



## **All British Classics Car Club (Vic)**

### **A Friendly Family Social Motoring Club**

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**Your ABCCC News**

### **RACV GREAT AUSTRALIAN RALLY – January, 2015**



*Not sure where this photograph came from, it was forwarded by Tony Pettigrew. It shows just a part of the MG Club display at Mornington.*

*Our thanks to the provider.*

**Associations Incorporation Registered Number: A0035462V**

#### **MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS**

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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**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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## CLUB INFORMATION

Visit the club's Website, <http://www.abccc.com.au> for information about how club matters are conducted.

## 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>

### June 2015

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

### July 2015

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 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).

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> A Yarra Ranges Tour – An ABCCC Event Peter Lester (03) 9795 0033  
Start Venue – Meet at the Marie Wallace Park, Bayswater (Melway Map 64; Ref: F3).

### August 2015

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

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> Restoration Seminar – The Association of Motoring Clubs [secretary@aomc.asn.au](mailto:secretary@aomc.asn.au)

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

June, 2015

**Magazine Close-off Is 14<sup>th</sup> Of Each Month**

## September 2015

Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	A Mid-week Run – An ABCCC Event Start Venue – <b>TBA</b>	Peter McKiernan (03) 9787 6003
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	A Run To Marysville and Narbethong – ABCCC Event Start Venue – Beechworth Bakery, 316 Main Street Healesville (Melway Map 270; Ref: D12)	Tore and Connie Pannuzzo 0413 941 502
Sunday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Geelong Run – An ABCCC Event Start Venue – The Geelong Area	Christopher Constantine (03) 9898 4431

## October 2015

Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Picnic Run – An ABCCC Event Start Venue – <b>TBA</b>	Phil Cook (03) 9842 5449
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> & Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Como Gardens Open Weekend – An ABCCC Supported Event 29 Basin-Olinda Road, The Basin, Victoria. (Melway Map 65; Ref: J8)	George Hetrel (03) 9761 1341 Bill Allen (03) 9846 2323
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup>	2016 ABCCC Events Calendar Planning Meeting Venue – <b>TBA</b>	Tony Pettigrew (03) 9739 1146

## November 2015

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Melbourne Cup Day At Yarra Glen – An ABCCC Event Venue – Yarra valley Racecourse, Armstrong Grove, Yarra Glen (Melway Map 275; Ref: B1)	Colin Brown (03) 5964 9291
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> to Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	The ABCCC Indulgence Weekend – An ABCCC Event Venues – <b>TBA</b>	Peter McKiernan (03) 9787 6003
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Farm Tour – An ABCCC Event Cost – \$32.00 per person – Includes Farm Tour and Roast Style Lunch. Venue – Warrook Farm, Monomeith, near Koo Wee Rup.	Greg Anglin TBA
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Berry Street For Kids Display – Triumph Car Club Event. Venue – Docklands, Melbourne.	Chris Sallmann <a href="mailto:csallmann@bigpond.com">csallmann@bigpond.com</a>

## December 2015

Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup>	The ABCCC Christmas Lunch – The ABCCC End of Year Event. Venue – Natalie's, 669 Maroondah Highway, Mitcham, Victoria.	Maxine Pettigrew (03) 9739 1146
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## January 2016

Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	RACV Great Australian Rally – An ABCCC Major Event	Colin Brown (03) 5964 9291
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## March 2016

Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> to Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup>	15 <sup>th</sup> RACV Fly The Flag Tour – An ABCCC Major Event Exploring – The West.	Tony Pettigrew (03) 9739 1146
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**NOTE: TBA = To Be Advised**

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## EDITORIAL NOTES – Issue Number 184

We have a couple of 'issues' facing *Your ABCCC News* over the coming months. Firstly, Rick and Gill Lloyd are taking a break and, thankfully, Mary Cheng has stepped into the breach. That means that some of you may note a Drouin postmark on the envelope when your magazine arrives. Secondly, one of our Rovers is going to take us up to Newcastle (NSW) so that we can carry out grandparent duties for a spell. I say one of the Rovers, because both of them have not behaved too well lately. *Pea Soup* embarked on a spot of fuel starvation woes while driving up to Historic Winton. It was still a dark morning when, just past Dixon's Creek, the engine started to splutter and I took the decision to make a classic three-point turn and motor gently home so that the cause of the problem could be diagnosed in a bit more comfort than in the wet gravel beside the road.

