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RELAXING AT WARROOK FARM



'Austin of England' – Alex and Sandra Farrow drove this fine Austin 16 on our run to Warrook Farm. Here it is shown in the front garden of the property. The '16' was favoured, in the early 1950s by such as grocers, farmers, butchers and maybe even candle-stick makers English villages.



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CLUB INFORMATION

Visit the club's Website for information about how club matters are conducted. This Website also features information about how the Victorian Club Permit Scheme (VCPS) is operated by the All British Classics car Club Vic. Inc.

Our club does have one explicit rule – for those motor cars operating on the Victorian Club Permit Scheme (VCPS), using the auspices of the All British Classics Car Club Vic. Inc., for the ongoing benefit of the VCPS, their owners must continue to be a financial member for the duration of the permit period, and attend a minimum of three club events during the permit's active year. Failure to respect this rule will result in the VCPS renewal being insupportable and void.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

The annual membership subscription for the All British Classics Car Club Vic. Inc. is \$45.00 per annum. This subscription fee also includes the club member's partner. In addition to that, there is a once-only \$30.00 Joining Fee. Please address membership enquiries to: Gordon Lindner, 9 Hagen Drive, Berwick, Victoria, 3806. Telephone Number 0418 540 920.

Note: Membership subscriptions are due before the end of December each year.

**The All British Classics Car Club Vic. Inc. was founded by the late Frank E Douglas
on 19th September, 1997**

LIFE MEMBERS

**The ABCCC Vic. Inc. is proud to grant Life Membership to those who provide exceptional service to our club.
Current Life Members are: Pat J Douglas, Ross Wolstenholme**

ABCCC EVENTS DIRECTORY

Event Organisers – please provide basic event-start details as soon as possible – Thank you.

January 2016

Sunday 17th RACV Great Australian Rally – A Major ABCCC Event Colin Brown (03) 5964 9291
Display Venue – Mornington Racecourse, Racecourse Road, Mornington, Victoria.

February 2016

Sunday 7th ABCCC Annual General Meeting – An ABCCC Event Pat Douglas (03) 9739 4829
Venue – Chirnside Park Country Club, 68 Kingswood Drive, Chirnside Park (Melway Map 37; Ref: K3/K4)

Sunday 21st Lotus Garden Visit – An ABCCC Event Colin Brown (03) 5964 9291
Start Venue – TBA

March 2016

Wednesday 2nd Mid-week Run – An ABCCC Event Frank Sawyer (03) 9770 0904
Start Venue

Sunday 13th to RACV Fly The Flag Tour – A Major ABCCC Event Tony Pettigrew (03) 9739 1146
Saturday 19th Tour Theme – Exploring The West
Start Venue – Ultima Function Centre, Corner of Keilor Park Drive and Ely Court, Keilor Park.
Melway Map 15; Ref: B8.

April 2016

Sunday 3rd Phil's Run To Beaconsfield – An ABCCC Event Phil Cook (03) 9842 5449
Start Venue – Lilydale Lake, off Swansea Road (C401, Melway Map 38; Ref:G7)

Sunday 10th RACV Classic Showcase – An ABCCC Supported AOMC Event AOMC (03) 9555 0133
Venue – Flemington Racecourse?

Saturday 16th & Como Gardens Open Weekend – An ABCCC Assist Event Tony Pettigrew (03) 9739 1146
Sunday 17th Venue – The Basin to Olinda Road, The Basin. Bill Allen (03) 9846 2323

Wednesday 27th Coombe Cottage Devonshire Tea – An ABCCC Event Sue Thompson (03) 9761 9192
Start Venue – TBA

May 2016

Sunday 15th Bruno Gardens Visit – An ABCCC Event Bryan Tootell 0412 549 906
Venue – Marysville, Victoria.

Sunday 29th Rex's Big Day Out – An ABCCC Event Rex Hall (03) 9795 7669
Start Venue – TBA

June 2016

Friday 10th to Hamilton Rally – An ABCCC Visit Event Tony Pettigrew (03) 9739 1146
Monday 13th Rally Base Venue – Hamilton Showgrounds, Cnr. King and Gordon Streets, Hamilton, Victoria.

Sunday 26th A Tour of Discovery – An ABCCC Event Christopher Constantine (03) 9898 4431
Start Venue – TBA

July 2016

Sunday 10th Trivia Night – An ABCCC Event Pat Douglas (03) 9739 4829
Experience Venue – Lilydale, Victoria. Maxine Pettigrew (03) 9739 1146

Friday 29th to Wet'n Wild Weekend Whale Watching – An ABCCC Event Bryan Tootell 0412 549 906
Sunday 31st Destination – Warrnambool, Victoria.

August 2016

Sunday 14th The ABCCC Annual Luncheon – An ABCCC Event Colin Brown (03) 5964 9291
Function Venue – TBA

Wednesday 24th Mid-week Twilight Run – An ABCCC Event Peter McKiernan (03) 9787 6003
Start Venue – TBA

September 2016

Saturday 3rd Something Spritely – An ABCCC Event Robert Stark (03) 9728 6308
Start Venue – TBA

Sunday 18th Brewery Tour, Tasting and Lunch – An ABCCC Event Greg Anglin (03) 9876 3293
Venue – Gippsland, Victoria.

