



NEWSLETTER

April 2018



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



Cars at Yamba

*At Left Geoff and Virginia Boland
in their 1929 Roadster.*

*Below is Cliff Stockley's son Pablo
in their 1929 Meteor*



THE EDITOR'S BIT

When I wrote this it was only one week till the Yamba Touring Rally, 33 entries have been received, which is just the right size for a low key touring event like this. I had hoped to take my 1936 Ruby ("Lamb chop") but family visitors and events have put getting the top end of the motor sorted on the back burner. Instead I will be taking my 1929 Saloon ("Tim-Tam") down to join the motoring and social activities. I had to do some last minute fix ups as there was oil in the radiator and I have not driven the car since September 2016, but it seems just that the old copper asbestos gasket was getting a bit tired. Then I realised Tim-Tam has been on the road now for 21 years. We have had a few adventures, driven to Canberra in 2001 on the Shannon's Rally, and been to Adelaide, Bendigo, and Mudgee on the trailer, not to mention Toowoomba, Roma, Mitchell, Warwick and up and down the coast, so I should expect some wear and tear, going thru a set of tyres and a differential rebuild. Many of our cars in the club have been on the road just as long, if not more so, this was brought home to me when I compiled the 50th Anniversary Book. I would have loved to included a photo and story about each and every car and their owners but the book would have been twice as big. Maybe one day there should be a Book called "the Cars of the Austin 7 Register of Queensland"?

Editor Tim

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YOUR CLUB COMMITTEE

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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.

<http://austin7.org.au/>

&Face book Austin7 Register of Qld Inc.



AUSTIN 7 REGISTER OF QLD. CLUB EVENTS FOR 2018

Run Cancellation: Please note that if there is any doubt that a Run may be cancelled due to extreme weather conditions or any other reason, please ring the particular Rally Organiser or the Run Coordinator, Neil, phone:0431 067 909, early on the morning of the Run and prior to proceeding to the Run start point.

Friday 13th April - Club General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 15th April - President's Run organised by Lindsay & Sharon (Ph 0408 876 559). **Run to commence from Centenary Pool Carpark at 9am. Morning Tea will be within the city area and a BYO BBQ Lunch will be held at the President's residence at Wynnum. BYO Morning Tea & BBQ Lunch.**

Friday 11th May - Club General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Saturday 12th May - Mothers Day Run. Run to be organized by Neil & Karyn (Ph 0431 067 909) and to commence from Centenary Pool Carpark at 9am. Morning Tea will be at Sherwood and Lunch will be at West End. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch.

Friday 8th June Club- General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 10th June 2018 - A7 Register June Event: A7 Beaudesert Winter Run. Run to be organised by Jo & Margaret McCormack (ph. 3379 9187 or 0438 192 788). Run commences at 9am from Annalee Motel, McKee Street, Beaudesert. Members may either drive or trailer their A7s to Beaudesert. The Run will go to Christmas Creek (for Lunch) via Kerry and return to Beaudesert via Tamrookum (approx. 100km return trip). Those wishing to arrive on Saturday are to arrange their own accommodation. Car & Trailer accommodation is available at Annalee Motel where guests may leave their trailers until the completion of the run on Sunday afternoon. Advice is to book early as weekends are usually heavily booked. Limited accommodation is also available at the Beaudesert Camping & Tourist Park. Storage of cars & trailers may be available at the adjacent Beaudesert Showgrounds, depending on what may be on in the Showgrounds. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch.

Friday 13th July Club - General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 15th July - A7 Register July Event: RACQ Motorfest. Static display from 10am to 3pm at Eagle Farm Racecourse. A7 members to meet in Hamilton Hotel Carpark for departure to Motorfest entry TBA.. Members may also make own independent travel arrangements to venue. Members to make own arrangements for registration etc.

Friday 10th August -A7 Register Club Weekend - General Meeting & AGM commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Saturday 11th August - A7 Register Club WeekendRun. Run organiser TBA. Run to commence from Clubroom Carpark, Carindale at 9am. Run to finish at Clubroom, Carindale for BYO BBQ Lunch. BYO Morning Tea& BBQ (or other) Lunch.

Saturday 11th August 2018 - A7 Register Club Weekend Run. Run organizers will be Neil & Karyn (ph 0431 067 909). Run to commence from Clubroom Carpark, Carindale at 9am. Morning Tea will be at Minnippii Parklands grounds of Tingalpa Model Aero Club for a flying display for us by club members. Run to finish at Clubroom, Carindale for BYO BBQ Lunch. BYO Morning Tea & BBQ (or other) Lunch.

Sunday 12th August - A7 Register Club Weekend Static Display. Display to be held at Morningside School of Arts Hall & grounds, corner Wynnum &Thynne Road, Morningside (in Morningside shopping precinct – UBD p24 Q1, opposite Subway) Entry off Wynnum Road heading out of town. Ample trailer & public parking on site. The display is organised by Robyn Clark (Ph. 3800 1965). Members are to make their own way to the venue. Display to commence at 9am and conclude around 1pm. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch but there are some food shops & cafes adjoining the venue including take away and a bakery.

Friday 14th September - Club General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 16th September - A7 Register Event All British Day at Vivian Street, Tennyson from 8.30am to 2pm. No pre-booking required. Contact Robyn Clark (3800 1965)for more details.Byo Morning Tea & Lunch although food is also available at the venue.A7 members to make own arrangements re.travel, registration on arrival etc.

Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th October - A7 Register October Event LAMA Annual Invitation Run Weekend organised by the Lockyer Antique Motor Association Inc. and commencing in Gatton. Contact Elise Pakeman, Secretary, Ph. (07) 4697 6462.for more details. Members to make their own arrangements re.travel, registration, accommodation etc.