The concern turned out to be a repeat of an episode on one of our RACV Fly The Flag Tours, where the main/reserve fuel tap had migrated towards its mid-point of travel through its arc. Most embarrassingly, all I needed to do at the first falter on a climb, was to pull hard on the reserve petrol supply knob and all would have been well. After the previous episode, the lengthy control cable was re-routed to remove the 'springiness' leaning towards the fuel starvation events, which meant that my stubbornness deemed the concern on the way to Winton, could have been due to another cause.

The Rover 75 decided to come out in sympathy at the same time and demanded the services of RACV Total Care due to not wishing to start when the engine had warmed up. If you need to telephone RACV Total Care, try to 'score' a lady called Katrina to help you. This time, she was fantastic and a technician was there in about twenty minutes – but then the engine decided to start as soon as he turned the key! The case was, for some reason logged as a 'flat battery' situation. Finally, after another Total Care call the car was tilt-trayed to my servicing workshop. The breakdown was in our local Woolworths car park and the whole episode was entertaining for the Thursday morning shoppers. One elderly gent said that, "All these Jaguars break down, you know that don't you?" Another, a young lady, with toddler in tow, informed the tilt tray operator that having an exposed winch cable was dangerous for pedestrians! There were flashing amber lights, a bright yellow tow strap and high visibility jerkins in clear view – what more could we do?

Then, just before our AOMC Heritage Motoring Day event, our Jupiter decided to thoroughly lock up one rear wheel, while on a gentle test drive. All of this meant yet more wear to shoe soles for a spell.

Along with an interesting report from a Kasbah in Morocco, there is another document from the early days of our club in its formative years for you to read in this issue.

Enjoy *Your ABCCC News!*

*Mike Allfrey – Editor.*

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## 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
Bruce Cox & Kelly Muk	Jaguar	XJ6-C	1976
Gillian McFarlane & Duncan Pelham-Webb	Jaguar	Mk II	1963

*Gordon Lindner – Membership Secretary.*

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## A BRAINTEASER

A woman shoots her husband. Then she holds him under water for over five minutes. Finally, she hangs him. But then, five minutes later they both go out together and enjoy a wonderful dinner.

How can this be? – Answer, it is elsewhere!

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## GOOD WISHES FOR A SPEEDY RECOVERY

While taking part on the AOMC Heritage Motoring Run to Yarra Glen, we were advised that Betty Taylor had suffered a grave injury to one of her feet. It seems that a cow stood on Betty's foot. From experience, that can be extremely painful, but, as a farmer once said, "It is not so bad if the cow has a good pedigree!"

We wish you a speedy recovery Betty, and hope you will be joining us at an event soon.

*The Membership.*

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## A RATHER EXCEPTIONAL 'BARN FIND'

The Editorial 'In-box' has received a British 'Barn Find' Website from Peter Hibbert. On opening the Website I received quite a ghostly shock! There in front of me, was a photograph of a vintage Bentley of exactly the same style as the one my father purchased in Christchurch (NZ), immediately after WW II, and ran it as our family car till late 1949, when we departed for England. Our version was navy blue with black leatherette roof and black wheels and mudguards, with the interior of the same style, but trimmed in genuine pig skin leather of natural tan colour.

It is interesting to note the badges on the discovered Bentley. There is the Bentley Drivers Club badge which means to me that the club must have had knowledge of where the car was stored. There is also a Caravan Club badge which indicates that the Bentley could have been used for some very capable caravan towing, maybe all over Continental Europe? It seems that this fine car will be auctioned by Bonhams and the expected price it will fetch is \$A600,000 as a restoration project and, as Peter asks – fully restore it, costing the buyer around AU\$350,000 and drive it, hardly at all?

