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'BLUE BOY'



*Geraldine and Christopher Constantine's beautiful MG Model YT perched on a splendid lookout.
Read the story on Page 6.*



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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 Member: Pat J Douglas**

ABCCC EVENTS DIRECTORY

Special Note: This ABCCC Events Directory lists only those events organised by the ABCCC. There have been other events placed in this directory and, some of these have overlapped our own events. There have been concerns raised about non-ABCCC events appearing to out promote those that our club has organised. Other events will receive a brief resumé in the section titled Other Motoring Events, on Page 10 in this magazine.

February 2019

Sunday 24th The ABCCC will be at the RACV British & European Motoring Show – An AOMC Event.
Yarra Glen Racecourse, Armstrong Grove, Yarra Glen. See Page 9.

March 2019

Wednesday 6th Anne & Bryan Tootell's Mid-week Run – An ABCCC Event. Bryan Tootell 0412 549 906
Note: This is a re-scheduled event from February.
Start Venue – Carpark at Lilydale Lake, Swansea Road (C401), Lilydale.

Sunday 17th St. Patrick's Day Tour Of Discovery – An ABCCC Event. Christopher Constantine (03) 9898 4431
Start Venue – Harvey Norman Car Park, Maroondah Highway, Nunawading.

Sunday 31st The ABCCC will be at the Federation Picnic – A Federation Event. Bill Allen (03) 9846 2323
Venue – National Steam Centre, 1200 Ferntree Gully Road, Scoresby.

April 2019

Thursday 11th Tour of Mahindra Aerospace Facility – An ABCCC Event. Graham Talmage 0419 399 752
Or, a visit to the Latrobe Regional Art Gallery (Mahindra Tour – Maximum of 20 People).
Venue – Latrobe Regional Airport, Traralgon, Victoria.

Sunday 28th Gippsland Roaming – An ABCCC Event. Heather Cannon (03) 5659 0264
Venue – TBA.

May 2019

Sunday 5th Rex's Big Day Out – An ABCCC Event Rex Hall (03) 9795 7669
Meet Point – TBA.

Sunday 19th The Big M Run – An ABCCC Event Geoff and Judy Birkett (03) 9755 1772
Our event for National Heritage Motoring Day.
Meet at McDonalds, Canterbury Road Bayswater – Melway Page 64; Reference: G1

June 2019

Sunday 7th to Monday 10th Hamilton Queen's Birthday Rally – HDVV & CDC Inc. Tony Pettigrew (03) 9739 1146
The ABCCC will be participating in this rally.
Venue – Hamilton, Victoria.

Sunday 23rd A Rather Exceptional Run – An ABCCC Event. Bryan Tootell 0412 549 906
All Will Be Revealed Close To The Day.

July 2019

Sunday 7th A Visit To A National Trust Property – An ABCCC Event. Greg Anglin (03) 9876 3293
Venue – TBA.

Sunday 21st The ABCCC Annual Luncheon – An ABCCC Event. Colin Brown (03) 5964 9291
Venue – TBA.

August 2019

Thursday 1st to Wednesday 14th ABCCC Tour to Broken Hill – An ABCCC Event. Maxine Pettigrew (03) 9739 1146
Please Note: No more bookings can be taken.

Saturday 31st Our Twilight Run – An ABCCC Event. Peter McKiernan (03) 9787 6003
Venue – TBA.

September 2019

Sunday 15th The Much Anticipated Sliding Pillars Run – An ABCCC Event. Phil Cook (03) 9842 5449
Venue – Lunch In Toolangi.

Sunday 29th Power Works Visit – An ABCCC Event. Tom Cannon (03) 5659 0264
Featuring Lunch at 'Hydewood', Boolarra South. Location – Morwell, Gippsland.

October 2019

Sunday 13th Mystery Run – An ABCCC Event. Russell Simmonds (03) 9801 2783
Venue – TBA.

Saturday 26th to Sunday 27th The 'Terri Allen Garden Tour' – An ABCCC Event. Kate Senko & Graham Talmage (03) 5169 6626
'Gardivalia Festival of Gardens and Events' within the Baw Baw Shire. hydewood@bordernet.com.au
A Weekend of Open Gardens.

