



NEWSLETTER

October 2019



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



Austin Professor Peter's Balmoral Workshop

Above - "Harry" and "Anapholes" get the TLC treatment

Tucked away in suburban Brisbane is a secret haven for ailing Austins, in particular sickly Sevens. The Editor had a chance to pop in recently to make arrangements for "Tamtam's" powerplant rejuvenation and rebooting after chewing up number two big end 12 months ago. In attendance already was "Harry" who was having a bit of electrical work done, as well as "Anapholes" in for some brake fettling and a bit of check over prior to hitting the road again. Just recently Alan Couser's 1925 received some motor work. Owners also get sympathy with a great cup of brewed coffee on the deck at Peter and Jo's. Peter enjoys these little jobs as it helps fund holidays and he can do most of this work blindfolded with one hand behind his back. No, I am kidding, just that Peter has played with A7s for longer than the club has been in existence, in fact he is known as the Godfather of the Austin 7 because under his hands many club cars have been kept on the road.

Finally what did Peter reckon about "Tamtam?" Just a bit of a problem with number 2 gudgeon bolt being loose and the rod rubbing on the inside of the piston. The crankshaft is ok, and a spare conrod from "Tamtam's" spares was good enough to use with a bit of machining and the motor is now reassembled. **Tim**

A7 Presidential Patter

Here we are in October, the end of another year is in sight but there's still plenty to keep an industrious Austin Seven owner busy. Club runs continue as per the schedule and for those looking for a longer hit out the popular LAMA rally is on again in around Gatton. If you've not made to a run recently then I'd encourage you to do so, the routes are always well planned, the company is outstanding and best of all no one gets left behind. It's a fact that when you drive cars like ours you are more likely to have the odd breakdown but rest assured when it happens on a club run it's the norm that one of your rally friends will have the smarts and tools to get you back on the road. On the topic of repairs and driving I understand that Mr Dewy Decimal (aka Alan Couser) is back on the road after the Austin Professor (aka Peter Baker) completed a major over haul. So that's another car back on the road, if your A7 hasn't turned a wheel in a while is there something we can do to change the situation, please let us know. On the topic of repairs you might know a few of us have been, or currently are, rebuilding differentials. What you might not know is that if you mix up your lefts, rights, ups and downs you can construct a differential that's tardy going forward but a rocket ship in reverse, I wonder who found that out? It just goes to show even the best have the odd bad day.



If you are not in the workshop or behind the wheel what's in store for you as we race toward 2020? Of course it's the Christmas Party! Details are in the newsletter and on the web and we'd love to get a turnout as big or bigger than last year. So if catching up with friends for a delicious lunch and a drink sounds like your thing then please come along. A special invite here for new members, maybe you've joined in the last few months and not had an opportunity to get to a meeting or run, don't let that stop you from coming along, old or young, city or country The Austin Seven Register of Queensland is welcoming to ALL.

President Steve Davidson

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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

& Face book Austin7 Register of Qld Inc.



AUSTIN 7 REGISTER OF QLD. CLUB EVENTS FOR 2019 & BEYOND!!

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 11th October - A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Saturday 12th and Sunday 13th October 2019 - 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 8th November - A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 10th November - A7 November Run. Run to be organised by Steve Davidson (0418 814 501) and will commence from Centenary Pool Carpark at 9am. Run details TBA. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch.

Friday 13th December - A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale. Members are requested to bring a plate of Christmas Food to share.

Saturday 14th * December - A7 Club Christmas Lunch to be held at Greenbank RSL, 54 Anzac Avenue, Hillcrest 4118. (Runs parallel to Mt. Lindsay Highway, access via Johnstone/ Browns Plains Road). Members are to meet at the venue at 11.30 for 11:45 entry sharp! (meal cost is \$17.50) Members are requested to bring along a wrapped unisex Christmas gift per person to the value of \$3 to be shared over lunch. As this is an A7 Register event, members are encouraged to drive their A7s. We are allowed to eat till 2pm. RSVP Robyn Clark by 1 December – Ph. 3800 1965
*NOTE date change from previous newsletters.

