent views towards the Great Dividing Range. It was a perfect day and a glorious setting for our display. Marques represented were Austin-Healey, MG, Daimler, Ford, Dodge, Jaguar, Lagonda and Rover. A Jowett was an apology for this event. No matter, a fine display of British classicness was put on for our guests.

After being introduced to the winery by the manager who related stories about other car clubs visiting Killara we had a bit of a natter before sitting down to lunch. This was in pure Italian style with a fine selection of antipasto, pizza and a pasta-tomato main course.

During the lunch proceedings, John Gagen (*ABCCC Queensland*) spoke to us and then presented the Raw Prawn Trophy to Tony Pettigrew who, I think, vowed that we would win it again at Tomingley next year. I say 'I think' because, even though my hearing aids were switched on, the majority of the speech making was drowned out by the chatter from the Hen's Party next door and diners on the other side of us in the main dining area. If someone with superior hearing to mine knows what was said, please pass it on to the Editor – you know where.

Right: Tony Pettigrew accepts the ABCCC Raw Prawn Trophy from John Gagen.



After lunch, it was time to give our visitors rides in the cars on display. This was a most enjoyable activity and some of us were wondering if a MG TF, in the distance, would make it up the hill. Our display was much admired by others who were having lunch at Killara and some young girls were most impressed by the Lagonda and the Daimler. Out thanks to John Gagen for getting it all going, and thanks are due to Tony and Maxine for the organising of the venue and the lunch – greatly appreciated by all of those who were present. My apologies for missing out on much of what was said.

Mike Allfrey.

WHAT WE ARE ABOUT TO DO – Coming Events

THE 2015 BMS RUN – Sunday 31st May, 2015

Join us for a leisurely coastal run. We will start from Caldermeade Farm, 4385 South Gippsland Highway, Caldermeade, between Tooradin and Lang Lang. As this will also be our morning tea stop, we suggest you arrive from 9:00 am, if you would like tea/coffee/scones. We will be leaving at 10:00 am to drive to a newly opened cheese factory. The owners will prepare a cheese tasting and talk, costing \$5.00 per person, however there will be 10% discount on any cheese purchased. Please bring a cooler bag to keep your purchases cold. After this, we will visit two more 'fascinating outlets', before we proceed to our lunch venue. Because the number participating in the run are essential for catering purposes, and if you are able to join us, please contact Karen McDonald on 0409 028 534 before Sunday 24th May, to book in for the BMS Run. Another memorable outing promised, the BMS team, Judy, Geoff, Karen, Ken, Val and Frank.

Karen McDonald.

REX'S BIG DAY OUT – Sunday 14th June, 2015

In this centenary year of the Gallipoli conflict during WW1, it is appropriate that we reflect on the sacrifices of our service men and women and in this respect we are indeed privileged to have been granted 'permission to come on board *HMAS Cerberus* – Museum.

Make your way down to *HMAS Cerberus* and meet along South Beach Road, Bittern (Melway Map 194; Ref: D1), which is the main security entry to the Naval Base entrance at 9:45 am for a group entry through the Security check points. We will park our cars in the area adjoining the Museum building and proceed to our morning tea provided by the Museum. The cost of entry to the Museum and for morning tea is by donation of \$5.00 per person.

Following our Museum visit, we will proceed to our lunch venue close by.

The Museum is located within the secure area of *HMAS Cerberus* Naval Base and as you would be aware, security is paramount to ensure safety to personnel and property.

To facilitate efficient and timely entry through the security check point, we have been asked by the museum curator that participants attending provide details below at the time of accepting this 'come on board' invitation:

1. Photo ID of the driver and passenger/s; and
2. The car model and registration number of the vehicle to be taken.

The Museum Curator will be provided with that information and have security lanyards prepared and issued at our meeting point on South Beach Road on Sunday, 14th June at 9:45 am in order to gain quick entry without the need to go through the usual prolonged security check process.

Please let Rex or Deanna know of your intention to come on this very special visit in this Centenary year of the Gallipoli conflict on E-mail rha41579@bigpond.net.au – Mobiles – Rex 0408303129 – Deanna 0408520729. Please note that the close off date for 'Rex's Big Day Out' is 31st May.

Don't forget you will need to provide Photo ID and Registration number of the car you will be taking at time of accepting!

Rex and Deanna Hall.