Friday 12th October - Club General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Friday 9th November - Club General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 11th November 2018A7 Event Run to be organized by Peter & Sue Waller (Ph 0410 456 616) and is to commence from Centenary Pool Carpark at 9am. Run details TBA. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch.

Friday 14th December - Club General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 16th December - A7 Register Christmas Buffet Lunch Venue to be decided

2022 Austin 7 100th Birthday National Rally
will be held in Warrnambool the week before Easter.

Neil Thyer - A7 Qld Runs & Events Coordinator.

INVITATION TOURS AND SWAP MEETS (AND OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST)(The editor would like to know if there are any other vintage car related events you wish to see listed here)

Saturday 21st and Sunday 22nd April Caboolture Air show, Caboolture Airfield near the Bribie Island turn off. (NOT A CAR EVENT)

Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th May Dalby Restored Vehicle Association 40th Anniversary Mothers Day Rally Weekend Rally Dalby Enquiries: Wal and Bev Lanagan Rally Directors. 07 4662 Email walnbev@bigpond.net.au Secretary Peter Evans 0428 624.

Sunday 27th May 2018 QVVA Brisbane Swap Meet – Carina State School 7am to 2pm.

Sunday 27 May Macleans Bridge at Belmont Qld Rifle Assoc Belmont Range, 1485 Old Cleveland Road, Belmont
Mike Taylor: 0417 193 611, Geoff Johnson: 0413 734 977 or Murray Clark: murrayclark1@bigpond.com.au
Or visit: www.macleansbridge.com

Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th June Old Petrie Town Steam Fair - Old Petrie Town, 901 Dayboro Rd., Kurwongbah
This event is Queensland's largest steam and vintage machinery rally. At this event will feature steam machinery already housed in the steam shed plus 8 other magnificent machines from across Queensland resulting in 13 steam traction engines, steam rollers and portable steam engines. Many other groups and societies display their machinery .

8th to 10th June 2018 OHMC South Queensland Rally - hosted by the Blackall Range Horseless Carriage Club and based in Maleny. Details to be released soon. Website www.malenycarclub.com.au many displays of vintage cars,

Saturday 16th June Caboolture Swap Meet and Show 'n' Shine - Caboolture Showgrounds, Beerburrum Rd. Sites open from 5 am.

Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd July 2018 - 8th Biennial Queensland Heritage Rally. Rally to be held at Biloela, Central Queensland. Members are to make own arrangements for Travel, Accommodation & Registration. For details contact Cindy Cooper, Rally Coordinator Phone (07) 4992 2400 or 0429 383 296.

Saturday 18th August Vets Club swap - VCCA (Q) Hall Carpark

Sunday 15th July GC swap

Saturday 8th September Gympie 48th Swap Meet and 6th Car Show Gympie Showgrounds at Southside



A 50 Year Chronicle of the Austin 7 Register of Qld. Inc. 1967-2017

This history of the Register from before its beginning up to the 50th Dinner last year has finally been finished and a few advanced copies have already been passed around and should arrive at your place in a big envelope, sometime in mid April. Comments have so far been favourable, but the best was from former President Terry Hicks who tells me his dear wife Gwenda cottoned on to the book as soon as it arrived by post. Gwenda has not been able to release her grip from the pages. Terry says the presentation from his viewing point a few feet away looks great, but he was told in no uncertain terms to "WAIT YOUR TURN" !!!!!

I can tell you it is 142 pages, with lots of photos, many in colour, and weighs nearly half a kilogram! If your copy has not

arrived by the end of April, please contact the committee. Send no money!

MINUTES OF PAST A7RQ MEETINGS

Austin Seven Register of Queensland Inc.

Meeting No 568, 9th February 2018

Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale.

The President Lindsay Jordan declared the meeting opened at 7.46 pm with a welcome to all, and thanked Duncan for chairing the meeting last month.

Attendance: The attendance book was signed by 33 members.

Apologies: Mike & Kathy McGuill, Sharon Jordan & Peter Goldsworthy,

Previous Minutes: The Secretary read the minutes of the January meeting and moved they be accepted and adopted as a true and correct record. Seconded by Tim Braby. Carried.

Business arising from Minutes: NIL

Correspondence OUT: Membership & Parts Books & 50th Anniversary Badge.

IN: Newsletters from other clubs as tabled



Flyers for Queensland Heritage Rally, 20th-22nd July, Biloela

Bayside Ormiston Swap, 25th March

Book from Wayne Styles

Veteran Car Club re hall rent receipt

A7 Victoria re membership renewal

Greg Runnegar re membership

Robyn moved that the inward correspondence be accepted as read and the outward endorsed. Seconded by Rhonda Guthrie. Carried

Treasurer's Report: John gave his report on the club finances and asked for it to be accepted. Seconded by Steve Davidson. Carried

QHMC Report: John advised members that cars have to be 30 years old to go on concessional registration, but busses only 25 years.

Spare Parts Report: Trevor had made some sales for the month & a order from Melbourne had arrived with special parts.

Second Hand Parts Report: Doug has parts for Brett Wilson and Cliff Stockley to be delivered when members go to Yamba.

Editors Report: Tim has emailed the newsletter to members and the others are ready to be posted. The 50 year Book is 140 pages and some members are proof reading it before it goes to the printers. THANK YOU Tim for all your hard work.

Web Masters Report: Everything up to date.

