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THE ALL BRITISH CLASSICS CAR CLUB VIC INC.

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VOLUNTEERS MAKE THE CLUB RUN



*Our sincere thanks to the marshals on the 2017 RACV Fly the Flag Alpine Tour
Our Club runs with the help of all our volunteers - Thank you.*

The All British Classics Car Club Vic Inc. was founded by the late Frank E Douglas on 19th September, 1997
The ABCCC Vic Inc. is proud to grant Life Membership to those who provide exceptional service to our club.
Current Life Member: Pat J Douglas



Victorian Incorporated Association Number: A0035462V



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CLUB PERMIT SCHEME INFORMATION

In order to use the Victorian Club Permit Scheme (VCPS) through the ABCCC you must be a financial member and attend at least three (3) Club events during the calendar year. There is also a one year membership requirement BEFORE you are eligible to enter the Scheme. If you are not compliant, your permit will not be renewed.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTIONS

Membership dues are due the 1st of January of each year. A once only fee of \$30 is due with an application. The annual dues are \$45. For additional; information please refer to the Web Site. Dues can be sent directly to

Please address membership enquiries to: Gordon Lindner, 9 Hagen Drive, Berwick, Victoria, 3806 or 0418 540 920.

WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST MEMBERS

A hearty welcome to 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 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	Year	Car	Model
Jack & Shirley Craven	1978	Toyota	Landcruiser FJ40
Russell Simmonds & Eve Glenn		still thinking	

NEWSLETTER ORGANIZER – Issue N^o. 205

For the record Mike Allfrey has completed his fourteen year sentence as the Newsletter Editor. I will not try to replace him. He has far more knowledge of the inner workings of the automobile that I have ever thought of. So the Newsletter will be more on information on the Club, unless, of course, you volunteer articles which I can "just put into" the Newsletter. Please make all submissions in Microsoft Word or plain text e-mail (Images in .jpg, .gif or .png) by the 22nd of each month. I am shooting for the 1st of each month for publication.

ABCCC EVENTS DIRECTORY

June 2017

- Friday 9th to Monday 12th Hamilton Rally – An ABCCC Supported Event Tony Pettigrew 9739 1146
Activity – Touring The Fabulous Western District, Hamilton, Victoria.
- Sunday 25th BMC-Leyland Car Club 'Meet and Greet' – An ABCCC-invited to Event Gary Turner 0497 000 778
Start Point: Caribbean Gardens, 1280 Ferntree Gully Rd, Scoresby
Just a casual meet and greet other like-minded folk who are into our type of cars

July 2017

- Sunday 9th Mount Dandenong Run – An ABCCC Event Phil Cook 9842 5449
Start Point: Meet at the Car Park outside Harvey Norman Store located at 400 Whitehorse Road in Nunawading (Melway 48;G9) 9:00am for a 9:30 start
- Sunday 30th A winter visit to Alowyn Gardens – An ABCCC Event Greg Anglin 9876 3293 or 0419 882 155
Start Point: Meet at Jim Abernathy Memorial Drive, Bayswater Park, Bayswater (Melway 64;F3) at 9:15 am for a 9:30 departure.

August 2017

- Wednesday 2nd Twilight Run – An ABCCC Event Peter McKiernan 0407 876 023
- Sunday 20th Annual Luncheon – An ABCCC Event Colin Brown 5964 9291
Killara Estate, Corner Warburton Highway & Sunnyside Road, Seville. 12.00 N. Members only.

September 2017

- Friday 8th to Sunday 10th A Wonderful Weekend – An ABCCC Event Bryan Tootell 0412 549 906
TBA
- Sunday 24th The Interesting Trivia Luncheon – An ABCCC Event Marj Pepper 9439 7875
TBA

October 2017

- Sunday 1st An Interesting Outing – An ABCCC Event Christopher Constantine 9898 4431
TBA
- Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th Como Open Gardens Weekend – ABCCC Volunteers Tony Pettigrew 9739 1146
79 The Basin–Olinda Road, The Basin Bill Allen 9846 2323
- Sunday 29th A Sliding Pillars Run – An ABCCC Event Bryan Tootell 0412 549 906

