



NEWSLETTER

December 2022



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



**A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL
OUR MEMBERS AND A VERY HAPPY
NEW YEAR FOR 2023**

Two (very) Famous A7s and their Owners



*A recent visitor to West Australia, John Barty (far right) from South Africa was absolutely delighted to tick two items off his bucket list by riding in Tom Newsome's (left) "Egbert" and Clive Ball's (centre) "Samantha". Egbert and Samantha are famous for their long single journeys. Egbert from Melbourne, England to Melbourne, Australia plus around Australia. Samantha famously drove around the world over seven years and is the star of Clive Ball's book *Seven Years with Samantha*. Tom Newsome is fondly remembered from the time he was living in Brisbane for a while after he drove overland from his home in the UK, about 40 years ago.*

The photo comes from the WA Baby Torque magazine where the "boys" were taking part in their 25th Annual Harvey Run just last October.

Editorial Comments

Almost everyone I have spoken tells me or agrees that this year has gone very quickly.

Some say that is because we are all getting older, but I think it is because so much has happened on the Global events, in our own country, where we live and in our own lives.

Especially in the World of Austin 7s, at the start a lot of events were cancelled, but later in the year, when they did take place they were well attended, with a giant sigh of relief for both organisers and attendees! In July, of course, the famous Baby turned 100, as celebrated all around the world, from Australia to the UK. Our own club turned 55 as well, and as a recognition to our own members, at the Club Christmas break up lunch the committee will be giving out certificates to members who have stayed with the club for both over 50 and 40 years. (I am happy to say I joined back in 1976). We have a good smattering of 50 years members, and it would be nice to see you all there.

This year, we have unfortunately lost some of our members who we thought would always be there, in particular Barry Neville and Peter Able, both, who enhanced each meeting and event they attended.

As a final note, at least two cars that have been advertised in this newsletter have now changed hands. Peter and Dawn's car went to Victoria, and Daphne Bale's Austin 10 is now on the Sunshine Coast, sharing digs with another Austin 10. The gentleman who bought the car we met on the Sunshine Coast Run, Barry Shaw, who played a guitar on the Sunday Display day and gave us the blacksmithing demonstration. Hopefully we will see the "Duchess" again? And a late notice, someone in the club has bought Rob Wilkie's Chummy.

Best Wishes for Christmas and a Happy and Healthy and a Peaceful New Year to you all.

Editor Tim Braby

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The A7RQ Inc. Online

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 & Face book Austin7 Register of Qld Inc.

AUSTIN 7 REGISTER OF QLD. CLUB EVENTS & INVITATION RUNS FOR 2022-2023

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.

Please check for updates on the A7 Register 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 9th December: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale. Members are requested to bring a plate of Christmas goodies to share for supper.

Sunday 11th December 2022: A7 Register Christmas Lunch to be held at the Carindale Clubrooms and is to commence at 11.30am. Chicken, Salads and desert will be provided but drinks (hot or cold), cutlery and plates are BYO. As this is an A7 Register event, members are encouraged to wear their name tags, drive their A7s and buy plenty of raffle tickets! At this event, there will be a presentation of Certificates in recognition those A7 Reg. Qld Members who have achieved 40 or 50 years' continuous membership of our Club.

For catering, it is essential that you RSVP Robyn Clark by 1 December – Ph. 3800 1965, text or Email.

Events for 2023

Friday 13th January: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 15th January 2023: A7 Register January Event: MONSTER 2ND HAND A7 PARTS NEW YEAR SALE & MORNING TEA. See notice page 7!

Thursday (Australia Day) 26th January: A7 Register January Event - Redlands Coast Australia Day Event organized by BVRC commencing with vehicle entry from 6am and Complimentary Breakfast, tea & coffee from 7am at Ormiston State School. BYO chairs & cups. Raffles are drawn at around 10am. Runs commence around 10.30am through the Redlands Coast – finishing with a BYO Lunch in a park at completion of your chosen run. For more details or contact Steve on 0411 516 122. A7 members to make own arrangements re travel etc. No dogs or smoking allowed on school grounds.

No Toowoomba Swap Meeting for 2023: At a Special General Meeting on 12 October of the Darling Downs club, it was decided that the date of the Toowoomba Swap will revert to the first weekend in February each year with the next swap to be held on Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th February 2024, not 2023. Site holders have been notified accordingly.

