



# NEWSLETTER

## June 2022



Official Newsletter of the Austin Seven Register of Qld. Inc. (formed 1967)



***This what clubs are all about - sharing knowledge and helping each other!***

*John Ikin and Barry Young did a head gasket swap on one afternoon after a long run in the country for Barry's 1935 Sports Roadster. The job was done in the carpark of our Tourist Park and after no more than an hour of kerbside work, Barry's car was running sweetly again!*

## ***The Joy of Computers***

Firstly, I would like to thank those of you who enjoyed the write up last newsletter about the Warrnambool Rally, I was seriously thinking of letting go of the reins of the newsletter this year. Holding a committee position for so many years, some people must think we must be getting paid to do the job, (or get first go at any cheap cars or parts that come or along – HA, you wish!) But those few messages made me a lot happier and have reversed my decision, as the newsletter is an important service to all our country members, who make up the bulk of our membership. Back to the report, I guess because it was written often each evening or morning after the previous day's events and posted daily on the Club website by Neil, it had a certain spontaneity that several said made them feel they were on the Rally as well.

Back in February I had a visit by my nephew, and we made an "Executive Decision" that I needed a new computer, having used the same basic system since 2014.

Unfortunately, I have a problem with the email, I have lost my "address book"! I did like it told me and copied the files from my old PC and loaded them in the Contact folder, but Outlook does not seem to be able to recognise it. So, why not use my old computer to send out this newsletter to all our members like before, yes that works, BUT all the emails then disappear from the new computer due to some paradox (bit like Doctor Who can never go back and change History). So, I must apologise that instead of sending the newsletter to you directly, you will now be sent a "Link" to our website. Otherwise, it means typing in over 100 email addresses (and not making mistakes). Finally, you will see we have no rally reports for May, unfortunately the National Motoring Heritage Day Run had to be cancelled. So, more room in the newsletter for more photos from Warrnambool!

**Editor Tim Braby**

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#### **The A7RQ Inc. On Line**

We have a website which you can view at. Here you can find past newsletters, rally reports and a regularly updated list of events.  
All our websites have now been updated with photos and reports of our last runs.  
**[austin7.org.au/events](http://austin7.org.au/events) & Face book Austin7 Register of Qld Inc.**



## **AUSTIN 7 REGISTER OF QLD. CLUB EVENTS & INVITATION RUNS FOR THE NEW YEAR 2022**

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT AUSTIN 7 REGISTER OF QLD. EVENTS**

I will endeavour to keep you regularly informed of A7 Reg. Qld updates as they occur by updating our website. Please let me know if you hear about any of the "External Events" that I have listed on the A7 Website that have been cancelled or postponed.

**Also Very Important: Make sure you have cancelled any accommodation bookings you may have had for any cancelled or postponed A7 Event.**



Please contact me if you have any suggestions/comments etc. about our A7 Websites. Always check our A7 Register Qld Web site for possible recent updates/cancellations/postponements prior to attending any event. And IF IN ANY DOUBT - contact the event organisers to find out what the situation is.  
Happy Motoring and stay safe & well in these difficult times,

**Neil Thyer (ph. 0431 067 909) A7 Qld Reg. Events Coordinator & A7 Web Master**

**Also note!! Some details and or dates of these events are still to be confirmed.**

**A7 Website:** <http://austin7.org.au/>

**Do not forget it is always recommended that while on all Events and Runs, you carry your current Membership Card along with any information about the event you are attending. It will be necessary to produce this information if you are confronted, for any reason, by a member of the Police Force while participating in an Event.**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June : A7 Register General Meeting** commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June : A7 Register June Event: RACQ Motorfest.** Static display from 10am to 3pm at Brisbane Showgrounds. A7 members may wish to meet at Centenary Pool Carpark for departure to Motorfest “British” entry point. Members may also independently travel to venue. Members to make own arrangements re. Registration.

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> June : External Event:** Our Club has been invited to a **Car Show & Family Fun Day** organised by the Sunnybank Hills Rotary Club. Event is to be held at the Mt Gravatt Show Grounds. Entry is \$5, kids free. For more information refer to this website: <http://www.sbhrotary.org.au/>

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> to Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June : A7 Register Event: Sunny Coast Run.** Our A7 members, Trev & Bev McCulloch (ph. 0409 637 290), have volunteered to organise an away A7 event on the Queensland Sunshine Coast. The 6 day event will use the Sunshine Coast Antique Car Club, Room at Nambour Showgrounds, as headquarters for the event. Preliminary details of this event and accommodation options are now posted on our website in ‘Sunny Coast Run’. Members attending are requested to supply the following information to the Run Organisers ASAP: their names, car details (inc. rego. No.), phone contact number, accommodation booking (motel name), period of Run attendance and any special dietary requirements. Trev & Bev’s contact details are in your ‘Register of Members’ booklet. Members are also requested to BYO eating & drinking utensils, a thermos flask and follow Qld Gov. Covid conditions.

**PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME OF EVENTS:** (refer to our Website for further details.)

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Check in at Sunshine Coast Antique Car Club (SCAAC) Club Rooms, Nambour Showgrounds from 9am Welcome Dinner at Woombye Pub. - 6pm for 6.30pm Dinner

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Maleny Run Leave 8.30am sharp from Club Rooms Morning tea supplied, Lunch at Maleny Cheeses

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup>** - Coastal Run Leave 8.30am sharp from Club Rooms Morning Tea supplied, Lunch at the Ginger Factory, Yandina

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>** - Kenilworth Run Leave 8.30am from Club Rooms Morning Tea supplied, Lunch at the Kenilworth Bowls Club

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>** - Sunshine Coast Antique Car Club Hosting a Welcome Day at the Club Rooms Morning Tea and Lunch provided

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup>** - Run to Palmwoods via Eumundi (as the crow flies) Morning Tea at Eumundi - supplied Lunch at Yandina with Farewell dinner at Club Rooms 6.30pm for 7pm dinner (fully catered)

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup>** – Travel home

In spare time there are many things to do and see around town: op shop shopping for the ladies and the new tram station and museum all walking distant from each other. Also all within walking distance there are many food and beverage options some are the RSL, Stalwart Brewery, pubs and cafes.

#### **ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS:**

Because of the rental crisis on the Sunshine Coast, accommodation at cabins and caravan parks is non – existent, with most of these sites being full-time rentals. These are some options we have found that are close to the Run Base, SCACC Club Room, at the Nambour Showgrounds. **You will need to book ASAP as this is also school holidays.** Also trailer accommodation is to be kindly provided at the McCulloch's property.

**Closest to Base** - Motel Nambour, 2 Rigby St 07 5441 5500 Contact: James (some are booked here)

**Next Closest to Base** - Centre Point Motel, 26 Coronation Avenue 07 5441 4811 Contact: George

**Nambour Heights Motel** 4 Nambour Mapleton Rd 07 5476 1888 Contact: Lenore

**Red Bridge Motor Inn** 380 Nambour Connection Rd 07 5442 3933 Contact: Tr

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July : A7 Register General** Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

**Sunday 10th July : A7 Register July Event:** Our July Club event this year will be a run to the property of our members, Ron & Daph Toy at Stockleigh. The Toys have several sheds full of interesting machinery including A7s. The itinerary of this event will be to meet at Doug & Robyn's house, Middle Road, Boronia Heights, at around 9.00am to 9.30am for BYO morning tea. Departure from there will be around 10.30am for a run to the Toy's residence (20 min drive). Here there will be a tour of Ron's sheds followed by a BYO lunch.

**Sunday 16th July : External Event: Noosa Beach Classic Car Show 2022.** This 34-year static display event is to be held on Sunday 16 July 2022 at McKinnion Drive Sports Complex, Noosa. This is an all marques and models car show. For more information log onto [www.noosacarclub.com.au](http://www.noosacarclub.com.au) Members who wish to attend are to make their own arrangements re. registration, travel, accommodation etc.

**Tuesday 19th to Sunday 24th July: A7 Register July Event:** The UK Austin Seven Clubs' Association is holding a week of festivities to celebrate 100 years of Austin Sevens. The UK 2022 Austin 7 Centenary Celebration will be located at the Fire Services College, Moreton-in Marsh, Gloucestershire, UK, in July 2022. Austin 7 enthusiasts from all over the world are expected to attend and it is anticipated that the culmination will be a rally of over 1,000 Austin Sevens.

For more information refer to our A7 Website or log onto the official 'Austin Seven Centenary Celebration' Website: <https://a7centenary.com> and check earlier A7RQ Newsletters

**Sunday 31st July: External Event:** Our A7 Club has been invited to attend the **VCCQ Annual Concourse D'Elegance** to be held at Sherwood Arboretum from 9am to 1pm. Members are to arrange their own travel etc. for this event. DETAILS TO BE CONFIRMED

**Friday 12th August: A7 Register Club Centenary Weekend – General Meeting & AGM** commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

**Saturday 13th August: A7 Register August Event: A7 Club Weekend – Saturday Centenary Lunch.** A lunch will be provided to members at the Club Rooms, Carindale, commencing at 11am. Food (Ham, Chicken, Salads & Desert) will be provided but drinks (hot or cold), cutlery, plates, cups etc. are BYO. As this is an A7 Reg. Event, members are encouraged to wear their name tags, drive their A7s and follow Qld Govt Covid conditions of entry. RSVP Robyn Clark (ph. 3800 1965) by 1 August 2022.

**Sunday 14th August: A7 Register August Event: A7 Club Weekend – Centenary Static Display.** Display to be held at Morningside School of Arts hall & grounds, corner Wynnum & Thynne Road, Morningside (in Morningside shopping village precinct – UBD p24 Q1) Entry off Wynnum Road. Ample trailer & public parking on site. The display is organized by Robyn Clark (Ph. 3800 1965). Members are to wear their name tags and make their own way to the venue and follow Qld Govt Covid conditions of entry. Display to commence at 9am and conclude around 1pm. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch but there are many food shops & cafes adjoining the venue.