November 2017

- Tuesday 7th A Day At The Races – An ABCCC Event Colin Brown 5964 9291
Yarra Glen Racecourse, Armstrong Grove, Yarra Glen, Victoria.
- Friday 10th to Sunday 12th The Famous Indulgence Weekend – An ABCCC Event Peter McKiernan 0407 876 023
TBA

December 2017

- Sunday 10th Christmas Luncheon – An ABCCC Event Maxine Pettigrew 9739 1146

February 2018

- Sunday 19th RACV Classic Showcase – An AOMC Event (Supported By The ABCCC) Iain Ross
Members' Car Park, Flemington Racecourse, Enter From Epsom Road

EVENT REPORTS

Rex's Big Day Out at Jason's Restaurant Beaconsfield Upper. Sunday May 28th

Thirty eight club members attended Jason's Restaurant. It was an all-out effort to find another venue with such short notice in the vicinity. We were extremely fortunate that Jason's were able to accommodate our numbers.

Mary and Mac Wilson had a car break down and had to have RACV assistance to get them started unfortunately too late for them to attend.

The weather forecast of wind, rain, and the possibility of hail was not at all good for classic cars so most members travelled in moderns. However, four classics did turn up for the photo shoot in front of the historic residence/restaurant.

The three-course meal provided was excellent and the complementary "starter" was delicious and appreciated.

Unfortunately, a walk through the gardens was deferred to another visit due to the inclement weather.



Thanks, those members who attended our big day out.



And thanks to Liljana Margetts for the photos.

Rex and Deanna Hall.

UP COMING EVENTS

MOUNT DANDENONG RUN - Sunday, 9th July 2017

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

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

The full run details will be handed out prior to the start. Contact Phil Cook at 9842 5449 or 0468 680 538 to make your reservation.

Phil Cook.

A WINTER VISIT TO ALLOWYN GARDENS IN YARRA GLEN- Sunday, 30th July 2017

We will meet at 9:15 am at Jim Abernathy Memorial Drive, Bayswater Park, Bayswater (Melway 64;F3) for a 9:30am departure.

Upon arrival at Allowyn Gardens we will be having Morning Tea/Coffee with scones with cream before exploring the 7 acres of gardens. (about 2 + hours to really see it all). There are lots of seats throughout the gardens were you can rest and take in the peaceful atmosphere and contemplate the meaning of life. Don't forget to rug up and bring your broly to ward off the winter. There are plenty of photo opportunities so don't forget the camera. A light lunch of gourmet sandwiches and cakes/pastries will be provided after viewing the gardens. There will be ample time to prowl through the nursery for unusual plants & garden ware. As you will be in the Yarra Valley there are plenty of nearby Wineries as well as the Chocolaterie which you can visit before heading home.

Book your spot with Greg or Geraldine Anglin at 9876 3293 or 0419 882 155 or email to gregsbusy@msn.com

The cost for admission, morning tea and lunch will be \$36.50 per head.

Please note that all cancellations after Thursday 27th July will have to be paid for.

Greg or Geraldine Anglin (03) 9876 3293

ANNUAL CLUB LUNCHEON - Sunday, 20th August 2017

By popular demand the Killara Estate Winery has been booked for this year's annual club luncheon. On arrival have a drink and take in the beautiful view from the balcony. A three-course lunch will be served in the restaurant. Remember, this is a member only event as the meal cost is subsidised, and drinks are provided by the club.

Our classic cars will be parked on the lawn in front of the dining room so you can admire them as you partake of your meal.

Please complete the entry form on the back page of the newsletter.

Colin Brown - 0408 343 176.

A bit of Automotive Humour

1. A guy walks into a shop and says: "I'd like a gas cap for my Rover." The owner thinks for a few seconds and replies: "Ok, that seems like a fair trade."
2. What is found on the last two pages of every MG's owners manual? - The bus schedule.
3. Why did Ford make a new heated tailgate? - So your hands stay warm when you're pushing it back home in the winter.
4. So the guy two ranks below me at work bought a used 3-series. Another guy, about one rank below, bought a newer 3-series. So I go into my boss, explain the details, and believe it justifies a raise. "I've worked here twice as long as them, and rank higher. If they're driving BMWs, I should be driving a Jaguar!" My employment record now says "dismissed for poor judgement."

From the Internet

The Mayflower – A Triumph or Not?

