



NEWSLETTER

Christmas December 2020

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 2021**



Santa Claus has sacked the Reindeer for sleeping on the job and bought an Austin Seven instead!

MERRY CHRISTMAS A7RQ'ERS!!!

We finally got there, the holiday season is upon us and it's time to celebrate with friends and family. Hopefully your Christmas plans are well advanced, the menu is set, the gifts are got and lists made for jobs to do on the Austin over the break (maybe not).

It's easy to list all the horrible parts of 2020 but what about the fun bits,

- A new world record was set when 5 people walked barefoot over a 2 mile course of Lego.
- Don't worry about Donald's legal challenges, the New Zealand's bird of the year vote was found to be fraudulent, NOT FAKE NEWS!
- Scientist have discovered that platypus's glow when a black light is shone on them.
- I don't think I broke down once in my Austin all year!

So to be clear we've been dealt lots of lemons in 2020 but as a species we've pushed on and done some great things.

Christmas Party Time?? For those of us in the south east we'll be having a change in venue with our end of year celebration occurring at the clubhouse in a few weeks time.

The committee have got a plan together and I'm sure everyone is going to have a great morning



catching up with their fellow members. I did hear a whisper that Santa will be arriving so let's hope it happens! If you're not able to make it to the party on behalf of the committee I'd like to wish you a very merry Christmas and look forward to seeing you all soon. A new year on the way.....yes please!

Steve Davidson President A7RQ Inc.



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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 2021 & BEYOND!!**

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/dates of these events are still to be confirmed.

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



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

Friday 11th December: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale. Members are requested to bring a plate of Christmas Food to share.

Sunday 13th December: A7 Club Christmas Get together The Christmas Party for 2020 will be a Breakfast menu Brunch commencing at 9.30am and is to be held at the Clubrooms, Carindale. Food will be supplied by the A7 Club but all drinks (hot or cold) are BYO. Members are requested to wear 'Christmas' attire. A Christmas Raffle will be conducted on the day. Members are to notify Robyn (Ph: 3800 1965 or Email: doug_robynclark@bigpond.com) no later than 23 November if they are attending. As this is an A7 Reg. Event, members are encouraged to drive their A7s. This information is also on our A7 Website in the 'Events & Monthly Runs' section.

EVENTS FOR 2021 (The details and dates of some events are still to be confirmed).

Friday 8th January : A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Tuesday 26th January : A7 Register January Event: Australia Day Rally. organized by BVRC commencing with Breakfast from 6am at Ormiston State School. Rally around 10.30am to follow around Moreton Bay area – finishing at Redlands Sporting Club for lunch. Contact Robyn Clark (ph 3800 1965) for more details. A7 members to make own arrangements re travel, registration etc.

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

Sunday 14th February : A7 Register February Event: A7 Valentine's Day Run. Run to be organised by Lindsay & Sharon (ph. 0408 876 559). (Early Start – hot weather!!!!) Run to commence from ?????? Carpark at 8.00am. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch.

Friday 12th March 2021: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 14th March 2021: A7 Register March Event: President's Run to be organized by Steve (Ph. 0418 814 501). Run to commence from ?? Carpark at 9am. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch.

Friday 9th April 2021: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 11th April 2021: A7 Register April Event: Run to be organized by ??? and Run to commence from ?? Carpark at 9am. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch.

Friday 14th May 2021: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Wednesday 19th to Monday 24th May 2021: A7 Rocky Run organised by Greg & Kaye Shuker (ph. 0429 911 022). Run details, Rockhampton accommodation, general information etc. are located on this website under the heading 'AUSTIN 7 ROCKY RUN 2021 & COUNTRY RUN 2021'.

Friday 11th June 2021: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 13th June 2021: A7 Register June Event: Run to be organized by Run to commence from Carindale Club Carpark at 9am. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch.

Friday 9th July 2021: A7 Register General Meeting: This meeting is to be held on weekend of 10 & 11 July at Country Run event.

Saturday 10th & Sunday 11th July 2021: A7 Country Run. Run organised by Joe & 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. Further details of venue/runs/accommodation etc. are located on this website under the heading 'AUSTIN 7 ROCKY RUN 2021 & COUNTRY RUN 2021'.

INVITATION TOURS AND SWAP MEETS

(AND OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST).

Please note some events may still to be Confirmed.

Saturday 23rd & Sunday 24th January 2021: Allora Heritage Weekend, organised by Warwick Veteran & Vintage Vehicle Club, to be held at the Allora Show Grounds. \$10/person/day. For more information phone: 07 4666 3693 or 0408 674 634

Saturday 10th January 2021 Gold Coast All British Car Display.

Location at the Gold Coast Antique Auto Club Hall, 238 Mudgeeraba Road, Mudgeeraba on the Gold Coast (Opposite Milky Way). Display Cars need to be there by 7:30 am

Contact the Events Director Bill Budd on 07 5535 8882 or 0409 358 888

Saturday, 6th and Sunday 7th February 2021 - 49th Toowoomba Swap Meet CANCELLED

Sunday 21st March 2021: Chrysler Expo at the Rocklea Showgrounds

Sunday 28th March 2021: Bayside Swap organised by the Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club to be held at Ormiston State School commencing at 6am.