The Web link is:

<http://finance.ninemsn.com.au/executivesuite/motoring/491861/man-finds-600000-vintage-bentley-in-barn.slideshow>

Thanks are due to Peter for sending it in so that you can all have a good look at what once was.

*Mike Allfrey.*

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## EXPLOSIONS IN THE NORTH MIDLANDS

### From *The Explosive Exploits of Blaster Bates* – With Thanks

*Editor's Note: Back in the middle 1960s, at the real Red Cow pub in Sudbury, Derbyshire (England), there were local entertainers, usually on a Friday evening. One such evening we were entertained by a Mr. Bates who operated a business that used explosives to remove unwanted objects in a quick manner – within reason. Bates operated in the Shropshire, Staffordshire, Derbyshire and Cheshire areas. It was a most entertaining night and, it being winter now with not much in the Editorial In-tray, it is seemly that one of the stories that we were told should be shared here.*

Mr. Bates was at the Congleton market one day and he was approached by a local farmer. Bates continues, "I was approached by this very tall gentleman who seemed to lean backwards so much that he was about to fall over, then I realised that he was wearing crossed-over braces. Anyway, he wanted five large beech trees removed from a bank in his field, the reason being that they could fall and endanger his stock. We arranged a date and time.



On arriving at Manor farm, the five trees were pointed out and it was an easy job placing the explosives because some rabbits had burrowed amongst the roots. This was before the myxo outbreak. The trees were huge, must have been twenty-odd tons in each of them, so, I doubled the amount of gelignite to ensure a complete job, and to put on a good show – because by now, a couple of neighbours had come to watch the fun. This made me put on a bit of professional patter, ‘How do you want it, one tree at a time or all at once’. ‘One at a time’ said Midgeley, ‘Then it will last longer!’

“So I went back up and set the fuses to make it a good show. As I came back down, I heard some tooting going on, so I asked, ‘Would there be a hunt going on?’ None of them knew. Then a large dog fox shot through the open gate right by us and the first tree went up. BOOM! He lifted his brush and shot off like the clappers. After the fox came fifty-two hounds, and as they say, the scent was a bit strong and the blood’s a bit close. Off up the hill they went after that fox and then the next tree went up! That sort of put the hounds off the trail a bit. Then along came the huntsmen – Tally Ho! Toot! Toot and all that and, as they went through the gate, the third tree went up – BOOM!

“I have never seen horses back-pedal like that. *One horse*, they call it, that ‘do’ at the Grand National was nothing compared to this! Then boom, BOOM (the last one is always a good’un!) the last two beech trees went up. Midgeley made me laugh, he was rolling around on the ground convulsing with laughter, and tears streaming down his face, sort of snuffling and choking.

“Then it appeared, a great big iron grey. Its nostrils were flared and steaming, you could have put that pint pot up them – it was huge, and there was me with my ferkeling shovel in my hands, a lowly peasant. It was the Master of the Hunt, and he had obviously had his stirrup cup, and by the colouring at his cheeks, several other hunters’ cups as well. He stood up unsteadily in his stirrups and yelled at me, ‘You’ve ruined my day! You’ve ruined my day!’ Oh dear, I thought he was going to cry, and have me tied to a gun carriage wheel and whipped – forty lashes, he was that upset, and his hand was on the humane killer!

“Anyway, three weeks after, I was up at Capesthorpe on another farm, must have been more than five miles from the Manor farm. Once the job was done, the farmer’s wife asked me in for a cup of tea. We had a nice chat and then as I was leaving, they threw open a loose-box door and showed me four hounds. The farmer said, ‘They arrived three Saturdays ago all of a slather and now they won’t go home!’ I said, ‘You wouldn’t go home either, after you had a few sticks of gelly going up right in front of you.’ Then he asked if I wanted one of the hounds because it was costing two quid a week to feed them. Oh gosh.”