October 2016

Saturday 1st & Visit to Daylesford – An ABCCC Event Marj Pepper (03) 9439 7875
Sunday 2nd Start Venue – TBA

Saturday 15th & Como Gardens Open Weekend – An ABCCC Assist Event Tony Pettigrew (03) 9739 1146
Sunday 16th Venue – The Basin to Olinda Road, The Basin. Bill Allen (03) 9846 2323

Sunday 23rd Touring Visit to Puckapunyal – An ABCCC Event Ian Terry (03) 9841 9876
Start Venue – TBA

November 2016

Tuesday 1 st	Melbourne Cup at Yarra Glen – An ABCCC Event Start Venue – Meet at Coldstream, Victoria.	Colin Brown (03) 5964 9291
Wednesday 9 th	Special Mid-week Run – An ABCCC Event Run Details – TBA	Bryan Tootell 0412 549 906
Friday 18 th	The Famous ABCCC Indulgence Weekend Information Indulgence – TBA	Peter McKiernan (03) 9787 6003

December 2016

Sunday 11 th	Christmas Luncheon – The ABCCC End of Year Event Venue – TBA	Maxine Pettigrew (03) 9739 1146
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EDITORIAL NOTES – Issue N^o. 190

The November issue of *Your ABCCC Notes* arrived with limited dramas and, as a consequence, this issue should flow to your PC or letter box in a seamless manner. For that, we owe Rick and Gill Lloyd a massive thank you for their patience in dealing with the club's printer and its technical support 'team'. It appears that the folk at the Brother Corporation finally had to resort to a 'secret' type of fix. Thus it is all a little bit hush-hush and we will keep our collective fingers (and whatever else) crossed for the coming year!

During some of the production dramas, and thinking that it was the Editorial input that was at fault, a long and very loud conversation was held with some poor soul in India who was the support contact from Microsoft Australia. It became kind of tense and Sue reckoned that all of Boronia knew what was going on! My contact in India did, finally, send me step by step instructions which, really, did work. All of this was after the 'free' Windows 10 'downgrade' and, on being advised by Colin Brown that he was having similar concerns, I promptly forwarded to him my 'fix'. Sad to say, it did not work. That could well be a three-part article from Colin!

In the October issue, there was a call for a new front cover design. Sadly there have, so far, been just two and a half submissions. Surely, there are a few creative folk out there who can design a great front cover page for us? In the hope of receiving a few more submissions, the deadline will now be extended to our AGM.

On Page 6 a new series of articles, *Quotes From Owner Manuals*, commences with a couple of gems. Should our readers discover such, they will be good to share. See what you think of the first effort and, remember, manuals for cars are a good hunting ground.

We on the Committee wish all of our membership a very merry Christmas and a really good 2016. We have some desirable events lined up and the FIA is trying to shake up Formula One which, if successful and still on free to air TV will mean some late nights in this household. Be sure to have a safe classic motoring year and may your mechanical troubles be of a small nature.

As a New Year's Resolution, it is planned to start using a fountain pen again. This is, possibly, environmentally friendly, being re-fillable from a forty years old bottle of Sheaffer ink and not littering the world with mountains of useless ball point pens. In addition, when was the last time we used carbon paper, which had to be pressed on?

Maybe we will see some ink blots and stains again!

Enjoy this issue of *Your ABCCC News*.

Mike Allfrey – Editor.

NEW MEMBERS

A hearty welcome to the well-oiled machine that is the All British Classics Car Club Vic. Inc. Our club is one of the fastest growing motoring interest clubs in this country.

We hope to be able to welcome you and, of course, your British classic motor car at one of our events soon.

Our club aims to conduct two social events each month, so, there are plenty of activities for you to select from.

Welcome!

Names	John and Dorothy Foley
Car Make	MG Replica
Model	TD
Year	1980

Names	John and Margot Hillel
Car Make	Morris
Model	Minor (Low Lights)
Year	1950

Names	Clive and Penny Higgins
Car Make	MG
Model	B (Roadster)
Year	1970

Reminder – Membership Renewal

Please note that membership renewals are due before 1st January, 2016. The annual subscription currently is \$45.00 per family membership.

Membership Fees of \$45.00 can be paid to Gordon Lindner at the Christmas Lunch, please put cash or cheque and a completed Renewal Form in an envelope with your name on the envelope. If you are not at the lunch, please post to Gordon Lindner, 9 Hagen Drive, Berwick 3806 by the 31st December.

The Renewal Form, Page 14, can be downloaded from the ABCCC Website <http://www.abccc.com.au/forms.php>.

Gordon Lindner – Membership Secretary.