????Saturday 2nd May to Wednesday 6th May 2021: Darling Downs Veteran & Vintage Motor Club 51st 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. **To be confirmed later!!**

Saturday 15th to Sunday 16th May 2021: Heritage Truck Association Annual Truck Show at Rocklea Showgrounds. Gates open 8am to 5pm on Saturday & 8am to 3pm Sunday. For more information contact Robyn ph. 3800 1965.

???Sunday 27th June 2021: Our A7 Club has been invited to attend the **VCCQ Annual Concourse** to be held at Ormiston House from 10am on 27 June 2021. For details contact VCCQ. Members are to arrange their own travel etc. for this event. **To be confirmed later!!**

Tuesday 24th-Sunday 29th August - Austin's Over Australia 2021 held at Port Stephens (north of Newcastle)..

The Austin A40 Car Club of NSW Inc. welcomes and invites you to attend our Austins Over Australia in August 2021 at Port Stephens. There have been 229 Expressions of Interest received by the committee and planning of the event is underway. Our Club is being supported by members of the Austin Motor Vehicle Club.

The Port Stephens Council have been very helpful in providing facilities for us to use. If you have not reserved your accommodation we recommend that you do it soon. Nelson Bay has a great variety of accommodation available, which can be found at www.portstephens.org.au

Registration forms will be emailed when we have settled on final event prices.

Port Stephens is a body of water and a council area, encompassing the localities of Nelson Bay, Shoal Bay, Salamander Bay, Soldiers Point, Fingal Bay, and Taylor's Beach, all within about 10 square kilometres.

Our program is looking like this:

***Tuesday 24th Registration Day and Meet and Greet**

***Wednesday to Friday various events**

***Saturday 28th Display Day at Fly Point, followed by Presentation Dinner.**

***Sunday 29th Farewell Breakfast.**

Expressions of interest are invited and if you have any enquires please contact

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Saturday 9th April to Thursday, 14 April 2022- Austin 7 100 Years - Warrnambool National Rally Any queries contact the Rally Committee at 2022rallyinfo@gmail.com.

All the other Austin 7 Clubs in Australia have already made bookings for accommodation to the event, and Queensland does not want to be left behind. If you want to be with other Qld A7 folks, several have already put their names down at the Figtree c/park as the Qld Warrnambool Rally HQ, no deposit is required at this point, all that is necessary is contact details and your choice of accommodation will be allocated. As of writing there were about 32 names who have chosen the Fig Tree..

You can contact Brian at the BIG4 Figtree Holiday Park at 33 Lava Street Warrnambool Vic 3280, Telephone (03) 5561 1233 email reservations@figtreepark.com or look at www.figtreepark.com. We did send out an email a while back, but if you missed it please contact Tim Braby on 0405 740 418 or Ronda Guthrie on 0417 737 773.

18th July to 25th July 2022. Austin 7 Clubs Association UK rally





The Austin 7 Centenary Celebration & Rally
18th - 25th July 2022
The Fire Service College, Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire
A week-long programme of activities and entertainments, runs, and displays,
organised by The Austin Seven Clubs' Association
www.A7centenary.com



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 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.

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. 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!.

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 The more



who help out, the less each will have to do.

ALL IN THE BEST POSSIBLE TASTE

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 Baidon 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! **Our mailing address is:**

The Austin Seven Clubs' Association, c/o 3 Housman Avenue, Royston, Herts. SG8 5DN

MINUTES OF PAST A7R9 MEETINGS

Austin Seven Register of Old Inc

Meeting No. 596, 9th October 2020

Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale

The President Steve Davidson opened the meeting at 7.50 pm with a welcome to all.

Attendance: 22 members signed

Apologies: D Barnett, E Moore, J Wilson, M Hawthorne

Minutes: Robyn read the minutes of the September meeting then moved they be accepted as a true and correct record, Seconded by Neil Thyer. Carried

Business arising from Minutes: NIL

Correspondence IN: Newsletters from other clubs

Email re Thank you from Mike Hawthorne

Email re Chrysler Expo 21st March 2021, Rocklea Showgrounds

Membership application form from Pete Bellars

Phone call from Isla Robertson re donation books for library

OUT: Thinking of you Card to Merv Briggs

Membership & Parts books to Rey Scarlett & Pete Bellars

Veteran Car Club re club officers & key holders

Phone call to VCCA re booking clubrooms for 13th Dec Xmas Party

Receipts & Membership cards to members

Robyn moved the correspondence be approved as read & the outward endorsed. Seconded by Ken Bell. Carried.

Business arising from Correspondence: NIL

Treasurer's Report: John Que acting treasurer gave the report, asked for questions then moved the report be accepted. Seconded by Alan Couser. Carried. 99 members have paid their membership, Office of Fair Trading still to be paid.

QHMC Report: Justin McKeering gave this report.

Spare Parts Report: Trevor stated good sales for the month. Peter Baker has made fabric universal's which are now for sale. Melbourne Spare Parts still closed.