Wednesday 29 April to Monday 4 May 2020 - Rocky Run - A7 Register Event: organised by Greg & Kaye Shuker (ph. 0429 911 022). Event details, Rockhampton accommodation and runs are yet to be announced.

19th, 20th, 21st June 2020 - A7 Register May event: Country Run (S.W. of Brisbane?). Run to be organised by Jo & Margaret McCormack (ph 0438 192 788). Come for a leisurely weekend to experience the delights and history of Boonah. Come old, come modern. Stay a day or two or more. Come and see the toys that the Australian Champion Acrobatic Pilot has in his own hangars. The Boonah Motel Managers and the Showgrounds Caretakers are happy to welcome us for the weekend, of the shortest day of the year. No details of venue/runs or accommodation are yet available.

Neil Thyer - A7 Qld Runs & Events Coordinator. ph 0431 067 909

INVITATION TOURS AND SWAP MEETS (AND OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST).



Saturday, 1st and Sunday 2nd February 2020 - the **48th Toowoomba Swap meet**. Approximately 1,750 site holders = Based at the Toowoomba Showgrounds, Glenvale Road.

Saturday 28th March to Friday 3rd April 2020 Australian Historic Motoring Federation is hosting the **2020 National Motoring Festival** at Albury – Wodonga. All information and registration is on the AHMC

website or contact Christine Stevens (a Festival Coordinator) on 0419 789 151.

10th - 12th April 2020 North Qld. QHMC Rally - hosted by the Townsville Veteran and Vintage Historic Motor Club.

Saturday 2nd - Monday 4th May 2020 Southern Qld. QHMC Rally and Tuesday 5th - Wednesday 6th May 2020 DDV&VMC. 50th Anniversary Rally - hosted by the Darling Downs Veteran and Vintage Motor Club inc. - The DDV&VMC is celebrating its **50th anniversary in 2020**.

To celebrate this milestone, our club will be holding a five day hub rally based out of Toowoomba, from the 2nd – 6th May 2020. This event will also incorporate the 2020 Southern Queensland QHMC Rally.

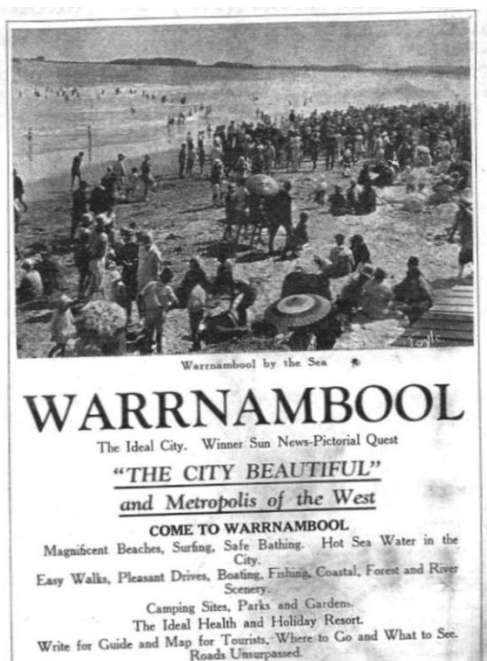
The event will celebrate 50 years of rallying taking in all areas surrounding Toowoomba.

Mark the date on your calendar. **Download your form from the DDVVMC Website under 50th Anniversary.**

Sunday 17th May 2020 National Motoring Heritage Day - Cameron Park, Ipswich. Need to book beforehand with **Q u n d a y 12 Jul 2020 The Original Gold Coast Swap** at the Mudgeeraba Showgrounds HMC .

2022 - Saturday 9th April to Thursday, 14 April

2022- Austin 7 100 Years - Warrnambool National Rally Any queries Rally Committee at 2022rallyinfo@gmail.com



MINUTES OF PAST A7R9 MEETINGS

Austin Seven Register of Queensland Inc

Meeting No. 586 , 9th August 2019

Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale.

The President Steve Davidson declared the meeting opened at 7.50 pm. With a welcome to all. Then informed members that Howell Whitehouse has passed away on Wednesday. He joined the club on the 10th May 2002 and has been the Clubs President and Editor. Members asked to take their Austin 7's to Albany Creek Crematorium Thursday 15th at 2pm. On a brighter note a welcome was extended to Lindsay Jordan on his short trip back to Australia.