RACV GREAT AUSTRALIAN RALLY

Rally News Update

Rex Hall, our organiser for the display at Mornington, has sent to our 2015 site marshals a schedule of timings for those who will be manning the various positions on the day. Can those who have not responded to Rex's E-mail, please do so to ensure a complete schedule. We are also looking for assistance with handing out the rally bags at the special marquee. Rex can be contacted on:

E-mail: rha41579@bigpond.net.au

Or, you can contact him on his mobile 0408 303 129, or at home on (03) 9795 7669. Should you not be on our list for marshalling duties, and wish to volunteer to assist,

please contact Rex, as above, to confirm arrangements. Your offer of help will be greatly appreciated.

The schedule has been prepared with equal work-load in mind and, if we can keep to the timings, all will be well on the big day. We are very much aware that illness or family matters can affect the schedule, but should anything occur, then notification as early as possible will be appreciated by all on the Rally Advisory Committee.

Rally Bags

As advised previously, rally bags will be handed out to all entrants at the Mornington display site. A marquee has been provided for this purpose and the bag pick up area will be located close to the Rally Administration area for the entrants' convenience.

As always, we are looking out for items that are suitable for placement in the rally bags, so, if any of our readers know of a source of such items, then please contact Colin Oberin on telephone number (03) 9817 3182 or on mobile 0411 646 769.

E-mail: ancolk@gmail.com

With our rally bags, every little bit is a great help, so be sure to contact Colin as soon as possible.

RACV Great Australian Rally Entry Forms

Entry forms for the RACV Great Australian Rally are now available for download from:

www.abccc.com.au

It should be noted that all entries and cheques should be lodged by post to the address shown on the entry form. Entries cannot be handled electronically – yet.

We are looking forward to another record entry for the running of the 2016 RACV Great Australian Rally. We also look forward to presenting, on the rally participants' behalf, another record amount of funds raised for our friends at Peter Mac. Believe us, they really appreciate what we are doing for them.

Colin Brown – Rally Organiser.

AOMC NEWS

At the November AOMC Delegates' Meeting and Annual General Meeting, the new Victorian Club Permit Logbook Scheme Handbook, produced by the AOMC for member clubs and owners of vehicles operated on the Victorian Club Permit Logbook Scheme (VCPLS) was released for sale. The Handbook is a very well presented booklet that is priced at just \$5.00

FROM OUR ARCHIVES

Continuing our theme of how our club operated in its early days, here are Committee Meeting Minutes from November and December, 1998.

ALL BRITISH CLASSIC CAR CLUB – Extra-Ordinary Meeting

Meeting held November 28th 1998, opened at 3:20 pm.

Present: As per AGM

Apologies: As per AGM

President welcomed to this meeting Jenelle Hazelhurst, her husband Chris and their daughter. Frank extended an invitation to anyone interested to join Jenelle and her family for dinner this evening.

Jenelle spoke briefly about how the Queensland branch of the ABC club was founded and said how delighted she was to see the Victorian branch doing so well. The Queensland branch are looking forward to catching up with Victorian members next Easter or in August on the opal safari.

Bookings for the Easter run from Victorian members is approximately eight, bookings for the opal safari is fifty, although two from Holland have just backed out.

There will be the Christmas BBQ at Frank and Pat's home on December 6th, bring your own everything.

Great Australian Rally. We will probably have 250 - 300 cars to start. Entrants can start at Frankston if they don't want to go all the way into the city. Marshall's: MCG – Frank and a team of 8, Town Hall – John and a team of 8, Frankston – Tom Cannon and a team of 4, Mornington – Tom Verney and a team of 8 (which will be provided by the Mornington Council), Portsea – Ray and a team of 10. Tony Partridge, Mario Napoleon and Bill Duthie also offered to help. All Marshall's MUST have a mobile phone.

There will be a briefing on 22nd January, 1999 at 6.00 pm at Frank and Pat's, BBQ tea.

ALL Marshall's to attend, and all rally bags will be made up on this night. (Coke may make a donation to rally bags if RACV is one of their clients.) Toilets will be available at the MCG, Mornington then Portsea. At this point there are no plans to video the rally.

Next Meeting: Changed to 15th December, 1998. Start time will be 8:00 pm.

Meeting closed: 4:15 pm.



ALL BRITISH CLASSICS CAR CLUB

Committee Meeting 15th December, 1998.

Present: As per attendance book.

The meeting began with a discussion about The Great Australian Rally:

Organising marshals to various points is progressing well.

Ray needs 6-foot tall pickets or garden stakes and surveyors tape to keep people out of 'off-limits' areas.

Possible problems with holiday traffic. All entrants should have arrived by 1:00 pm.

Ray to develop a questionnaire for feedback on Rally.

There will be a write up in the Melbourne Trading post. and the Melbourne Age.

\$5.00 per car. Old time dance band to entertain people.

On 2nd January, 1999 a barbecue will be held starting at 6:00 pm, followed by a briefing and then filling the rally bags. All the rally bags will be the same.

General Business

John has changed the membership form.

The number of people going to Denman need to be finalised.

Frank requires new events for the magazine. A discussion followed about getting club members to go to events and what type of event appeals. The Events Committee will try to arrange a 12-month calendar of events. August will be out because of the Andamooka rally.

