



# NEWSLETTER

## June 2018



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



*Above*

**"Kooka" helps the RAAF!** Back in the day when the F111's flew out of Amberley, "Kooka" (a 1930 A7 Van), in the guise of a Honeywell Control Systems van posed for a photo with one of the General Dynamics F111c "Pig" aircraft (RAAF 1973 - 2010).

**Peter Baker** gave me this framed photo to pass onto **Peter Goldsworthy**, who is now the present owner of "Kooka". Peter Baker told me he was not actually working on the aircraft but rather on the diagnostic equipment used to test the engine operating pressures on the ground. Luckily both "Kooka" and F111c A-126 still survive, but it was a day of mixed emotions when 23 F111s were buried at Swanbank in November 2011 because of their concerns over toxic fuel residue and radioactivity.



I was saddened to hear of the recent passing of our past member **Tony Pavan**. Tony and **Lois** were very good club supporters and came on many of our interstate and country tours and were very good caravanning companions in between with **Peter and Nell Dorman**.

My condolences go out to Lois, her family and friends. It is nice to know that Tony's two Austins are still in our club. **Steve Davidson** has the Sports that Tony sold to **Brian King**, and the 1930 Saloon "Port Wine" lives in retirement in Gympie.

*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 8<sup>th</sup> June Club- General Meeting** commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> July Club - General Meeting** commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 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 at a time to be determined at the meeting prior. Members may also make own independent travel arrangements to venue. Members to make own arrangements for registration etc.

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

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 Minnippini 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 food shops & cafes adjoining the venue including several take away shops and a nice bakery.





**Aerial photo of the Wynnum School of Arts.** Note there is no vehicle access via Thynne Rd., only thru the driveway access on the outward lane of Wynnum Rd.. Those coming from the north side over the gate way bridge can come via Lytton Rd., staying on Lytton Rd. at the roundabout at Colmslie and coming down Thynne Rd. from the top, turning left into Wynnum Rd. from the bottom, and turn straight into the School of Arts. If coming from the city end of Wynnum Rd. access is easy. If you are coming from Wynnum Rd. to the city you can turn right at one of the side streets before, there are lights at Burrai St. just past the church on the right to access

Thynne (there is no access to Thynne Rd. directly off Wynnum Rd. from the west. The School of Arts has ample parking for cars and parking, but please take note of the marshalls with your trailers otherwise you may be blocking access to the back part of the property. The School of Arts has toilets and a kitchen which will be open to us on the day!

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> September - Club General Meeting** commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 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 12<sup>th</sup> October - Club General Meeting** commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November - Club General Meeting** commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2018 A7 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 14<sup>th</sup> December - Club General Meeting** commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 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 QHMC 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](http://www.malenycarclub.com.au)

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

**Sunday 15th July GC swap**

**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

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

**Sunday 30th September 2018 - Noosa Beach Classic Car Show 2018.** This static display event is to be held on Sunday 30th September 2018 at Noosa Heads Lions Park. This is an all makes Car Show and features British Vehicles this year. For more information log onto [www.noosacarcub.com.au](http://www.noosacarcub.com.au) or contact Duncan Logan. Members wishing to attend are to make their own arrangements re. registration, travel, accommodation etc.

**Saturday 27th October Tingalpa Pioneer Chapel & Friends Decoration Day celebrating 150 years.** This free “old fashioned fete” to be held on 27th October 2018 from 2pm till 5pm at the Tingalpa Cemetery and Chapel 1341 Wynnum Road, Tingalpa. Food, stalls, gifts, music, raffles, vintage cars and lots more. For information contact the Society President, Jackie Butler, ph. 3396 9472 or talk to Neil Thyer.

## **MINUTES OF PAST A7RQ MEETINGS**

**Austin Seven Register of Qld Inc**

**Meeting No 570, 13th April 2018**

**Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale.**

The meeting was declared opened by the Vice President Duncan Logan at 7.45 pm with a welcome to all.

**Attendance:** The book was signed by 20 members and 1 visitor.

**Apologies:** L & S Jordan, R & R Guthrie, J McCarthy & G & J Gleadhill

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

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

**Correspondence OUT:** Membership form to Phil Pauling, Pittsworth

Register & Parts Books to Greg Runnegar.