**Saturday 3 – Sunday 4 September; The 49th Toowoomba Swap is back for 2022.** With a great variety of vintage and veteran cars on show to trade, exchange, and display – this is the perfect event for vehicle enthusiasts. Toowoomba Showgrounds, Glenvale Road, Glenvale, 4350

**Wednesday September 7th to Sunday September 11th AUSTINS OVER AUSTRALIA 2022** Albury - Wodonga. External Event: As the Austins Over Australia in NSW in 2021 had been cancelled, the Vintage Austin Register (Vic) and the Austin Motor Vehicle Club (Qld) are proposing a Mini Austins Over Australia based in Albury /Wodonga from Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September to Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022. If you are interested in attending please email John Blythe at [jrb.12@bigpond.com](mailto:jrb.12@bigpond.com) and also CC [kparker@bigpond.net.au](mailto:kparker@bigpond.net.au) so that they know how many members are interested in attending. This will help plan how members might travel together for those interested. More information about this event is on our A7 Website in 'Austins Over Australia'. A7 Members are to make own arrangements re. Registration, Accommodation, Travel etc..

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> September: A7 Register General Meeting** commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September :** External Event: The Chrysler Owners' Club of Qld have invited our A7 Club to participate in the **Chrysler Expo 2022** at the Rocklea Showgrounds on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2022 from 6am



to 1pm. The Expo will include a Swap meet, Trade Sites and a diverse range of Vintage and Historic themed exhibits. For more information email: [chryslerexpo@gmail.com](mailto:chryslerexpo@gmail.com) Members are to make their own arrangements re registration & travel.

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2022:** External Event: Our Club has been invited to attend the **Queensland Heritage Rally** hosted by the Kingaroy & District Vintage Machinery Club to be held at 2 Geoff Ralph Drive, Kingaroy. For more details contact Charmaine Osbourne ph. 0434 074 340 or email: [kdvmc2022@gmail.com](mailto:kdvmc2022@gmail.com) Members are to make their own arrangements re. registration, accommodation, travel etc

**Sunday 18th September ALL BRITISH DAY** This event is hosted by the MG Car Club of Queensland at St. Joseph's College sports grounds at Vivian Street Tennyson. The grounds and facilities have suffered major damage in the recent Brisbane floods. The Event is to be held on the grounds and facilities are repaired by that date. It is suggested to go to the Club's website closer to the Event date to confirm the Event is on and at the said location.

## **MINUTES OF PAST A7R9 MEETINGS**

**Austin Seven Register of Qld Inc**

**Meeting No 611, 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2022**

**Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale**

**Meeting Opened:** The President declared the meeting opened at 9.45 am with a welcome to all.

**Attendance:** 22 members signed the book

**Apologies:** T Braby, P & G Cahalane, J McKeering, S & J Hayes

**Minutes:** Robyn read the minutes of the March meet & moved it be accepted as a true & correct record.

Seconded by Neil Thyer. Carried

**Business arising from Minutes:** Nil

**Correspondence IN** Newsletters from other clubs most emailed out

Email from Tim re apology & Editor's report.

**OUT:** membership & parts books to Stuart Robert>

Robyn moved the correspondence be accepted as read & the outward endorsed. Seconded by Lindsay Jordan.

Carried

**Business arising from correspondence:** Nil

**Treasurer's Report:** Sharon gave her report on the club's finances & moved it be accepted. Seconded by Trevor Moore. Carried

**QHMC Report:** Nil

**Spare Parts Report:** Trevor has been very quiet on the sales front but will be placing another order **this weekend.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Parts Report:** Peter Dorman asked if there were any Radius Rods in stock & Doug was pleased to say YES.

**Editors Report:** Steve read Tim's report.

**Dating Officers Report:** Nil

**Web Masters Report:** Neil stated all up to date.

**Club Events:**

15<sup>th</sup> May National Motoring Heritage Day. (Numbers please)

22<sup>nd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> June Sunshine Coast Run organized by Trevor & Bev McCulloch

**Other Events:**

8<sup>th</sup> May LAMA Swap

21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> May Heritage Truck Show CANCELLED

28<sup>th</sup> May Bayside Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, 10am Ormiston State School

19<sup>th</sup> June RACQ Motorfest, RNA Showgrounds. Drip Tray required. Book online

**Past Events:**

Presidents Run Report on website & in newsletter

## **General Business:**

Any suggestions for Lindsay to bring up at National Rally

Club to have made 100-year bumper badges. Only members who have pre ordered them will be able to purchase them. Approx \$50 each.

Members going to the Sunshine Coast Run to take with them their own chairs, Thermos, Cups, Name Badges & First Aid kits & a pair of Socks. Remember to give your details to Trevor & Bev.

Committee to have a discussion after the meeting about a price rise in next years membership fees.

**Raffle:** Valda selling tickets in today's raffle.

**Report of Cars &/or troubles:** Brett Reif took 21/2 hours to get home after the Presidents Run.

Karan Ryan is still waiting for her husband to finish her A7.

**Birthdays:** Members having a birthday in April wished many Happy Returns.

Sick members wished a speedy recovery.

**Supper Organizer:** Karen & Neil volunteered to do May Supper.

**Committee Meeting:** TBA

**Next Meeting:** 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Steve then wished all going to Warrnambool a safe trip & keep Covid safe.