A motion was proposed by Lyn that Frank be made an honorary member for 2 years, the motion was seconded by Heather and passed.

The secretary is to write to Robert Shannon to thank him and his staff for providing a room and tea and coffee when we held our A.G.M.

Correspondence

Correspondence out to Roxby Downes Car Club.

Next Meeting: 12th February, 1999 at Frank's.

Meeting Closed: 9:35 pm.

QUOTES FROM OWNER MANUALS

From Automotive Manuals

'The doors can now be tackled; if the hinges show any sign of being difficult to remove, break them with a sledge hammer.'

Ford Special Builder's Manual – c. 1960.

'If difficulty is experienced, tap head with wooden mallet.'

Morgan Plus-4 Manual, 1977.

'Rover British Leyland UK Limited sets high standards in the design, specification and production of its cars and desires that these should give reliable and satisfactory performance.'

From Rover 3500 Owner's Manual – 1976.

Then there is the old gem, 'Gently withdraw hub from shaft.' You know very well that a 20-tonne press will be required to effect a hub's removal!

A VERY SPECIAL AWARD

Presented To Club Member, Kevin Watt, By The MG Car Club Victoria



I would like to share some information with you about something our club members might find interesting and a highlight of which I am very proud.

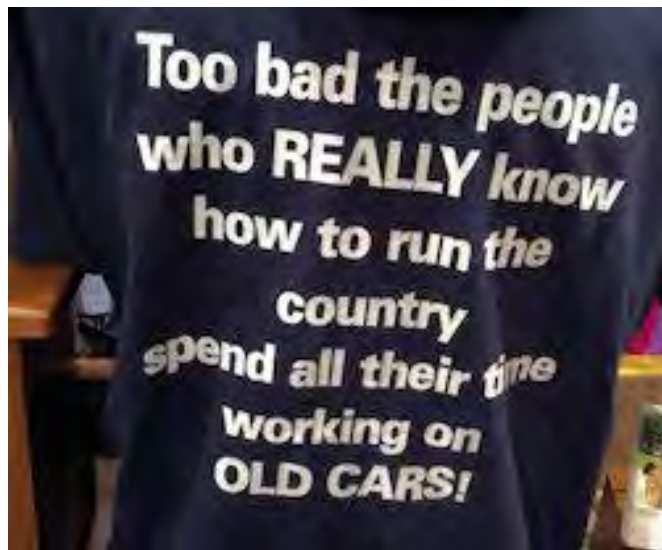
At the Annual Dinner of the MG Car Club Victoria on the evening of 4th December, Kevin was awarded the MG Car Club's *Black Spinner Award*, Number 96, for his work as Club Registrar for the past five years and for other services to the club and its members over a twelve year period, the *Black Spinner Award* is the penultimate

award made by the MG Car Club, apart from the granting of Honorary Life Membership – of which there have only been twenty-six recipients in its history. During the period the *Black Spinner* award has been in existence, almost fifty years, there have been only ninety-five previous recipients for their contribution to the club over and above the norm. I am further pleased that Kevin was nominated for the award by several members, independent of each other's knowledge, which in itself is also very unusual.

During the existence of the MG Car Club Victoria there have been in excess of 8,000 members pass through the membership records, the current membership stands at 1,912 members. At first hand, as Kevin's assistant, I know how much time and effort is put into maintaining the membership database, and all the other tasks that are part of it by Kevin, and I know he feels very humbled and privileged that the club has seen fit to bestow this honour to him.

Jenny Watt.

A VERY TRUE 'T' SHIRT MESSAGE



Rex and Deanna Hall spotted this 'T' shirt at Alaska's Fountainhead Collection of Vintage Treads and Threads on their trip to Canada, Alaska and the Yukon last August.

Deanna Hall.

EVENT REPORTS – WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING

THE ABCCC INDULGENCE TOUR – Friday 13th Through To Sunday 15th November, 2016

The weekend started on Friday with a gloomy grey sky as most of us assembled at our meeting point at Lara. After a quick cuppa and some chat we set off, some in classic cars and some in moderns, to our morning tea stop at Whyte's on the Esplanade at Torquay where we met up with more of our fellow 'Indulgers' who had made the long boat trip from Sorrento to Queenscliff.

After a leisurely break for a brew and cookie with a chat, we set off to The Great Ocean Road and on to our lunch stop. Some opting to stop at some of the many sight-seeing opportunities along the Surf Coast, such as detours to Bells Beach, the Split Point Lighthouse at Aireys Inlet, numerous views and photo and retail opportunities. Arriving at Wye River it was straight to the

Hotel for a delicious lunch and some drinks and more chatter whilst enjoying the ocean views with the much improving weather.

Next it was again taking to The Great Ocean Road for the final run to our digs for the week-end at the Seaview Motel and Apartments at Apollo Bay. After settling in at our digs we had some free time that was used up with walks on the foreshore, the pier, the breakwater, touring around the township and more retail therapy. Our last couple arrived just in time for pre-dinner drinks and nibbles.