**IN:** Newsletters from other clubs as tabled

Email Billabong Motor Inn , Mundubbera re weekend away

Email Rhonda inviting A7 members to join the Veteran Car Club on a Burnett District Tour

Email re Graham Gleadhill's health

Email UK A7 Club re Ken Warren Trophy awarded to Trevor & Dawn May for their write-up on the Toowoomba 95th Anniversary Tour. (NOTE INCORRECT AWARD FOR ROBYN COLEMAN OF THE WAA7C)

Email re quote for club flag

Ross Paterson to sell his 1938 Big 7 Tourer.

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



**Treasurer's Report:** John reported on the club finances asked for any questions. Then moved his report to be accepted and for all bills to be passed for payment. Seconded by Trevor Moore. Carried Auditor having trouble with the computer programme.

**QHMC Report:** John gave his report on the Cairns QHMC Rally 57 entrants.

**Spare Parts Report:** Trevor reported good sales in the last month. Another order to be sent to Melbourne next week.

**Second Hand Parts Report:** Doug reported 3 trailer loads of parts have been received from Don Macintyre. Then moved a cheque and thank you note to be sent. Seconded by Steve Davidson. Carried

**Editors Report:** NIL

**Web Masters Report:** A few hic ups in the system but have be solved.

**Club Events:**

15th April Presidents Run. Meet Centenary pool 9am. Byo M/t (Toowong) & BBQ Lunch (Wynnum)  
21st April Second Hand Parts Sale, 1pm at Boronia Heights.  
12th May (Saturday) Mother's Day Run organised by Neil & Karyn . Meet Centenary Pool at 9am.  
10th June Beaudesert Tour organised by Joe & Margaret McCormack  
15th July RACQ Motorfest

**Other Events:**

6th May Lockyer Swap & Vintage Car Display, Laidley Showgrounds  
19th-20th May HTA Truck Show, Rocklea Showgrounds  
20th May National Heritage Day  
27th May Sports & Classic Car Festival, Qld Rifle Range, Belmont  
27th May Brisbane Swap, Carina State School  
20th-22nd July Queensland Heritage Rally, Biloela  
22nd July Gold Coast Swap, Mudgeerabra Showgrounds.

**Past Events:**

10th March Beenleigh Swap No report  
11th March Redcliffe Swap No report  
23rd March Yamba report in newsletter. Thank you to Ross & Rhonda for work done.  
25th March Ormiston Swap. Good turnout of sellers & buyers.

**Library Report:** NIL

**General Business:** Members reminded to think of a new venue for our Christmas Party.

Thank you letter to Toowoomba Sponsors. No

Moved by Robyn the club purchase a new flag as per quote. Seconded by Trevor Moore. Carried. To have 2 points of hanging. (E.g. on a pole or hang between something with ropes)

**Report on cars &/or Car Troubles:** John reported seeing Jennifer Knights & Barry Young's cars at Atherton on the QHMC Tour.

**Birthdays:** Members having a birthday in April were wished many Happy Returns.

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

Sick members wished a speedy return to good health.

**Supper Organiser:** Thank you to Alan Courser for tonight's supper. May organiser Doug Clark

**Committee Meeting:** TBA

**Next Meeting:** 11th May 2018

**Meeting Closed:** Duncan asked for any other business to come before the meeting. Then closed it at 8.25 pm. Wishing everyone a safe trip home.

**Austin Seven Register of Queensland Inc**

**Meeting No 571, 11th May 2018**

**Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale**

The President Lindsay declared the meeting opened at 7.45 pm with a welcome to all. Then thanked Duncan for chairing the meeting last month.

Then on a sadder note informed members that a past member, Tony Pavan had passed away yesterday at the Nambour Hospital.

**Attendance:** 15 members signed the attendance book.

**Apologies:** T Braby, T Bale, M & K McGuill, E Moore, P & G Cahalane, M Potts, A Couser, P & N Dorman, G & J Gleadhill.

**Previous Minutes:** The Secretary read the minutes of the April meeting and moved they be accepted and adopted as a true and correct record. Seconded by J McCormack. Carried

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

**Correspondence OUT:** Register & Parts books to Phil Pauling

Membership form to J Smith, Cooran

**IN:** Newsletters from other clubs as tabled

Email Billabong Motor inn, Mundubbera

Phone call re Nambour Rally, 26th-27th May. Start at Maleny to Kenilworth (Sat)

Sunshine Coast Swap 28th July

Membership application from Colin Spiers, Isisford.