Second Hand Parts Report: Doug has made a few sales.

Editors Report: Tim asked if the minutes of the meeting should be in the newsletter. After a discussion the outcome was YES.



Dating Officer Report: Peter Rigby now has his car on the road.

Web Master Report: Neil has removed the second Hand Parts list from the website. Everything else is up to date.

Club Events:

10th Oct Tingalpa Church, Wynnum Rd, Cannon Hill. 10am to 1 pm

15th Nov A7 run organised by Ian & Valda McDowell. Bayside area

13th Dec A7 Xmas Brunch, 9.0am clubrooms. Notify Robyn by 23rd Nov if attending

Other Events:

10th-11th Oct LAMA Invitation Rally CANCELLED

Toowoomba Swap, February 2021 CANCELLED

24th-29th August 2021 Austins Over Australia, Port Stevens

Past Events: Some members went to Australia Zoo with the Bayside Club.

Library Report: NIL

General Business: Rhonda suggested members going to Austins Over Australia should book their accommodation at Port Stevens, also has a lot of old photos for members to look at from different club events many years ago.

Steve would like to update the clubs data this year.

Discussion on whether the club is known as Seven or number 7, as some of our documents are different when should all be uniform. (Cheque books, Constitution, Insurance, Office of Fair Trading, etc.)

Report on cars &/or car troubles: Peter Baker explained how he has made the fabric universals.

Ken Bell has had work done at Mendems Engineering & would recommend then to members.

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

Raffle: Valda selling tickets for tonight's raffle.

Sick members wished a speedy return to good health. Thinking of Mike Hawthorne, Merv Briggs & Peter Goldsworthy, also others we have not heard from.

Supper Organiser: NIL

Committee Meeting: TBA

Next Meeting: 13th November 2020

Meeting Closed: Steve closed the meeting at 8.45pm thanking those who had attended, & for everyone to keep safe & well.

Austin Seven Register of Queensland Inc.

Meeting No. 597, 13th November 2020

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.

Attendance: 18 members signed the book.

Apologies: D Barnett. M & K McGuill, L & S Jordan, E Moore.

Minutes: Robyn read the minutes of the October meeting then moved it be accepted as a true and correct record. Seconded by Neil Thyer. Carried.

Business arising from minutes: Nil

Correspondence IN: Newsletter from other clubs

Email re Thank you from Tingalpa Church

Email re Mike Hawthorne's recovery

David Barnett's membership renewal

Email re QHMC Minutes

Email re printing from Clark & Mackay, Acacia Ridge

Col Stubbing re book donated to library

Advertising material

Robyn moved the correspondence be approved as read. Seconded by Trevor Moore. Carried

Business arising from Correspondence: Nil



Treasure's Report: John gave this report stating the Melbourne Club & Insurance for spare parts needed to be paid. John moved his report & Tim Braby seconded it with all bills to be paid. Carried.

QHMC Report: Justin McKeering gave a brief outline of the meeting. Minutes tabled for everyone to see.

Spare Parts Report: Trevor has made some good sales in the last month & a special parts order sent to Melbourne.

Second Hand Parts Report: Nil

Editors Report: Tim has had good response from members here & overseas about the newsletter.

Dating Officers Report: Tim reported on Trevor & Bev McCulloch car.

Web Master Report: Neil has the website up to date but is trying to organise dates for next year's Rocky Run & Boonah. Check website for update on these events.

Club Events:

15th Nov A7 run organised by I & V McDowell, meet clubrooms 9am, Byo M/T & Lunch

13th Dec A7 Xmas Party Brunch, clubrooms 9.30 am, Xmas attire.

2021

January NO BREAKFAST

14th Feb Valentine's Run organised by Lindsay & Sharon

14th March Presidents Run

Other Events:

23rd-24th Jan Allora Heritage Weekend

26th Jan Australia Day, Ormiston State School, Breakfast 7am to 9am

28th March Bayside Swap, Ormiston State School.

Past Events:

10th Oct Tingalpa Church

Library Report: Nil

General Business: Alan Couser discussed the impromptu event rules.

Report on cars &/or car troubles: Nil

Birthdays: Members having a Birthday in November wished many Happy Returns.

Raffle: Valda selling tickets in tonight's raffle

Sick members wished a speedy return to good health.

Supper Organised: NIL

Committee Meeting: TBA

Next meeting: 11th December 2020

Meeting closed: As there was no further business to discuss the President closed the meeting at 8.45 pm., wishing everyone a safe trip home.

Robyn



NEWS OF MEMBERS AND CARS

Welcome To New Members

Member #368 Raymond, Kathy & Lisa SCARLETT of Hervey Bay who have a 1928 Sports Seven.

A Thank you from Mike Hawthorne

Mike Hawthorne rang very recently, he is recovering well after his spell in hospital, and despite some ongoing treatment is get back into his A7 bread Van project, Mike also would like to thank the club and other well wishers who have contacted him and Jo over the last few weeks.

Matt Potts in quarantine

"G'day all.

Thanks for the email.