Club Events:

11th Feb Valentines Day Run organised by I & V McDowell, 9.30 am at the Clubrooms. BYO M/T & Lunch. (Barefoot Bowling)

23rd March Yamba

15th April Presidents Run

12th May Mothers Day Run organised by Neil & Karyn

10th June Beaudesert Tour organised by J & M McCormack

Other Events:

25th March Ormiston Swap

Past Events

14th Jan A7 Club Breakfast

26th Jan Australia Day

Reports in the newsletter and on the club website.

Library Report: Alan thanked Steve Davidson for the copy of The Complete Guide to A7 to be placed in the library.

Historic Racing Report: Justin McCarthy has competed in the Hill Climb at Noosa and will be at Warwick next weekend. He also moved that the club purchase another flag as he likes to promote the Austin 7 Club at these events. Seconded by Duncan Logan. Carried. It was suggested that the club website also be included on the banner or flag.

General Business:

The Secretary and Spare Parts officers now have their computers.

Toowoomba National Tour. The Toowoomba Committee agreed that it is too late to do a final book. Sponsors to receive a Thank You letter, badge and a DVD on members photos.

Members asked to look for a new venue for our Christmas Party, perhaps on the northside

Rhonda asked for John to give Peter Cahalane a list of new & financial members so he can keep his records up to date in the book he started years ago.

Report on cars &/or Car troubles; NIL

Birthdays: Members having a birthday in February were wished Many Happy Returns.

Raffle: Valda had tickets for sale in tonight's raffle.

Sick members were wished a speedy return to good health.

Supper Organiser: Thank you to Neil & Karyn for tonight's supper.

March Rhonda Guthrie

Committee Meeting: TBA

Next Meeting: 9th March 2018

Austin Seven Register of Queensland Inc.

Meeting No. 569, 9th March 2018

Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale.

The President Lindsay Jordan declared the meeting opened at 7.45 pm with a welcome to all.

Attendance: the book was signed by 20 members.

Apologies: M & K McGuill, P & G Cahalane, S Jordan, G & J Gleadhill, J & M McCormack, P Baker & D Logan.

Previous Minutes: The Secretary read the minutes of the February meeting and moved they be accepted and adopted as a true and correct record. Seconded by T Braby. Carried

Business arising from Minutes: To be discussed in General Business.

Correspondence OUT: Mike sent email on my behalf re RACQ Motorfest entries.

Phone call to Ross & Rhonda Guthrie re condolences on the passing of Mrs Guthrie. (to late to send card)

IN: Newsletters from other clubs as tabled

Phone call from non-member re 1937 Ruby Saloon for sale at Paradise Point. (\$2000 for a pile of parts)

6th May Lockyer Swap

RACQ Motorfest entry form

Victoria A7 membership card

Advertising material

Robyn moved that the inward correspondence be accepted as read and the outward endorsed. Seconded by Rhonda Guthrie. Carried

Treasurer's Report: John gave his report on the club finances and asked for it to be accepted, and any bill to passed for payment. Seconded by Alan Couser. Carried.

QHMC Report: Nil

Spare Parts Report: Trevor has made many sales and another order will be going to Melbourne.

Second Hand Parts Report: NIL

Editors Report: Tim will welcome items for newsletter;

50th Anniversary book ready for distribution. All numbered and No7 for club library.

Web Masters Report: Neil and Mike have sites up to date.

Club Events:

23rd March Yamba 30 entries

15th April Presidents Run. Meet Centenary Pool 9.00 am. Lunch will be a BBQ

12th May (SATURDAY) Mother's Day Run organised by Neil & Karyn

10th June Beaudesert Tour organised by Joe & Margaret McCormack

15th July RACQ Motorfest.

Other Events:

10th March Beenleigh Swap

11th March Redcliffe Swap (washed out)

25th March Ormiston Swap

8th April Nanango Swap

6th May Lockyer Swap & Vintage Car Display

16th June Caboolture Swap, Show & Shine

Past Events:

11th Feb Valentines Day Run by I & V McDowell, Barefoot Bowling in newsletter

Library Report: Alan thanked Tim for the 50th Anniversary book for the club library

General Business

Tim congratulated on the 50th Anniversary Book

Justin McCarthy is organising a new flag.

Thankyou letter, badge & DVD to Toowoomba sponsors. NO

New Christmas Party venue. Members please think about it.

Thank you to Ross & Rhonda for organising the Yamba Tour

Club books at auditors.

Report on cars &/or Car Troubles: NIL

Birthdays: Members having a birthday in March wished Many Happy Returns.

Raffle: Valda had tickets for sale in tonight's raffle.

Sick members wished a speedy return to good health, with special thoughts for Graham Gleadhill.

Supper Organiser: Thank you to Rhonda for tonight's supper and organiser for April is Alan Couser

Committee Meeting: TBA

Next Meeting: 13th April 2018

Meeting Closed: The President asked if there was any further business
Then declared the meeting closed at 8.41 pm. Wishing all a safe trip home.



Robyn



SECOND HAND SPARES GALORE

the club has just picked up a pile of used parts from former member Don MacIntyre, including several crank cases, wheels, chassis, etc. Spares man Doug has NOWHERE to store the stuff under cover so the club will be having a sale day at 195 Middle Road, Boronia Heights. The date will be Saturday the 21st of April at 1pm at Doug and Robyn's. Includes a 1932 Saloon body, Don also had parts for 1935 and 1938 models when he was a member.

NEWS OF MEMBERS AND CARS



Trevor's new chummy he obtained from Brett and Amanda Wilson. It is unusual as it has a stepped section at the fire wall and the bonnet is longer than the standard chummy bonnet which is about 18 inches. If you have a spare one of these longer bonnets, Trevor would like to contact you!

Ken Burton tells us his mobile number is wrong in the member book, it should be 0407 017 187. otherwise his address, 22 Maxwell Street, Rockhampton, 4701 and email kenburton45@hotmail.com. has not changed.