November 2019

Sunday 10th A Winery Tour – An ABCCC Event. Marj Pepper (03) 9216 1600
Venue – TBA. Mobile No. 0407 392 330

Friday 22nd to The Justly Famed Indulgence Tour – An ABCCC Event.
Sunday 24th Touring – Yarrowonga Area.

Peter McKiernan (03) 9787 6003

December 2019

Sunday 8th Christmas Luncheon – An ABCCC Event
Venue – TBA.

Maxine Pettigrew (03) 97395 1146

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

EDITORIAL NOTES – Issue N^o. 224

Matters have been somewhat hectic in the preparation of this edition, with several waiting room sessions and the NBN thing being rolled out (in our case, it was rolled under). It amazes me that simple things like a visit to a doctor can effectively fill a whole morning in the 21st century! Also the NBN situation was a real *Comedy of Errors*, but we are close to being fully functional in that area. Our Annual General Meeting has come and gone already, with the Meeting Minutes due to be published in *Your ABCCC News* soon. When you receive the issue of *Your ABCCC News* that contains the Minutes, be sure to keep them as a reference for the 2020 Annual General Meeting.

From this issue on, there are some subtle changes to our Events Directory. These changes reflect a decision to keep the Directory portion for ABCCC events only. Other events that our club has been notified about, and supports, will be shown after our *EVENTS REPORTS* section headed *What We Are About To Do*, the new section is designated *Other Motoring Events* (Page 10). This change has come about because concerns have been raised where other events were seen to out-rank our own events – and those are what our club is really there for. Some of you will spot the Queen's Birthday Rally in Hamilton located in our *Events Directory* section, there is good reason for that, the weekend away has been a part of our annual calendar planning meetings for quite a number of years and it is an event that is very well supported by our club. After all, it is located in the Good Lord's own country, and that is well worth a visit.

Event organisers, please get your event information to me as soon as you can. Leaving it all to the last possible moment can be stressful for those involved with producing the magazine.

Mike Alfrey.

PETROL WOES (Continued)

Does Petrol (Gas) Have A Use-by Date? (Found On The Internet)

Editor's Note: This piece has been edited so that names, which may no longer apply, have been removed. The article was found on the Internet and we gratefully acknowledge the author. The question seems to have originated in the USA, but the answer appears to be from here. It was obviously an answer put together after a sizable amount of research.

According to Shell Australia's Technical Advice Centre Manager, you can generally store fuel in a sealed container for around six months before it starts to deteriorate. This assumes it's kept relatively cool and away from direct sunlight.

"But if the container is not properly sealed or it's repeatedly opened, petrol will start to evaporate and you lose some of the light components in the fuel," Shell advise.

Those light components include highly important butane. As these components are lost, the fuel loses its volatility. The advice is that this condition makes the car difficult to start.

In warm conditions, fuel is especially prone to oxidation which causes lacquer and gums to form. As a result, the fuel turns dark in colour, loses its clarity and smells like paint stripper.

The Senior Fuel Chemist at BP Australia, says that in the right conditions, fuel can last up to 12 months. But once the container is opened (or if the tank is vented), the fuel will quickly start to degrade.

"Once the seal is broken, a vapour space is formed in the container and the fuel will start to deteriorate more rapidly," they informed me.

Okay, so what about fuel that's left in your car's tank for a long period of time?

Fuel in a car's tank can last for up to four weeks before it becomes considerably denser. When this happens, the engine is effectively over-fuelled (without any change in injector pulse-width) and there's an increased chance of carbon deposition onto spark plugs and inside the combustion chamber. This can cause driveability problems such as stutters and misses.

"Standard unleaded fuel will lose a small amount of octane over time but in our low-sulphur and high detergent Ultimate fuel it might increase very slightly. It might increase 1 RON in four weeks – but it's not something I'd bother chasing," BP says. "Keep in mind that typical variation in BP Ultimate is 98 – 100 RON while standard unleaded ranges between 91 – 93 RON."

Shell advised that in most cases, it's only when fuel is left in the tank for several months there's the risk of engine damage. This is much more likely to occur in cars running dual LPG/petrol systems.

