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Our trip to RAAF Point Cook Museum



Pilot Derek Fox holds a question and answer session after the Winjeel aerobatics demonstration. The CAC CA-25 Winjeel is an Australian-designed and manufactured three-seat training aircraft. Entering service with the Royal Australian Air Force in 1955 as a basic to advanced trainer, it served in this role until 1975. See more about the excursion starting on page 3.

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



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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 Gordon.

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

NEWSLETTER ORGANIZER – Issue N^o. 209

Please remember if you are having an event I need to have information about the event for the newsletter. Also, if you have HAD an event, please send me an article and some pictures. Cut off time is the 20th of each month. I would appreciate the notes and articles be written in complete sentences and not in all caps. It makes my job much easier.

Betty

ABCCC EVENTS CALENDAR

October 2017

Saturday 14 th & Sunday 15 th	Como Open Gardens Weekend – ABCCC Volunteers 79 The Basin–Olinda Road, The Basin	Tony Pettigrew 9739 1146 Bill Allen 9846 2323
Sunday 22 nd	The ABCCC Calendar Planning Meeting Venue – 16 Lawler Lane, Coldstream, Victoria.	Maxine Pettigrew 9739 1146
Sunday 29 th	A Pleasant Drive in the Country– An ABCCC Event Yarra Valley	Bryan Tootell 0412 549 906

November 2017

Tuesday 7 th	A Day at the Races –Melbourne Cup Day. An ABCCC Event Venue: Yarra Glen Racecourse, Armstrong Grove, Yarra Glen, Victoria.	Colin Brown 5964 9291
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November 2017 (Continued)

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
Venue: Chirnside Park Country Club, 68 Kingswood Drive, Chirnside Park, (Mel 37;K3).

February 2018

Sunday 19th RACV Classic Showcase – An AOMC Event (Supported by The ABCCC) Iain Ross
Yarra Valley Racecourse

March 2018

Sunday 18th to Saturday 24th ABCCC Fly The Flag Friendship Tour– An ABCCC Major Event Tony Pettigrew 9739 1146
Details TBA

UP COMING EVENTS

COMO GARDENS OPEN DAY - Saturday-Sunday, 14th-15th October 2017



Over the years our club has assisted Pat and George Hetrel to raise funds for St. John's Ambulance, The Basin CFA and the Knox SES. There are many different tasks which we can help with. The helping is very rewarding and will also help promote our club within the local community.

Pat and George have advised us that this will be the last running of this very popular event. However, they fully intend to maintain the standard of interesting activities of previous Como Gardens Open Weekends. At this stage, there will be a group E-mail to our club's membership closer to the event, to keep you up to date. For this final running, we hope that the ABCCC will be able to put on a stunning display of British classic motor cars for the visitors (who are donors to the various worthy recipient organisations) to view and enjoy.

The gardens open at 10:00 am and close at 4:30 pm. They are located at 79 Basin – Olinda Road, The Basin (Mel 65; H7). A fine, sunny day of weather has been booked for both the lead-up and for the two Open Days.

Contact Tony Pettigrew at 9739 1146 or Bill Allen at 9846 2323.

A PLEASANT DRIVE IN THE COUNTRY - Sunday, 29th October 2017

We will meet at the Lilydale Lake Car Park at 9:30 for a 10 am departure. We will then proceed to the Beechworth Bakery in Healseville for morning tea. From there we will proceed to the Flowerdale Hotel for a great lunch. If you are planning on joining us, please let us know by Oct. 23 so that we can arrange the meals.

Bryon Tootell at 0412 549 906

MELBOURNE CUP DAY AT YARRA GLEN - Tuesday, 7th November 2017

We had so much fun at Yarra Glen on Melbourne Cup Day, all who attended last year want to do it again. So come and join us. I have reserved two tables, so we can accommodate 20+ people.

INCLUSIONS Admission to the race course and Yarraview Dining Room, Race book for every guest, Yarraview dining room and member enclosure entry, Three course luncheons served to the table (set menu), Tea & Coffee, Cash Bar (Bar tab available), TAB access, TV monitors for \$80.00 per person.

If you would like to dress up, and attend this fun day with your fellow members, please advise me ASAP to secure a seat. Preference will be given to members who can pick race winners!!! Members' friends are welcome.