Robyn moved that the inward correspondence be accepted as read & the outward endorsed. Also Colin Spiers membership application is accepted. Seconded by Duncan Logan. Carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** John reported on the clubs finances and also the audit report for the last financial year. Asked for any questions on either reports. The Toowoomba account is to be closed. Seconded by Steve Davidson. Carried.

**QHMC Report:** Nil

**Spare Parts Report:** Trevor is waiting for another order to arrive from Melbourne.

**Second Hand Parts Report:** Doug reported that \$1500 has been made from second hand parts so far and more inquiries for parts have been made.

**Editors Report:** Nil

**Web Master Report:** Everything up to date.

**Club Events:**

12th May (Saturday) Mothers day Run organised by Neil & Karyn. Meet Centenary Pool, 9am \$2-00 pp

10th June Beaudesert Tour, organised by Joe & Margaret McCormack

15th July RACQ Motorfest

16th Sept All British Day, Tennyson

30th Sept Noosa

**Other Events:**

17th May Biggest Morning Tea, Capalaba Regional Park, 10am Bayside Club

19th-20th May HTA Truck Show, Rocklea Showgrounds

27th May 13th Annual Car & Bike Show & Swap, Rocklea Showgrounds

27th May Sports & Classic Car Festival, Qld Raffle Range, Belmont

27th May Brisbane Swap, Carina State School. QVVA

20th-22nd July Queensland Heritage Rally, Biloela

22nd July Gold Coast Swap, Mudgeeraba Showgrounds

27th-28th Oct TADOMS Old Machinery Expo, Oakey Showgrounds

**Past Events:**

15th April Presidents Run. Well attended, Thanks to Sharon & Lindsay.

21st April Second Hand Parts Sale. Thanks to members for attending, good sales

6th May Lockyer Swap & Vintage Car Display, Laidley. Nil

**Library Report:** Nil

**General Business:**

Members reminded to think of a new venue for our Christmas Party.

Thank you letter to Toowoomba Sponsors, Not sent.

Trevor & Dawn May did not win the Ken Warren Trophy from the UK, it was someone in Western Australia.

Peter Dorman will be taking his Austin 7 to Tony Pavan's funeral. Card to sent from Club.

On his way home from the second hand parts sale Russell Curtis in his Austin 7 with trailer was hit from behind. He now needs a new trailer and some more parts.

**Birthdays:** Members having a Birthday in May were wished a Happy day.

**Raffle:** Valda had tickets in tonight's raffle which was donated by Sharon Jordan.

Sick members wished a speedy return to good health.

**Supper Organiser:** Thanks to Doug Clark for tonight's supper.

June supper to be organised by Steve Davidson.

**Committee Meeting:** TBA

**Next Meeting:** 8th June 2018

**Meeting closed:** The President asked for any further business, and then closed the meeting at 8.33 pm.  
hoping to see members on our run tomorrow.

**Robyn**



## NEWS OF MEMBERS AND CARS

### A FAREWELL TO TONY PAVAN

Members will be sad to hear of the passing of **Tony (Angelo) Pavan**, who passed away peacefully on Tuesday 10th May 2018. Aged 88 Years. Lois and Tony had 3 children, 9 grandchildren and 12 Great-grandchildren. The Funeral Service to celebrate Tony's life was held at Nambour on Tuesday 15th May. I understand Peter and Nell Dorman attended in their Ruby, but were the only old car there. John Que also went up and passed on his condolences to Lois and family.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

**Phil Pauling** and partner **Henny Mulder** of Pittsworth have a 1927 Chummy under restoration. and **Colin Spiers** of Isisford has a restored yellow and black 1930 Chummy, engine number M104955 on club registration but was waiting for the plates to come via the DMR. Welcome to the Register!

Rejoined - **Greg Runnegar** with a 1929 Chummy

## SPARES CLOSED FOR STOCKTAKE

Trevor has told us the new spares parts will be closed from 16th to 30 June for stocktaking. but will be open for business from the 1st of July.

### 50 YEAR CHRONICLE OF THE AUSTIN 7 REGISTER OF QLD. INC. 1967-2017

Well you should all have received your copy of the 50th Anniversary book by hand or post, if not please contact me at [tim.braby@optusnet.com.au](mailto:tim.braby@optusnet.com.au). Each posted book had a tracking number when it was sent, so they should all got thru ok and there have not been any returns. The response was usual, more interest by our country members than the city folk.