Attendance: 21 members signed the book.

Apologies: R & R Guthrie, M & M Thompson, J & M McCormack, S Jordan

Minutes: Robyn read the minutes of the July meeting and moved it be accepted as a true and correct record. Seconded by Ted Bale. Carried.

Business arising from Minutes: Nil



Correspondence IN: Newsletters from other clubs

Gallagher Insurance

14th Sept = Laidley Spring Festival

Membership applications from I & M McCorkindale, D & S Screen, and M & L Gandy

Membership renewals

OUT = nil

Robyn moved that the Inward correspondence be accepted as read. Also the membership applications be accepted. Seconded by Trevor Moore. Carried

Business arising from Correspondence: Nil

Treasurer's Report: John gave his report, asked if there were any questions, then moved it be accepted and all bills passed for payment. Seconded by Joe Wilson. Carried

QHMC Report: NIL

Spare Parts Report: Trevor stated there is an order coming.

Second Hand Parts Report: NIL

Editors Report: Tim has held the newsletter back so the AGM & Static Display can be included.

Dating Officer Report: NIL

Web Master Report: Neil has the website up to date and included the Rocky Run next year organised by Greg & Kay Shuker, also the Country Run organised by Joe & Margaret McCormack

Club Events:

10th Aug A7 BBQ 11am at clubrooms (38 adults)

11th Aug Static Display, Morningside School of Arts Hall, 9am to 1pm

15th Sept NO RUN

22nd Sept All British Day, Tennyson

12th-13th Oct LAMA, Gatton

10th Nov Club Run organised by Steve Davidson

14th Dec (SATURDAY) A7 Christmas party, Greenbank RSL

2020 MARK YOUR CALENDAR

29TH April -4th May Rocky Run organised by Greg & Kay Shuker

19th-21st June Organised by Joe & Margaret McCormack, Boonah area.

Other Events:

11th Aug Chev Club Swap, Rocklea Showgrounds

23rd-27th Sept Austins over Australia, Barossa Valley, SA

Past Events:

14th July RACQ Motorfest

19th-21st July Old Wheels in Motion, Biloela

28th July Classic Car Show, Indooroopilly

Library Report: Alan is to come up with a date to organise and update the club library.

General Business: Steve and the committee are updating the Constitution as it has not been done since 2004
Greenbank RSL booked for SATURDAY 14th Dec, \$17-50 pp.

Justin McCarthy was at Leyburn on the 3rd June

Report on Cars &/or Car Troubles: Brett Reif will have his car on the road very shortly.

Peter Baker is working on Alan Couser's car

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

Raffle: Valda was selling tickets in the Lead Light of an Austin 7 made and donated by Neil Thyer. It will be drawn at our Static Display.

Sick members wished a speedy return to good health.

Supper Organiser: John Que was thanked for tonight's supper.

September Organiser – Valda MacDowell

Committee Meeting: TBA

Next Meeting: 13th September 2019

Meeting Closed. No further business the general meeting was closed at 8-25 pm

The AGM was to follow.

Austin Seven Register of Queensland Inc
Annual General Meeting , 9th August 2019

Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale.

The Results of elections at the AGM. All accepted and voted in as necessary:

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Editor:	Tim Braby
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Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale

The Vice President Brett Reif declared the meeting opened at 7.50 pm with a welcome to all. He thanked Steve for his instructions on how to conduct the meeting.

Attendance: 21 signed the attendance book.

Apologies: Steve Davidson, Doug Clark, Peter & Gail Cahalane

Minutes: Robyn read the minutes of the August meeting and moved it to be a true and correct record.

Seconded by Tim Braby. Carried

Business arising from Minutes: Thanks to those members who took their Austin 7 to Howells funeral. Brett's car is still not running correctly.

Correspondence IN: Newsletters from other clubs

Veteran Car Club re hall rent. (1-10-19 to 31-12-19)

Brisbane Southside Morris Minor Club Display, 20th October, Ormiston State School

Darling Downs Veteran & Vintage Motor Club 50th Anniversary Celebrations, 2nd-6th May 2020

National Motoring Heritage Day, Picnic in the Park, 17th May 2020, 9am Cameron Park, Ipswich

QHMC re membership renewal due 1st October

QHMC emails re Gympie Swap 14th Sept, Cooroy Swap 22nd Sept, Truck Show Gatton 28th Sept, & QHMC AGM 26th Sept.