Saturday 28st to Sunday 29nd January: (External Event) Allora Heritage Weekend & Swap Meet, hosted by Warwick Veteran & Vintage Vehicle Club, to be held at the Allora Show Grounds. \$10/person/day. For more information phone Graham: 0428 717 623.

Friday 10th Feb. 2023: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 12th February 2023: A7 Register February Event - Run details to be announced

Friday 10th March 2023: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 12th March 2023: A7 Register March Event: A7 Club President's Run. This event is to be organised by Lindsay & Sharon (ph. 0408 876 559) and will commence at 9am from Centenary Pool Carpark. Further details to be announced.

Sunday 26th March 2023: (External Event) 36th Annual Ormiston Swap Meet organised by the Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club to be held at Ormiston State School commencing at 6am and concluding at 12noon. Pedestrian entry: \$5. Information & Bookings contact Steve 0411 516 122. No dogs or smoking allowed on school grounds.

Friday 14th April 2023: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 16 April 2023: A7 Register Event - Run details to be announced.

May 2023: (External Event, to be Confirmed) - Darling Downs Veteran & Vintage Motor Club 52nd Anniversary Celebration (incorporating the QHMC Southern Qld Rally). Celebration to be held in Toowoomba, Queensland. For more information/registration phone: 0400 163 703 or (07) 463 3181.

Sunday 7th May 2023: (External Event, to be Confirmed) LAMA Annual Swap Meet organized by the Lockyer Antique Motor Association Inc. to be held at the Laidley Showgrounds. Contact The Secretary email: sec.lama@hotmail.com for more details. Members to make their own arrangements re. travel, etc.

Friday 12th May 2023: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Saturday 20th to Sunday 21st May 2023: A7 May Event - Our Club has been invited to attend the **Inaugural National Motoring Heritage Weekend** organized by the QHMC and BVRC at Ormiston State School. Saturday: Static Display from 7am – public from 9am – activities, stalls, displays. Sunday: Assemble 8am for one of three Runs. \$5 cash/car. \$2 cash/public. RSVP or enquiries: president@qhmc.net.au or phone: 0413 553 173.

MINUTES OF PAST A7RG MEETINGS

Austin Seven Register of Qld Inc

Meeting No 617, 14th October 2022

Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale

Meeting opened: The President Steve Davidson declared the meeting opened at 7.51 pm with a welcome to all. Good to see Russell & Vanda Curtis back from 3 months in England & going to the English A7 100th Celebrations.

Attendance: 28 members signed the attendance book.

Apologies: T&B McCulloch, A Couser

Minutes: Robyn read the minutes of the September meeting & moved it to be accepted as a true & correct record. Seconded by Peter Cahalane. Carried.

Business arising from Minutes: NIL

Correspondence IN: Newsletters from other clubs. Most emailed out to members.

Thank You card from Molly Neville.

Email re books for sale

Phone call from P Dorman re the passing of Peter Able

RACQ Life Flight Rescue re donation

John Smith selling his cars

OUT: Gallagher Insurance Recreational Club Scheme form

Sympathy Card to Dawn Able

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

Business arising from Correspondence: RACQ donation to be held over until next year.

Treasurer's Report: Sharon reported on the club's finances & moved her report be accepted. Seconded by Ted Bale. Carried.

QHMC Report: Justin McKeering gave this report.

Spare Parts Report: Trevor has made some sales; Insurance has been paid. Received an email for A7 parts for sale at Hervey Bay & will look into purchasing them for the club.

2nd Hand Parts Report: NIL

Editor's Report: Newsletters emailed out & the others are ready for posting

Dating Officer Report: NIL

Web Master Report: Neil has the newsletters on the web site already.

Club Events:

13th Nov Hugh Cullen is organising. Meet clubrooms 9am. Cleveland Museum 10am. M/T \$6 pp
BYO Lunch

11th Dec A7 Xmas Party at clubrooms. (Numbers Please)

Other Events:

15th-16th Oct HTA Truck Show, Beaudesert Showgrounds

16th Oct Kalbar Swap at Showgrounds. \$3-00 pp

6th Nov Classic & Muscle Car Club of Ipswich, Swap Meet.