Joe Wilson tells me that his "Pigsty racing"

engine has arrived at last from the UK, and when opened was rusted solid, so he was up for a bore and sleeve etc. carried out (I believe) by Wilson Engineering (wonder if they are related?) Joe has also finished a very flash exhaust so that is some progress.

Joe's other project is in the process of placing a 1930s 4 cylinder air cooled 7 litre Cirrus Major aero engine into a 14/40 Vauxhall!!!!!! I am informed the steering column had to be moved back 2 feet to suit the new motor. This car (pictured above) should "fly" when it is finished!.



GOD AND LAWN CARE.

With all the rain we have received in recent months I thought you may all like to read this great little story.

God to St. Francis: Frank, you know all about gardens and nature. What in the world is going on down there on the planet? What happened to the dandelions, violets, milkweeds and stuff I started eons ago? I had a perfect no maintenance garden plan. Those plants grow in any type of soil, withstand drought and multiply with abandon. The nectar from the long lasting blossoms attract butterflies, honey bees and flocks of songbirds. I expected to see a vast garden of colours by now. But all I see are these green rectangles.

St., Francis: It's the tribes that settled there. Lord. The Suburbanites. They started calling your flowers 'weeds' and went to great lengths to kill them and replace them with grass.

God: Grass? But it's so boring. It's not colourful, it doesn't attract butterflies, birds or bees; only grubs and sod worms. It's sensitive to temperatures. Do these Suburbanites really want all that grass growing there?

St. Francis: Apparently so. Lord. They go to great pains to grow it and keep it green. They begin each spring by fertilizing the grass and poisoning any other plant that crops up in the lawn.

God: The spring rains and warm weather probably make the grass grow really fast. That must make the Suburbanites happy.

St. Francis: Apparently no, Lord. As soon as it grows a little, they cut it, sometimes twice a week.

God: They cut it? Do they then bale it like hay?

St. Francis: Not exactly, Lord. Most of them rake it up and put it in bags.

God: They bag it? Why? Is it a cash crop? Do they sell it?

St. Francis: No, sir, just the opposite. They pay to throw it away.

God: Now, let me get this straight. They fertilize the grass so it will grow. And when it does grow, they cut it off and pay to throw it away?

St. Francis: Yes, Sir.

God: These Suburbanites must be relieved in the summer when we cut back on the rain and turn up the heat. That surely slows the growth and saves them a lot of work.

St. Francis: You aren't going to believe this, Lord. When the grass stops growing so fast, they drag out hoses and pay more money to water it, so that they can continue to mow it and pay to get rid of it.

God: What nonsense. At least they kept some of the trees. That was a sheer stroke of genius, even if I do say so myself. The trees grow leaves in the spring to provide beauty and shade in the summer; in the autumn, they fall to the ground and form a natural blanket to keep the moisture in and protect the trees and bushes. It's a natural life cycle.

St. Francis: You'd better sit down, Lord. The Suburbanites have drawn a new circle. As soon as the leaves fall, they rake them into piles and pay to have them hauled away.

God: No! What do they do to protect the shrub and tree roots in the winter to keep the soil moist and loose.

St. Francis: After throwing away the leaves, they go out and by something they call mulch. They haul it home and spread it around in place of the leaves.

God: And where do they get this mulch?

St. Francis: They cut down the trees and grind them up to make the mulch.

Sounds crazy doesn't it, but isn't it exactly what we do ?

(Story from Austin Motor Vehicle Club magazine)



Stop Press

2018 Veteran Car Club Country Invitation Tour/s through the Burnett Region

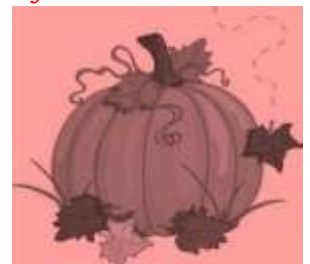
The Veteran Car Club of Queensland has **invited the Austin 7 Register** to join them on a tour next month. This tour will have 2 sections – a Northern & Southern Tour

Northern Tour dates 18th May – 25th May 3 nights at Mt. Perry, 2 nights at Monto/Cania Gorge, 2 nights at Mundubbera, then arriving at the Yallakool Caravan Park for the next 5 nights – in preparation for the 2nd Tour

Southern Tour dates 24th – 28th May 2018 Includes the Goomeri Pumpkin Festival

Closing date for both the above tours was **the 10th May 2018**

Late entries to Rhonda Guthrie 0427 175 099 guthrie45@bigpond.com



PAST RALLY REPORTS

VALENTINE'S DAY RUN – 11TH FEBRUARY 2018

On the sunny morning of Sunday 11 February, we gathered at the Club House, Carindale for the annual Valentine's Day Run. Despite the predicted 36 degree heat, there was a very good turnout at the starting point with six A7s (Doug and Robyn, Trevor and Elaine, Neil, Lindsay and Sharon, and Ian and Valda) and three moderns (Joe and Margaret, John and Karyn), plus David Barnett in his Rolls Royce who had come to wave us off (see photo). Cars were decorated with a Valentine's Day rose distributed by Valda.



At 9.30am we set out for a short run through the suburbs to the morning tea stop at Colmslie Beach Reserve. There we were joined by Merv. and Margaret in their Austin Freeway and Mike and Kathy in modern. It was pleasant sitting by the river as the day warmed up, enjoying a cuppa and convivial conversation while aircraft passed low overhead on their way to the airport.