AHMF 2020 National Motoring Festival, 29th March - 4th April 2020, Albury Wodonga

Phone call from S Thom re Austin A30 Seven Running & Maintenance Instructions book

Membership renewals

OUT: Membership application forms to Steve Hayes, Bahrs Scrub 1934 Austin Cabriolet & J Buckland, of Wakerley.

Robyn moved that the inward correspondence be accepted as read & the outward endorsed. Seconded by Mike Hawthorne. Carried

Business arising from Correspondence: Book to be given to the Austin Car Club

Treasurer's Report: John gave his report, asked if any questions then moved it be accepted and all bills passed for payment. Seconded by Alan Couser. Carried.

QHMC Report: Nil

Spare Parts Report: Trevor still busy with sales. Robert Frost from Armidale enquired about joining the club.

Second Hand Parts Report: Nil

Editors Report: Tim is always looking for items for the newsletter.

Dating Officers Report: Nil

Web Master Report: Everything up to date.

Club Events:

22nd Sept All British Day, Tennyson. (5 cars)

12th-13th Oct Lama, Gatton. Members to make own arrangements

10th Nov Club Run organised by Steve Davidson, Meet 9am Centenary Pool.

14th Dec (SATURDAY) A7 Xmas Party. Greenbank RSL, \$17-50 pp \$3-00 gift numbers by 1st Dec

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19th -21st June Organised by Joe & Margaret McCormack, Boonah area

Other Events

14th Sept Laidley Spring Festival

23rd-27th Sept Austins over Australia, Barossa Valley, SA

28th Sept Historic Truck & Tractor Show, Gatton Showgrounds

20th Oct Kalbar Swap, Showgrounds

10th Nov Classic & Muscle Car Club of Ipswich, Swap Meet, North Ipswich

2020

28th Mar-4th April AHMF 2020 National Motoring Festival, Albury Wodonga

2nd -6th May Darling Downs Veteran & Vintage 50th Anniv. Rally

17th May National Motoring Heritage Day, Cameron Park, Ipswich

Past Events:

10th Aug A7 BBQ at Clubrooms

11th Aug Static Display, Morningside School of Arts Hall

11th Aug Chev Swap, Rocklea Showgrounds

Reports of these events are on the club website.

Library Report: Alan to come up with date to update the library, and suggested extra copies of books to be sold.

General Business: Brett thanked Steve for the use of his trailer so his car could be at the Static Display.

John bought a book called "We and the Baby" for \$25-00 at the Veteran Swap for the Club library, thanks to Ross Guthrie for finding it.

The Bundaberg Club has blinds in their clubroom thanks to our help while there.

88 members have paid their membership renewals.

Report on Cars &/or Car troubles: Alan thanked Peter Baker for the work done on his Austin & stated it has never gone so well.

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

Raffle: Tonight's raffle prize was donated by Alan Couser. Thank You.

Sick members wished a speedy recovery.

Supper Organiser: Valda thanked for tonight's supper.

October organiser= Peter Baker

Committee Meeting: TBA

Next Meeting: 11th October 2019

Meeting Closed: Brett asked if members had any further business to discuss. Then closed the meeting at 8.35 pm, wishing everyone a safe trip home.



Robyn



NEWS OF MEMBERS AND CARS

WELCOME to NEW MEMBERS

Member #358 Steve and Jen Hayes of Bahrs Scrub own a 1929 Austin 7 Roadster/Chummy? (photo left)

Also from Armidale is Member #359 Robert Frost.

ON SICK PARADE

Barry Leeming who was advertising his Austin 7 Sports and Austin 14/6 Roadster last issue is having an extended stay in Hospital. I am sure all the Committee and Club members send you best wishes for your speedy path to recovery, Barry.

I also heard from Ted Bale that his youngest Grandson Thomas came off second best during an accident on the family property near Mundubbera and had an emergency evacuation to Brisbane. The result is a broken femur, not much fun when you are only 6 and want to help Mum Sharon and Dad Damien run the farm.