26th Jan Australia Day, Ormiston State School

Past Events:

19th Sept Gympie Swap

11th Sept Chrysler Expo, Rocklea Showgrounds

8th Oct Tingalpa Church. Report on website

8th-9th Oct LAMA, Gatton

Brett Reif went on Wheels through Town

Library Report: Lindsay told members there were books for members to take after cleaning out the library.

General Business:

Russell gave a report on the English A7 100th Celebrations. 1100 A7 present.

Raffle: Valda had tonight's raffle drawn

Report on Cars &/ Car Troubles: David Neville now has his father's car on the road after fixing the fly wheel.

Birthdays: Members having a Birthday in October were wished Many Happy Returns.

Sick members wished a speedy recovery.

Supper Organiser: Thank you to Tim for tonight's Supper. November to be Steve Davidson.

Committee Meeting: TBA

Next Meeting: 11th November 2022

Meeting Closed: With on further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 8.50 pm, but members advised we will open the AGM meeting to pass the Auditors Report.

AGM Meeting opened & Sharon presented the financial report from the Auditor. Moved it be accepted. Seconded by Tim Braby. Carried.

Meeting closed.

Austin Seven Register of Queensland Inc

Meeting No. 618, 11th November 2022

Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale.

Meeting Opened: The President declared the meeting opened at 7.55 pm with a welcome to all

Attendance: 30 members signed the book

Apologies: I&V McDowell, T&B McCulloch, M Potts, M&J Hawthorne

Minutes: Robyn read the minutes of the October meeting & moved it be accepted as a true & correct record. Seconded by David Neville. Carried

Business arising from Minutes: NIL



Correspondence IN: Newsletters from other clubs (emailed out or on our website)

Membership application from K Thompson

Thank you card from Dawn Able

Email re change of name now Gold Coast Antique & Classic Auto Club

QHMC Newsletter for October

Transport Department re (new) 30k radius for road testing

Maclean's Bridge Sports & Classic Car Festival 2023 cancelled (due to lack of volunteers. Ed.)

OUT: Newsletters

Robyn moved the correspondence be accepted as read & the outward endorsed. Seconded by Trevor M Carried

Business arising from correspondence: Nil

Treasurer's Report: Sharon gave her report & asked for it to be accepted & all accounts be passed for payment. Seconded by Trevor M Carried

QHMC Report: Steve read the report about tyres & what condition they should be in.

Spare Parts Report: Trevor has made some sales, also bought secondhand parts from Hervey Bay.

2nd Hand parts Report: Doug has sold some wheels & brake drums to Murray Rix

Editor's Report: Tim has some books to give away. Told members about a good A7 write up in the magazine Automobile

Dating Officer: Nil

Web Master Report: A7 website up to date including our new 30 k radius for road testing.

Club Events:

13th Nov Hugh Cullen to organise. Meet Clubrooms 9am \$6 pp m/t BYO Lunch

11th Dec A7 Xmas Party at Clubrooms (numbers please)

26th Jan Australia Day Ormiston School, organized by Bayside Club. 6.30 am

Other Events

28th-29th Jan Allora Heritage Weekend, Showgrounds

Feb 2023 Toowoomba Swap CANCELLED

7th-11th March AOA. Orange

26th March Bayside Swap, Ormiston School

20th-21st May National Motoring Heritage Day

Past Events:

15th-16th Oct HTA Truck Show, Beaudesert Showgrounds

16th Oct Kalbar Swap

6th Nov Classic & Muscle Car Club of Ipswich, Swap Meet

Library Report: Lindsay informed members that the library has templates of hood bows.

General Business: Both Murray Rix (1934 Grasshopper Rep) & Colin Jacobson (1929 A7 Ace) told members about their cars.

Raffle: Elaine had the raffle drawn & Ross Guthrie won it.

Report on Cars &/or car troubles: David Neville would like help in sorting his mother's house.

Birthdays: Members having a Birthday in November wished many Happy R
Sick members wished a speedy return to good health, & our thoughts go out to Kay Topping.