Shortly before 11am, we set off for the nearby Cannon Hills Bowls Club. Upon arrival, we occupied the tables under the shade shelter beside the greens and enjoyed the cooling water mist system installed above our heads. A Bowls Club representative gave us some basic

instructions on how to bowl and score. Following our lesson, we divided into two groups and undertook some practice bowls in our two allocated groups. After this much needed practice, a competition began in one of the rinks, resulting in a win by the McDowells. Robyn had to get used to bowling a ball without three finger holes in it! Much fun was had by all, with many bowls ending up in the gutters and crossing into our fellow A7 members' rink.



Following our bowling experience, we enjoyed our lunch, cold drinks and a Valentine's Day chocolate given to us by Ian. Despite the heat, the water mist combined with the iced water supplied by the Bowls Club kept us feeling cool and comfortable. Following lunch, it was time to leave and face up to the heatwave conditions of the drive home.

Many thanks to Valda and Ian for organising a different and entertaining Valentine's Day Run.

Neil & Karyn

AUSTIN 7 QLD YAMBA TOUR - MARCH 23 / 26 2018

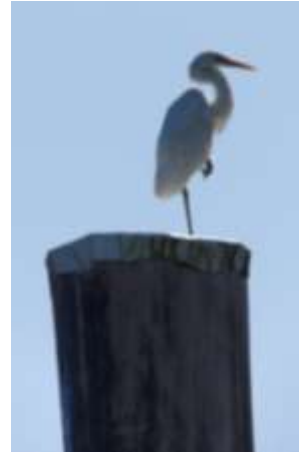
From the moment of it's announcement we could tell this was going to be a successful event, going by the interest in this touring rally. We all enjoyed the 5 yearly National Austin 7 Tour in Toowoomba and decided it would be nice to have an away tour every year!!!

This weekend Tour was based in the lovely little coastal town of Yamba in the heart of the Clarence River. It is within walking distance of surfing beaches and a variety of shops. The surrounding country and coastal regions are superb, and it was strange to be walking along a nice little sandy beach with hardly anyone around.

I left home after morning tea time and was soon scooting along the arterial road heading south and despite the week day traffic made good time to the border, only striking rain in NSW where it was particularly heavy around the Ocean Shores area. The highway south was superb but once you get past Ballina, the highway becomes an often one lane track winding through an endless stream of roadworks on the Ballina to Woolgoolga upgrade. This slowed progress considerably, and the trip was somewhat perplexing as there was a lack of signs for distances to anywhere between Ballina and Grafton. At the Clarence River crossing I was able to swing across to Yamba, passing the massive new bridge which was half finished. I finally got to the Calypso Tourist Park (again a lack of signs to tell you where the entrance was!).

That night the few members that had arrived wandered over to the Bowls Club for dinner. Some members walked whilst others went in the Club's courtesy bus. Frankly, there was not a lot of distance to walk!

During the weekend, some members found time to wet a line in the adjacent bay. The Davidson Boys were, I believe, successful in catching a haul of Flathead. Another notable event on the weekend was the tree snake that decided to join Valda while showering in the caravan park ablution block.



Day 1 23rd March



Friday afternoon – Angourie & Lake Wooloweyah - approx. 17kms drive and with walking tracks to explore along the way.

Next morning the day dawned brightly, with little evidence of the 70% chance of showers that was predicted. The rest of the Austin 7s, towed by faithful SUVs and sedans, started arriving. The heavy rain we had the week before and the forecast of more to come may have stopped 3 owners to only come modern. In actuality by all reports

Brisbane got a lot more rain than Yamba did. By the end of the day they had pretty much all arrived, coming from Mission Beach in far north Queensland to Melbourne and entries from Inverell,



Rockhampton, Toowoomba, Port Macquarie, Sydney, Wamuran and, oh yes Brisbane!!

Even Wayne and Jenny flew up from Melbourne to join the fun of the Tour. Groups gathered to talk just like old schoolmates or seldom seen far spread families. Such is the pulling power of the Austin 7.

Trevor had just bought Elaine a new Holden Equinox SUV in white as the old faithful Commodore was making expensive noises, and he reckoned he did not have time to get a new tow bar fitted, but some may say the new car was not up to it, (personally I would say Trevor did not know which Austin to bring!)

After lunch there was a drive around the area south of Yamba to Lake Wooloweyah and Angourie. The Editor lingered a bit over a lunch of pie with mushy peas from the local pie shop and drove off alone on the short trek. I first deviated to look at the coast halfway to Angourie. On the track a 700 to 800mm-long goanna suddenly darted across the track. A lady on a mountain bike told me that that was only a young example! Here I saw some pretty rough waves crashing on the rocks and some fearsome warrior surfers looking for exhilaration in the wild waves. Then I headed west to Lake Wooloweyah and found none of the cars at the lookout, so after the usual photos I headed to Angourie where there was plenty of opportunity to get some brilliant shots of the beach and rocks with wild waves. At the back of the beach were the blue and green pools, where I found two lads diving off the rocks into the waters of the lake. At one point on the track, a tour group of backpackers paused for photos of the lake. On the way, one man had his head, body and arms up in a hole in the ground while the others looked on. Suddenly he emerged yelling and holding what looked like a 2 metre-long red-bellied black snake, which he flung into the bushes behind him. After all the screaming died down, he revealed it was in fact a rubber snake to scare the tourists in a show of Crocodile Dundee-style bravado!



Here I also caught up with the Hackshalls and Lyons. We decided to try out the Yum Yum Café, but it was in fact shut!!!!

That night there were about 50 Austin 7 owners gathered in the caravan park's A7 "Headquarters" for a meal of fish and chips and burgers, followed by dessert and washed down with wine, beer and soft drinks (no problem, nearly all only had to stumble few feet home into their cabins and vans.)