OUT AND ABOUT



Rally man Neil and Karyn recently had quite an interesting weeklong visit to Past President Lindsay & Sharon in Jakarta. Neil hopes to put a few words together on the website about their adventures and hopefully put a few words in the newsletter. Lindsay expects to be at the November meeting. The photo left shows what is possibly the only Austin in Jakarta (labelled a 1948, but more likely a 1950 A40) and right the gang on tour.



David Ure sent this photo of his Van at the Historic Commercial Vehicle show at Gatton. It was the only Austin 7 there. As always, the Austins draw big crowds [young & old alike]. This picture catches Trevor Moore checking it out behind!! The young cowboy is possibly intrigued by the brass crank handle. Grandfather is telling that is how you wind it up like a clockwork toy?



Down in Tasmania lives this neat little 1928 BMW Dixi belonging to the Elliot family. It appears to be a normal Holden bodied Chummy even down to Lucas instruments and right hand steering, so its provenance could be "Interesting" to use a phrase from a well known member of the A7RQ and the Veteran Car Club. The Editor hopes to see the car when and if he gets to Hobart over Christmas.

The Dixi was a licence built Austin Seven made by the Dixi Werke of Eisenach , Germany. In 1929 the company was taken over by BMW who wanted to start manufacturing motor vehicles and when they saw the success of the Dixi DA-1 they found the ideal company to take over. In October 1928 the Dixi was renamed the BMW-Dixi DA-1 was sold but identical to the Dixi in all but name, till the new restyled BMW 3/15 DA-2 was produced in mid 1929. These cars had a flatter radiator, coupled brakes and louvered bonnets.

Photos courtesy of the Melbourne Light Shaft Magazine and the Elliot family.

From the Vintage Car Club magazine courtesy of Peter Noakes (currently touring the USA) and Brian MacMillan comes these photo of another wonderful car with a part in the story of the Austin 7. It is a 1930-32 American Austin two seater roadster, made in Butler, Pennsylvania. These cars were built under licence to the Austin Motor Company in the UK. The ill fated and sadly planned company went bust in 1932 and did not reappear until 1938-40 as the restyled American Bantam (and avoiding royalties) but again only lasted a couple of years, "soldiering" on to build trailers for Jeeps during WW2.



This car was seen at the Owls Head Transportation Museum in the village of Owls Head in Maine, not far from Camden. Visit the Museum at <http://owlshead.org/visit>

Finally on a sad note, people who took part in the 1996 Bush Council Rally at Armidale and the Shannon's Rally to Canberra in 2002 will possibly remember Wilf and Penny Stanbridge who lived just outside of Tenterfield and drove a lovely 1906 Cadillac. Their home and all the cars were completely destroyed in minutes in the recent bushfires. Wilf died in 2008.

Fire destroyed home in minutes

MITCHELL VAN HOMRIGH IN TENTERFIELD

STEADYING herself against the burnt husk of a palm tree, one of the few things still standing, Penny Stanbridge yesterday surveyed the rubble that a day before had been her family home of 23 years.

It took just 20 minutes from when Mrs Stanbridge first saw the bushfires approaching her Tenterfield property in the state's north-west, until the double-brick house was reduced to a tumble of bricks and tin.

She had been preparing lunch on Friday when she saw smoke a few kilometres away.



"I made a call to triple-0 at 3.10pm, then a police officer came round to my house and yelled at me to 'leave now'." Mrs Stanbridge, 71, said. "By 3.30pm I was watching the fire from my friend's place and saw my house completely destroyed."

The property is one of four houses and two businesses razed by the flames.

Volunteer firefighter Neville Smith is also fighting for his life after being injured in the bushfire.

More than 450 firefighters, 170 fire trucks and aircraft have been deployed to the fires and reinforcements have been brought in from as far as Sydney and Canberra.

Two major blazes rapidly moved on Tenterfield, 700km north of Sydney and a third between Coffs Harbour and Armidale, due to winds gusting up to 90km/h.

Mrs Stanbridge's home, recently valued at \$650,000, is the worst-damaged property. Historical artefacts she had collected her whole life have been destroyed.