Growing up in the early fifties, I remember very clearly being more than impressed by a big shiny, shiny black 1950 Humber Super Snipe owned by my Dad's boss Mr Ron Grace.

At the time Dad was a manager at Myers Geelong and Mr Grace was the general manager. Not liking the Melbourne traffic, Mr Grace often had Dad drive him to meetings in the Big Black Humber so of course the car was often to be found at our place. As a consequence, I had many a ride in the "comfy" big back seat always, of course, ensuring that my feet never touched the carpet or beautiful upholstery.

Mr. Grace had a liking for "British" cars, so when it came time to buy his wife a vehicle he chose a shiny black rather small Triumph Mayflower. At the time, it was the only one to be found in Geelong and because it now lived in a big house on Bell Parade overlooking Easter Beach. Once again I was quite impressed. However, I was only five or six at the time.



Now, some sixty-five years later, I'm watching an old episode of "Top Gear" and James May is talking about the 'Triumph Mayflower'. "It would have to be the ugliest bit of old tin ever to have come out of England. What on earth were they thinking?" he says.

Suddenly my thoughts go back to those lovely idyllic days being chauffeured in the big black shiny Humber into Geelong to Grace's large house on Bell Parade with there waiting in the driveway – a shiny black and very unique Triumph Mayflower.

Maybe it's time for a re-assessment! Onto Google for early motoring reviews and then to Google images for a not so subjective re-evaluation of the Mayflower. Conclusion: "Well knock me down and call me Shorty" – it wasn't the greatest piece of English engineering or design after all.

For all these years, I'd had this "rose tinted glasses" memory of the old Triumph and suddenly the scales had fallen off and I saw it for what it was.

However, not all is lost. While "Googling" (is there such a word?), I came across a real Triumph Mayflower fan who with just a touch of imagination and more than a few dollars has been able to show us just what potential the Triumph Mayflower had and still has.



What do you think?

Christopher Constantine.

REPORT ON THE FEDERATION DELEGATES' MEETING - 20th MAY 2017.

The Delegates Meeting was hosted by the Antique Car Club Albury-Wodonga Inc. at the Albury Entertainment Centre, situated right in the centre of the very busy city of Albury.

Our Club was represented by Delegates Tony Pettigrew and Bill Allen, accompanied by their wives Maxine and Terri. After an excellent lunch, provided by the caterers of the Entertainment Centre, we caught up with several of our old friends. The meeting was held in impressive theatre situated on the first floor.

Federation President, Neil Athorn welcomed the 80 or so Delegates (down from the expected 140 to 150); and introduced John Sherman of the Host Club. John advised that as this weekend was the fiftieth anniversary of the Club many of the Members were on a Rally. Unfortunately John's 1930's Dodge Ute was the only Club vehicle on display and then only for a very short time.

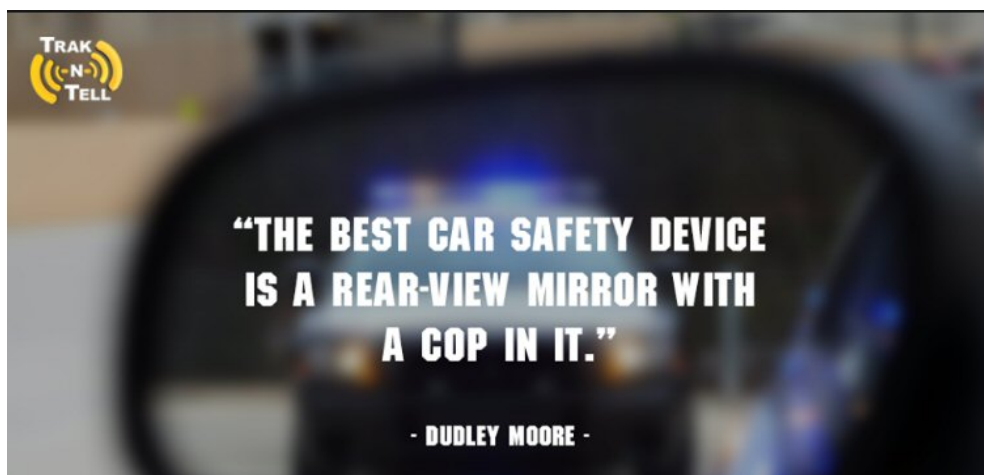
The Club was formed fifty years ago with about 45 members with 30 members having pre-1920 vehicles. The Club now has 117 family members with around one third having pre-1930 vehicles and fifty percent being Pre 1950 models. Surprisingly participation in Club events is greater with the earlier models.