Day 2 24th March

Saturday– Brushgrove - approx. 75kms drive.



Unfortunately it rained heavily overnight which meant that a couple of the A7 babies were left to sleep in and dry out! The Editor knew we were to provide a display at the local Bowls Club car park but got the times wrong and arrived just as the cars were about to start the rally. The Editor then realised he had left his good camera back in the modern car while drying out the Austin and put its cover (which was blown off by the wind and rain) somewhere

to dry, as well as a load of washing from the last two days. Luckily it was only a 10 minute sprint by foot there and back via the back gate, actually quicker than driving around the block. Still time to take some photos before joining the team of Austins, and soon they were off heading west travelling along the southern banks of the mighty Clarence River to Maclean - an interesting town, which I would love to have time to explore properly. When you are next there, check out

the power poles with the tartans painted on them and the wonderful banners in the centre of the town, as Maclean has a strong Scottish heritage. At Woodford Dale crossing we stopped at Oliver's totally Organic Café. The line of customers for their morning caffeine fix was long but capably handled by the owner and his staff. In the same building (formerly the tourist information office) was a nice arts and crafts shop and gallery with lots of good quality locally handmade items for sale, or one could simply browse. Outside was one of the many old iron and timber ferry's that used to cross the river at different points using a system of wire ropes and pulleys. I was told that there was a plan to restore it, but after 30 years sitting in the open the structure looked as if it was about to collapse. Time to leave, heading back to Maclean and crossing the old timber McFarlane Bridge (with a section that could be raised) to the north bank of the river, and on to the old hotel at Bushgrove for a nice cool ale and delicious pub grub menu. The \$12 selection was a



mozzies were out in force chewing our ankles.

Day 3 25th March

Sunday - Lawrence - approx. 100 kms drive.

Today dawned bright and sunny with about 20 Austins presented for inspection to the public at the Bowls Club carpark. Today's rally was a bit longer but the brilliant weather made the drive very enjoyable. I was also blessed to have Kay Shuker as my navigator for the day; our mutual interest in painting and photography meant we spent most of the journey comparing notes on all the interesting things to see. After our display at the Bowls Club carpark, we were off westwards again via Maclean and across the McFarlane Bridge and onto the Lawrence Ferry crossing. Here we lined up with all the large modern SUVs to get a free ride on the ferry to the north shore. We did not realise that Ron Byrnes and Wendy were now stranded back in Maclean with another case of a duff capacitor/condenser. There also was a slight hiccup when one of the later model Austins failed to start, leaving 1/3 of the vehicles to its rear still on the ferry. Luckily several volunteers jumped to the aid of the driver and his car. In the confusion, Greg Shuker was almost left behind by his ride for the day when it took off up the hill without time for him to get back on board! Not far now to the town of Lawrence on the river bank at the Memorial Park, where 18 cars lined up for a great photo shoot while we had morning tea. Continuing west after morning tea towards Grafton, we were told to look at the round house on the river at Lawrence. Built on a single support it has steel beams that radiate like spokes on a wheel. We took Tourist Drive 22 through some pretty riverside farm land and eventually ended up at another side of Lawrence at the large new tavern for lunch. We were not the only visitors as a group of touring motorcyclists from the Gold Coast arrived just after us, resulting in the kitchen running out of order numbers. From here we waved goodbye to Steve Davidson and his young son "Davo" in the red Meteor, as they had to be back in Brisbane for work and school on Monday. For us sunburned and tired rally drivers and navigators, it was just a simple drive home.



We were back by afternoon tea time, so I took a walk up the hill to the historic lighthouse precinct and back down to photograph the surfers and waves crashing on the rocks (the waves, not the surfers!). Pre-dinner chatting was curtailed by the wind, forcing us to dismantle the club gazebos before they were blown down. Some of us adjourned to the “chicken and take away” shop next to the caravan park to pick up dinner. We then sat and enjoyed our treats in Brian and Anne Brindley’s cabin. I was very tired after a big works burger and one of Brian and Anne’s glasses of de Bertoli merlot, but I still had to write up today’s report!



Day 4 26th March

Monday - Brooms Head – approx.85 kms drive.



Today the weather was even better with the cloud soon burning away. This was our final collection of cars starting from the Bowls Club carpark. Today there were only about 16 Austin 7s under “starter’s orders”. John Que kindly consented to be my navigator. Before starting I lifted the bonnet and noticed there was green coolant laying around the engine. The culprit was the side water jacket, which I then nipped up to stem the flow. I also topped up the water (it was down about 600 mls), the oil (about 300 mls) and verified that, yes, I would need to fill the fuel, so I put in about 10 litres. Arriving at the Bowls Club carpark we could also smell petrol, a result of my fiddling with the float level two nights ago. I fiddled with the fingers and it seemed to slow the leak, as the car was idling beautifully for the rest of the day. We then headed off (John pointed out to me that for the last 3 days I had been entering and leaving the Bowls Club via the wrong entrance each day - I was NOT the only culprit!).

Brett and Amanda and Nessy, their lovely little pup (*photo left*), where on hand to say hello and goodbye as they would not be able to join the run due to Brett’s health concerns. Nice to see them again (Amanda reminded me that she still has those Queensland

“AUS 30” number plates for sale.) This morning’s run took us back through Maclean and then southeast on the Brooms Head Road down to the Coast at Brooms Head, skirting the Yuraygir National Park. Most of the road was easy going for the Austins. My speedo was registering 40-45 mph (about 70 km/h) in some places without pushing the little Atom. All cars seemed to be running well, although Justin’s tourer had a bit of a nasty noise from deep in the bowels of his engine at the start, so he and his brother decided to keep to a slower pace (“just-in case”). We rolled into Brooms Head and settled along the carpark against the beach, presenting a great display of Austin 7s. Some unpacked thermoses and seats,

while others of us proceeded to the “Snack Shack” for a cup of coffee or ice cream (Hmmm! Love those Magnum Ice Creams!!!!)