"By this time the fuel will have gone dark and gummy and can clog the fuel pump, filter and injectors," they said. "It can also leave a lacquer deposit on the inside of the fuel tank which is difficult to remove."

In addition, it's important to be aware that fuel brews – specifically fuel volatility – varies on a month to month basis. Standards vary from State to State but, generally, volatility is reduced during summer months to reduce evaporative emissions. This typically makes the engine slightly harder to start but there is no change in octane.

The proprietor of Gold Coast based tuning company ChipTorque, frequently dyno tests cars which have not previously been driven for several weeks. "On the fuel mix we have in Queensland, I think fuel in a car's tank is starting to go off in around three weeks," the company says. "We can tune a car, put it away for three or four weeks, come back to it and it will be either closer to detonation or less likely to make the same power.

They suggest that, "Local fuel is brewed to reduce evaporative emissions in warm weather and, maybe because of that, fuel really goes poor quality in eight to ten weeks. By that stage, the fuel is extremely prone to detonation."

Interestingly, ChipTorque hasn't noticed the engine becoming harder to start but the effect on octane is pronounced.

Similarly, the General Manager of Melbourne's Advanced Vehicle Operations, believes fuel tends to go off in a car's fuel tank quite quickly once it's a couple of weeks old.

"After a couple of weeks not driving a car, I find that it will be closer to detonation than it was at the time of tuning on the chassis dyno," they say.

"And the brand of fuel seems to make a difference as well – we find that Mobil and BP products are probably the best after being stored, but Shell Optimax is really good when it's new."

Clearly, there are some important factors to keep in mind when storing fuel in a container for several months or when parking your car for a few weeks.

Our recommendation is not to run the engine at high load with fuel that's been in the tank for any more than three or four weeks and it's a good idea to add at least 25 percent fresh fuel to the tank every few weeks. This will help ensure there are no fuel-related driveability problems or detonation and will reduce the chance of lacquer building up inside the tank.

Sourced from http://www.answerbag.com/q_view/557467 .

A FURTHER COMMENT – Petrol Stabiliser Product

There is a petrol storage additive available that claims to keep petrol fresh, it is called STA-BIL® (a Trico product) and a 236 ml dispensing bottle is enough to supposedly treat 76 litres of fresh petrol. This treatment is claimed to keep petrol in good condition for 24 months, when used in the recommended proportion. The bottle label also states that STA-BIL® is effective in all blends of petrol, prevents gum, varnish and corrosion, and it is safe for all petrol engines – including two-stroke engines. See Dosage Recommendations below.

There is no mention on the bottle labelling of whether it provides the claimed two-year protection in vented to atmosphere petrol tanks. However, the Australian importer's Website does mention the following points:

- Keeps fresh fuel fresh for quick, easy starts after storage;
- Removes water from fuel to help prevent fuel separation;
- Protects the entire fuel system against gum, varnish, rust and corrosion;
- Contains powerful cleaning agents to remove gum and varnish build up;
- Eliminates the need to drain fuel tanks before or after storage; and
- Use for storage and intermittent use.

Further Comment (From the Australian Importer's Website)

Whether you own a classic car, a boat, motorcycle, jet ski, mower, chain saw, line trimmer, or anything else that runs on petrol, if it is used infrequently the fuel in the tank will go stale. Petrol begins to deteriorate after little more than a month. As a general rule, the higher the RON (octane) rating of the fuel, the shorter its storage life will be. Running stale fuel through your engine can result in difficult starting and reduced performance at best, and at worst you could be looking at a very expensive repair bill.

Treating your fuel with STA-BIL® keeps it fresh for up to twelve months and stops the formation of gum and varnish deposits within the fuel system. It contains corrosion prevention additives to fight against the damaging effects of Ethanol in fuel and also cleans fuel system components such as fuel injectors and carburettors.

Dosage Recommendations (From the Australian Importer's Website)

For seasonal storage, or when the fuel is likely to sit idle for more than 1-2 months but less than 12 months:

- 30 ml for every 9.5 litres of fresh fuel

For longer storage periods e.g. 12 - 24 months:

- 60 ml for every 9.5 litres of fresh fuel

For best results always store vehicles and equipment with a full tank of fuel rather than a near empty tank. Always run the engine for up to five minutes after adding STA-BIL® to ensure the entire fuel system is treated and not just the fuel stored in the fuel tank.