Then there was the pub that changed colour – but that is another story!

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## 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015      Delegates’ Meeting

November 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 Alfrey – AOMC Delegate.*

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## FROM OUR CLUB’S ARCHIVES

### Minutes Of Committee Meeting – January 15<sup>th</sup> 1998

The meeting opened at 8.15 pm.

Present at the meeting: Frank Douglas, Tom Verney, Tony Hodges, Chris Gardner, John Gardner, Val Jefferyes, Kate McLaren and Peter McLaren.

#### Committee Matters

The club currently has 66 members, we need to enrol more and keep the profile of the club high. (At this point C. Gardner nominated J. Gardner as membership secretary. Motion seconded by K.McLaren.) J.Gardner and T.Hodges to work together with membership funds and J. Gardner to organise members kit and badges.

Newsletter has been sent out by F.Douglas inviting all members to a welcoming BBQ at his home. All future newsletters need to have all current and up to date information to make them cost effective.

A variety of ideas for future events was discussed at length, and it was agreed upon that all events had to be interesting to all parties.

Secretary to apply for membership of AOMC and Federation, (The mission of this club – to enjoy motoring.) Members to pay \$10 if they want a copy of Model Rules. The club copy is to be accessible to any member at all meetings. (Secretary to contact Heather Greaves for assistance with joining these organisations.)

Secretary to speak with Heather Greaves in regard to payment of public liability insurance (through Shannons.) Also to discuss club plate registration scheme. Colin Hallam and Nello Mafodda are both ‘A’ grade mechanics and qualified to give roadworthy certificates to any club member.

C. and J. Gardner to type up a committee list.

J. Gardner to send thank you letter to Shannons for their support and the use of their meeting room, and to make certain membership forms to join ABC club are available at Shannons for any interested potential member. R. Shannon wishes to join ABC club. (Peter McLaren offered to do these items.)

Telephone listing of club to be placed in Yellow and White Pages. Gardner's number to be used and club to pay expenses – under the Club section in Yellow Pages we are entitled to a free listing. Peter McLaren offered to look into this. Internet E-mail to be Kate McLaren, number is:- [KATEMC@Bigpond.com](mailto:KATEMC@Bigpond.com).

Magazine listings. Peter McLaren (jnr.) was nominated by ~~P. McLaren (snr.)~~ To organise writing to a variety of magazines to list ABC club.

It was agreed to continue with 'The Age' advertising for new members, for a trial period of once a month for three months, then committee to review. T.Hodges to organise.

A committee should be formed, for a membership drive, to ensure constant awareness of ABC club and to try attract more members. (T.Verney, J.Gardner and P.McLaren (snr.) offered to do this.)

Membership cards to be printed by F. Douglas.

Logo to be the same as Qld. club, as this will allow printing costs to be shared. Qld. club will produce all name badges and will screen print all T. shirts.

P.McLaren (snr.) nominated P.McLaren (jnr.) to organise windscreen stickers and merchandise, with logo.

Newsletterhead. Use logo from Qld. and make colour changes if required. All committee to pool ideas and design final draft. P.McLaren jnr was nominated to print final draft.

A liaison officer is required to relate with the Qld. club. (Vic. Club will pay all 'phone costs.) Should be an events person. P.McLaren (snr.) offered to be this delegate.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The ABC club is banking with the Commonwealth Bank – Anglesea. As at 31.12.97 there was a balance of \$761.52. There is \$300.00 to be banked. \$183.00 has been paid to 'The Age' for ads. F.Douglas, T.Hodges and C. Gardner to be signatories.

### **General Business**

K.McLaren will print expense vouchers for all committee members to use as needed.

Committee meetings to be approx. 4 only per year. Club meetings to be 3 per year and called by the President.

F.Douglas will be absent for one month. T.Verney to stand in as President during this period of time.