Before darkness fell it was off on a short walk to our dinner at Cassalinga where we again indulged in a fine feast with more drinks and much laughter and frivolity before walking home in the dark ending our first day.



Above: It is called indulging!

With overnight rain, Saturday morning brought a cool and damp start to another day full of planned activities. Some opted for breakfast at the motel whilst others strolled off to the Bakery for a hearty breakfast and a quick shower on the way back to the motel.

Soon it was all aboard our wheels for the day with our guide and chauffeur – the lovely 'Ronnie' (Veronica) who kept us informed and amused along the way.

First stop was at 'The Otway Fly' where most of us (who were not scared of heights) took off on the approx. 2 kilometre walk along the rainforest floor before ascending into the treetops along the 600 metres-long and 30 metres-high aerial walkways. Some of us climbing to the top of the tower to marvel at the outstanding vistas. Aah! The fresh forest air, the sound of the babbling brook, the numerous bird calls. Then the 1.1 kilometre climb back up the hill. If you timed it right you were lucky enough to get the shuttle back to the visitor centre which left some time for retail therapy before re-boarding our coach.



Our second stop was at the 'Otway Estate' vineyard, winery and brewery for tastings of two of their red and two of their white wines, four craft beers (Prickly Moses) and a cider before our light lunch of sandwiches and mini shepherd's pies. After lunch we then had a glass of our favourite from the tasting out on the deck before re-boarding the coach.

Our third stop was at Forrest for some more refreshments at the Forrest Café which turned out to also be the Forrest Brewery. More indulgence with coffee, tea, beer or cider and cakes, with time for some retail therapy in the Forrest Craft Shop (all in the one building) before again boarding our coach for the ridge-top journey back to our digs.

This evening would be pre-dinner drinks and nibbles at the Motel before a sumptuous BBQ in the grounds. All was going as planned until the heavens opened and a mad dash ensued to relocate indoors to Maxine and Tony's room. Some of the more adventurous remained outdoors to assist with the BBQ under Geraldine's supervision. We again feasted upon a huge array of meats, fresh salads and breads followed by fresh fruit salad and ice cream and other treats as well as imbibing upon a drop or three from a great selection of wines and other beverages.

Our final day Sunday saw some very early risers up and off on a Redwood Forrest drive but most opted for a more leisurely start to the day. With belongings packed and loaded into our cars we again headed off along The Great Ocean Road for our homeward journey stopping at 'The Store' at Wye River for a hearty cooked breakfast with lots of chatter and reminiscing about the weekend so far.

After our leisurely breakfast it was goodbyes all round as most of us set off on our homeward journeys with more opting to go part way by boat, some following The Great Ocean Road back towards Geelong and others returning via Deans Marsh and Winchelsea. One couple took the opportunity to stay on in Apollo Bay to take in more of delights of the surrounding area.

From all who attended your fabulous weekend – many thanks Peter, "You have done it again".

Another great 'Indulgence Weekend' or should we perhaps say, 'Over-Indulgence Weekend'?

Greg Anglin..

OUTING REPORT OF TOUR TO WARROOK FARM – Sunday 29th November 2015.

Congratulations are in order to Greg and Geraldine Anglin for a comfortable relatively short driving experience with the emphasis of socializing with the 43 participants including a few wonderful children and grandchildren.

It enlightened the day just to witness the kid's faces and involvement. Let's all get behind our relatives to up the ante of parents and kids attendances.

For the first run occasion that I can recall, there were no non-attendees!

We all met well on time gathering at Rotary Park car park on Lonsdale Street, Dandenong. After a 'hand-out' briefing of explicit instructions and off on time were mostly English heritage beasts joined with other makes heading for South Gippsland Highway to Cranbourne North and on to Thompsons Road towards Berwick

where we stopped at the golden arches for a brief morning tea.

We all left together albeit a bit spread caused by traffic controls and lost one couple that most likely went via Sydney! Off towards Five-Ways on the Clyde-Narre Warren Road to Longwarry. The fields were rather dry but the market gardens along the way seemed healthy.



Through Cardinia we turned to Dalmore Road and back onto the South Gippsland Highway towards Phillip Island.

We road crossed over the Bunyip River and we met again at the car park of the Koo Wee Rup Tower for great photography and viewing of the swamplands. The weather all morning was clear so long range aspects were brilliant. Go to <http://4sq.com/pz8Ote>



After that along with meeting with Graeme and Barbara Love in the Benz, off towards Phillip Island to Warrook Farm, 4170 South Gippsland Highway at Monomeith where we met with Robert and Robyn Joiner and Peter and Darrell Jones of Phillip Island. All vehicles parked on the grassed area adjacent to the homestead.

The feeding of animals, the zoo area, sheep shearing and sheep round-up. Later a scrumptious meal was certainly enjoyed by all. Go to www.warrook.com.au

Those wishing to go to those attractions, please consider as it was a great tour.

Sandy and I personally thank Greg and Geraldine for a pleasant day.

Peter Hibbert.

WHAT WE ARE ABOUT TO DO

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE ABCCC VIC. INC.