STA-BIL® Safety Data Sheet

This item can be downloaded from the following Website:

<https://www.sta-bil.com.au/media/documents/sds/42/sds-sta-bil-storage-08-dec-17.pdf>

Conclusion

Please draw your own conclusions; this product is quite expensive and note the recommendation to run the engine for five minutes after petrol treatment. This means that should a seldom used motor car be used, for example, on a run

where a fill of the petrol tank has been required, then, during the filling process, the treatment must be applied at that time – otherwise gum and sticky residues around carburettors could be the result, if the fresh untreated petrol is treated at the conclusion of the run, and the engine is not run for five minutes immediately after petrol stabiliser was applied.

It is a good idea, if using this product, to pour the required amount into the near-empty tank before the bowser is activated to ensure the stabiliser is, all being well, thoroughly mixed with the petrol. Failing to adopt this procedure would, very likely, explain the gumming and sticky residue around carburettors even though STA-BIL® had been in use.

Note: This is not a recommendation of this product, it was used simply as an example. Looking at other such products, some claim performance enhancements that would be the envy of Formula One engine builders!

Mike Alfrey.

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

No new members to welcome.

Gordon Lindner– Membership Secretary.

THE HISTORY OF OUR VERY OWN BLUE BOY.

P and R Williams, sons of one of the Williams Brothers of NSW motoring fame became the importers of MG cars to NSW in the late forties. Their metal import badges are to be found on many 'T' series cars and are quite collectible in their own right. Stewart Williams, the younger brother, collected our YT, resplendent in *Clipper Blue*, from the factory in 1949, it having been driven off the line on June 1st of that year. Having met his new bride in Birmingham, they used the car in the UK before having it shipped back to Australia, arriving on 16th December, 1949. The car remained in their possession for many, many years, always well maintained until Stewart passed away. Several years passed until his aging wife decided to sell the vehicle to enthusiast Rob Dunsterville. The third owners were Mike and Suzanne Elderfiels of NSW who obviously not only maintained the car well but also undertook some light restoration to bring the Blue Boy back to its former glory.



Having had something of a love affair with MG Y Types over the last forty years (eight, at last count) the one car, always desired but not obtainable, was the 'Y Tourer' or 'YT'. There is some dispute over the total number produced but the usual number quoted is 877. Lately, however, records have been found which indicated that a few were sent to the Continent and in particular Switzerland to have specialized custom bodies fitted, so that number has increased a little.

The YT was for export only and most were left hand drive sent to the USA. The rest were exported to Australia, South Africa, New Zealand, India and Ceylon as it was then known. The most authoritative estimate is that only 234-5 remain worldwide as viable examples of the model.

Lately, fellow 'Y' enthusiast Clive Dickinson (he owns five at last count) and I were comparing notes and he showed me a photo of

his first MG – an MG YT. This inspired both of us; he to search out what had become of his car and me to try and find one in Australia that might be for sale. As you might imagine, being as rare as they are, it came as quite a surprise when in that very month, I managed to track down 'Blue Boy' laid up in an aircraft hangar on the Bellarine Peninsula. Bryan Hawke is an MG enthusiast who has restored MGs whilst also restoring and flying light planes. He and his wife Erna have now been 'hooked' on Barramundi fishing and so was in the mood to lighten his collection. The YT had only been in their possession a couple of years and had only done one trip from Ballan to Geelong and a few quick passes up and down the runway outside their hangars while tuning it. A few days negotiating (with Geraldine not the Hawkes) and a beautiful *Clipper Blue* YT joined our stable of MGs. That's it for a while, although, if my Freeway powered 'Y' ever came back on the market – well, maybe!

Christopher Constantine.