Meeting closed at 10.00pm. Next meeting February 26<sup>th</sup> 1998 at 8.00pm at F.Douglas' home.

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## **TALES FROM THE KASBAH**

I was sitting in the Kasbah in the wilds of Morocco minding my own business when I thought I would use the free Wi-Fi to catch up on some emails. The E-mail from Mike Allfrey caught my eye. He asked me to send in a photo and perhaps a story if I spotted a British Classic in Morocco. If I do only what Mike asked this will be a very short piece – I didn't see a single British Classic in Morocco.



*Left: Camel power! Touring with the ships of the desert.*

In fact I saw very few British cars at all apart from a few generally battered old Land Rovers in the back blocks and a handful of new Land Rover Evoques in Marrakech. Most of the vehicle brands seen on Moroccan roads, especially in the cities such as Casablanca, Rabat, Fes and Marrakech, would be familiar to Australians with one notable exception. The largest selling brand in Morocco in 2014 was Dacia which had the top four selling vehicles with its Logan, Sandero, Dokker and Duster models. Dacia sold a total of 33,734 units in 2014, out of a total market of 122,081 passenger cars and light commercials i.e. a huge 27.6% market share. Dacia is a

Romanian manufacturer which was taken over by Renault fifteen years ago. To learn more about Dacia vehicles check out <http://www.daciagroup.com/en>.

What is most surprising about the Moroccan vehicle market is that three of the top four selling models are locally assembled. Considering the Moroccan market is only just over 10 per cent the size of the Australian vehicle market it makes you wonder why we can't, or don't want to, keep a local car industry in Australia.



Of those automotive brands familiar to Australians the market shares are vastly different in Morocco with Renault, Peugeot and Citroen prominent in small passenger cars and small panel vans. This is not surprising as the French influence remains strong with Morocco having been a French protectorate between 1912 and 1956 when they became independent. There are also plenty of French tourists, French is widely spoken, unlike English, and there are classic French Foreign Legion landscapes in the desert regions.

*Left: A small group tour bus.*

Not surprisingly, I didn't see any expensive luxury vehicles such as Rolls Royce, Bentley, Aston Martin,

Porsche, Ferrari, Lamborghini etc. One notable exception was the rows and rows of Mercedes Benz taxis lined up waiting for fares in Rabat, Fes, Marrakech and elsewhere. Nearly all were 200D or 240D W123 models from the 1970s and 80s but they may soon start disappearing as I understand that the government wants to replace them with a cash for clunkers style programme.

It was no surprise that European models predominate in Morocco and that there are no Holdens but I didn't see any Vauxhalls either and only a few Opels in the cities. Thus the General Motors group was almost absent from Moroccan roads. However, there were plenty of European Fords with Transit vans very popular as transport for tourists and quite a few Focus and Fiesta vehicles also driving around.

*Right: The Ford Transit mini bus used on the tour.*

Of the Asian manufacturers, Toyota was quite strong especially with Land Cruiser and Prado in the country areas and Corolla in the cities. Hyundai and Mitsubishi were also fairly strong selling everything from small cars to 4wds to SUVs and even heavy trucks. However, Honda, Mazda, Volvo, BMW, Audi and to a lesser extent Kia vehicles which are all fairly common on Australian roads were few and far between on Moroccan roads.



Toyota HiAce and Hyundai vans also common in Australia were notable by their virtual absence. Narrow little Suzuki Carry vans were common in the cities as they can negotiate the narrow lanes in the medinas. Also there are many old Mercedes Benz vans and minibuses from the 1980s, often in poor condition, wheezing along the often steep and poorly maintained country roads. In one small town I counted 27 people alighting from an old Benz van set up as a local bus which I estimated had at most 10 seats. It would have been very hot and smelly in there.