I'm in Shanghai! Stood up for a block of flying (passenger jets) and this is where I've ended up today.

A few weeks quarantine when I get home then Christmas off and we'll see what 2021 brings! Did you see this important information? (see item top left next page) Cheers, Matt"

COVID-19 BREAKING NEWS:

Men who are into classic vehicles are now thought most likely to carry the Corona virus without showing any signs or symptoms.

The best course of action is to avoid women and children to prevent the spread of the virus.

Workshops sheds and Garages have been recognised as the safest self isolation areas by the World Health Organisation and you must now self isolate for 14 days.

Ensure you have with you, your laptop, PayPal details and plenty of tea coffee and milk and beer.

In the event you cannot finish that random project you're working on, take the opportunity to tidy the garage in peace, reorganise tools, or simply plan out the next bonkers idea or plan.



We are lucky to have in our club Peter Baker, who is a veritable Mechanical Guru when it comes to anything to do with vintage machinery, especially Austin 7s which have been a staple of his motoring diet for over 50 years now. Recently there appeared a problem with procuring serviceable fabric universal joints used on all Sevens (including the 4 speed crash box?) until 1934 when the synchromesh box was introduced. Peter took it upon himself to seek some suitable industrial belting, similar to that which the club saw in the 1970s. The new material is slightly thinner but just as serviceable. Peter trimmed and drilled several of these for the club using the original club jig (made by George Elfick as a "side order" at Evans Deakin's in the 1970s?) and you can get yours thru Trevor, but take note Trevor will be on holidays over the Xmas/New Year Break! The photo shows the drilling jig, one of the new joints at the bottom one of the older style joints with the riveted reinforcing plates. The ones we were getting tend to split thru the fabric at these joints. (The one on my 1929 is over 25 years old but still ok, but check if you have a newer fitted in the last years or so)

AUSTIN 7 **REGISTER** **SPARES**

Will be closed between 19th December 2020 and 11th January 2021 while Trevor helps Santa with his deliveries.

The last order for anything special please advise at the last spares order to Melbourne will be on the 12th December 2019

Many thanks for your cooperation.

Trevor Moore Spare Parts Officer

NEW FABRIC **JOINTS FROM** **PETER**

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PAST RALLY AND EVENTS REPORTS

Tingalpa Pioneer/Decoration Day Celebration – **Saturday 10th** **October 2020**

As in past years, The Friends of Tingalpa Cemetery Society Inc. had invited our Club to participate in their 152nd Pioneer/Decoration Day celebration at the historic Chapel and Cemetery on Wynnum Road, Tingalpa. In total contrast to last year's event, the 10th October 2020 was a clear, warm and sunny day.

All events on the day were conducted in a



COVID-safe manner, which meant that the Chapel was unfortunately not used for any part of the proceedings. All events were held under several marquees erected adjacent to the Chapel.

Those of us who are members of the Society were there at 9am for The Friend's AGM, which was also attended and addressed by Ross Vasta, Federal MP for Bonner, and Lisa Atwood, Councillor for Doboy Ward.



A7 Members at the Ceremony

Following the AGM, the formal ceremony commenced at 10 am signalled by the ringing of the Chapel bell. At this point, there were three A7s driven by Trevor & Elaine, Hugh & Judy and Neil & Karyn proudly displayed near the Chapel. The Clark's Mini completed the contingent of A7 members' cars on display. Other Austineers arriving in their modern cars were Lindsay & Sharon and Treasurer John.

The formal ceremony consisted of:

- The Friend's President and MC on the day, Geoff Doherty, commencing the program with a welcome and general introduction

- A service and address by Father Daniel Hobbs, Parish Priest
- An entertaining talk by Jon Hulett, taking on the role of pioneer Charles Coxon, about the Chapel consecration 152 years ago

The less formal events to follow were the recognition of Neil's birthday on the day and the drawing of the Lucky Door Prize, donated by Steve Minnikin, State MP for Chatsworth. Throughout the service and following the formalities, a choir named 'Momentum' entertainingly performed for those present at the celebration.

Following the formalities, morning tea was served. As



DOUG CHATTING WITH CR LISA ATWOOD - DOBOY WARD
(HE EVEN HAD HIS CAP OFF!!!)

usual there were sausage rolls and party pies and a huge variety of cakes and sweets. Tea, coffee and cold drinks were also available. During this time, many guests took the opportunity to roam the grounds, inspecting the variety of interesting headstones on the historic graves.

At around 12 noon, as the temperature of the day began to peak, it was time to pack up and head home. Our thanks go to The Friends of Tingalpa Cemetery Society Inc. for extending an invitation to our Club to participate in yet another great celebration of their Pioneer/Decoration Day.

Neil

A7 RQ Run — Moreton Bay 15 November 2020

The weather forecast for this weekend was for heatwave conditions, continuing until Tuesday. Not a terrific forecast for us driving a hoodless roadster A7! Despite the forecast, seven fearless A7 drivers arrived at the



run start point, the Carindale Clubrooms carpark. A7 vehicle participants were Trevor & Elaine, immediate past Librarian Alan, Lindsay & Sharon, Brett, President Steve, Doug & Robyn and run organisers Valda & Ian. It was a pleasant surprise to also have Peter & Gail along in their MGB. Arriving in modern cars were Neil & Karyn and Treasurer John.