This is a nice letter I received from Kingsley Neale from down on the Gold Coast and I thought that you would like to read it

*Hullo Tim,*

*Congratulations to you and all who contributed in the Fifty Year publication. It is a most enjoyable read, full of life and real people. Such things are often dry lists of historical facts.*

*Enthused by a chance meeting with Peter Baker (many many years ago?), I found the remains of a Seven and began collecting needed bits. There were a couple of years of restoration, in which the engine and chassis got some attention. Then there was a necessary long period of just turning the engine over every week until I retired for the first time, I am now on retirement, No. 3 and have done some work on brakes, back axle and gearbox. I realise I will not complete the project now, but my son will take it over and it will eventually join the Register family. We did get to one rally – in the Botanical Gardens, driving Dale Hanley's Chummy, sometime in the 80's!*

*Anyway, my best wishes,*

*Kingsley Neale.*

If you are interested there are limited copies left at \$20 each and \$15 for postage. Send a check to Tim Braby at 43 Arcola Street, Aspley Q4034. Do not send to the club address as that will only delay things.

## PAST RALLY REPORTS

### A7 QLD REG. PRESIDENT'S RUN 15 APRIL 2018

The morning of Sunday 15th of April was bright and warm without a cloud in the sky. The silence of the Centenary Pool Carpark was broken by the sound of six A7s arriving to partake in the annual A7 Presidents Run. At the start in their A7s were Doug & Robyn, Trev & Elaine, Ian &



Valda, Steve and Lindsay & Sharon. In their modern cars were Neil & Karyn, John and Mike & Kathy with their foster greyhound, Jade.

At around 9am President Lindsay briefed the drivers about the forthcoming Run. We all set out, heading through the Normanby Five ways and passing through the suburbs of Paddington and



Bardon before motoring up the steep hill of Rouen Road. We then arrived at our Morning Tea stop at Anzac Park, Toowong.

At Morning Tea we were joined by Duncan & Crystal who were running a little late to the start. Following the usual congenial chatter over a sticky bun and coffee, we headed off to our Wynnum Lunch stop. The run to Wynnum took us from Anzac Park onto Coronation Drive, across the river, along Wynnum Road and through many south-eastern suburbs of Brisbane.

Upon arrival at the home of our President and First Lady, we were welcomed by our charming hosts, Lindsay & Sharon, on their deck overlooking the beautiful Moreton Bay. The BBQ was soon fired up and a spread of

sumptuous dips and salads were provided by



our hosts.

As usual, the male component, ably assisted on this occasion by Kathy, gathered around the BBQ and demonstrating their cooking prowess, while their partners tended to other matters of meal preparation. At around 1pm as the Moreton Bay tide was on the way out, and after satisfying our hungers and catching up on chatter ranging from club matters to politics, we all headed home. In all, it was a hugely successful President's Run and BYO Lunch, and thanks to the hosts, Lindsay & Sharon, was forthcoming from all those present.

**Neil & Karyn**

## **CLUB SPARE PARTS SALE DAY - 21ST APRIL 2018**

By all reports a mixed day as I was could not there due to other non car club commitments. Apparently a few rare spares did make their way out of Doug and Robyn's front gate. There was plenty of furrowed brows and head scratching as the few that did show looked thru the pile of used parts the club purchased from Don Macintyre. Ted tells me he did get a nice oily cylinder block that looks promising as a spare for the engine he is building up as a reserve for Stacy's Sports "Little Miss". There is a photo of the members





examining a well matured back axle checking out it's christening date.

After the crew then retired to the garden deck to talk prices and seal the deal with the usual cup of tea and biscuits.

Unfortunately a bit of bad news, While travelling on his way back from the Doug and Trevor yard sale, Russell Curtis was motoring along the road with a trailer with a few parts, when a modern vehicle came roaring up behind at an estimated 40 kph fasten speed, realised his error too late, and in a shroud of smoke from his tyres, he demolished the Austin 7 trailer. Result, Russ was able to drive home, the modern



car went home on a trailer, and the trailer and parts had to be left behind. A witness luckily came to hand who saw what happened and the driver admitted he was going too fast and hopefully things will get sorted out by the insurance company. Russell returned next day with his truck and took the damaged trailer and parts home. The Ruby has a bent tow bar. Further on the parts. included with parts was the remains of a late 1930



Saloon with body by Charles Hope. It was pretty well all there but in dismantled and very

weathered state. But always looking for something new to do, Doug Clark suggested that he would do the wood work for anyone who bought the car. As a result Steve Davidson has held Doug to his word by taking on the project as long as Doug will fix the woodwork as he was heard to say by several witnesses!