Supper Organiser: Thank you to Gail for filling in for Steve & providing tonight's supper. December Supper = Everyone to bring a plate of goodies to share for Xmas supper

Committee Meeting: TBA

Next Meeting: 9th December 2022

Meeting Closed: 8.34 pm



Robyn

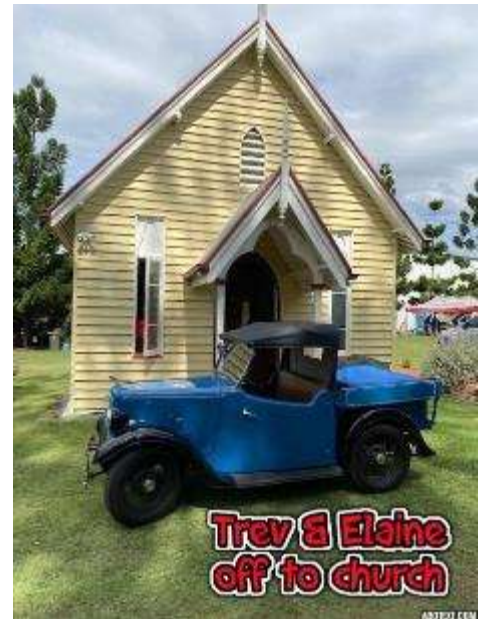
PAST RUNS AND EVENTS REPORTS

Tingalpa Pioneers' Chapel and Cemetery Decoration Day Saturday 8 October 2022



The day began cloudy with a few light sprinkles of rain, but as the morning progressed the rain disappeared, and the weather became fine and warm.

A7 members arrived at the Tingalpa Pioneers' Chapel and Cemetery for its annual Decoration Day to find the



grounds abuzz with market stalls and coffee and food vans. Arriving in their A7s were Doug & Robyn, Trev & Elaine, Lindsay & Sharon, Merv & Margaret, Hugh &

Judy, and Neil & Karyn. John Q was also in attendance. The presence of our members at this event marks the positive relationship that has developed between our Club and the Friends of Tingalpa Cemetery Heritage Group.

At 10am a church service, attended by many of our group, was held in the lovely old chapel. As part of the formalities, our Rally Coordinator, Neil, was awarded Committee Member of the Year for the Friends of Tingalpa Cemetery Heritage Group, for which he also works in a voluntary capacity.



After the service, while visitors admired our beautiful old cars, A7 members



enjoyed socialising, viewing the graves (some of which have been adopted by our A7 members) and browsing the market stalls. They were also able to view vintage motorcycles displayed by the Queensland Vintage Motorcycle Club. A circle of chairs soon developed in the shade of the trees, where our members were able to chat while enjoying the background music provided by Momentum Choir and guitarist, Brett Hammond.

Shortly after 1pm, everyone gathered at the front of the grounds for speeches, the presentation of various certificates of thanks, and

the drawing of multiple raffles and lucky door prizes. Neil was lucky enough to win a raffle prize of a beautifully crocheted blanket.

Following these formalities, everyone started leaving for their respective abodes, having spent an enjoyable day at this annual event to fundraise for the maintenance of the Chapel and Cemetery grounds.



Many thanks go to the Heritage Group's President, Ray Pini, and Vice President, Donna Turner, for organising the event and to Doug & Robyn and John Q for their assistance with setting up for the event and packing up afterwards.

Run report written by Karyn

A DAY AT THE BAY – SUNDAY 13 NOVEMBER 2022



In stark contrast to our southern States, Sunday morning in Brisbane was beaming with sunlight - great conditions for an A7 run to the Bay. The Carindale Clubrooms carpark was humming with the arrival of five gleaming A7s, ready for the much anticipated monthly run. Arriving in their A7s were Doug & Robyn, Trev & Elaine, Lindsay & Sharon, President Steve, and Russell, Vanda & Louis their faithful dog. Arriving in their modern cars were Day at the Bay Organiser Hugh, Neil & Karyn, Merv & Margaret, Joe & Margaret

and John.

At around 9am, after a briefing by Organiser Hugh, we set off heading left out of the carpark onto Old Cleveland Road, towards the Bay.

A couple of kilometres from the Clubroom, Russell, Vanda & Louis experienced some car trouble and



decided to leave their A7 on the grass verge beside the road. They continued the day's journey travelling modern with Neil & Karyn, deciding to retrieve their car after the run.