At around 9am we set off, heading in an easterly direction toward Moreton Bay. The run organisers had cleverly decided to plan this run around the cool Bay area on such a hot day. It was an interesting drive to the Bay through the suburbs of Chandler, Gumdale and Thorneside, finishing up at

Aquatic Paradise Park West beside the Bay in Birkdale for our morning tea stop.

Soon after arrival at the park, Brett was joined by his wife Kylie and daughters, Clare and Tessa, who had prearranged their rendezvous at the park.

The morning tea stop, under a waterfront shelter, proved to be so cool and comfortable that a decision was made not to continue with the after-morning tea run, but to remain there up to and including lunch. Several members decided to go on short walks around the park, while others were content to remain under the shady shelter and enjoy partaking in congenial conversations. Before too long it was



lunch time, and a noticeable decrease in conversation volume was evident as we devoured our BYO delicacies.

At around 12.30pm, some run participants decided to head directly home, while others chose to complete the run route prior to proceeding home. After driving around the Cleveland peninsula, the four remaining A7s decided to stop and regroup. In a surprising coincidence, the stop location was close by the residence of one of our A7 Register members, Hugh Cullen. Hugh, having seen the A7s pass by his house, pursued them in his own A7 to the regrouping stop point.

After a short chat with Hugh and a chance

meeting for Alan with two of his Female Fan Club members, the remaining run participants proceeded home from what was a highly successful run. Our thanks go to Valda & Ian for their efforts in organising this memorable event.

Neil

Welcome to Trevor and Bev's new Austin 7

Just a few weeks ago the club was contacted by a gentleman called Keith in Sheldon who had bought a 1935 Austin 7 Ruby Tourer from a car broker in Adelaide. The owner had decided to sell the car on because of chronic health problems and concerns about the state of the motor which is a tad rattly. As it was Trevor and

Bev McCulloch heard about the and so paid Keith a visit. They liked what they saw and did a deal and a few days later it was on a trailer back up to the Sunshine Coast. Then Trevor twisted his back (an old injury) and the car sat as an usual garden feature for a few days, attracting comments on Bev's facebook page! Trevor is back on his feet again after a bit of rest and getting into his new "Toy". This car has been around a bit and I thought it would be nice to get some history on the car. I struck gold in South Australia through David Grear who not only knew the car, but its owner for the past 40 odd years and had actually seen the car at the car brokers in Adelaide for a enthusiast in WA. Anyway the story goes that Keith saw the car advertised and just put a bid on the car, lower than the asking price, and was surprised to find he had actually bought the car!

A Description of car as advertised recently by Firma Trading of Adelaide



"This 1935 Austin 7 Ruby Tourer is a "gem" of a car. It is an older restoration that still drives well and has the aged patina to it. It has been owned by one loving elderly owner for the last 40 years and comes with full wet weather gear.

Its colour combination of blue on blue is very nice and the blue interior makes for a visually presentable car. It stands out in a crowd and it's a true head turner as you drive it around. This car looks good with the very good condition canvas top either up or down. A rare opportunity to buy a genuine vintage vehicle that has international demand and appeal. Engine runs smoothly and in our opinion a very good low entry price point to get into classic motoring."

A History of Trevor's car from David Grear from the South Australian A7 Club

The car was owned and restored by Brian Moffat in the late 1970's

Brian was a spray painter and that is probably the part that has suffered the ravages of time the worst.

The trim and hood were done by Noel's trim shop, a reputable person in Adelaide.

The vehicle has been used very little since restoration.

It went into hibernation from the early 1980's until recently when Brian retired and decided that he would use it again.

It was checked over by one of our members and Brian was taking the grand kids to school in it.

He sold it to Firma Trading 2 years ago

I had a look at it for a gentleman in W.A. when it was at Firma Trading it started on the handle sounded nice and was only let down by its cracking paint and motorcycle tyres.

Regards

David Grear

Getting Technical

Nick Turley Tips – recorded from a Zoom Meeting of the PWA7C , West Lancashire Group. Nov. 2020

"I was pleased to receive the invite, and have arranged to get invites to their future "Zoom" presentations. The first piece was of most interest, it was given by renowned expert Nick Turley and he discussed the various aspects of servicing that he conducts on his sevens. Some of his comments will apply to other models as well.

At one point I noticed that the meeting had attracted 51 enthusiasts , most from Yorkshire and Lincolnshire, but this is the beauty of zoom – you can join in from across the other side of the world. On this occasion I “muted” the microphone, and listened to the presentations making notes on what Nick had to say. Some of it I already knew, but I was surprised that I found out a lot that I didn't know and here I wish to pass on his comments on the way that he approaches servicing.

Firstly winter layup. If the car is to be stored over the winter he advises filling the tank right up. As petrol contains a certain amount of moisture it can rust the tank. (Not sure if this tip applies if you have had the tank slosh sealed).