Sunday 7th February, 2016

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be conducted at the Chirside Park Country Club, 68 Kingswood Drive, Chirside Park (Melway Map 37; Ref: K3/K4). There will be a lunch commencing at 12:00 noon, with the meeting commencing at 2:00 pm. The lunch will cost \$10.00 per person. Please advise the Secretary that you will be attending the lunch and AGM before Monday 1st February, 2016. Should you decide to only attend the meeting, plan to arrive before 2:00 pm. This information is required for printing and catering purposes. Payment for lunch will be received as you enter the country Club, please do not send payment in advance.

The Annual General Meeting follows the protocol that only financial members of the ABCCC Vic. Inc. are eligible to cast votes. Protocol also rules that there can only be one vote per member couple.

Nominations for Committee positions will be called for at the Annual General Meeting. The Minutes of the 2015 Annual General Meeting will be distributed a minimum of two weeks prior to the meeting date.

If you have items that you wish to have placed on the Agenda, please notify the Secretary prior to 31st January, 2016. Late requests cannot be placed on the Agenda.

Pat Douglas – Secretary.

PHIL'S RUN TO BEACONSFIELD

Sunday 3rd April 2016

We will meet at Lilydale Lake, off Swansea Road (C401), Melway Map 38; Ref: G7, at 9:00 am for a 9:30 am departure. Our drive will take us to Yarra Junction, where we will enjoy a short break for a street walk and a tea/ coffee.

Then we will drive on through some of Victoria's best forests and rich pastures. We will arrive at a country pub where we will enjoy a lovely lunch at reasonable prices. Drinks will be at bar prices.

Please advise your participation so that I can advise numbers for catering purposes.

Full run details will be provided at the start.

If you will be joining us telephone either (03) 9842 5449 or mobile number 0438 067 548.

Phil Cook.

GETTING WELL WISHES

A brief note advises that Pat Wolstenholme had a fall and is currently in rehab. We wish you a full recovery, Pat, and hope to see you active again soon.

Val Jeffereyes and Colin Forrest had a nasty incident while out in their Jaguar. Both Val and Colin are well, but the Jaguar was slammed in its rear and subsequently hit the car in front of them. It seems that the rather nice Jaguar XJ-6 was damaged at both ends. We all hope it is repaired soon and the 'shopping trolley' is then consigned to the rear of the garage.

Best Wishes All – The Membership.

MORE IRISH HUMOUR!

Two tough union men were working on a building site when Murphy fell from the second floor scaffolding.

"Are ya dead?" cried Gallagher from above.

"To be sure I am," replied Murphy.

"You are such a liar Murphy, that I don't know whether to believe you or not!" called Gallagher.

"That proves I'm dead," said Murphy's voice from the rubble below, "because if I was alive, you wouldn't be game to call me a liar!"

Colin Brown.

THE BLUE TRAIN BENTLEY



They simply don't make them like they used to. This is a Bentley Speed Six, a marvel of British engineering from 1930, which was restored to its glory in honour of the legendary 1930 Bentley 'Blue Train'.

In 1930, British motor company Rover advertised that it beat the world-famous 'Train Bleu', a luxury express train, designed to take British aristocrats and celebrities from Calais to the French Riviera.

Following the advertisement, Captain Joel Woolf Babe Barnato, a British playboy millionaire and chairman of Bentley, wagered £100 that his Bentley Speed Six could beat the train as well. (Back in 1930, the average annual income in the UK was £165)

The Bentley Speed Six was first introduced in 1928 as a sporting version of the Bentley 6½ litre model. They were produced until 1930, when a new model took its place.

Despite being off to a bad start, Barnato managed to beat the train by a few minutes, but when the French authorities got wind of his exploits, he was fined for illegally racing and paid a hefty fine. The story became infamous, and the Speed Six became a legendary vehicle.

The *Blue Train* version of the Bentley produced 200 hp, reached a top speed of 200 km/h (125 mph), and won the 24 Hours of Le Mans race in 1929 and 1930. In both races, the driver was none other than Barnato – the Chairman of Bentley Motors.

Some Points About This Vehicle

Please note that the accompanying photographs show readers the detail that has gone into this Bentley's restoration (recreation?).

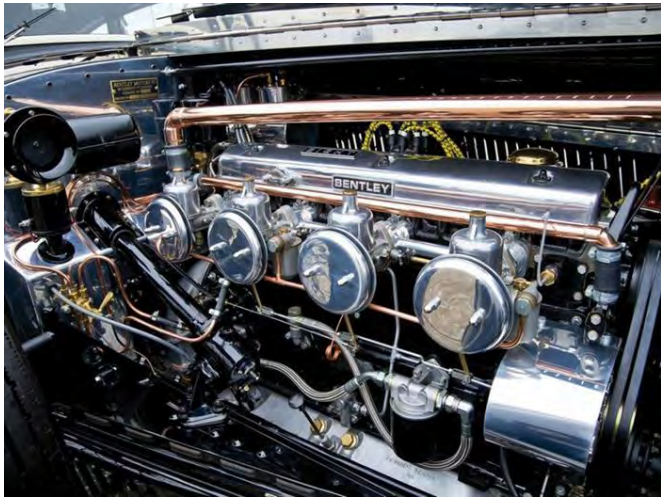
The vehicle's interior is trimmed with red leather, velvet carpeting, and walnut fittings.