On the way we passed through the suburbs of Chandler, Capalaba, Alexandra Hills and Ormiston, eventually arriving at the bayside suburb of Cleveland. After a few more turns we arrived at the Redland Museum, and the A7s were directed to park on the grass within the Museum grounds.

Here we were met by Hugh's wife, Judy,

and by our volunteer Museum Guides, Kevin and Owen. We were invited to assemble on the Museum veranda to partake of a Devonshire morning tea – scones, jam, cream, tea and coffee.

Following this sumptuous culinary delight prepared and served by volunteers Barbara, Wendy and Tricia, we joined our Museum Guides on a tour of this unique heritage museum. The displays of very interesting

and historic items associated with the Redlands area captured our members' interest for about an hour and a half.

At around 11.45am, after a singalong around one of the vintage pianolas, President Steve thanked our Museum hosts and we headed off to C. J. Walter Park for lunch at the water's edge. On arrival we were met by Judy, who had arrived early to reserve a gazebo for us and had



decorated the table with fresh gardenias. Following lunch, Organiser Hugh gave us a summary of the proposed controversial Toondah Harbour development, planned for the foreshore not far from our location. Hugh then gave us a short quiz to test our

knowledge about Austin 7s, the Redland Museum and the Cleveland area. Russell, Vanda & Louis were the winners of the quiz by a big margin. Those with the least correct answers were President Steve, Trev & Elaine, and Neil & Karyn. After a quick lucky draw to determine last place, Neil & Karyn were excited to be crowned the successful losers. Hugh then presented prizes to these first and last place-getters. Both President Steve and Neil thanked our run organisers for a most entertaining and well-organised day at the Bay. Well done, Hugh & Judy, for a splendid effort in organising this highly successful event!

Run report written by Neil



Beaulieu Austin 7 59th National Rally July 3rd 2022 (back in the UK)

I decided to attend the Austin 7 Rally held annually at Beaulieu and although this is a 500 mile + round trip from Southport (West Lincs.) I felt it would be worthwhile. I was towing a trailer with my Scuttle Scoop Pram Hood Chummy on board and the trip took me around 6 hours with stops.

The Rally is held on some of the fields where the September Autojumble is held, this is a vast space allowing plenty of room for camping as well as a large arena for driving tests and display area.

Around 160 cars were on display with most of these being Austin 7's, the Rally was held on a Sunday so I arranged to get there on the Saturday lunchtime to set up my tent and to have a good look around the Motor Museum.

For those of you who have been to The Beaulieu Motor Museum you will know what an amazing display there is there and whilst I had been there many years ago I had forgotten how excellent the Museum is.

One of the attractions is a mono-rail which is elevated and transits through the Museum 30 feet above the exhibits, and then does a tour around the Beaulieu gardens all included in the entrance price.

Around 5 or 6 Austin 7 suppliers were trading on

the site and several other private people had set up their stalls with Autojumble, thankfully there were no stalls selling furry dice!!

The cars were all assembled by 11.00am and then the Concours judging took place with some amazing cars on display. There were three Scoop Scuttle cars on the field along with mine and a really good quantity of

Top Hat 1920's Saloons.

As well as these cars there were dozens of Chummy's, Specials, Ulsters, and a few single seaters on display, a really good turnout.

The main feature of the Rally are the amazing people who attend, I found so many knowledgeable people who understand every feature of our cars and were able to help me understand my car better. Being an early car there were a lot of people interested to chat about the car and point me in the direction of what is correct and what is not.

I had been experiencing some difficulties in getting

the magneto to run correctly, and in particular the timing of the points cam (this is a ML RF4 mag) the unit had suffered with damp in the bearings and needed bringing back to life.

I had managed the re-build the unit, but timing the points cam, which is infinitely variable, was a complete dark art, but an expert in mags came to my rescue and explained the procedure, I have now managed to get it running ok on my 1928 Chummy, although timing Mags is much more difficult than with conventional points system.

The weather was good with a short shower in the afternoon followed by blistering sun which was difficult to keep out of, but I always take a large brolly for circumstances like this !

There were driving tests in the afternoon when there was some spirited driving with a few over cooking it on the slippery grass, but know one came to grief and a good time was had by all.