EVENT REPORTS

WHAT WE HAVE BEEN DOING

EASTLINK GREAT AUSTRALIAN RALLY – HASTINGS START – 20th January, 2019

Because no report has yet been sent in, here is a report as seen from the Western Port Marina start venue's aspect and, having the largest number of rally participants starting from there, it is probably justified. The EastLink Great Australian Rally bookings were, initially, slow coming in, and as a consequence our estimates of entrant numbers was quite low for a lengthy period. Then, all of a sudden there was a mighty surge of entries for our major event during the two weeks leading up to the January 10th close-off for booked entries. The final result was that, at Hastings there were three-hundred plus booked entries and, in addition to that significant number we had a good number of pay-on-the-day entrants – along with quite a number who claimed that they had booked, but received no information from the rally organisers. These had to be taken on trust, but we have to wonder. There were also a good number who did not know which start venue they had nominated!

The scout group from Balnarring arrived early and were set up to commence the traditional sausage sizzle. They were perplexed to find no ingredients to sizzle, Len Butcher had, as arranged previously arrived at the Coles Supermarket to discover that none of the Sunday staff were aware that seven hundred sausages and accompanying slices of bread had been ordered and paid for. Finally, Len was given – on trust – the necessary ingredients, with the proviso that it would be resolved later. Soon, our caterers were in business and a queue of hungry rally entrants was forming well before the advertised 7:30 am sizzle commencement. Coles did call Len later, to inform that all was in order.

For the first time, since the Western Port Marina commenced to be used, the car parking area was filled and late entries were parked on the southern grassed area. At 9:30 am sharp, the flag-off commenced, with our bagpiper Dianne Ashton leading off with a rousing swirl-of-the-pipes (that probably awoke all those in Hastings having their usual Sunday lie-in) and the EastLink Great Australian Rally following at a respectable distance behind. Waving the flags enthusiastically were Natalie Petersen, VP of Hastings Chamber of Commerce, and our own Len Butcher representing the Hastings CFA. All good fun on a slightly overcast morning.

After cleaning up, I hopped into my Jowett and took a direct route to Cruden Farm, probably seen to be heading in the wrong direction. On reaching the destination, it was obvious that a great amount of work had gone into event signage and traffic management. However, just after driving through the display vehicles' entry gate, the flow of rally entrants came to a bit of a halt. Two cars around a bend further ahead had chosen the narrow parts of the roadway to break down, but once they were pushed to the side, the normal flow resumed, and the ABCCC display area was easily found.

A Note In Appreciation

A major event such as the EastLink Great Australian Rally simply put, would not happen without a Rally Committee and an overall rally coordinator to guide the event through all of its gestation and coming to fruition stages with a fair degree of anguish along the way. Quite a number of the Rally Committee were new to the tasks undertaken. It was an enormous task, being extremely short of funds due to lack of sponsorship funding and, due to the requirement that meant that we had to find a new venue for the display of our vehicles. Therefore hearty thank you memoranda to Rex Hall for his full-blown doggedness in achieving a good result, to Deanna for serving the Rally Committee with needed coffee, to Greg Anglin for taking on the administrative tasks, to Geraldine for her great support, to Leon Cousins for obtaining the Royal Australian Navy Jazz Band, to the Hastings CFA for providing a sub-committee meeting room and to Greg Anglin, Peter Flavelle, John Gardner, Bryan Tootell, Len Butcher for duties at the rally start venues, Bill Allen and Wally Thompson for heading the marshalling team at Cruden Farm, and not overlooking David Cook for the rally bag filling. Not at all forgetting the ladies who pitched in with super-enthusiasm before, and on the big day. Job satisfaction!

Read on. . .

Mike Alfrey.

EASTLINK GREAT AUSTRALIAN RALLY 2019



Well, after many months of seeking a new sponsor and venue for the Great Australian Rally and many more months of planning by the Great Australian Rally Committee headed by Rex Hall, it finally came together on Sunday 20th January, 2019 at the new venue, Cruden Farm, Langwarrin with a new naming rights sponsor, EastLink.

EastLink produced a billboard, at right, designed by Carolyn Simm from Simm Graphics to be displayed in four locations along the EastLink toll-way from 10th December through to the 20th January. Along with EastLink's vast media outlets the promotion of the Rally was most successful. Thank you EastLink for your support.





The entry brochure was designed by Deborah Clarke of Sydney and included photographs of selected ABCCC Club cars located in front of the Historic home at Cruden Farm. Shown at left.