The original version also had a champagne and crystal glass holder, but there were no seat belts.

The engine was restored to perfect running order, using original and specially made parts.

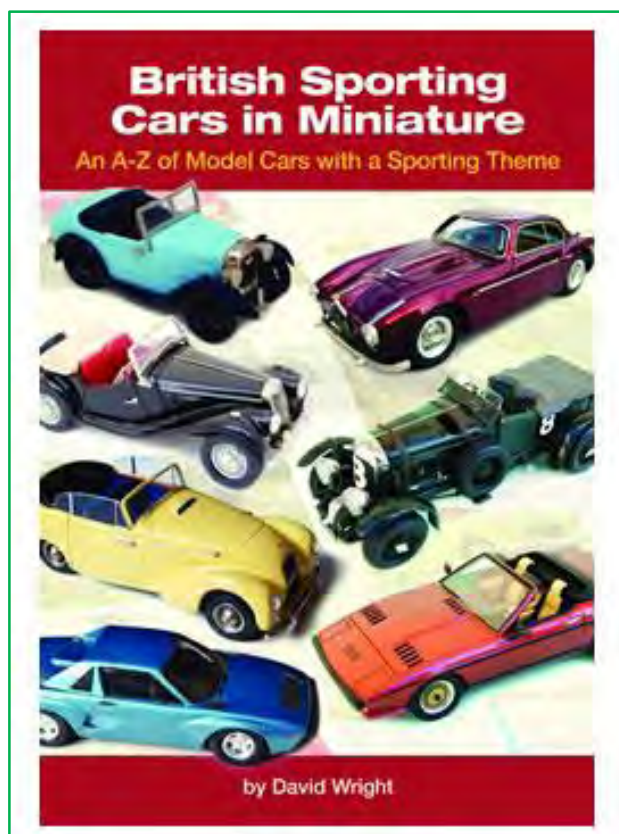
The boot of the car holds a surprise as well. There is a fancy tool organiser, recreated according to the original specifications. The toolbox folds up to reveal a red velvet trunk, with ample room for the luggage of the discerning 1930's man of wealth.





BRITISH SPORTING CARS IN MINIATURE

An A-Z of model cars with a sporting theme by David Wright



Above: Illustration of front cover.

Fuelled by the success of my two books on resin and white metal transport modelling, I've now turned to my personal collecting interest of some 40 years, British sports cars.

Research identified a vast number of both small and large manufacturers of sporting cars, many in kit form, some of which, although made for the road, were made in very small numbers. Defining what is a sports or sporting car was a real challenge, and I've emphasized that this book is a personal record, thus my definitions relating to style, performance, function and age of the real cars are wholly mine.

With a keen objective of linking the miniature examples, mostly in 1:43 scale, with the real thing, I began with my collection of over 800 models, and enhanced this spectrum with those of a number of serious collectors around the world, resulting in the assembly of an unrivalled reference work depicting the complete range of British sporting cars throughout the 20th century.

This work combines useful historical summaries of 81 manufacturers, over 1000 pictures of both readily available model cars, through to rare or unique works of art, with a handy listing of each model, essential for every collector.

Never before attempted, this work must be the definitive answer to all collectors of models of British sporting cars.

David Wright.

Editor's Note

It is very probable that most of us are, at heart and according to the ladyfolk, still boys with toys. It is also possible that some of us, yours truly included, have a useful collection of the model cars we love so much. My own collection contains such as – Vanwalls, Benetton, Maserati 250F, Silk-Cut Jaguar, D-Type Jaguar, SS 100 Jaguar, Jowetts, Rovers, New Holland hay baler, a Case Traction King and a Ford 7710 farm tractor – all very desirable to me. However, the real 'swinger' about this book is the maroon Paramount featured on the back cover of David Wright's book!

It is probably a bit late for Christmas but, Hey!, there are birthdays throughout 2016. Which means that this page of your magazine should be left exposed on your coffee table for the 'central government' or, 'she who must be obeyed' (*Rumpole*) to notice without fail.

Website: www.transportmodellingbooks.co.uk

At this Website, where there is more information and copies of this book can be ordered. Payment can be by VISA Card or Paypal.

Mike Allfrey.

WHO OWNS THE FISH?

1. There are five houses in five different colours. In each house lives a person with a different nationality.
2. The five owners drink a certain type of beverage. drive a certain brand of car and keep a certain pet.
3. No owners have the same pet, drive the same make of car or drink the same beverage.

The question is "Who owns the Fish?"

These are the Facts:

The Englishman lives in the red house.

The Aussie keeps dogs as pets.

The Welshman drinks tea.

The green house's owner drinks coffee.

The person who drives an Austin rears birds.

The owner of the blue house drives a Rover.

The man living in the centre house drinks claret.