One company displaying was “The Austin Motor Company” who had taken a late 30’s Ruby and put an electric motor in it, claimed a range of 80-100 miles and the company also had on display two IC engined single seated cars in the style of a Seven Special.



Their website is currently displaying an all-electric “Austin Arrow” seen above which is an all-electric Austin in the style of a 30’s special.

Whilst not to my personal liking I can see that someone else would be interested in an “off the peg” car like these.

I have included a few photos from the Rally and can recommend it to you if you are happy to drive the 500+ miles to Beaulieu and back, I really enjoyed the venue.

Martyn Griffiths, West Lancashire Austin 7 Club

The Austin Seven Centenary Celebrations at Moreton in Marsh Fire Service College.

It was a fantastic event and will never be repeated in our lifetime.

What we received for our entry fee of £25 was incredible.

The use of the Fire Service Site. A huge double marquee, four live bands, Hook Norton bar, Street food stalls, a day at Prescott, five tour routes to follow, a bespoke Ordnance Survey map of the area, children’s entertainment, a fairground organ, a



unique pop up museum. An extensive program listing all entrants, an exhibition guide, a new book about Stanley Edge, an enamel commemorative lapel badge, an enamel car rally plaque badge. That last item alone was worth the £25!! No doubt I have forgotten to list some significant bits and pieces but the above gives a very good idea as to the extent of the offering. There was also an exhibition by David Mawby of his very original unrestored Austin Sevens.

The work over the last three years by the committee came to a very successful conclusion. Over the week many, many people offered their services as volunteers for various tasks making for a super-efficient running of the event. Good humour exuded everywhere.



Works Single seater Austin Sevens



Front axle detail, wonderful!



The David Mawby Collection

Here are some of my experiences

Tuesday morning I was up early to take advantage of the new early time for the gates to open at FSC due to the extreme heat expected that day. I set off just after 07:10 and arrived at 08:15. The run was uneventful apart from me successfully overtaking a slow lorry while ascending Fish Hill. Despite the temperature I was pleased to note that the car never overheated. The radiator recore and blocked water gallery clean out has clearly been effective.

Check in and registration was very efficient and in no time I was off looking for my accommodation block. This was of course an initiative test! The room key and site plan said Wellington, but the block was called Bridges 2! After some touring around the correct building was identified so it was all good in the end.

This is a large site and one soon got used to walking the distances between HQ/bars/restaurant and other areas of interest. My phone tells me that I walked 25 miles during the event and don't my knees know it now!

The heat was beyond description that day and all through the night the room was very uncomfortably hot. Thank heavens I brought an electric fan with me.

Wednesday most people went to Prescott, there was a parade of Sevens up the hill and full power demonstrations by the single seaters. I gather this the first time that all these race cars had been gathered together. I was on volunteering duties so did not attend.

The evening entertainment was provided by an Oompah Band, much jumping about and thigh slapping and lederhosen. The huge marquee was full of great jollity.



The Marquee and dancing

Thursday was the Centenary Picnic Day, it was a sight to see hundreds and hundreds of people, many in period dress (including me) having a lovely genteel afternoon.

Previously I had sold a blazer which no longer fitted me, to an A7 owner. I was pleased to come across him wearing it. I was very impressed with how he and the blazer looked.

That evening I was talking to a chap in the Marquee who lived in Wensley in Wensleydale. I asked "Did you drive your Seven here?", "No, it's a single seater!" he replied. Oops. Unfortunately I have no idea who he is.

I visited the pop up museum several times during the week. There were very interesting displays and films. The first time, I would have stayed longer but the heat was overwhelming and this was after the really hot day. Later visits were far more comfortable.

Friday, for me, was relatively quiet. I mooched around the trade stalls. Purchased a pair of chrome windscreen bolts from Willie McKenzie. Looked for a Ruby style horn bezel, was advised to ask Tony Betts on Saturday. Went to the ceilidh in the evening, which was very active but not by me as I'm too stiff in the knees these days to caper about.

Saturday was the day for as many cars as possible to gather at this time of writing I have not discovered if we reached the target of 1000 Sevens, but it seems very possible. Stop press! I am informed by Event

Organiser Ruairidh Dunford that 1038 cars attended on the Saturday. I also heard that over 700 cars came to Prescott.