Carolyn Simm, at Simm Graphic design produced the design for the metal and cloth badges which proved to be very popular with high volume of sales. Design below.



The venue at Cruden Farm with its historic gardens and vast fields made it an ideal venue to hold the rally. A total of thirty car clubs with nearly 600 club vehicles nominated for reserve parking on the day.

The special display of Cars Through The Ages to showcase the change of technology and design from the Ford Quadricycle buckboard and the replica 1885 Benz through to the Tesla e-vehicles and the Toyota Hydrogen vehicle was enjoyed by all.

Following the sausage sizzles and flag-offs from the start locations at Melbourne, Rowville EastLink, Ring-wood and Hastings Marina nearly 1,000 historic vehicles attended the EastLink Great Australian Rally, a record number. Winning entries and photographs can be viewed on the web address:

www.greataustralianrally.com.au

Thanks to all the Car Clubs who provided assistance with preparing promotional displays and parking of club cars. Also, thanks to the ABCCC Marshals, headed by Bill Allen and Wally Thompson, and our administration personnel who volunteered their assistance on the day.

Approximately 2,000 public attended the day to enjoy the display of historic vehicles, the Royal Australian Navy Jazz Ensemble, the historic gardens of Cruden Farm and the food offered by the catering firm Snappy Snacks.

The parking of public vehicles was efficiently carried out by the guidance of ABCCC's Wally Thompson and Allan Fabry and members of the MG Car Club.



The public entry fees were efficiently collected by the Peter Mac T shirted Hall Family team with Mary Hodge assisting.

A very successful EastLink Great Australian Rally, we raised a total of \$58,000.00 for the Peter MacCallum Cancer Foundation for Cancer Research, a record amount.



Photos by Rex Hall and Gordon Lindner

Rex Hall – On behalf of the EastLink Great Australian Rally Committee.