Cameras were out in force again. After morning tea ,we were directed to tackle the short but steep ascent to the lookout.



A retired policeman made sure we behaved ourselves on the way up, as part of the road was through the caravan park. On the way was a great place to camp looking straight out at the blue Pacific. At the top, parking was abit tight but WHAT a view! While we were treated to sights, a small ultra-light and what were thought to be three Pilatus aircraft from the Roulette Air Display team, possibly on their way to Queensland for preparations leading up to the Commonwealth Games, roared overhead. The trip back to Maclean was again a good one with a bit of modern traffic to contend with, but not a lot. Our instructions were to have lunch at Maclean, which was a good idea as we could explore some of the shops, many of which were decorated for Easter. Also at Maclean during Easter, is the 114th Maclean Highland Gathering, with Ceilidh & Highland Games at the

Showgrounds. John and I joined other Rally folk in one of the many small but friendly cafés in the centre of Maclean itself.

After lunch we only had a short distance to drive back to Yamba to unwind, put the A7s on their trailers ready for home and have a short rest before the Farewell Dinner



Photo above Brian and Ann Brindley and Ron and Wendy Byrnes at the final dinner.

Monday Evening - Yamba Bowls Club – walking distance from Caravan Park. This was a fully catered Farewell Dinner in a private function room, with a choice of a delicious thick slab of pork or chicken with vegetables in a very peppery gravy. Main course was followed by a choice of pavlova and ice cream or ice cream on a chocolate mousse tart on a drizzle of raspberry sauce. Conversation flowed fast, as we knew that this may be the last that we would see of some of our friends for a while.

The photo right shows Elaine Moore and Rhonda Guthrie dressed in purple as Sunday the 25th of March was Purple Day , a grassroots effort to increase awareness of Epilepsy around the world. which was started in 2008 by young Cassidy Megan. You can learn more if you want to help or know more at <http://www.purpleday.org/aboutus>



After dinner, kind words were spoken by our President Lindsay about the wonderful job that our Tour Directors, Rhonda and Ross with the help from Ian and Valda, did with organising this wonderful and unforgettable Tour. Others present also spoke publicly of the heroic effort by the organisers that produced such a successful Tour.

Tuesday Morning—Time for most of us to sadly bid farewell to Yamba and return to our places of residence. By all reports, all returned safely. On their trip home, Alan and Neil were hailed down by the flashing blue and red lights of the Transport police on the M1 around Springwood – they were checking that the A7 was securely tied down to the trailer. All was okay, and they proceeded on their journey without an offence!

Tim Braby

Qld Austin 7 Yamba Attendees

1	Guthrie	Ross & Rhonda	1929 Saloon	Cooloongatta	A7RQ
2	Braby	Tim	1929 Saloon	Brisbane	A7RQ
3	Thyer	Neil	Navigator Car 4	Brisbane	A7RQ
4	Couser	Alan	1933 Tourer	Brisbane	A7RQ
5	Styles	Wayne & Jenny	Modern	Melbourne VIC	A7RQ & A7VIC
6	Boland	Geoff & Virginia	1929 Roadster	Warialda NSW	A7RQ
7	Burton	Ken & Jing Zhu	1927 Chummy	Rockhampton	A7RQ
8	Moore	Trevor & Elaine	Modern	Brisbane	A7RQ
9	Stockley	Cliff, Daphne & Pablo	1929 Meteor	Tuncurry NSW	A7RQ
10	Mc Gill	George & Sue	1927 Chummy	Berowa Heights NSW	NSW
11	Mc Cormack	Joe & Margaret	1929 Tourer	Brisbane	A7RQ
12	Miller	David	1927 Chummy	Armidale NSW	A7RQ
14	Mc Dowell	Ian & Valda	1937 Van	Brisbane	A7RQ
15	Brindley	Brian & Ann	1932 Saloon	Bundaberg Q	A7RQ
16	Abell	Peter & Dawn	1934 Roadster	Port Macquarie NSW	A7RQ
17	Jordan	Lindsay & Sharon	Modern	Brisbane	A7RQ
18	Gillbard	Dennis & Lyn	Modern	Toowoomba	A7RQ
19	Haywood	Brian & Deirdre	1933 Saloon	Cheltenham NSW	A7NSW
20	Curtis	Russell & Vanda	1927 Saloon	Wamuran Q	A7RQ
21	Lyons	Allan & Dianne	1925 Chummy	Brisbane	A7RQ
22	Shuker	Greg & Kaye	Swaggies	Rockhampton Q	A7RQ
23	Wilson	Brett & Amanda	Modern	Laurieton NSW	A7RQ
24	Hackshall	Glynn & Diane	1937 Tourer	Brisbane	VCCAQ
25	Que	John	Navigator Car 2	Brisbane	A7RQ
26	Bradford	Ken & Merle	1936 Tourer	Agnes Waters NQ	A7RQ
27	Byrnes	Ron & Wendy	1929 Chummy	Mission Beach NQ	A7RQ
28	Monty	Gavin & Ken Woods	1938 Big 7	Ballina? NSW	
29	Leslie	Jim & Trevor Layland	1937 Coupe	Grafton NSW	A7RQ
30	Mc Guill	Mike & Kathy	Modern	Brisbane Q	A7RQ
31	Davidson	Steve & Tate	1929 Meteor	Brisbane Q	A7RQ
32	Guthrie	Rob & Pam	Modern	Tweed Heads NSW	VCCAQ
33	McCarthy	Justin & John (brother)	1937 Tourer	Bribie Island Q	A7RQ



Ken Burton and Jing in their 1927 Chummy.