There was also a fly-by of the BBMF Spitfire, it arrived later than scheduled, and quite suddenly. Gosh it was low! You could count the rivets on the wings. It flew round again and dived on to us, waggled it's wings and was away. The Eureka Parade Jazz Band walked around playing and gave a lovely show. In the evening in the marquee we had another The Vintage Syncopators Traditional New Orleans Jazz band and the dance floor had willing jivers strutting their stuff.

Sunday I packed up and left site by 08:30 and was home by 09:30. The car behaved well during the week apart from an annoying noise of tin tacks in a baked bean tin being rattled. No noise on overrun or light power, it's just when one is using what power there is to travel up hills or accelerate. I cannot make my mind up yet as to whether it is the gearbox or the back axle. I am loathe to fix something which isn't broken so I will live with the noise until it becomes more evident what is wrong.



Roly Alcock

NEWSLETTER OF THE HEREFORD

AUSTIN SEVEN CLUB

NEWS FROM YOUR OLD HISTORIC MOTORING COUNCIL

1. Road test radius extended on vehicles registered under the Special Interest Vehicle Scheme

7 November 2022

Dear Recreational Motor Vehicle and Safety Group member

I am writing regarding the Special Interest Vehicle Concession Scheme (SIV) road test radius.

As you may be aware, in 2021, the Department of Transport and Main Roads (TMR) reviewed the SIV road test radius following the tabling of the Transport and Public Works Committee report, Inquiry into Motor Recreational Activities. At that time, it was determined that the road test radius of 15-kilometres remained appropriate. Since this time, further

representations relating to this matter have been made to TMR. Upon considering the additional information provided, a further review of the 15-

kilometre road test radius has been undertaken. **As a result, I am pleased to advise that that the current 15-kilometre road test radius has been expanded to 30-kilometres for all vehicles operating under the SIV scheme*.**

The TMR website, including the SIV Guide, has been updated to reflect this change. I trust this information is of assistance.

(<https://www.qld.gov.au/transport/registration/fees/concession/special-interest>).

Yours sincerely

Daniel Kaden

A/Director (Licensing, Automated Vehicles and Registration Policy)

Department of Transport and Main Roads



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* road test radius 15 to 30 kilometres from the garaging address or mechanic's workshop.

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2. Report on Tyre Age Law and Roadworthiness

Doug Young (VCCQ Inc) QHMC TMR Rep has written a very interesting report about the myth that if you have a car with tires that are 10 or even 7 years old, your car can be considered unroadworthy in Qld. He has gone thru all relevant documentation and cannot find a legal precedent for this. Only 3 things are considered to reject a tire. These include
1. tread depth - damage to tread, 2. shoulder or sidewall, and 3. evidence of case failure (cuts, bulges, tread separation, exposed or damaged cords etc).

(If you wish to read the two page report please contact me, and I can send you an email copy - Tim).

AUSTIN 7 REGISTER OF QLD MERCHANDISE

All Merchandise can be purchased from the Spares/Tech. Officer, Trevor Moore.

Ph: (07) 3848 5575 OR Email:
temoore@live.com.au

PRICES:

a Cloth Badge (sew to shirt or cap): \$10 (75mm tall) NEW
ITEM b Lapel Badge: \$7:50 (30mm tall)

c Dash Badge, 25th Anniversary 1967 – 1992 \$5 (35mm tall)

d Longreach Leap Badge 2009 \$8 (60mm wide) e Brass Car Badge \$50 (85mm tall)

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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

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STOP PRESS

Welcome To our New Members

New members welcomed;

Karen Thompson (daughter of Merv and Margaret) & William Treller from Newmarket who do not own a Austin 7 but look after the family's Austin Freeway wagon.

Vale - Ian McCorkindale – The committee was just made aware of the passing of club member, Ian McCorkindale of Petrie and wishes to pass on our condolences to Ian's wife Mary and family. They owned a restored red 1937 Ruby Tourer which was more recently on BVAC runs.

Austin 7 Register Classifieds

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MONSTER 2ND HAND A7 PARTS NEW YEAR SALE & MORNING TEA.

