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## Centenary Event News - November 2020

Dear Austin Seven Enthusiast,

The first newsletter, in October, went to just over 420 recipients. A few weeks on and we now have over 500 on the mailing list.

Word is spreading that something very big and very special is going to be happening in July 2022 and that anyone with even the slightest interest in Austin Sevens should be there.

Thank you to all who forwarded the newsletter to their A7 contacts. Please do it again this time.

Work on organising the event continues apace and the committee is meeting regularly via Zoom to thrash out ideas and details. During 2021 we shall be putting lots more flesh on the bones and you'll be given the details via these emails and of course on the [Centenary Event website](#)

In this edition we are asking if A7 owners with more than one car would consider lending it to a fellow owner from overseas for the duration of the Centenary event. It would be marvellous if you were able to

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help.

For those abroad who are reading this and would like to borrow a Seven, hold your horses just for the time being. We'll let you know just as soon as the loan scheme is up and running.

Kind regards

Nick Salmon

For The Austin Seven Centenary Organising Committee



#### **LOAN-A-SEVEN SCHEME**

Those coming from abroad have the option to ship their cars to the U.K. but of course this is not something that everyone will wish to contemplate.

We are therefore putting together a 'Loan Scheme' to enable overseas-based A7 owners to have the use of an Austin Seven at the Centenary. No money will be involved but suitable insurance and safeguards will be in place.

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To get the wheels rolling, U.K. owners with more than one Austin Seven are invited to join the loan scheme by contacting Chris Garner ( [ulster29@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:ulster29@hotmail.co.uk). 07774 790293) who is the Centenary event committee member in charge.

At this stage the committee is simply gathering expressions of interest from those who can lend cars. A more formal agreement will be put in place later next year.

Prospective borrowers will be required to provide references from their local A7 club, proof of A7 ownership in their home country, and a copy of their driving licence and insurance certificate. They will need to have the use of another vehicle (presumably a hire car) during their visit. RH Insurance will then be contacted to provide U.K insurance cover during the loan period.

The 'Motor for the Millions' has a worldwide following and by facilitating the use of a Seven to overseas owners it is expected that the Centenary event will become truly international.

Already there have been enquiries from A7 owners in Australia and New Zealand asking if it will be possible to have the loan of a Seven when they attend the Centenary, so it is hoped that U.K. owners will be generous and answer the call!

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For all too obvious reasons it has been a profoundly frustrating year for those of us who enjoy going to events and meetings. Here are a few snaps from the National Austin 7 Rally at Beaulieu in 2019 to remind us all of what 'normal' looked like. And it will be again; hopefully long before 2022!









## RECEPTION TEAM

The heart of the Centenary event will be the Reception area where new arrivals will check in and where, during the week, people will come for information and direction.

Peter Lawson is the organising committee member who is responsible for this aspect. He would be very pleased to hear from anyone who is willing to become part of the reception team and during the event to occasionally spare an hour or two to man (or woman!) the stands. Drop a line now to

Peter: [mail@marionandpeter.plus.com](mailto:mail@marionandpeter.plus.com) The more who help out, the less each will have to do...



**ALL IN THE BEST POSSIBLE TASTE**

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It is of course necessary that we have a perfect beer for this perfect event (who can forget the luscious 'Orstin Seven Ale' at the 90th at Warwick in 2012?) so a process of rigorous testing and tasting is now under way to find suitable tipples to grace the bars at the Centenary bash.

Join me in sparing a thought for poor David Cochrane and Phil Baildon who are selflessly undertaking this onerous and time-consuming task. As you see below, they are just hating every minute of it.

Unfortunately for them it will be quite a few months before a decision has to be made so they will probably have to endure many more arduous sessions like this one as they pursue the ideal brew.

It's a tough job but someone has to do it, so thanks chaps for the sacrifices you are making for our future benefit. Bottoms up!



**Spread the word! Please forward this email on to any other A7 owners that you know.**

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THE AUSTIN 7 CENTENARY CELEBRATION

19th - 24th July 2022

at The Fire Service College, Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire



[Austin 7 Centenary website](#)

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