I can't conclude without also reporting that there are lots of small motor bikes in the cities which can be quite frightening weaving between pedestrians as they scoot through the very narrow lanes in the medinas. Donkeys and donkey carts are also still quite common and like the motor bikes can be quite dangerous in the narrow laneways as they usually carry a load which stretches almost wall to wall and they wear rubber shoes so you can't hear them coming. All in all, while Morocco is very different from Australia it is a fascinating country – I just wouldn't want to drive there myself.

*Colin Oberin.*

## AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT PIPE SPECIFICATIONS

All pipe is to be made of a long hole surrounded by metal or plastic centred around the hole.

All pipe is to be hollow throughout the entire length, do not use holes of different length than the pipe.

The I.D. (inside diameter) of all pipe must not exceed the O.D. (outside diameter) otherwise the holes will be on the outside.

All pipe is to be supplied with nothing in the hole so that water, steam or other stuff can be put inside at a later date.

All pipe should be supplied without rust, this can be more readily applied at the job site. note: some vendors are now able to supply prerusted pipe. If available in your area, this product is recommended as it will save a great deal of time on the job site.

All pipe over 500 feet (153 metres) in length should have the words 'Long Pipe' clearly painted on each end so the contractor will know if it is a long pipe. Pipe over 2 miles (3.2 km) in length must also have the words 'Long Pipe' painted in the middle so the contractor will not have to walk the entire length of pipe to determine whether or not it is a long pipe or short pipe.

All pipe over 6" (152 mm) in diameter must have the words 'Large Pipe' painted on it so the contractor will not mistake it for a short pipe.

Flanges must be used on all pipe. Flanges must have holes for bolts quite separate from the big hole in the middle.



When ordering 90-degree, 45-degree or 30-degree elbows, be sure to specify right or left hand, otherwise you will end up going the wrong way. Also be sure to specify to your vendor whether you want level, uphill or downhill pipe. If you use downhill pipe for going uphill, the water will flow the wrong way.

All couplings should have either right or left hand threads but do not mix the threads, otherwise as the coupling is being screwed on one pipe, it is unscrewed from the other.

All pipes shorter than 1/8" (3 mm) are very uneconomical in use, requiring many joints. They are generally known as 'washers'. Joints in pipes for piping water must be watertight. Those pipes for compressed air, however, need only be airtight.

Lengths of pipes may be welded or soldered together. This method is not recommended for concrete or vitreous clay pipes.

Other items are often confused with pipes. These include: Conduit, Tube, Tunnel, Duct, Culvert, Straw or Drain. Use only genuine pipes.

When shortening pipes, ensure to shorten the length. Shortening the height or width produces two troughs, which are open ended holes.

*From Rick Lloyd.*

## EVENT REPORTS

### WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING

#### NATIONAL HERITAGE MOTORING DAY – Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May, 2015

A fair sized group of us gathered in the parking area outside the Coldstream Auto Service premises on one of those fine mornings that prompt us to realise the benefits of living in the Melbourne area. Just prior to our departure for Yarra Glen a group of Ford Cortinas departed in a fairly desperate manner to stay together as a group for their run to Yarra Glen Racecourse, a short while later, our group moved off in a more sedate manner. The Association of Motoring Clubs (AOMC) had organised a gold coin entry to benefit the local CFA as we entered the racecourse. As we drove in, shortly after 10.00 am, it seemed that we were late, there were that many vehicles already on display. It seems that you have to be very early for a prime 'real estate' area where we could set up our club's display. It was a case of follow our leader to a tree-lined avenue where we all settled in for a pleasant get together around our picnic tables.



In the photo above are Rick and Gill Lloyd's Triumph Stag, the Austin-Healeys of Rex Hall and Gordon Lindner, Greg and Geraldine Anglin's Jaguar, Wal Thompson's Ford, Tony and Maxine Pettigrew's Lagonda (I think I spotted their MG TF elsewhere in the display – but I could well be wrong!), Colin and Joy Brown's Daimler and, by the club's feather banner, my Rover can just be seen. Also present was Bill Allen with his Rover in the Rover Car Club's display.