**Meeting closed:** 10.43 am

## **Austin Seven Register of Old Inc**

### **Meeting No 612. 13<sup>th</sup> May 2022**

#### **Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale.**

**Meeting Opened:** President Steve Davidson declared the meeting opened at 7.46 pm with a welcome to all.

**Attendance:** 16 members signed the attendance book

**Apologies:** T & B McCulloch, S Jordan, I & V McDowell, T Bale

**Minutes:** Robyn read the minutes of the April meeting & moved it be accepted as a true & correct Record.

Seconded by Doug Clark. Carried

**Business arising from Minutes:** Nil

**Correspondence IN:** Newsletters from other clubs. Most emailed out

Membership application inquiry from Benjamin Chapman & Ken Clowes

Phone call from Col ???, Chapel Hill 1929 A7 Ace Racer

Membership cancellation from Alan Robert

Email from Andrew Pooley, England re information & images about the Austin 7 Clubs in Australia

22<sup>nd</sup> May Mac's Bridge Sports & Classic Car Festival CANCELLED

QHMC Minutes & newsletter

Change of address for Ted Bale

Phone calls & emails from various members re 100-year bumper badge

Phone call from Cheryl Nott re National Motoring Heritage Day Run CANCELLED

Email Bundaberg Car, Bike & Machinery Show CANCELLED

**OUT:** Emails to Tim, Sharon, Steve, Neil & Trevor re membership & Andrew Pooley request

Robyn moved the correspondence be accepted as read & the outward endorsed. Seconded by Neil Thyer.

Carried

**Business arising from minutes;** Tim reported the Melbourne club will be responding to Andrew Pooley request on behalf of all clubs

**Treasurer's Report:** Lindsay gave this report on Sharon's behalf. Then moved it be accepted. Seconded by Merv Thompson. Carried.

**QHMC Report:** Justin McKeering gave his report. Minutes & Newsletter on table

**Spare Parts Report:** Trevor stated it had been a quiet month.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Parts Report:** No sales.

**Editors Report:** AGM nomination forms in next newsletter. Tim was pleased to have so much feedback from his daily reports from Warrnambool, & thankyou to Neil for posting it on the website.

**Dating Officers Report:** Nil

**Web Master Report:** All OK & up to date.

**Club Events:**

15<sup>th</sup> May National Motoring Heritage Day CANCELLED

22<sup>nd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup> June Sunny Coast Run. Organized by Trevor & Bev McCulloch

10<sup>th</sup> July Club run details later.

**Other Events:**

14<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> May Allora Heritage Weekend CANCELLED

21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> May Heritage Truck Show POSTPONED

22<sup>nd</sup> May Mac's Bridge Sports & Classic Car Festival CANCELLED

28<sup>th</sup> May Bayside Australia's Biggest Morning Tea, 10am Ormiston State School

19<sup>th</sup> June RACQ Motorfest, RNA Showgrounds

15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> July Old Wheels in Motion, Biloela

30<sup>th</sup> July Nambour Swap, Showgrounds

31<sup>st</sup> July VCCQ Concourse, Sherwood

2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Sept Toowoomba Swap

18<sup>th</sup> Sept Gympie Swap

19<sup>th</sup> Sept All British Day, St Josephs College Oval, Tennyson

**Past Events:**

Warrnambool on website & in newsletter

Get together at Clark's residents.

**Library Report:** Terry Hicks donated photo albums (via Tim) to the library.

**General Business:**

Robyn has had 54 orders for 100 yrs. bumper badges, & spoken to Trevor about orders & price

Russell & Vanda Curtis going to England for the 100 year celebration of A7's

Tim had his photo album of over 300 photos from Warrnambool to members to view

**Raffle:** Elaine sold our raffle tickets tonight

**Report on cars &/or car troubles** Two of our members had trouble with fuel. (no names mentioned) one going down & the other returning from Warrnambool. I'm sure they will double check which nozzle they pick up at a service station in future.

**Birthdays:** Members having a birthday in May wished Many Happy Returns

Sick members wished a speedy recovery Trevor McCulloch & Peter

Goldsworthy

**Supper Organizer:** Thank you to Karen & Neil for tonight's supper

June meeting, John Que kindly volunteered

**Committee Meeting:** TBA

**Next Meeting:** 19<sup>th</sup> June 2022

**Meeting closed:** 8.35pm with Steve thanking members for coming & safe trip home. *Robyn*



## NEWS OF MEMBERS AND CARS

Welcome to new members

Barry Akers (details not yet known)

Ben Chapman of Moranbah who has a 1928 Chummy.

Ken Cowles of Upper Kedron (who I believe has Guy Freeman's Cambridge Special?)

We hope that all members will make these new members feel welcome.

Trevor McCulloch had a visit to the hospital recently but has bounced back will be with us on the Sunny Coast run. I have also heard that Peter and Dawn Ables will not now be joining us at Nambour, both are well but age is catching up with Peter. Ken Folliot is also having some mobility issues. I wish you all well!!!!~

## PAST RALLYS AND EVENTS REPORTS



## The Christening of Doug & Robyn's Gazebo 10 April



Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April was a fine and slightly cloudy day as a group of A7 members arrived at the Boronia Heights residence of Doug & Robyn at around 10am for a chatty morning tea and lunch. The purpose of this A7 event was the christening of the newly completed gazebo in their back yard.

All in attendance agreed that Doug, with the help of Robyn, had done an amazing job in the design and construction of this amazing and architecturally significant masterpiece.