MOUNT DANDENONG RUN – Sunday 28th June

We will meet at the Car Park outside Harvey Norman Store located at 400 Whitehorse Road in Nunawading (Melway Map 48; Ref: G9). Time 9:00 am for a 9:30 am drive off.

After driving through Ringwood, we will drive into the Yarra Valley. Following a pleasant drive (all roads sealed), we will arrive at Healesville where we will enjoy Morning coffee/tea. We will then continue our journey to the Dandenong Hills, where we will enjoy lunch and the hospitality at one of the many establishments in the area.

Full run details will be handed out prior to the start.

Contact: Phil Cook on Telephone number 9842 5449, or on 0417 568 851 to make your reservation

Phil Cook.

THE ABCCC ANNUAL LUNCHEON – Sunday 12th July, 2015

For this year's annual luncheon, we have booked a new venue, Club Kilsyth which is located on the corner of Canterbury and Colchester Roads in Kilsyth South (Melway Map 51; Ref: E10). Please gather at the venue from 12:00 noon for a luncheon start at 12:30 pm.

This luncheon, at \$40.00 per person is for club members only. The meal and drinks are subsidised by our club.

Bookings are essential and the booking form can be found on Page 14. All cheques must be made payable to the All British Classics Car Club Inc. and should be sent to Colin Brown, PO Box 40, Coldstream, Victoria 3770.

Please note that your booking slips and cheques must be sent in before 1st July, 2010. Should you have any queries, please contact me on 0408 343 176.

We look forward to you joining us at Club Kilsyth.

Colin Brown

YARRA RANGES IN WINTER – Sunday 26th July, 2015

Overview

Our run this month is designed to be leisurely, informative, with a little nostalgia, some good food and beverage and as always, great company. It commences at the Marie Wallace Park, Bayswater and then onwards to:

1. Lilydale and the Yarra Ranges Regional Museum. On arrival we will be provided with curator led tour of an exhibition sponsored by the Shrine of Remembrance, Melbourne, titled "Australia Will Be There" honouring the centenary of the First World War. It is a chronology of the war and the contribution made by Victorians. We will also be able to spend some time seeing other exhibits in the Connections Gallery upstairs and adjoining Chambers. Whilst here, we will partake of morning tea. Cost of tour and morning tea is \$7.50 p.p, which we will collect at start of event.
2. On leaving Lilydale we travel to Healesville and then onto Toolangi for lunch at the Toolangi Tavern. There is a comprehensive menu with all items costing \$18.50. Items from Specials Board may cost a little more. Sweets are around \$10.00 to \$12.00. Note: There is no Seniors Menu.

3. After lunch, conclusion of event, we return home at leisure.

Details

- 09.30 am Meet at Marie Wallace Park near the corner of Mountain Highway and Bayswater Road, Bayswater. Enter off Mountain Highway just over Railway Line on left, heading East (Melway Map 64; Ref: F3). There are shelter and toilet facilities here. Route details will be passed out at meeting place. Anyone wishing to join mid-route are welcome to do so. Kindly let us know and we will send route details.
- 10.00 am Depart Marie Wallace Park for Lilydale.
- 10.30 am Arrive Yarra Ranges Regional Gallery for tour, questions and morning tea.
- 11.50 am Depart for Toolangi Tavern, 1390 Myers Creek Road, Toolangi.
- 12.30 am Arrive Toolangi Tavern.

Kindly register for the event by calling or E-mailing any time a.s.a.p. on or after 1st July. We return home from a trip to Europe the previous day. Do hope you are able to join us for another enjoyable day out with the members of ABCCC.

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Peter and Lorraine Lester.

JINDIVICK – NEERIM SOUTH TOURING – Sunday 23rd August, 2015

Meeting point will be at the rear of MacDonald's Carpark, Victoria St, Warragul (VicRoads Country Street Directory, Map 704; Ref: F6) from 9:30 am for a 10:00 am departure.

From there we will drive through Buln Buln, Rokeby and surrounds to our morning tea stop at Bradley Hall, the eclectic Art Gallery of artist Gary Miles. **Note:** BYO food to the gallery but tea and coffee will be provided.

Then up to Jindivick and surrounds with a cosy Hotel Pub lunch (order from menu) TBA. More details still being arranged! RSVP by 17th August to RobNolan@bigpond.com or telephone (03) 5622 1770 or Rob 0488 547 222 or Mary 0488 547 499.