Next – tyres can end up with a flat spot and Nick pumps his up to 50psi over winter.

With regard to lubrication Nick uses straight 30 in the engine, and uses EP140 in the back axle. There used to be a time when EP oils attacked brass and bronze components, but Nick assures everyone that this is no longer the case.

To stop the grease in the king pins and bushes going hard, Nick recommends pumping EP90 oil through them, not grease, especially at winter layup.

Next he addressed the king pin cotter. He talked at length about the shape, and advised that the nut should be tightened to 19 ft/lbs. That's 19, not 18 or 20! I must check what I set mine to!

He mentioned the existence of cracks in front stub axles – I am in contact with Nick to explore this in more detail, as I have never heard of it before. I will let you know the outcome.

Next steering – front wheels should be set to 1/32 toe in.

Shock absorbers. These are usually left well alone, but Nick says that periodically they should be disconnected at the ends. The front shock absorber should not have any movement at the centre pin. They shouldn't be over tightened. How tight should they be set to? Well Nick's research suggests that the front should be set so that a spring balance should read 8lbs, and the rear 10lbs. I am not sure I have ever heard of these settings, but he assured the meeting that the ride is best at these settings.

Don't use high temperature grease on the car as it can emulsify and therefore introduce moisture and rust.

Nick advocates removing the spark plugs and putting oil into the cylinders for over winter. He then turns the engine over by hand every month or so. He claims that this is better than just starting the car for a few minutes as it reduces wear.

Brake cables are made from galvanised wire that rots from the middle outwards. He suggests that they should be oiled regularly.

Drag link joints and the brake cross shaft benefit from a rope spray, available as an aerosol and used on industrial cables and winches. Made by "Rocol?" it is good for penetrating uphill, and sticks to surfaces.

Another member in the meeting later suggested that bike chain oil was also good at this.

Lubricate springs with a mixture of 50% oil and 50% paraffin. Apply it with a paintbrush.

Half shafts should be assembled into the rear hub dry, don't oil or grease the mating surfaces".

Mark Jagger from Southport (that is England, not Queensland)

2 Old Guys and an Austin 7 by Wayne Styles



During 1996 my luck changed when I received a telephone call from a friend who advised me of an advertisement in the local paper for an Austin seven tourer for sale in our Melbourne neighbouring suburb of Hampton.

An elderly gentleman by the name of Gordon Hofsteed was the owner of the car and he was downsizing into a retirement village and needed to dispose of some of his possessions including his one family owned 1927 chummy purchased new. When viewed, the car was a Melbourne body works model, 99.9% complete tourer with only two small dents in one rear guard otherwise straight as a die.

Gordon had inherited the car from his uncle after his passing in the 70's and used it locally but was constantly embarrassed by children comparing it

with a Noddy car. Fed up, he purchased a purpose built shed had it installed in his back yard and located the Austin in out of harms way.

Prior to that, for some unknown reason he was inspired to purchase a 1931 seven and dismantled it and disposed of the unwanted parts.

Upon inspection of the chummy it was still fully road registered, the engine had been removed, the vinyl roof had disintegrated due to the sheds roof rusting away and the remains of the 1931 model stored within the car.

When the time came to collect the car, the tyres inflated sufficiently to remove it from the shed however, the years of storage neglect paid a heavy toll on the cream paintwork. After I had removed everything from within I realised that the only way that I could clean it up was to hit it with a high pressure washer which made a big difference.

This delightful 'as found shed find' was so original and complete that it was a great help with answers as to what goes where and is it original etc, so much so that the Austin seven club borrowed it on occasions to display it for promotional purposes.

I kept the Austin for many years, and moved it on at the Bendigo swap meet to a Queenslander.

After losing contact with the new owner for some time I am delighted to know that it now resides with a friend of mine who is intent in keeping it in its original condition and restoring it.

Wayne Styles.

THEY DO JUST KEEP TURNING UP!!!



Speaking to Ted Bale, he says the car that was up this way at least 20 years ago and may have been raced at Lakeside in the

Your Editor had a call out of the blue late last month about an Austin 7 based racer that has a very worn Austin 7 Register of Qld badge upon its nose. The car is now in Melbourne, and has a Datsun 1000 motor and Fiat Toppolino front end. The present owner mentioned, Vic Hales, Owen Robertson and Chris Tairych as previous owners.



1960s.

It did have a A7 motor which Cam McCulloch did up, but then later it was taken out and a Datsun 1000 (?) motor and rear end put in. The A7 motor, gearbox and back end now is in Ted's daughter Stacy's Special, being the beginning of the car Ted built 20 -25 years ago. The chassis is from a Ruby and is now probably the only A7 part of the car.

In 1992 & 1993 the car was on our Register and belonged to Peter and Janelle Taplin of Strathpine. Peter spent a "motza" on the motor and gearbox



and back end, but when he drove it was not happy with the performance and offered the components for sale. It is evident that a lot of changes have been done to the car over the last 25 years but it is essentially the same car, including the paint and addition of upholstery and roll bar, fitting the "Dato" motor, and changing the rims. Ted tell me it had alternate sets of wheels depending on racing conditions. The body is light steel tube from with aluminium panels, the nose being a fibreglass fitting, The photos of the car in green on the dirt track are as it is now, the one of the car with a younger Ted Bale checking it out dates from about 1993!