Those present to admire and express their appreciation of the use of the structure were Trev & Elaine, Ron & Daphne, Peter & Gail, Neil & Karyn and of course, our hosts, Doug & Robyn.

The morning seemed to pass quickly with lively general conversation on many topics, some of which were questionable and perhaps in need of censorship.

*(Left: Doug describes building his Gazebo to Daphne and Ron Toy and Gail Cahalane---- )*

The morning tea of dips and cakes was replaced at around 12.30pm by lunches brought by the majority of members present.



*(Right -----And Elaine and Trevor Moore and Robyn listen attentively to Doug (probably describing how he stained the timber or some such).*

Thank you to Doug & Robyn for hosting a most pleasant Sunday morning in the shelter of the well-constructed gazebo that will invariably be used for many more such pleasurable occasions. **Neil**



## 2022 National Rally at Warrnambool



## More Warrnambool photos from the official Centenary Rally Facebook page

Home made sign at the Curdies River Bridge



"I think I see kangaroo up ahead" 3 Kangas at Tower Hill Reserve became anxious when they were confronted by the Austin Sevens.



Old Man (or is it Mother?) Emu strikes up a conversation with a family at Tower Hill



The official handing over of the check to South West (Vic.) Healthcare. That is Andrea Casabene and Michael Shegog on the right. The rep from Healthcare is the lady in the middle. \$11,000 was not an amount to be sneezed at! And I heard there was possibly at least another \$2000 from the sale of items at dinner



Several from the Victorian Club strike a happy pose in Vintage bathing gear, Yes that is Duncan and Crystal Logan at the left!!

I don't know, some people like to get dressed up! Ross and Sylvia and "Baby Ben" dressed up at Timboon



## A pictorial record of Most of the Queensland Club cars at Warrnambool





Brian and Anne Brindley in their 1937 Tourer



Ross and Silvia Chapman in "Baby Ben"



Russell and Vanda Curtis in their "Top Hat"



Lindsay Jordan and Sharon Cowden in "Ernie"



Justin McCarthy and Patti in "Greypower!"



Merv and Margaret Thompson in their "Ruby" Tourer



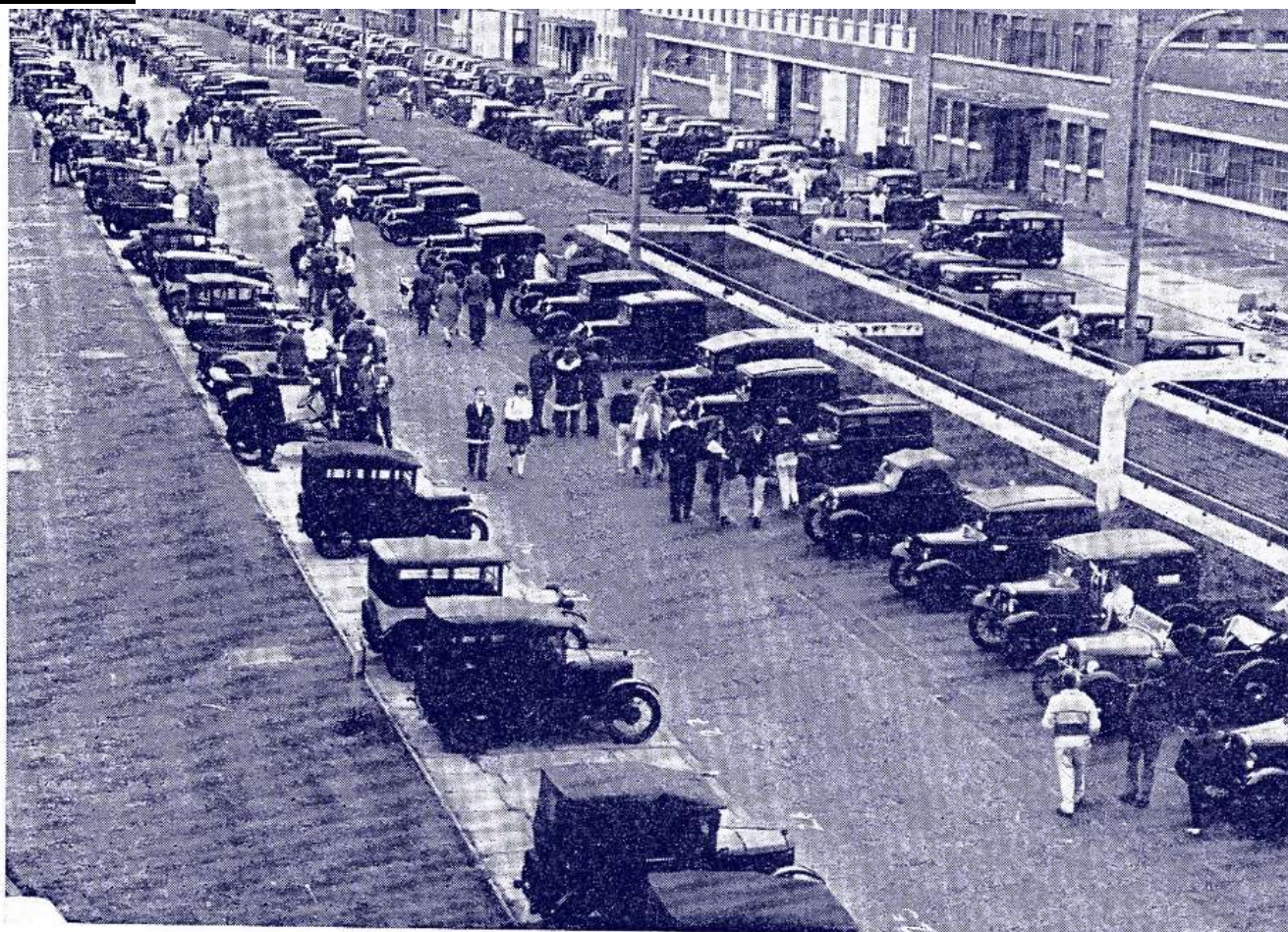
John and Robyn Ikin in their 1937 Ruby Saloon