She said: "There was a blunderbuss from the 1700s and a drill from the 1800s my

late husband used to build the home. It is all gone now."

Her son Ross, 51, lives at the family property in Stanthorpe, over the Queensland border, but kept his valuable vintage cars at the property.

"I had a 1906 Cadillac and a 1926 Vauxhall in the shed," he said. "Counting all the cars we lost about \$250,000."

"More than that, the Cadillac is very sentimental. My dad died 11 years ago and when he was cremated I put his ashes through the engine and blasted him out on the property."

While three family cats also perished, the house was insured and Mrs Stanbridge

PAST RALLY REPORTS

All British Day, Tennyson, 22 September 2019.



The sky was overcast as a massive assembly of all



British cars and other vehicles assembled on the St Joseph's College Playing Fields at Tennyson. Collection of cars Representing our Austin 7 Register in their A7s were Doug & Robyn Clark, Librarian Alan, Pilot Matt, Steve Went, Geoff Shepherdson, Joe Wilson, Alan Blair and Rob Haigh. We were also joined by Lyn Stanners, a non-member in his Austin 10. Other A7 members arriving in

their modern cars were David Barnett, Brett Reif, Judith & Ernie, Ian McCorkindale and Neil & Karyn.

Another of our members, Peter Baker, arrived in his Wolseley Hornet Tourer.



Left from centre to right, Doug & Robyn Clark 1929 Sports, Alan Blair 1930 Sports from Innisfail and Steve Went's 1936 Ruby Saloon (nice colour!)

Right general view with Joe Wilson's Sports in front.



Left - Alan Couser 1933 Tourer, Matt Potts 1930 Chummy, and Lyn Stanners with his Austin 10/4 tourer.
Right - Joe Wilson 1928 -33 Brescia style Sports, Geoff Shepherdson 1927 Sports and David Mitchell 1928 Chummy.



Our Austineers' on-site "Camp"



During the morning the cloudy sky cleared to a sunny and warm day. The on-site coffee vans were supported by a canteen run by school volunteers catering for the many display participants and visitors. There was an impressive array of tasty food and drinks available on the day.

As usual, there was much visitor interest in our ten A7s, representing what appeared to be the largest contingent of older British cars. Our Austineer's 'camp', located within the A7 precinct, was continually buzzing with interesting (and mostly intelligent!) conversation.

At around 2pm, the hundreds of British cars attending the static display departed the College ovals. It was yet another successful All British Day.

Some of the results were

Best Vintage and Veteran Robert Lovell 1925 Vauxhall 23/60 Tourer

Best Commercial Vehicle Peter and Margaret Needer 1955 Austin Series 3 Truck

Best Competition Vehicle Ross Kelly 1933 MG K3

Best Sports Car and Best of British Trevor Jones 1962 MGA

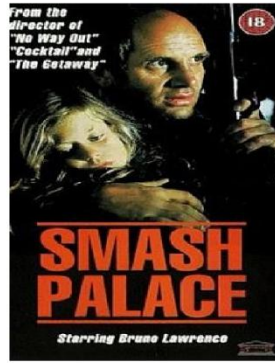
Best Club Display Jaguar Driver club of Qld.

Neil (with some extra words from Tim)

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THE SMASH PALACE

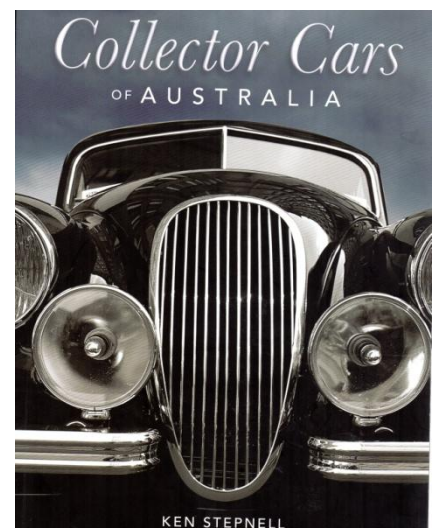
in the 1990s the editor visited New Zealand and took time out to see the Famed Smash Palace at Horopito Motors near the Tongariro National Park. The business is still a full time wrecking yard run by the Cole family since the 1940s that sells parts for vintage cars in conjunction with a business selling parts for Chevrolets. It was made famous by Roger Donaldson who directed a film that premiered at the Cannes Film Festival in 1981 starring Bruno Lawrence (he was the producer in the ABC comedy Frontline). Roger also directed many other films in both NZ and the USA including Dante's Peak and The World's Fastest Indian. The yard still harbours many Austin 7 Ruby bodies in various stages of decay plus at one time there was an entire room (in the loft!) devoted to motors, wheels, axles, gearboxes etc, etc. Some cars are kept under cover, but those outside have probably been under snow a few times! There are about 1000 cars still there. **Tim**