WITH DUNCAN IN THE ANTARCTIC - Part One



normal work behaviour.

I am mainly doing maintenance and repair work. As most of the station was built in the late 80's a lot of the equipment is of that age. Some things such as boilers, pumps and control systems have been renewed in the last 5-15 years. The buildings are heated by generators/ heat exchangers and boilers if required. Pipe work for heating, potable water, fire fighting water, and sewerage goes to most buildings

A day in the life of a plumber at Casey Station

This year we have three plumbers, two for maintenance work and one for project works (normally at least two if there is project works to do but last-minute changes meant one went home on the last flight before winter.

A typical day will be start work at 7:30am and finish at 4:15pm with a smoko and lunch break. We work half a Saturday and usually have Sunday off.

For those that are motivated, there is a gym or cardio room to get the heart started, a couple of others will do some stretching/yoga type while the most of the winter crew will indulge in a leisurely breakfast and throw around some friendly banter.

Our plumbing team will usually get together and discuss different plans and concerns. Who needs help etc then we will head off to whatever task is the top of the list? All pretty

Approaching Casey Wharf across the Sea Ice



Cutting thru the ice layer on the Lake



other than the workshop and the stores building. These have their own standalone systems for storing water, sewerage, and heating. The network of pipes is heavily insulated and has a heat trace along the pipe for when temperatures in the pipe get low enough to start freezing.

If on call I will follow up on any alarms that may have gone off overnight, check that the various outdoor pipes are at a good temperature to prevent freezing in the pipes then do a walkthrough of any empty buildings prior to working through the maintenance job list. When on call we are also required to pump water into our potable tanks, check over the sewage treatment plant and incinerate burnable rubbish such as timber, cardboard, kitchen wastes etc.

Pumping water is not quite as simple as going to a lake/river/dam/bore and turning a pump on. At Casey we have few sources of fresh water. The first option is a small lake at the rear of our tank house which freezes completely to a depth of around 2.4m. The second option is another larger lake that is about 150m away from the first lake, this lake freezes to nearly 3m and has a depth of around 4m. The third option requires loading up a vehicle with 1000 litre containers, driving a few Km's and there is another lake that is about 3m deep and freezes to around 2m thick.

Option one has what we call a melt bell sitting on the lakebed. The melt bell has water circulating through it a 40 deg Celsius. The heat radiates from the melt bell and melts the ice enough for us to pump between 3,000 and 6,000 litres per day. A typical day will be around 4,500 litres per day for a station of 27 people.



Outdoor movies with a screen made out of snow!!!



If the level of the ice in lake one drops below 1.5m we need to drill a hole through the ice in lake two, run a series of hose between both lakes, then set up a pump and pump between the two for 2-6 hours depending on the amount of water required and how long we can pump before the hoses freeze up. In recent times there has been no need to collect water from the third lake.

Each month we work our way through the plant rooms in the various buildings completing inspections, lubricating bearings, looking for leaks, listening for new noises, checking glycol ratios, and checking that actuated control valves are moving freely. In the warmer months we generally found no issues.

Its only once the system became loaded with the winter temperatures and winds that the systems started to show things that needed repair or adjustment.

Each building will have an annual service, these are spread through the year with the important ones such as the powerhouse and emergency powerhouse being serviced in the summer months. These to take about 7-10 days for two plumbers to work through their tasks.

While doing or plant room checks we will often make minor alterations to rectify issues that have been around for years or as time changes, there are different ways of doing an outdated task.

Some of the typical tasks will be repairs to leaky or noisy pumps and fans, repairs leaky actuator valves and the like.



After work some of us head to the gym or cardio rooms, others head off for a walk within the station boundaries which provides an opportunity to have some time to oneself. There is a bar which opens around five for those that want a brew of some sort. We have to order any alcohol before heading down and it is stored away and rationed out through the year. There is also the option of consuming the home brewed beers and ciders which most of the time are tasty/moreish.

Dinner is set for between 6-6:45. We are spoilt for food here. Our chef never fails to provide a range of tasty dishes that make it hard to be disciplined and



The Southern Aurora

overindulge.

The evenings can be spent back in the bar, watching a movie, often there is a jigsaw puzzle on the go. Some will sit in the living areas reading a book or their favourite device. Others will head to their rooms and not surface again until the morrow. The nights that are not cloudy present opportunities for photographers to capture images of the milky way or the occasional Aurora. One has to be keen though as the cold seeps through gloves and boots pretty quickly especially when touching cold tripods and cameras.