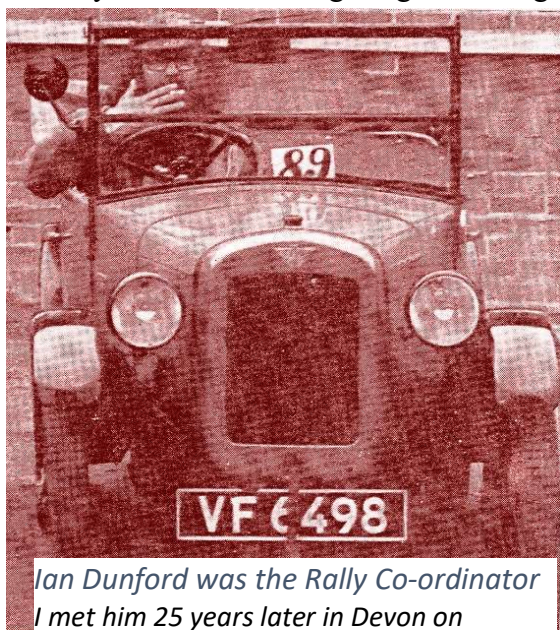
Paul & Darryl Stockley entered their 1929 Meteor in honour of their Dad Cliff Stockley



# **THE GOLDEN JUBILEE OF THE AUSTIN 7 - LONGBRIDGE AUGUST 1972**



50 years ago in the UK, The Golden Jubilee of the Austin Seven was conducted over a 3 day August Bank Holiday Weekend at Longbridge, Birmingham. The event went exceedingly well. There were 415 Sevens,



*Ian Dunford was the Rally Co-ordinator  
I met him 25 years later in Devon on  
Porlock Hill! ( Editor Tim)*

PHOTOGRAPH BY IAN DUNFORD

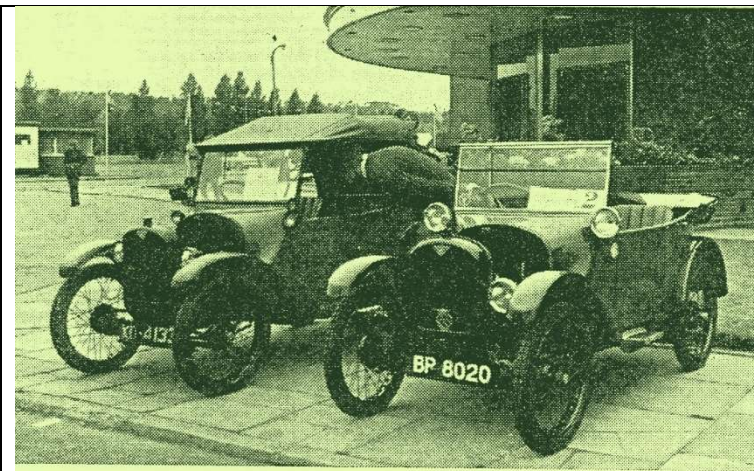
backed up by half-a-dozen Big Sevens and a number of Austin Specials. This was the largest vet gathering of one make, let alone one model ever seen in the UK till then. The large assembly stretched down both sides of a dual carriage way at the old Austin Works. It was estimated that this many cars represented one week's production at the peak of the Seven's production. It was also supposed that for every car present there probably were at least two *not* present at this remarkable rally, Britain must possess at the very least 1500 survivors of its best-loved car. The very early Chummies drew the onlookers. The Birmingham transport Museum's 1923 example, claimed to be the earliest outside the science Museum, having been first registered in June 1923, but with later modern (for a Seven) conveniences, but D.A.Doughty's 1923 Tourer, being registered in August 1923, was without a fan, a starter and no shock absorbers, and had the metal universal joint, like the very first cars made.

(it makes you think, all those cars are now 50 years old now, than they were then!)

More photos next page!

*From the Editors scrap book and Veteran and Vintage Magazine 1972*





Oldest Inhabitants. Two 1923 Tourers at Longbridge, owned by the Birmingham Transport Museum and T. A. Doughty respectively.