The Scotsman lives in the first house.

The man who drives a Mini lives next door to the one who keeps cats.

The man who keeps the pony lives next door to the man who drives the Rover.

The owner who drives the Triumph drinks beer.

The Irishman drives a Jaguar.

The Scotsman lives next to the yellow house.

The man who drives the Mini has a neighbour who drinks whiskey.

This is a variation of Einstein's riddle from last century. He said that 98% of the world could not solve it. It can be done.....Be a part of that 2%

House:

Nationality:

Beverage:

Car:

Pet:

You will need to print this out and use paper, or your computer to help you solve the riddle.

Greg Anglin

THE HELICOPTER RIDE

Bob and his wife Mary go to the State Fair every year, and every year Bob would say, "Mary, I'd like a ride in that helicopter". Mary always replied, "I know Bob, but that helicopter ride is fifty bucks, and fifty bucks is fifty bucks!"

One year Bob and Mary went to the State Fair and Bob said, "Mary, I'm 75 years old . . . if I don't ride in that helicopter now, I might never get another chance". To this Mary replied, "Bob that helicopter ride is fifty bucks and fifty bucks is fifty bucks".

The pilot overheard the couple and said, "Folks I'll make you a deal". I'll take you both for a ride, if you can stay quiet for the entire ride . . . then I won't charge you a penny! However, if you say one word then it's fifty bucks". Bob and Mary agreed and up they went.

The pilot did all kinds of fancy manoeuvres, but not one word was heard. He did his dare devil tricks over and over again . . . but still not a word! When they landed the pilot turned to Bob and said, "I did everything I could to get you to yell out, but you didn't. I'm impressed!"

Bob replied, "Well to tell you the truth, I almost said something when Mary fell out. But you know, fifty bucks is fifty bucks!"

Hans and Christine Pedersen.

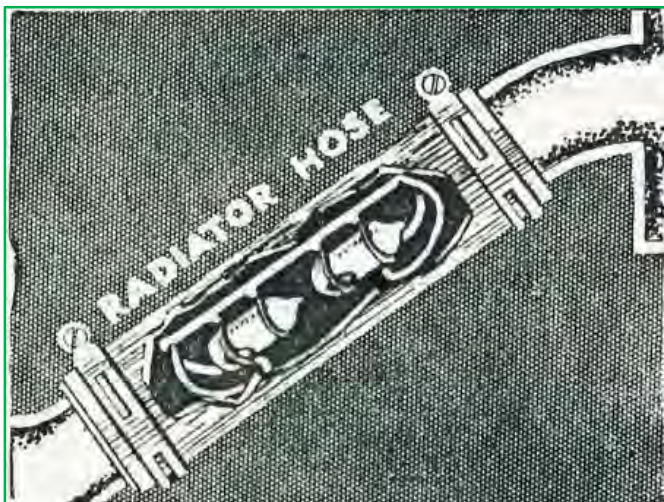
PREVENTING SCALE AND 'FUR' IN THE COOLING SYSTEM

It is well known that tap water leaves a deposit of fur in the water-cooling system, and if this becomes excessive the cooling action diminishes and the engine will run too hot.

Soft Water

One way to overcome this is to use water which has been softened by passing it through chemicals, but this is not always possible, especially when filling up at the wayside.

An Automatic Device



The scale – and 'fur' – forming properties of hard water can be overcome by the Scale Buoy automatic device, which consists of a glass bulb containing a small quantity of mercury and inert gases. When the bulb is agitated in water small charges of static electricity are produced. The mineral salts in the water are polarised and prevented from depositing themselves as hard scale or

fur. This device has been applied successfully both to domestic and industrial hot-water and steam plants, and there is a smaller unit for use in the cooling systems of motor-car.

The sketch at right, shows the Scale Buoy fitted into the radiator connecting hose. The motion of the car and the circulation of the water are sufficient to ensure that the polarising action is continuous.

When the device is agitated in the water, it does not rid the water of its solids. The chalk and lime converted into another form does not leave a deposit on the sides of the water jacket but are kept circulating with the water.

Solids Left In System

When evaporation takes place, it is only the water which evaporates and not the solids, so that in time a sludge will be left at the lowest point in the system. The amount of sludge will be so slight that there will be no necessity to remove it excepting after a very long period. If desired, it can be removed by opening the drain plug at the bottom of the radiator and swilling out the water system by means of a hose pipe.

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With Thanks.*

FOR THE LOVE OF CARS

David Andreassen has advised that the TV programme, titled *For The Love Of Cars*, is being broadcast on the GO! Channel at 7:30 pm on Tuesday evenings.

Mike Allfrey.

FURTHERMORE!

The feature article about the *Blue Train Bentley* was sent in by Peter Hibbert. Thank you for that one Peter!

Getting those photographs to stay in position took up the best part of one day, along with the resulting tenseness while doing that job. If this issue is a bit jumbled, you now know just a minute part of the reason why such things can happen. The concern was finally resolved by pasting one photograph per page, saving the file, and then putting them in position they are, hopefully, at now.

ONCE AGAIN!