While having a good look around the large display area, it was amazing how many fellow enthusiasts paused for a chat with me, which made my tour so much longer. A cup of coffee was supplied from a 'corrugated iron' Citroën van, and lunch was purchased from the ladies of the Yarra Glen Pre-school group who enterprisingly used a washing line with pegs to keep our orders in an orderly queue for those working at the barbecue!

Later we all gathered in our chairs around the tables for a good natter along with appropriate drinks etc. It was a very pleasant fore-winter's day with bright sunshine and harsh shadows making some photography a bit difficult. Our thanks to Colin and Tony for putting our visit together. Collective thanks are also due to those who attended. Can we double the numbers attending next year's event? I will keep you informed.

*Mike Allfrey.*

#### THE 2015 BMS RUN – Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May, 2015

Ultimately thirty-eight Members turned up for our run, which had dire warnings on the day for poor weather. A very pleasant morning tea was had at Caldermeade Dairy, scones with jam and cream and tea and coffee.

Our next stop was 34 kilometres down the Bass Highway to visit Bassine Speciality Cheeses. For those of you unable to attend, mark this as a 'must do' next time you are driving this way. We had a most informative talk by the owner and cheesemaker who is passionate about her craft and justly proud of the products. Only newly opened, it was a master stroke by Karen and Ken to include it in the itinerary. I think everyone purchased a product, and with the 10% discount was economic shopping – think fresh milk, feta, ricotta, mascarpone, brie, cream cheese, together with local producers of honey and kitchen ware – the list goes on. There was a group photo of us all which was to go on their Facebook page, check it out.



Next stop was only a short drive on the Wonthaggi/Inverloch road to visit Artfusion Glass Studio with an array of jewellery, platters and artwork. Attached to this was a display of large steel artworks that would make an impressive addition to the garden. Sadly 'Andersons Buck Stop' next door was temporarily closed. The six of us had a great time in there doing the planning stage, poring over all amount of trash and treasure. Perhaps another time for that one.

A pleasant coastal drive to Wonthaggi and on to Inverloch to the Broadbeach Manna Gum Resort. A wide choice for the main course, and as usual, much swapping around at the table when the 'alternate drop' desserts arrived. The food was good and everyone appeared to enjoy the end to the day having a natter and catch up with friends. We had new members Leon and Judy Cousins join us for the day, and extend a warm welcome to our Club, and we hope to see you again soon on another outing. At this point the promised bad weather arrived, then cleared as we made our way home.

We hope everyone on the day enjoyed themselves, and see you for the next BMS Run.

*Karen and Ken McDonald; Judy and Geoff Birkett; Val MacRae and Frank Sawyer .*

## **WHAT WE ARE ABOUT TO DO – Coming Events**

### **REX'S BIG DAY OUT – Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> 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, 14<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:rha41579@bigpond.net.au) – Mobiles – Rex 0408303129 – Deanna 0408520729. Please note that the close off date for 'Rex's Big Day Out' is 31<sup>st</sup> 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

Telephone Number (03) 9795 0033, Mobile Number 0412 172 495, E-mail Address [retsel@bigpond.net.au](mailto:retsel@bigpond.net.au)

*Peter and Lorraine Lester.*

## A VISIT TO OUR STATE'S NORTHWEST – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August, 2015

After leaving Melbourne mid-morning on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> August, we will be heading Northwest where, from our Motel, you can view what's left of a mountain range that used to be higher than the Himalayas. On the Saturday, it is proposed we drive into the area for some outstanding views, and on Sunday, work our way back to Melbourne. There are still 9 rooms vacant so if you wish to attend please advise ASAP on 0412 549 906 or at [annbry@optusnet.com](mailto:annbry@optusnet.com)

*Anne and Bryan Tootell*

## JINDIVICK – NEERIM SOUTH TOURING – Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> August to [RobNolan@bigpond.com](mailto:RobNolan@bigpond.com) or telephone (03) 5622 1770 or Rob 0488 547 222 or Mary 0488 547 499.