**Tim**



## MOTHER'S DAY RUN TO TINGALPA PIONEERS' CHAPEL & CEMETERY 12 MAY 2018

As Brisbane awoke to its first chilly morning of the year, A7 members gathered at Centenary Pool carpark for the Club's annual Mother's Day Run. Despite the cool temperature, it was a beautiful sunny day with clear skies. In their A7s were Joe & Margaret, Doug & Robyn, Matthew Potts, and Neil & Karyn; in moderns were Lindsay & Sharon, Trevor & Elaine, Valda & Ian, and John Que.

After the run instructions and Mother's Day flowers were given out, the group departed the starting point. Driving through Spring Hill, the Valley and over the Story Bridge, the cars headed eastwards on a direct route towards Wynnum. Their destination was the Tingalpa Pioneers' Chapel and Cemetery, which was holding an Open Morning as part of the Australian Heritage Festival, a National Trust Queensland event.

On arrival, the A7s took pride of place, parking beside the quaint old weatherboard Chapel. We were warmly greeted by Jackie Butler (President) and other members of the Tingalpa Cemetery Heritage Group. Colin &

Nancy Jones joined us here. Everyone enjoyed a sociable morning tea, including a spread of delicious foods such as damper and golden syrup provided by our hosts.

Austin 7s Beside the Tingalpa Chapel



Jackie Butler welcoming her guests



President Lindsay addressing the "congregation"



Tour of the Historica Gravesites"



At 10am the Chapel bell was rung, signalling for us to enter the Chapel and take our seats. After a welcome speech by Jackie Butler, we enjoyed an excellent delivery of the history of Brisbane, the local area and the Chapel and Cemetery through the words of 'Charles Coxen', delivered by Jonathan Hulett. The Chapel was built in 1868, with funds raised both locally and in England. Unfortunately, the Chapel was destroyed by a cyclone and had to be rebuilt in 1886. We also watched some old news segments about how the Anglican Church wanted to decommission the Chapel and strip it for demolition in 1996; however, through community action the Chapel was saved when it received heritage listing. The Chapel was eventually repaired and is now lovingly looked after by The Friends of the Tingalpa Cemetery Heritage Group. Neil then thanked our hosts for having us and introduced our A7 President, Lindsay, who gave an entertaining speech about our A7 Club and cars. Doug then offered his memories of the Chapel and surrounding properties, with him and Colin both having grown up in the area.

After exiting the Chapel, Jackie provided us with a tour of the Cemetery, focusing on the history of some of the graves of the area's early pioneers. This was followed by a social lunch in the Autumn sun. At around 12.30pm, everyone departed for home, having thoroughly enjoyed the event.

Thank you to Neil for organising such an interesting event, and to our attending A7 members whose gold coin donations resulted in a contribution to the Tingalpa Pioneers' Chapel and Cemetery of \$35. Special thanks also to our hosts for their kind hospitality and for sharing their historical knowledge of this lovely location with us.

**Karyn**



# LETS GET TECHNICAL!!

## IN OUR CLUTCHES

See some before and after photos of the clutch I purchased from the second hand sale. It's amazing what a soak in molasses and then some scrubbing can do. I had some time so made up some custom shoulder bolts to make fitting easier, but Trev is correct in that it's much easier just to drill straight through the lining and forget the shoulder bolts, I'm sure it makes no discernible difference as there are already 12 holes in the lining for the rivets.

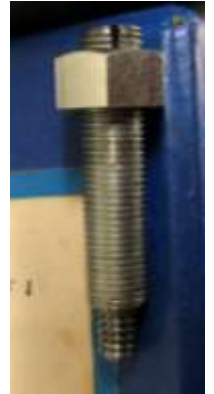
*Clutch in as found original rusty state*



*Clutch cleaned up and mated with driven plate and flywheel*



*Special stepped bolts made to align and compress clutch*



Trick for young players with fitting the new levers, it's very easy to bend withdrawal shoulders when you knock out the fulcrum pin, the result is that when you try to reassemble it feels like the holes are undersize and the system binds up, but as soon as you give the shoulder a little nudge back in to alignment (only a tiny amount) everything gets square and the system works as intended.