BOOK REVIEW



Recently I came across this book at the newsagents. I thought, "here we go yet another book of mainly 1950s and 60s Muscle and Sports cars", but I was pleasantly pleased to see that of the 384 pages of this book, 258 of them cover vehicles from 1885 to 1945. Many of them you will have seen before because the author Ken Stepnell has visited many car shows and rallies with his camera, mainly in the southern states, but a number of Queensland cars have crept in. 14 Austin 7s and bigger 10, 12 and 16s have also been captured. Here are 2 cars you may remember over the years, namely "Baby Jane" and "Egbert", being Peter Goldsworthy's 1927 Doctors Coupe and Tom Newsome's 1937 Ruby saloon.





1927 Austin 7. The tiny Baby Austin 'Doctor's Coupe'. It has a very unusual body design.



1937 Austin 7 Ruby. This tiny English car still has charm and is known to all as 'Egbert'.

This book is published by "New Holland" in 2010 and this edition in 2018. RRP was \$45, but it cost me \$24.95, about twice the price of two glossy magazine, but with lots more great colour photos of interesting OLD cars.

Austin 7 Classifieds

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



For Sale - 1929 Austin 7 Ute.

Was painted green and repainted yellow with black guards and named "The Bumble Bee" for the 2017 National Rally. Car on concessional rego. Car for sale for health reasons - contact Merv & Pam Briggs, 1 Wattlebrae Street, King Scrub, Dayboro, Qld 4521 email pambriggs123@gmail.com

FOR SALE: Early 3 speed box. Fully rebuilt at a cost of over \$2000 by John Needham. Yours for \$1500.
Joe Wilson 07/ 3378 5379 or jbwilson62@optusnet.com.au

FOR SALE c1929 Austin 7 Chummy

-Project car built up from a collection of parts. Fairly complete except for missing hood and back seat. Has been running. Has coupled brakes and Fiat Toppolino bucket front seats. Full history over the last 50 years. Car in Brisbane. Thinking about \$4K but will consider realistic offers.

Please Contact Greg Riddel on 0417 794 549 for details and to see the car.