*Rob and Mary Nolan.*

## CLUB RUN TO MARYSVILLE AND NARBETHONG – Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> September

The start venue will be at the Beechworth Bakery, 316 Main Street (Maroondah Highway) Healesville (Melway Map 270; Ref: D12). We will meet at 9.00 am, for 9.30 am departure to Marysville, for Coffee, Garden and Museum Tour. Our lunch venue will be at Hotel Narbethong at 1.00 pm. We need to know the number of participants for catering.

Please advise Tore Pannuzzo on 0413 941 502 if you wish to join us.

*Tore and Connie Pannuzzo.*

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*The woman was a photographer. She shot a picture of her husband, developed it, and hung it up to dry (shot; held under water; and hung).*

*From Peter Hibbert.*

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*Below: What we get up to on the RACV Fly the Flag Tour! From Gordon Lindner with thanks.*



## ANOTHER GOOD 'OLD' JOKE

An elderly gentleman . . . had serious hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the hearing specialist and the specialist was able to have him fitted with a set of hearing aids that allowed the gentleman to hear 100%.

The elderly gentleman went back in a month to the specialist and, after the settle-in test, he said, "Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again."

The gentleman replied, "Oh, I haven't told my family yet. I just sit around and listen to the conversations. I've changed my will three times!"

*From Colin Brown.*

## TEN MINUTE TIPS

### Car Washing

A quick, cheap and efficient method of car washing is to add about two tablespoons of paraffin to a bucket of water. This will not only remove all the grease and grime with the minimum effort, but will also add a sheen to the finish with no damage to the cellulose. *GR Borlace, Chigwell.*

*"Personally, when I go out with one of those motor racing boys, I always add a dab of motor oil behind my ears." From a 1950s motor racing programme, with thanks.*

### Detecting Draughts

The easiest method of tracing draught holes is to wait until night and then place an inspection lamp under the bonnet of the car. Switch off the normal garage lighting, climb into the car and close the doors. all sources of draughts are easily traced from the tell-tale penetrating rays. Any superfluous holes can then be sealed with pot menders, rubber bungs or carpet felting. *D Lee, Bristol.*

### Penetrating Oil

For removing rusted nuts and bolts, I find household vinegar an excellent substitute for easing oil. *B Price, Ashford.*

### Squeaking Water Pump

A certain treatment for that very difficult-to-cure fault, a squeaking water pump, is the addition of water soluble cutting oil to the cooling water. Half a teacupful is all that is required for the average car, or about two percent. This treatment also prevents rusting in the water jackets, and it does not interfere with anti-freeze. *R Burt, Chester.*

### Economy Device

A cheap economy device for cars with a heavy thirst is to insert a gauze disc with a mesh of about 1/10 in., in addition to the usual packing washer between the carburettor and the manifold. This, which should be cut to the same size and shape as the packing washer, breaks up the air flow and aids vaporisation of any liquid fuel flowing into the engine, in the same was as many propriety gadgets. *FE Taylor, Durham Moor.*

### Hoist For Cylinder Heads

A simple hoist for lifting heavy cylinder heads single-handed can be made by laying an ordinary wooden broom handle across the radiator stays, or other convenient point, and winding a clothes line four or five times around the handle. If the end of the line is tied to a manifold stud, the broom handle can be rotated easily with one hand, leaving the other free to steady the head, which can be manoeuvred clear of the studs to a more favourable position. *SK Hindley, Nottingham.*

*From Car Mechanics – September 1960 – With Thanks.*





# Annual Club Luncheon

Sunday July 12<sup>th</sup> 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 Members 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 1<sup>st</sup> July*

*For further information please phone Colin Brown on 0408 343 176*



## BOOKING FORM

*Please reserve . . . . . Seats @ \$40 For: . . . . .*

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

*Payable to: All British Classics Car Club*

*Send to: Colin Brown*

*PO Box 40*

*Coldstream, Victoria 3770*