The current Rally has attracted 350 to 400 vehicles. Many were from New South Wales. John welcomed Delegates to Albury-Wodonga advising that this was the first time the Federation has held a meeting here.

The following are some interesting points raised at the meeting:-

- Treasurer, Brett Holloway, advised that Subscription Renewals had been sent out and to date 120 Clubs had renewed, leaving 28 not yet renewed. Brett then read out the non financial Clubs; fortunately we were not included
- The Annual Picnic at Marong will be held on 21st August 2018. Federation Club Members are requested to bring their Newsletter showing this Event otherwise non Member Club entrants will be charged \$20.00 entry fee. Once again entrants will need to be in by 10.30am and will not be able to leave before 2.30pm. Vehicles participating in the Golden Oldies Tour will depart at 2.15pm.
- The proposed Maffra Tour, scheduled to take place a week before the Bendigo Swap in a bit "up in the air" at the moment as the organiser has resigned.
- The Scoresby Picnic did not take place this year due to inclement weather and will not be rescheduled this year. It will next be held on the 8th April 2018.
- The Australia Day Display in Kings Domain has not been finalised for next year as no correspondence has been received from the Department of Premier and Cabinet. John Kennett, the organiser, advised numbers are expect to be tight as per last year.
- It has been reported that some vehicles, under twenty five years old, have been put on the Club Permit Scheme. Delegates were reminded that it is the Club's responsibility to ensure that this does not occur.
- The Australian Historic Motoring Federation - the Australian wide organisation representing all State groups, is planning a National Tour in the Albury-Wodonga area from 28th March 2020 to 4th April 2020. This will be the first National Open Rally since the Shannon's 2001 Rally to Canberra.
- Due to the success of the first Bendigo Swap Meeting (solely for tractors and associated parts) it is proposed to hold another event on the 28th to 29th April 2018. It will be promoted in Fed News.
- There was some discussion on CPS vehicles being used to transport goods for sale to swap meetings. It was suggested that interested parties, namely VicRoads, the Police and the Taxation Department were currently "turning a blind eye" to this practice. However those doing this need to be on guard.
- Rules concerning Roadworthy Certificates for Motorcycles, eligible for CPS, have not yet been finalised by VicRoads.
- Progress with this year's Bendigo Swap Meeting is doing well. The Federation has now become a Member of the Agricultural Society at a cost of \$2,500.00 per year. However, as a Member of this Society their Public Risk Insurance for the Swap Meeting will reduce by \$10,000.00. As a result of this association, all entrants to the Swap Meeting will be given a printed ticket.
- There has been considerable positive feed back from the RACV "100 Years for Women Drivers" event.
- There was considerable discussion on running events which the public may attend, ranging from Working with Children Permits to WorkCover and necessary permits from Councils etc. Ignorance of such requirements is no excuse - especially in the Coroner's Court!
- The Federation cannot arrange "blanket insurance" as it is not an insurance broker.
- All converted Motor Homes must be on "M" plates not "H" plates.
- As the meeting finished slightly ahead of time, President Neil enquired if there were any questions. This resulted in the usual barrage of somewhat ill informed questions about the CPS Scheme.

Bill Allen - Federation Delegate



Annual Club Luncheon

Sunday August 20th 2017

Killara Estate

Corner Warburton Highway and Sunnyside Road Seville

Time: 12.00 noon for 12.30 pm



Please join us for the club's annual luncheon to be held at last year's popular venue, Killara Estate. A great three-course meal has been selected and includes Entrée of Panko Prawns, Main of Roast Lamb and Roast Vegetables or Stuffed Chicken Breast, plus, Lime Tart or Sticky Date Pudding with your coffee or tea. This luncheon is a Member only event as the meal cost is subsidised by the club, and drinks are provided. Cost \$35 per head.

Pre booking and payment is required by the 8th August

For further information please phone Colin Brown on 0408 343 176

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Booking Form

Please reserve _____ Seats @ \$35 For: _____

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

Payable to: All British Classics Car Club

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