Pearls without price . . . but in Austin parlance they are Rubies, being saloons. The sloping screens indicate 1937-39 models with three-bearing engines. Photo: Richard Fitch

## **AUSTIN SEVENS COMPLETE A EPIC 11,000-MILE TRIP THROUGH THE AMERICAS IN 2013**

25 Jun 2013 <https://www.classicandsportscar.com>

The Nicaraguan police force and mechanical misdemeanors were just two of the challenges faced by a



heroic team of three Austin Sevens as they travelled from Buenos Aires to New York from 20 February to 12 June. Tackling the journey were seasoned Austin enthusiasts Jack Peppiatt and Amanda Peters in their 1933 RP DeLuxe Saloon, River Dukes and Diana Garside in a 1929 Chummy (a wedding present from Diana's mother) and Stan Price in his 1932 RN Saloon. The trio would follow the same route as Austin Seven adventurer John Coleman whose

book, *Coleman's Drive*, had inspired Peppiatt to plan the expedition.

Peppiatt said: "My uncle gave me an Austin Seven at the age of 16, complete with its rear axle on the back seat. He told me that the car was mine, all I had to do was fit the axle."

Having completed the work and read the book, the plan to tackle Coleman's 1959 route was firmly etched in Peppiatt's mind.

"I would meet Coleman some years later and shared with him my plan to retrace his steps and he wholeheartedly approved," said Peppiatt.

The trip followed the original route of Coleman, who died in 2010, as closely as possible, starting in Argentina and travelling through Chile, Peru, Ecuador and Colombia, before catching a ferry to Panama and on to Costa Rica, Nicaragua, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico and, finally, the USA.



“One of the hairiest moments of the trip came after an accident in Nicaragua,” added Peppiatt. “A three-inch lip from the road to the verge and a sudden gust of wind caused River to come off the road and brush some farm workers.

“The police arrived, and River had to spend the night as a guest of the Nicaraguan constabulary. No one was seriously hurt in the accident, though, and we were soon sent on our way.”

Car trouble was also a factor, although maybe not as much as you would have thought on such a gruelling escapade.

“In all we suffered 10 punctures, while Diana’s Chummy required a new gearbox,” said Peppiatt.

One of biggest problems, though, was broken piston rings, which resulted in an engine rebuild and head polish in Lima thanks to local mechanic Javier Garaycochea.

Peppiatt said: “Without Javier we would have been sunk, I think. His contacts and extreme helpfulness saved the day. We have a large vote of thanks to offer him and his workshop staff and contacts – the engine’s still running strong 6000 miles later.”

Diana’s Chummy, Feisty, would require similar work in northern Panama.

The trip has since drummed up international interest, with Peppiatt’s blog receiving more than 30,000 reads.

All of the cars (including Coleman’s original Seven) will be on show at the National Austin 7 Rally at Beaulieu, Hants on 7 July.

Joining them at Beaulieu will be an Austin Seven that’s travelled even further.

Guy Butcher and Eunice Kratky recently completed an 18,000-mile, eight-and-a-half-month journey in a 1928 Chummy. They drove from Baltimore to Alaska and then down to Tierra del Fuego, the tip of South America. Read their story at www.bespk.com.

Photos: Jack Peppiatt

## A Classic drive with 'Alfred'

*From the Moreton Daily News, Feb 16th 2022 Story Nick Crockford*



PHOTO DOMINIKA LIS | Bribie resident Justin McCarthy with his 97-year-old vintage Austin 7, which he calls Alfred.

JUSTIN McCarthy and 'Alfred' can be seen most days driving around Bribie Island.



One is an 81-year-old retiree, the other a 97\*-year old vintage Austin 7, but neither is limited to the island's roads.

They take part in time trials; hill climbs and are off to Victoria in April for the centenary celebrations for the first Austin 7 built in the UK.

"It's such a wonderful car to drive," said Mr McCarthy, who moved to Bribie in 2000.

"Alfred, my car, is appreciated by many. People take pictures and videos.

The police (on Bribie) wave to us.

"It brings back many happy memories to those old enough to remember when Austin 7s were all people could afford."

The Austin 7 was built from 1922 to 1939 in two-door and three-door van models becoming so popular it replaced most other British economy cars and sidecars.

It was advertised at a price of 50 pounds and giving 50 miles to the gallon!

Mr McCarthy bought his first Austin 7 in Brisbane at the age of 16. It was the start of a life-long love affair and today he has three registered vehicles.

At the age of 75 Mr McCarthy started racing at Morgan Park Raceway, War wick in a 16km time trial.

Alfred, built by vintage car restorer Rob Gabb now with a new chassis, was last on that occasion but a new journey had begun. since competed in time trails at Wondai, done the Noosa Hill Climb, Leyburn Sprints and raced at Lakeside in Kurwongbah.

Alfred's top speed on the hill climb is around 55km/h and on tracks approaching 100km/h.

The Duo was last on that occasion, and Mr McCarthy says he is helping "keep motoring history alive" as possibly the oldest driver in in the oldest car on tracks in Queensland ... also in the only vehicle with a crank handle. The Noosa Hill Climb in late February may be their next competition and then a trip to Warrnambool, Victoria, for April's rally to mark the centenary of the Austin 7.