Rob and Mary Nolan.

THE MOUNT FRANKLIN INTER-CLUB PICNIC – Sunday 13th September, 2013

This is an open invitation from the Vintage and Classic Car Club Ballarat to the ABCCC to attend the interclub picnic to be held at Mount Franklin (near Daylesford).

The idea is to have a casual gathering for members of other clubs to meet up and foster an interclub relationship. We always have an interesting mix of vehicles.

The picnic usually runs from about 10:30 am to about 3:00 pm.

You will need to bring your own everything, or get lunch and drinks in Daylesford which is 12.5 kilometres from the picnic area. There are toilets at the site.

I shall be organising a run from Ballarat to Mount Franklin leaving about 9:30 am from the Wendouree Sports Complex in Norman Street, just west of the Creswick Road intersection. If you wish to join up with us you are welcome. Please let me know on 0419 935 147.

Mike Simpson – VVCC Ballarat Inc.

IT HAPPENED TO ME

Drum Brakes Warning

In preparation for our joint event with members of the Queensland ABCCC at Seville East, on the Saturday prior to the event I decided to go for a test drive in my Jowett Jupiter. It turned out to be a very fortunate decision, because just before reaching home, as I braked gently there was a bit of a bang just over my right shoulder. Then the car had great difficulty on the short climb to reach our street. On coaxing the Jupiter carefully into my garage, my nostrils were immediately assailed by the aroma of overheated brake linings. After pausing for a few minutes, it was even more difficult to get the Jupiter into my workshop. Maybe the clutch will soon cry, 'Enough!' and more work will be ahead of me.

It was soon discovered that there was something seriously amiss with the off-side rear brake system. There was great difficulty in removing the brake drum from the axle shaft, because it was very firmly wedged, in fact more so than a simple seized wheel cylinder. Once the drum was pulled clear, it was a 60 mm long piece of the bonded brake lining on one shoe that had broken away in such a manner that there was a finely tapered edge that had securely wedged itself between the remaining lining still on the shoe and the brake drum. In addition to that, the effort of prising the brake drum off had bent the ends of the brake shoes.

This is all repairable, but the other side had to be dismantled so that all four brake shoes could have the same lining material bonded to them and, at the same time, the wheel cylinders could be overhauled. After cleaning the brake shoes, it was noted that all of the other three shoe linings had cracked, but not broken away. Interestingly, these cracks were not in the same position on the brake shoes as the broken lining. This has set me to wondering what had happened, because my driving style does not include late and heavy breaking. The car has been standing, with very little use for about sixteen months. During storage in the dry garage, the hand brake was not applied but the car was parked with first gear selected. The only times the hand brake had been used for any length of time were for parking on slopes and outside motels.

The question is, what caused all four brake linings to crack and, what caused one of them to break and separate from the brake shoe? I have had lengthy experience with bonded brake shoes and have not observed such a condition before, however, during discussion about this concern, Nello Mafodda advised the use of rivets at each end of bonded linings, for security reasons. In this case, rivets would have been a great help!

What this incident did illustrate was the importance of a gentle test run after the car had been standing for a spell prior to a club event. Luckily, *Pea Soup* was available as a stand-in for our display at Killara Estate Winery.

There is an intriguing thought about this episode though, some time ago, new linings had been bonded by the same brake specialist who neglected to put any grease into *Pea Soup's* front wheel bearings, when the front brake discs and callipers were reconditioned as part of the normal maintenance schedule. That problem reared its head on the 2012 RACV Fly The Flag Tour when we stayed in Mount Gambier.

Mike Allfrey.



A superb page filler! (From the Point Nepean Run, Rex Hall retrieving his cap that was caught by the wind): Read the warning sign! Ah! But the cap was far too valuable and, therefore, well worth the risk.



Above: 2015 RACV Fly The Flag Tour from Gordon Lindner.

Annual Club Luncheon

Sunday July 12th 2015

Club Kilsyth

Corner of Canterbury Road and Colchester Road, Kilsyth

Time: 12.00 noon for 12.30 pm



Please join us for the club's annual luncheon, this year to be held at a new venue, the Club Kilsyth. This luncheon is a Member only event as the meal cost will be subsidised by the club, and drinks are provided. Cost \$40 per head.

Pre-booking and payment is required before the 1st July

For further information please phone Colin Brown on 0408 343 176



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Please reserve Seats @\$40 For:

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

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