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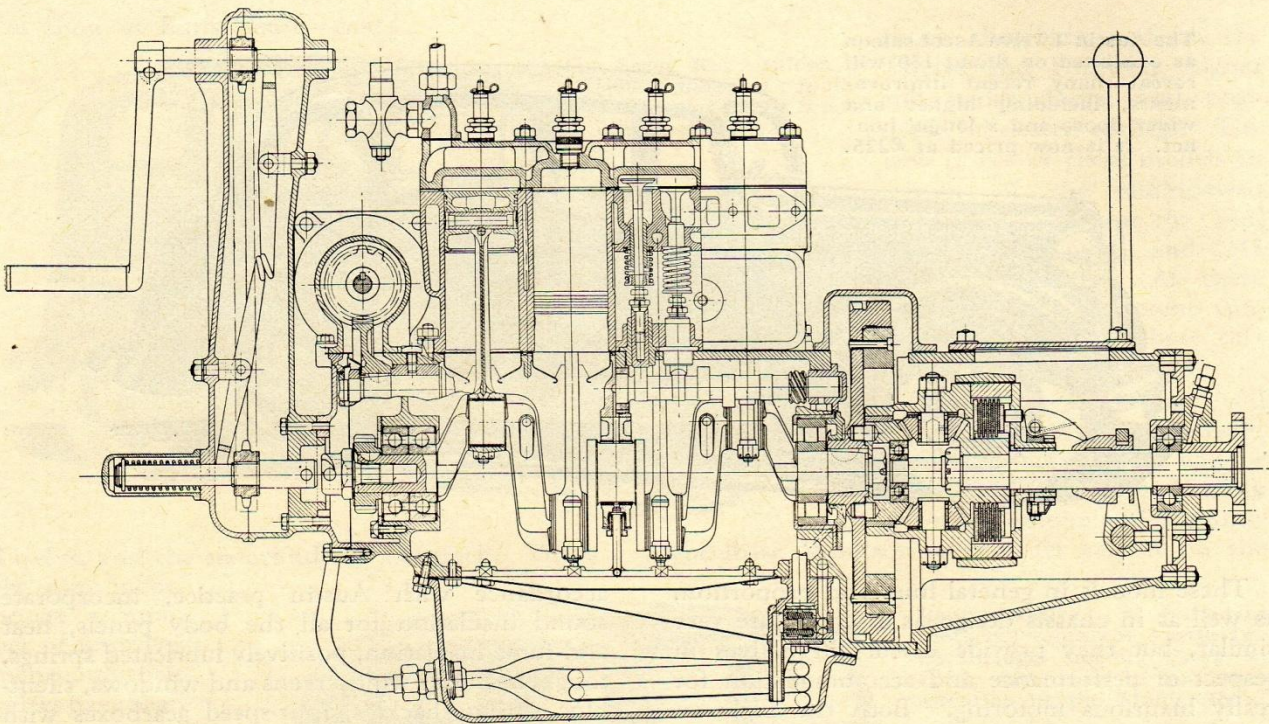
Photos from the Archives - The A7 Thetis Marine Engine of 1938

In the 1930s the Austin Motor Company offered a selection of separate engines adapted for use in marine applications. One was the 7hp Thetis engine for 69 UKP, based of course on the A7 car motor. They had a water cooled sumps and manifold, bypass temperature control, interconnected reversing gear and throttle controls. The picture below shows clearly the water cooled sump, and the offset starting handle.

THE AUSTIN MAGAZINE

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October, 1938



A sectional elevation of the Austin Thetis 7 h.p. marine engine as being exhibited on Stand 21. This view reveals the design of the reverse gear, the water-cooled sump, and the hand starting equipment, features common to all Austin marine units.

Magnus Motor s in NZ - 1927

Magnus Motors were very big Austin and later BMC Dealers in New Zealand. This amusing cartoon takes the Austin 7 owner on a trip around the highlights of the North Island. Mount Victoria is in Wellington, Mt Ngauruhoe is an active volcano (it erupted in 1977!) and Mt. Egmont is now called Mount Taranaki.

• YOU CAN'T KEEP A GOOD CAR DOWN. •

A MOTOR-CAR
OF ANY MAKE
WILL TAKE YOU
TO MOST PLACES.

CARS HAVE BEEN

IN SHOP WINDOWS

IN RIVERS

"HEAVENS
HOW DID
IT GET
UP THERE?"

"I WAS CRANKING
THE DARN THING
AND IT SLIPPED
OUT OF MY
HAND"

BUT
THE
AUSTIN
SEVEN
WILL
TAKE
YOU
ANY-
WHERE

"HEY, COME AND
SEE WHAT THE
WIND BLEW
UP HERE"

'GOOD EVENING, FOLKS
— BABY AUSTIN
CALLING'

AND THE WELLINGTON
WIRELESS STATION WHERE
NEVER BEFORE HAVE
CAR WHEELS REVOLVED
— AND IT WILL LEAD
THE WAY TO EVEN
GREATER HEIGHTS

AND, SO IT IS SAID, UP
TREES

"IF I CLIMBED
THE HIGHEST
MOUNTAIN I'D
EXPECT TO
FIND YOU
THERE."

SOON WE MAY EXPECT TO
SEE THE BABY AUSTIN
SITTING ON TOP OF
MOUNT EGMONT

RUNNING ROUND THE RIM
OF NGAURUHOE

AND EVEN SHOOTING
ALOFT TO THE TOP
OF WAIMANGU GEYSER

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