**Steve Davidson**

## LAMB CHOP GETS NEW PISTONS

my 1936 Ruby Saloon (Lamb Chop) has been sometimes lacking in pulling power and had a habit of sooting up its spark plugs within only a few miles which was why it stopped on the last day at



Dalby. As it is probably 30 years since the motor was pulled down I decided it was time to investigate things by removing the cylinder head That is where the problems started, the head gasket had been glued down very well and I had to resort to using a fine chisel to separate the gasket in the middle, trying NOT to mark the block or the head. Eventually the motor had to come out which is fun if you do not have any lifting facilities (the beams in my garage have been panelled over), but the Ruby allows you to remove the gearbox from the back of the motor first back thru the floor.

Before the block came off, lots of black sludge was removed from the sump, and the soot removed from the block, valves and pistons. Everything looked ok, some wear marks in the bores with a scuff mark at the back of number 4. What was interesting was that the bore was still



standard but the pistons had been changed for modern styled ones, although they did not match, as Number 4 was newer than the others.

I had been discussing the progress with Ted Bale and he suggested I show the bits to Peter Baker. That turned out to be a lucky break as Peter and Jo are often off away, but I was able to take the motor over one day two months ago. Peter said it looked fine and we may only need to hone the bore but he would give the parts a check over. After honing Peter then found there were still wear marks in the bores (see photo) and as I had a set of new 40 thou pistons we both decided we may as well get it rebored. This job was capably carried out by Wynnum Engine Reconditioning who did the job quickly and efficiently.

Several other problems meanwhile showed up with three corroded head studs that had to be replaced by stepped studs. Also Peter had noticed the inner lip of the crankcase that retains the front bearings had been replaced by a thick steel ring, problem was that effectively the crankshaft had been displaced backwards and that is where the scuffing in bore number 4 came from. There was also wear marks in another piston where the con rods had been rubbing. The con rods were not in the centre of the bores! Peter also said the rods were not a matched set, and some had holes drilled in them to try and equal the weights. This had evidently all been done 30 years ago when the car was rebuilt. Also the valves were a mixture of tapered and pin types. So an executive decision was made to replace them all with a set of new tapered cotter type valves. Peter says the later pin type can cause problems as the pins were known to break!! Another problem was the centre main bearing. The later Rubies had slipper bearings, but the 1936 model apparently used poured big ends and centre main bearings. But sometime in the past someone had swapped the bearing caps for the later type and fitted shells to suit. The white metal in Lamb Chops centre main had all but been worn away. I said, ok I have a new set at home, no, they were not even the correct size, hopefully I did not pay too much for them! Luckily spare parts man Trevor had a set on hand and was able to supply a good NOS 20 thou o/s set which actually fitted beautifully! But the final problem was the new pistons I had bought many, many years ago. They were JP pistons all wrapped up in the sealed box but Peter found the oil rings supplied were 1mm wide for the pistons. That mean the pistons which he had carefully fitted to the rods all had to come off so he could machine the groove in the pistons! At this stage Peter must have spent many hours sorting out these problems, and I had purchased 4 separate orders of various small parts from the club.

Engine machining, including rebores - Wynnum Engine Reconditioning 35 Thorne Street, Wynnum, 07 3893 1164

White metalling of big end bearings - Enoggera Cylinder heads Shed 20/51 Prospect Road, Gaythorne 07 3855 8836. Garth is the man to talk to and Pietro does the white metalling.

Pistons and other parts - Club Spares **Tim Brady**



## **CAMERON'S CORNER OR BUST**

Another one of Steve Davidson's projects is the purchase of the mostly complete but in need of major restoration car at the centre of the parts the Club bought from Don Macintyre. This what Steve wrote about his latest purchase.