Gavin Monty and his nicely turned out Big 7.



Ron and Wendy Byrnes in their 1929 Chummy.



Joe and Margaret McCormack in their 1929 Chummy



Steve and Tate Davidson in the 1929 Meteor



Brian and Ann Brindley in their 1932 Saloon



SPECIAL NOTE of THANKS : we must thank John Holt (Holty) who took many of the wonderful photos you see on these pages while we motored around Yamba. Holty was also with us at Toowoomba. Go to <https://holtysphotos.smugmug.com/Austin-7-Yamba-Rally-2018-Photos/>

Austin 7 Classifieds



For Sale 1936 Austin 7 Tourer

– good solid older restoration. Bottom end of engine engineered by Bob Booth in Melbourne. Brakes, steering and suspension attended to. Car seen performing very well all days at Yamba.

Asking \$14000 Ken and Merle Bradford, Agnes Waters, ph. 07 4974 0684 or 0458 749 684.

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J.P. Brand, same as sold by club spares \$400 Contact Mike Hawthorne, 69 Sydney Street, New Farm, Brisbane. 4005 Ph. 07 3358 4367



WANTED 3 bearing Crankcase in good condition for spare engine rebuild for "Little Miss" a 1936 Sports Special.

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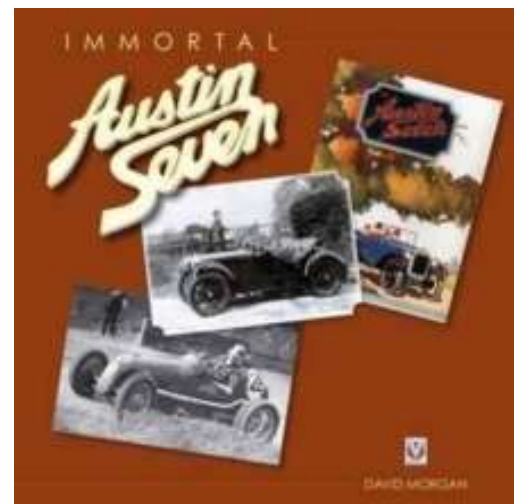
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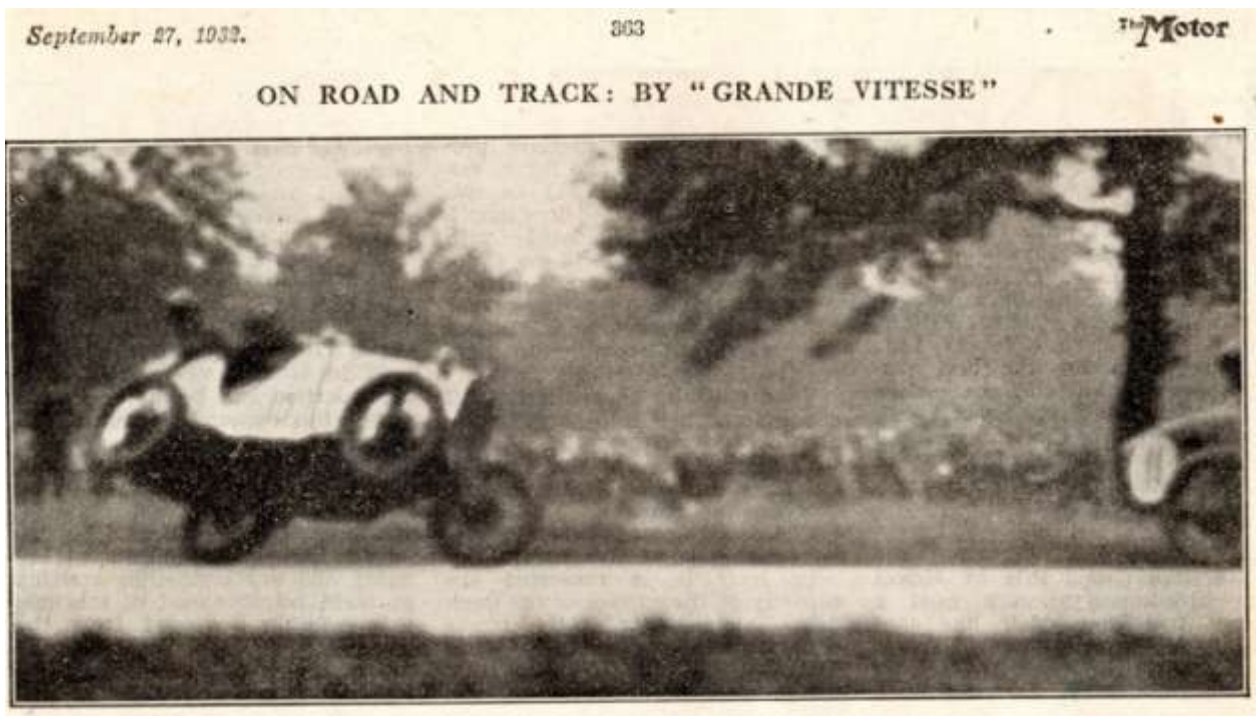
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From the Archives - Safety on the Track in 1932!



Even the smaller cars have their moments such as when this A7 driven by W. Kavanagh in the Irish Motor Racing Club Junior 50 race at Phoenix Park careered up on two wheels while the mechanic can be seen leaning over behind the driver throwing his weight across the car , luckily the car did land back on its wheels .

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