*(Editor's note, Sorry to be pedantic but I am not too sure which part of Alfred is 97 years old, and, no it is not the driver!)*

## **ANOTHER MYSTERY OLD A7 ON FACEBOOK**



*the front end. Had air horns but never saw it with a roof*

*The motor could have been Austin Healey Sprite related or just a A40 with later manifold or maybe just the manifold would be Sprite. That car was probably registered around 1964 going by the number plate.*

Trevor Moore sent me these photos of a little c1938 Austin 7 Tourer, thinking that I may remember it as a club car. Unfortunately, I cannot recall it, but former A7 member, Terry Hicks has a recollection of seeing the car. Terry tells me

*" I remember it from the past and saw it a few times at South Brisbane as long ago as about 1960. It went like a sports car with the later model motor and two carbies and was heavy on*





*It is also showing an original first issue A7 Club badge as the later ones had the resin coating on front” (these badges were painted and after a while the paint flakes off!)*

***Terry***

*At left can be seen the old original club badge*



*The car has a  
1948 -52 Austin  
A40 dash panel.  
The car is all  
over red with  
silver wheels and a  
mid-blue interior.*

Before it had a blue paint job, but that red has been there a long, long time! The wheels are 16 inch with 1950s to 60s bolt knock off style hubcaps. The spare is a 19-inch wheel. Under the bonnet the fire wall has been cut away to allow the motor to come back more. It appears to be possibly to even be a motor from the A40 as it has the externally mounted oil filter, but it is hard to see the engine number in the photo!

Anyway, someone in the club MAY remember



the car. Terry thinks it may have been in our club and been on a couple of runs. Anyone else remember it?





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a	Cloth Badge (sew to shirt or cap):	\$10	NEW ITEM (75mm tall)
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d	Longreach Leap Badge 2009	\$8	(60mm wide)
e	Brass Car Badge	\$50	(85mm tall)
f	A7 baseball Cap with adjustable strap	\$20	NEW ITEM one size fits all!

Additionally official A7 Register Name Badges can also be obtained from Rhonda Guthrie for \$10 each email Rhonda at [guthrie45@bigpond.com](mailto:guthrie45@bigpond.com) (the photo above is of an old badge, the new ones are a lot better!) Rhonda tells me that the pricing may be vary with future availability.



## **Austin 7 Classifieds** (over the page)

Please note: to avoid congestion, adverts may only be printed for 3 issues (6 months) depending on space. If you have also sold or found that item you wanted **PLEASE** do tell the Editor.



## FOR SALE 1930 Austin 7 Roadster



In running order and for sale as is with trailer, \$23,000. Please contact Brett and Amanda Wilson

63bawilson@gmail.com  
mobile 0413 848 909  
Lakewood (just south of Port Macquarie)



## FOR SALE 1934 Austin 7 "Opal" Roadster"



We have owned our Austin 7 since 1998, and have rallied it in from Tasmania to Bundaberg, including the Shannons Rally in 2001, and the A7 National events in Mudgee in 2007 and the Barossa in 2012. An older restoration in dark green with black mudguards and tan interior. Car currently in Port Macquarie and for sale due to health concerns (the owner, not the car!).

Please contact Peter and Dawn Abell 0411 584 332 Port Macquarie. (Photo taken on the Bundaberg Rally in 2019) Asking \$18,000 ono. Included also is a box of spare parts

*(Note: Peters phone number was missing a digit in the last newsletter!)*

## SALE 1932 Austin 10/4 Deluxe Saloon 'The Duchess'



Bought new in New Zealand by a small-town garage owner, it was rescued from storage and completely restored in 1976-1980 by Peter Hobart, who then shipped it to the Gold Coast where Peter drove the car on rallies for about 6 years until Doug and Nancy Soden bought it. Nancy drove the car on several rallies till your Editor bought it in 1991 and after enjoying its use on club runs around Brisbane and down to Armidale and the Gold Coast. It was then sold to Daphne in 1998 after which it only came out once or twice. Not driven since 2000 due to other interests. Long term storage in a dry garage but engine now seized and will need dismantling to inspect what must be done. (The engine was pulled down and the



bottom end was re-metaled about 25 years ago and driven on rallies before the car was laid up.) The gearbox is out of car, overhauled by Peter Baker. The differential has also been overhauled by Peter and is back in the car to move it about but has no oil in it. Fuel tank and radiator will need to be removed and professionally flushed out. Brakes, transmission, and other items need to be reconnected. Painted two tone blue with black interior, the car presents as a nice older restoration with sunroof, clock, luggage rack and indicators. 1100cc side valve motor with 4



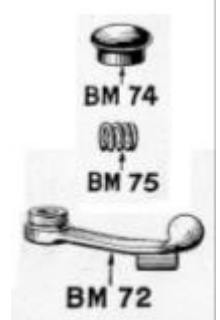
speed crash gearbox. To be sold as is with all faults. Asking price \$10000 but could be negotiable to serious buyers. This grand old Lady (nicknamed "the Duchess") needs TLC but deserves saving! Potentially a nice car that has a bit more leg room than a Seven! Please contact Daphne Bale on 0411 241 557. Car at Samford (just outside Brisbane)

## WANTED

**Austin 7 Horn Button** (part BM74) , identical to that used on the A7 Chummy that screws onto the control lever (BM72) See picture right.

Needed to finish "High-Ho Silver"!!

Contact Peter Dorman on 0427 432 262 or 07 5443 2262



"That's  
all  
folks!"

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