*"I've told the dynamic duo (aka the new and second hand parts team) that I'm going to purchase that old girl we looked at last month at Doug and Robyn's. I'm really excited about what needs to be done to get her back on the road but at the same time I'm terrified."*

*My overarching goal is to rebuild her so that she's able to take on endurance trips and maybe raise some money for charity at the same time. The initial plan is to visit Birdsville via Cameron's corner (see attached maps). Tate is of course very keen and if it helps to instil a sense of adventure in him then I'll have done something worthwhile. The plan is certainly not to bash her up, but rather to prove that if you take things steady-steady and put your mind to it there's plenty that can be achieved. I've been reading the 50th Anniversary book and it seems that in the past the club members have done some very long drives, hopefully I can add to the tally.*



*It seems to me that getting the car from the state it's in to being ready to head out west is something that might be worth recording. So over the next month or so I'd be keen to get your input as to what (if any) formats suit the club. My initial thought was to make a series of YouTube videos as the build progresses. There are some YouTube clips on Austin 7 engine rebuilds (for instance the series by Geoff Halstead) but there aren't that many. I think that around the world there must be hundreds of Austin 7's that have been handed down to a generation who've never had to change a sparkplug let alone adjust tappets or time an engine. The available books are excellent but I'd be interested to know if Doug Woodrow was setting out to write the Austin Seven Manual now whether he'd use print or video as*

*medium to record all those disassembly, cleaning, repairing and assembly processes. Clearly anything I do will not have the depth of those publications but if it even inspires a few guys to get cars back on the road then it will have been time well spent.*

**Steve Davidson**

## A 3D PRINTED AUSTIN 7

Motivation is an untamed horse. This model was created using a 3d printer by New Zealand model train enthusiast Lawrence Boul whom the editor found on the internet and was able to help with a few tips to making the front of the car less aggressive by reducing the length of the bonnet by tilting the grille back!

Lawrence says as part of his blog, "I present the first shots of my first 1939 Austin Seven (ARR) Ruby. There are quite a few things to tidy, and assembly and detailing has been a bit of a learning curve. Giving the paint more time to harden between steps will improve future efforts. I confess the success and speed of this project has encouraged me into recording it before I've fully finessed it.

First up this thing is small (the 6'9" wheelbase is 32.1mm in 1/64). This is quite handy as I was able to print the body in one piece at 25 micron resolution. On the other hand it does make the finishing work a trick. I rubbed down the roof and doors a little prior to priming, but otherwise the model seen here is basically as printed.

The car itself was purchased as a digital file. This was a huge head start and despite one or two quibbles I'm very happy with the basic data. However the data (intended for graphic art or animation) comprised a large number of surfaces that needed to be manipulated into some 3d solids for printing. This is a little like buying a book when what you really want to do is watch the movie. The book is really helpful, but there is still a LOT of work to do to make the film. The wheels were drawn up from scratch, as were a number of other details (number plates, sunroof, grill etc). There was also





quite a bit of manipulation to make the model practically printable and to ease assembly. In fact, the wheels came first as I wanted to make sure they were achievable before investing in the car. I prepared three versions of the wheels with 0.1, 0.15 and 0.2mm spokes. The larger spokes were fine, but surprisingly some of the 0.1mm spokes were quite good too. In the end I ran with those but boosted exposure a bit until I had about an 80% success rate. So I'm not quite sure of their actual diameter. Scale spokes would be about 0.075mm, so I'm still grossly over scale!

I decided to try printing embossed number plates and this has worked very well, despite the fairly average job of painting them shown here. The plate is painted black and (should be) allowed to fully harden. A wash of the top colour is then applied and allowed to dry a little before being wiped off with a damp cotton bud. 1939 plates in NZ should really be orange, '36 was yellow.



The model is in three basic parts plus separate wheels and bumpers. The parts are the body (less the front wings/lights and running board), the 'chassis' with the running board and front wings, and the back seat (plus attached floor pan). The rear seat is separate as it needs to be slid around the wheel arches. The chassis/body is a push fit. Glazing is overhead transparency material held in place with matt varnish. The windows were first cut using a template derived from the original. Headlights were printed hollow, painted with a chrome marker. The lamps were then filled with 5 minute Araldite to form the lenses.

There is a whole yard of Austins covering the kitchen table so I anticipate a few sequels to this movie."