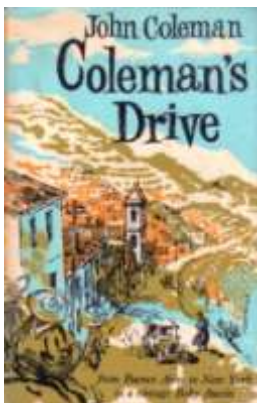
Duncan Logan (more from Duncan next issue as we explore the surrounds of Casey Station)



The Milky Way in all its Glory

Austin 7 Classifieds

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



For Sale "Coleman's Drive" by John Coleman, story of an epic trip in a Vintage Austin 7 along the length of South American, conquering the Andes. A must have Classic book for anyone interested in the Austin 7. 256 pages, printed 1962. Contact Mike Hawthorne on 07 3358 4367 (Brisbane)

For sale Ruby running board covers (for 1934 to 39 Austin 7 with painted radiator cowl, not chrome radiator models)

Ken Bell bought a pair of rubber running board covers for his 1934 Box Saloon, not realising the new ones he ordered from Melbourne are for the Ruby which was introduced later in 1934. Ken is now a motivated seller and can be contacted on 0428 458 575 should your Ruby have need of a new set of lovely running boards.. He lives at Stretton, on Brisbane's Southside



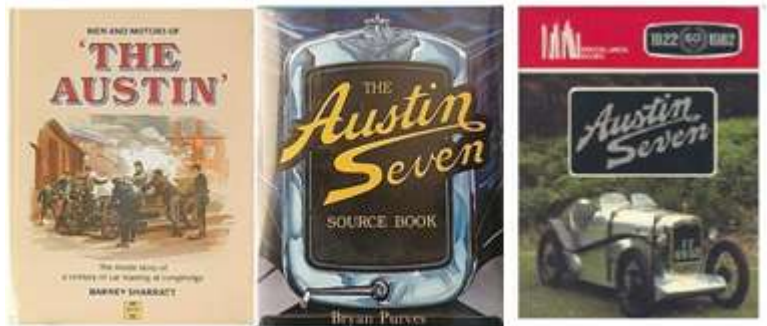
Wanted Ruby model Austin 7 Speedo (drum type, rather than needle type). 63mm across the Bezel. Please contact Ron Anderson of Maryborough on Mobile: 0490 795 079 or Email: ronand0647@1cloud.com

Wanted 1928-30 Chummy or Roadster with coil motor, (not magneto) in running and registered condition wanted by a motivated buyer. Prefer a local car (greater Brisbane area) and do not want a car that needs to be finished. What offers please? David Barnett on 0414 015 145.

For Sale Austin 7 Cylinder Head Gaskets - Made of Klingerite 1000 to early (low compression) pattern, can be trimmed for later head if needed. Price \$35 each plus post or \$150 for a pack of 5 plus post. Telephone John Smith (0480 274 512) Cooran, Nth. Sunshine Coast. (Note Club gaskets are now \$70 plus each)
(I also have 5 left at home at Aspley, will bring to meeting- Tim Braby)

For Sale Austin 7 Books

1. Men and Motors of "The Austin", By Barney Sharratt 18/09/2000. (Amazon \$273) My price \$220.
 2. A7 Source Book by Bryan Purves \$200.
 3. A7 Brooklands 1922, 60 years 1982 100 A4 pages of technical articles and photo's reprinted from 'Autocar' and 'Lightcar' magazines.. \$20.
- Barry Leeming (Mackay) Phone :- 0412 77 1800.**



For Sale: 1938 ex Austin 7

racer. Restored to road use. Needs brakes connecting and a new battery fitted. Speedex head, lowered suspension, louvered bonnet. Beaver tail, Very fast !! Includes a Custom built trailer, complete with a winch , ramps. Spare engine, (on stand) needs a new cylinder liner. All new hardware to complete. Trailer load of spares, plus books included.



Would suit - young, (or old) hoon !!

Tow away, the lot, price now \$15,000. Very motivated seller, Cheep cheep !

Barry Leeming (Mackay) Phone :- 0412 77 1800 or email barryleeming@gmail.com

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Photos from the Archives - A Wartime Casualty



I am not sure of this one the car is a 1932-34 Austin 12/6 on a very frosty piece of ground, somewhere in the UK during WW2. This photo came off the face book page of a friend whose grandfather was in the RAF and can be seen leaning on top of the car, with pipe in his mouth! The 12/6 was never as popular as the Seven or the Ten and suffered from problems with the bottom end of the motor.

With Hustling Hinkler



This picture came in a selection that came via Rhonda Guthrie, so I cannot acknowledge its source.. It was captioned "An Austin Seven was on hand when Bert Hinkler flew into Canberra. The picture is dated 1925 but it is likely a little later."

The date is probably after February 1928 as that is when Hinkler made the first solo flight to Australia in his Avro Avian "G-EBOV", (probably the plane shown here with the overhead exhaust). Hinkler achieved fame; in slightly over fifteen days. Hinkler's flight proved an unexpected financial success when the Australian government gave him £2000. The Austin 7 would have been probably near new then as it has the 1927-28 styling with small radiator and curved windscreen base. Not sure who in the photo is Hinkler, maybe the man in the dark suit with no hat? When he flew he wore shorts, tennis shoes and a dark double breasted jacket! No room for a fancy homburg hat!