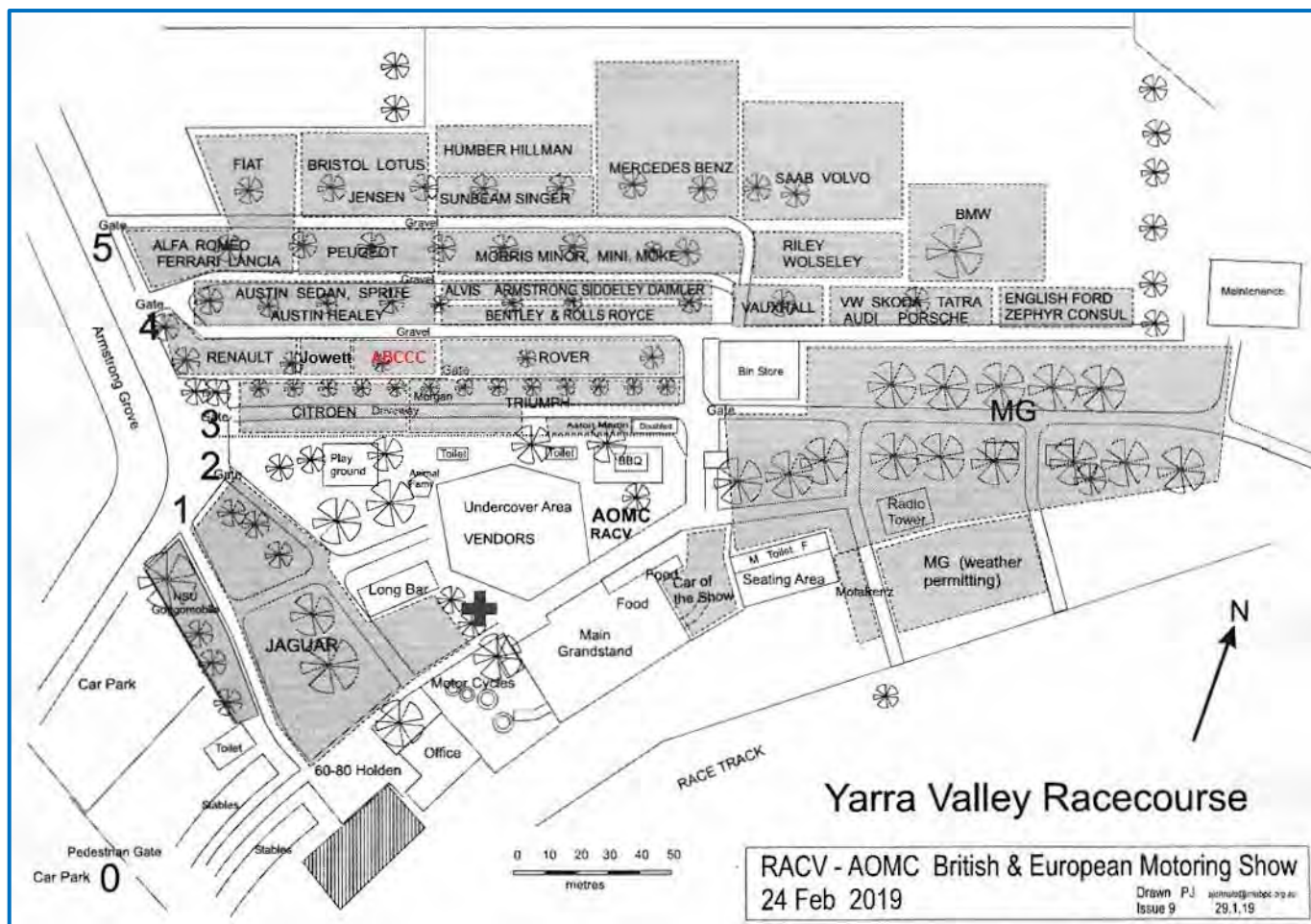
A SPACE FILLER

I changed my car horn to discharge a loud gunshot sound. People move out of the way a lot faster now.

WHAT WE ARE ABOUT TO DO

RACV BRITISH AND EUROPEAN MOTORING SHOW – Sunday 24th February, 2019

Our club is once again enthusiastically supporting this important event. The site plan, provided by the AOMC is placed below for your reference. The ABCCC's location is in red print and we are located between Jowett and Rover.



Above: Site Plan for RACV British and European Motoring Show.

It should be noted that our club has the only club display site for the show. It seems that there will be room in the space allocated for Jowetts for any ABCCC overflow that may occur. The Rovers on our other side will feature a club display, along with other Rovers that may be using some of the space.

We should enter at Gate 4, perform a right, left dogleg and you will find us along the straight on the right.

Bill Allen and Mike Allfrey – AOMC Delegates.

ANNE AND BRYAN'S MID-WEEK RUN – Wednesday 6th March, 2019

We will meet at the Lilydale Lake Carpark, Swansea Road (C401), at 9:30, for a 10:00 am departure. We will proceed on to the edge of the Yarra Valley and then to Lunch at the outer North Eastern area. If you wish to attend, please advise by Friday 1st March, so catering arrangements can be finalised.

Look forward to seeing you there.

Anne and Bryan Tootell, (0412 549 906), annbry@optusnet.com.au

A ST. PATRICK'S DAY TOUR OF DISCOVERY – Sunday 17th March, 2019

As it is St. Patricks Day you are invited to wear something **GREEN** to honour our Irish Friends although there is no compulsion to do so. We will meet at Phil Cook's favourite departure venue (Harvey Norman carpark on Maroondah Highway, Nunawading) any time after 9:00 am ready for a prompt 9:30 am departure. Our morning tea destination is only, an easy, 35 kilometres away.

For morning tea which will be 'out of the boot' we suggest you bring a thermos and some tasty nibbles. Travelling 25 kilometres back toward town, we will stop at a 100 years old-plus country pub which will be celebrating St. Patricks Day. Average cost of meals is \$23 – \$26 for traditional pub fare. We will however need to know final numbers by the 10th March as the chef will need to prepare for our 'invasion'.

Please contact us at E-mail christopheraaa@bigpond.com or, Telephone Number 0428 358 847 to make your booking.

We look forward to you joining us on 'St. Patricks Day'.



Geraldine and Christopher Constantine.

INDULGENCE WEEKEND 2019 – Friday 22nd to Sunday 24th November, 2019

For all members who enjoy good food, good wine and good times . . . it's on again – the 2019 Indulgence Weekend.