Colin Brown - 0408 343 176 or colin.brown@hotmail.net.au

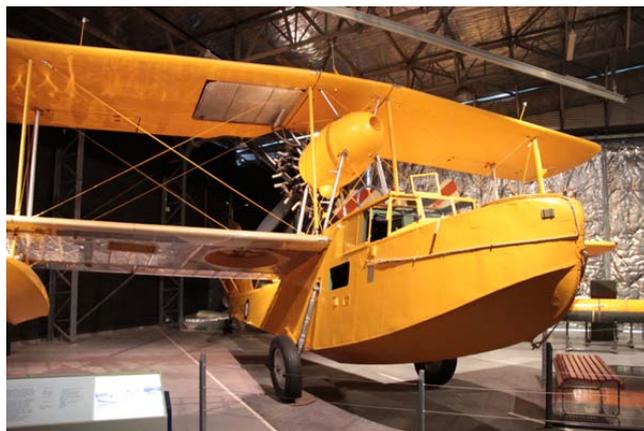
EVENT REPORTS

AN INTERESTING OUTING - Sunday, 1st October 2017

Another great day was organised by Christopher and Geraldine Constantine. Indeed it was a 'flight of fancy' in one respect - read on. We met at the Melbourne Zoo with 14 cars. I wonder if someone was a victim of the change to daylight saving. We set off on an interesting route towards Williamstown. We had a brief stop at the historic bluestone tower - the Williamstown Timeball Tower on Battery Rd. Our member, David Cook knew all about it as he was involved in the restoration of the tower back in the late 90s as part of a Lions Club project. The tower was converted from a lighthouse back to the original configuration which was a ball on a mast. On the dot of 12 noon the ball would drop from the top from its raised position on the post down to the bottom so that all the ships at sea and various places on land could tell and set their clocks at 12 noon.

We continued on around the esplanade and enjoyed coffee at the kiosk which lived up to its good reputation. Most of us don't get to see this side of Melbourne frequently so it was most enjoyable to view this area on such a beautiful day. The Esplanade Altona is a little known gem, although if you're intending to buy on the esplanade cheaply you're too late. We continued on via back roads and found ourselves driving through the new suburbs of Point Cook. This suburb has rolled out like a gigantic carpet. We were relieved we were not trying to get in or out of Pt Cook in peak hour. You need to seriously avoid this we are told. All of a sudden we were at the RAAF base and presenting our driver's licence to allow entry. Curiously the guard only wanted the driver's identity, but I wouldn't bank on it next time!

Restored "Walrus" flying boat which is on display at Pt. Cook RAAF Museum



For those interested in aviation, me very much included, the RAAF museum at Point Cook is a real gem. There are hangers full of aircraft beautifully displayed and restored to the highest standard. There are wonderful displays of aviation memorabilia and also heart-wrenching letters written home by pilots during the war. One of these letters in particular was written by a young pilot who didn't expect to come home. He wrote the letter to his mother on condition that she receives it if he were killed in battle, which he was. He bore no grudges and fulfilled his duty proudly. You could not listen to this letter being read and have a dry eye at its conclusion.

Many of the museum's aircraft are airworthy and regularly fly. In fact today we were able to view a Winjeel performing aerobatics. This aircraft had been built during the 50s at Commonwealth Aircraft Corporation in Fisherman's Bend only a matter of a few kilometres away. This was real history. What made it even better was the organised question and answer session that followed with the pilot after the display.

There were good facilities for our picnic lunch at Point Cook. We even had our own special car park where car clubs are frequently directed so they can stay together.

After leaving the RAAF base many of us turned right and headed to the Point Cook Coastal Park and Marine Reserve. There we found wonderful picnic facilities being very well used. Several minutes walk past all this and you arrived at a beautiful deserted beach. Here, as Christopher predicted, you'll see a view of the bay which is unique. There is not a single building in sight. You could be in a wilderness, but do you know Melbourne is hiding just around the corner?



We thoroughly enjoyed our day out and I think our car did too. We borrowed my mother in-law's 1984 Rover Quintet (Honda) which has been hiding in a darkened garage for 33 years and used very occasionally. It is obviously not a British car but the Quintet was commissioned by Jaguar Rover Australia exclusively for the Australian market so we think we have something a little bit interesting. I note on the internet its 'collectability' is 1 star out of 5. What would they know?

David Knight

From The President

2018 ABCCC Event Organiser Meeting

Last month I sent out a plea for help asking for some new people to put up their hand to organise events, unfortunately it fell on deaf ears. The result was very disappointing. If we don't get some support next year's event calendar is going to have a lot of spare dates. The calendar planning meeting is on 22nd October. Please advise Maxine if you are attending 9739 1146. If you want to organise an event and cannot attend please email the details.

ABCCC Fly the Flag Friendship Tour

After many hassles with catering the FTF itinerary has finally fallen into place. The application form is in the mail this weekend.

Note. Club members will not receive a posted copy unless they don't have an email address or printer.

Como Gardens

Don't forget Oct. 14th-15th is the last Como Gardens open day, if you don't want to help come along as a participant and have a ride on the train and support the CFA, SES and St Johns Ambulance.