Come one, come all to Doug & Robyn's Monster 2nd Hand A7 Parts Sale to be held at 195 Middle Road, Boronia Heights on Sunday 15th January from 9am to 1pm. Heaps of A7 parts at unbelievably cheap prices including engines, wheels, cylinder heads, gear boxes, springs, carbies, axles, and heaps more. Hurry in while stocks last. BYO Morning Tea, your A7 or modern (Register Event) & Lunch if you intend being there until then and

beyond – or just come for a jolly good time! For more information or to beat the 15 January A7 parts rush, contact Doug Ph 3800 1965.



FOR SALE - CAR COLLECTION John and Suvipa Smith are in a bit of a pickle and need to sell their collection of cars (mostly?) residing at Cooran. They include a 1929 Austin Sports that has been recently rebuilt (I believe it was at the Bundaberg Rally). Other cars include a 1930 Model A Ford Tudor, 1926 Morris oxford 2 seater which have both been restored, a 1922 Citroen 5CV ³/₄ finished, a 1989 Ford Capri for everyday driving and a 1955 Fergie Tractor and slasher in reliable condition. For all enquiries please email John and Suvipa at suvipahotmail@icloud.com (1st advert) **FOR SALE 1927 Austin 7 Chummy in Restored Condition**

Alan Couser has decided it is time to sell his 1927

Chummy. The car was professionally restored 20 plus years ago by Guthrie Crash Repairs for Ron and Joan Gliddon. but is still in excellent running order on club registration. The body is pale yellow with black mudguards (previously grey as seen in this photo) It has been in the club for many years. Asking price is \$16000 ONO. Please contact Alan on 0403 504 709 or (07) 3349 9628, Mansfield, Brisbane. (2nd advert)

FOR SALE 1938 Austin 7 Ruby tourer (part restored)

Former member Don Macintyre met up with our club at the All-British Day in September and tells us he wants to sell his 1938 Ruby which is in pieces but pretty much all there with a few extras.

Motor: there are two complete motors. There are two reground crankshafts and 4 matching rods that have been re metalled and ground to suit. There is a set of new 20 thou o/s. pistons

The body has been painted light blue with dark blue mudguards about 20 years ago by a retired spray painter. **The seats** were redone about 20 years ago but filled with foam rubber. The fronts are modified buckets from an Austin A30. Being a 1938 tourer, it has the sporty cut down doors which makes more comfortable driving

Lights and correct instruments are all there as well.

Wheels and tires: There is one set with 40-year-old tires and another full set of wheels that have been painted.

Spares: Don says there is 20 plastic boxes of spare parts which have been kept shut and everything is all together and been in dry storage and ready to inspect by any prospective buyer or buyers?

Gearboxes: there are two

Missing Hood (but there may be some bows?) and it will need to be all rewired as there is no harness!

Price \$8000 ono for car and all spares

If you want to know more, please ring Don and Jenny McIntyre on 0406 047 327 (2nd advert)

FOR SALE 1936 Austin 7 Tourer (restored)

The chassis no. is 283414 (which dates as 1938 according to Wyatt's Book) the miles on the speed are 61350. The colour is BRG. With black guards and new grey upholstery. It is a 4-seater. It runs quite well except for a bit of a flat spot in the carby.

The last previous owner passed away a few years ago. He spent a lot of money on it. Including a new wiring harness, 4 new tyres and had the differential overhauled. He also had the upholstery done as the original. The hood is in good condition and folds easily. Also has a full set of side curtains I believe that the clutch needs replacing and would like to do it myself, but health issues don't permit me. I live in Bowen and am asking \$15000 firm new owner to arrange for pick-up.

Regards Al. Anderson

21Argyle Street, Bowen Qld 4805

0421 956 569

aganderson40@gmail.com (3rd advert)



FOR SALE Box trailer to suit Austin 7

Tandem trailer to suit a short wheelbase Austin 7, internal dimensions 3.9 m. long x 1.8 m. wide by 1.74 m. high, overall length from the tow hitch to the tailgate is 5.32 m. Steel rear door doubles as loading ramp, floor all steel with built in tie points.



Fitted with over rider brakes on all 4 wheels. Has solar panels for the internal lights, and 240-volt power outlet. Asking Price \$13,500 For exact details, please contact Trevor & Bev McCulloch (ph. 0409 637 290), email bevandtrev7@bigpond.com Trailer located at Perwilloween, near Nambour. (3rd advert)

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