This year we are going to Yarrowonga/Mulwala on the Murray River. We will be meeting at the Yarra Valley Chocolaterie in Healesville Road, Yarra Glen for an early morning tea, prior to our departure to our luncheon venue in Euroa. After lunch we take the Euroa-Shepparton Road passing through the industrial area of Shepparton and continue via Katamatite to Yarrowonga.

Prior to entering Yarrowonga we will assemble at the Police Station for an escort through the main street where our cars will go on display for a short period of time prior to proceeding to our accommodation. Dinner on Friday evening will be at Club Mulwala where we will have our own dining room.

Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday will be in the bistro at the club where we will have our own reserved area. Saturday morning we will be collected by coach for a tour of the local area visiting wineries and other places of interest including Max's Motor Museum at Corowa. Saturday night will be our famed BBQ by the pool.

Registrations for this event are now open and, if you wish to be part of the fun, please contact Peter McKiernan on 0407 876 023. Please note: This event is restricted to classic vehicles only – no moderns. The cost for this event will be approximately \$250-00 per person or \$500-00 per couple. This will be confirmed once all quotes have been received.

Peter McKiernan.

OTHER MOTORING EVENTS

March, 2019

Saturday 23rd Shannon's AOMC American Motoring Show AOMC Office – Contact
Venue – Akoonah Park, Berwick, Victoria. Graeme Moody (03) 9558 4829

April, 2019

Sunday 24th 64th Kalorama Rally – Vintage Drivers' Club Inc. Iain Ross 0409 027 392
Venue – Kalorama Community Reserve, Mt. Dandenong Tourist Road, Kalorama.

Saturday 13th Echuca Show and Shine Val Cosway valerie.cosway@bigpond.com
This event will form a part of the Echuca Swap Meet and will feature a section for lady drivers.

Sunday 14th Kurth Kiln Heritage Festival – Friends of Kurth Kiln. Val Markey-Lane 0417 327 811
They are asking for some display cars. Tore Pannuzzo 0413 941 502
Display at the corner of Beenak and Soldiers Roads, Gembrook.

May, 2019

Sunday 19th National Motoring Heritage Day – The AOMC Secretary (03) 9558 4829.
Venue – Yarra Glen Racecourse, Armstrong Drive, Yarra Glen.

Friday 17th to Saturday 18th Historic Winton – The Austin 7 Club Inc.
Venue – Winton Motor Raceway, Winton Near Benalla, Victoria.

July, 2019

Sunday 14th Bygone British Brands – Gippsland Vehicle Collection Leigh Shields 0429 164 763
An all-day event. Sue Lawrence 0428 456 614
Display at the Maffra Shed, 1A Sale Road, Maffra, Victoria.

October, 2019

Saturday TBC The Croydon Hills Men's Shed Car Display – A Supported Event. Mike Allfrey (03) 9729 1480
Venue – Croydon Hills Baptist Church, Cnr. Bemboka and Plymouth Rds., Croydon Hills, Victoria.

ANOTHER SPACE FILLER

SOME ACTUAL COMPLAINTS RECEIVED BY THOMAS COOK TOURS

1. 'On my holiday to Goa in India, I was disgusted to find that almost every restaurant served curry. I don't like spicy food.'
 2. 'They should not allow topless sunbathing on the beach. It was very distracting for my husband who just wanted to relax.'
 3. 'We went on holiday to Spain and had a problem with the taxi drivers as they were all Spanish.'
 4. 'We booked an excursion to a water park, but no-one told us we had to bring our own swimsuits and towels. We assumed it would be included in the price.'
 5. 'The beach was too sandy. We had to clean everything when we returned to our room.'
 6. 'We found the sand was not like the sand in the brochure. Your brochure shows the sand as white, but it was more yellow.'
 7. 'It's lazy of the local shopkeepers in Puerto Vallarta to close in the afternoons. I often needed to buy things during *siesta* time – this should be banned.'
 8. 'No-one told us there would be fish in the water. The children were scared.'
 9. 'Although the brochure said that there was a fully equipped kitchen, there was no egg-slicer in the drawers.'
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