Tony Pettigrew

AOMC NEWS

DELEGATES' MEETING – 26th August 2017

The Delegates Meeting was held at the Darnum Memorial Hall, Darnum. It was hosted by the Trafalgar Truck Restorers' Club whose Members also provided the excellent lunch and afternoon tea. Keith Mortimer AOMC President introduced the Guest Speakers - John Lewis and Drew (?) from Vicroads and Andrew George, CEO, Society of Automotive Engineers.

John Lewis stated that Vicroads had engaged consultants to review the whole CPS Scheme. They had found that there needed to be a boost in confidence in the Scheme and assurance that it met with expectations of all interested parties. It was vital that clubs play a major part in running the scheme into the future. The "Old Car" movement, in general, provided a significant and important role in providing financial and other support to local communities and in aiding the mental health aspect of those participating in the Movement. The consultants found that these aspects helped to "sell" the Scheme and they provided a positive benefit to the community.

Vicroads have been looking into the logistics of moving the current CPS Database onto the Main Computer Database. Until recently the cost of this had been estimated in the millions; far too much to justify it. However, they are now looking at a much cheaper version which may prove feasible. Should this change occur renewals will be easier and more reliable, police will be happier as it will be easier for them to operate and normal number plates could be used obviating the need for the current "H", "M" and "SR" plates. The Logbook system would, of course, continue as at present.

The problems currently being experienced with Deceased Estates should be resolved when new procedures are introduced in September 2017. The same rules will apply to the CPS Scheme as those that apply to full registrations. Transfer is only permitted to the remaining/surviving spouse. It is not and will not include children or anybody else. Transfer to anybody other than the spouse will involve obtaining a RWC as required when purchasing a vehicle. These rules will be included on the Vicroads website and an extra section will be included especially for the CPS Scheme.

Andrew George gave a slide presentation of the various requirements when modifications are made to a vehicle. These requirements can be very comprehensive and involved, depending on the particular modification and the vehicle in question. Full details are available from the Society's website. They are happy to answer questions over the telephone. Andrew also warned against purchasing imported modified parts from some retail outlets as they may well not be up to Australian Standards and quite often when one part is changed other parts can be affected and require changing, too.

There was then an opportunity for Delegates to ask the Guest Speakers questions.

The problem with deceased estates was again raised and John Lewis stated that the problems should be resolved when the new rules for the CPS Scheme were introduced from the 11th September. The horror stories previously experienced should then be a thing of the past.

Questions were asked about importing and/or exporting cars containing asbestos. It is thought that greater emphasis regarding asbestos has been created by recent problems with Great Wall and other Chinese vehicle. Customs have been troubled with incorrect information supplied to them and look at each situation on a case by case basis.

There had been problems with safety glass in windscreens and in some cases such windscreens had been rejected by RWC inspectors. This problem was caused by the Inspector's lack of knowledge. Vicroads would be happy to assist if contacted.

There were questions regarding Logbook entries when a journey continued past midnight. As every day must be accounted for, it is necessary to make a new entry as soon as possible after midnight. It is thought that police would be understanding should one being pulled up just after midnight before the new entry had been made in the Log Book. Planning for such a contingency would probably be a good idea.

Questions were raised about the size of "SR" (Street Rod) plates. These plates were currently too large to be fitted to some Hot Rod vehicles. Vicroads do not have any ordering systems allowing change to "H", "M" or "SR" plates and accordingly no alternative sized plates are available and Vicroads are unlikely to change this arrangement. The proposal to have Slimline plates available has still not been resolved.

Some Delegates did not like the owner's address being printed on the CPS receipt and asked why this was necessary as crooks could find out the owner's address if were left in the vehicle. It was suggested that logbooks or anything else of value should either be removed from or securely locked up in the vehicle when unattended.

About changes to the review of the CPS Scheme. Change of regulations are not likely within the next 12 months as a total review of the system is carried out every ten years. This review last took place in 2009. So the next one will be in 2019. Vicroads need to prove to the Government the value of the Scheme to the community.

John Lewis believes that clubs will always be involved with the Scheme and that participants will continue to be required to be a member of a Vicroads Authorised Club.

Vicroads will continue to honour previously approved modifications provided no further modifications have been made since approval. This pleased members of the truck clubs as most trucks have been modified during their working life.

A question was asked about changing vehicles currently on "H" plates to "M" plates. Vicroads are happy to assist with this and further details on this matter are likely to be forthcoming shortly. It was emphasised that "M" plates were not inferior in any way to "H" plates. Apparently some Delegates were under the impression that they were for some strange reason.

At the close of the Meeting the Trafalgar Truck Restorers' Club were thanked for their hospitality and the beautiful food. John Fowler, President of the Hall Committee was thanked for the use of the excellent venue.

Bill Allen DELEGATE

Mottos to live by...



Future related event



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