Lawrence

## 95TH YEAR AUSTIN SEVEN RALLY HELD IN APRIL 2017 IN TOOWOOMBA, QUEENSLAND

written by Robyn Coleman of the Western Australian A7C

*Note: This report was selected by the Austin 7 Clubs Association of Britain as their magazine article of the year.*

*Unfortunately the A7CA will not be sending the trophy to Robyn*

Preparation - lots of meetings and emails. Dedicated tasks (i.e. who brings what). As it happens, before we set off there were three little mishaps - one Baby Austin fell off the loading ramps, another Baby Austin rolled ever-so-gently off the trailer when the handbrake hadn't been engaged strongly enough and one of the trailers copped a flat tyre.

All in the metro area!

### **At last the day arrives**

The journey started in earnest on Monday 3rd April at a rendezvous with many club members who braved the cold and the early time frame to wave the convoy off, below. There were a few collective sighs from members who wished they were going on the 9,000 km round trip to Toowoomba and back. Waving their husbands off were Alexandra and Faith who took the easy way out and flew over to Toowoomba five days later to meet up at the cottage we had hired for the week.

We only drove 704 kms (437.5 miles) the first day, ensuring the tie down straps, trailers and towing vehicles (both utes) were settling in for the long haul. Having said that, we stopped for morning tea, lunch and then finally dinner which set the tone for the entire trip. Robyn had been allocated Chief Cook and had prepared meals such as Green Chicken Curry and Rice, Pasta Bolognese, Hamburgers, Roast Chicken, as well as fresh bread, wraps, loads of salad, cereals and so on.



We were very well fed, even down to cheese and biscuits after dinner washed down with an ale or two or three....

*The boys and the Utes are having a rest on the road*

What we discovered,

however, is that Steve had left a vital piece of kit that was his responsibility at home. The light! In fact, it was an LED bat light which Robyn needed to use to cook. Hastily rigged up torches sufficed, but we never let Steve "off the hook" for the entire trip. We had stopped at Norseman Caravan Park the first night, sleeping in the back of the utes, and what transpired the next morning will never be forgotten.



Each morning we awoke just before the sun came up and after showering and eating a scrumptious breakfast, we were generally on the road by 6am, enjoying the beautiful sunrises as we headed east across Australia on the Eyre Highway. Gordon and Rod were travelling in one car towing two Austin's, Steve and Robyn were in the other. Each car had a walkie talkie and we were to remain within range of each other (approx 1.5kms/almost a mile). BUT.. Gordon, fully conversant in walkie talkies forgot to show Rod how to use them so theirs was, in effect useless. So when Steve called them up to say he'd left his watch only 2 miles back, they didn't respond and kept driving for about 20kms/12.5 miles before they realised Steve and Robyn weren't behind them.

MEANWHILE... Steve and Robyn went back to get Steve's watch which had significant sentimental value. He'd left in the shower, hanging up on the door hook. As luck would have it, the only occupied shower upon Steve's return was the one he'd left his watch in. Imagine the guy in the shower, head under water, hearing a knock on the shower door and some guy (Steve) asking if he could (have his) watch! The poor bloke very gingerly handed the watch over the door once he realised Steve was not wanting to join him! By this time, Gordon and Rod had made it back looking for Steve



and Robyn and a quick lesson in the use of walkie talkies was undertaken amongst much laughter about the watch.

Day two we drove 909kms (564.8 miles), crossing the West Australian/South Australian border before stopping at, what seemed to be the coldest place on earth - the Nullarbor Roadhouse. Unfortunately for us, the Nullarbor Roadhouse had been infested with a plague of deadly black snakes.

We were advised not to wear thongs nor go near greenery as the baby snakes were most venomous and there were supposedly hundreds of them in the area. If you take a look at the usual garb of the boys, they're all in shorts with thongs on their feet, despite the temperature being only 5°C on most nights. Too much for Robyn, she went to bed after cooking dinner and left the boys in fits of laughter about the man in the shower who thought Steve wanted to watch! We didn't see any snakes, but the boys all sat with their bare feet up off the ground.

#### *Avoiding the snakes in a parking bay for breakie*

We didn't stick around the snake infested roadhouse for breakfast - we were showered and dressed just after 4am and motored on up the road and stopped at a parking bay for breakfast as soon as the sun was up.

We drove 900km/560 miles on day three, through South Australia, past the beautiful Great Australia Bight and on our way to New South Wales. We stopped for the night in Peterborough Caravan Park South Australia where the reception had a photo of Austin Sevens from the Austin's-Over-Australia Rally held in South Australia some years before.



*The beautiful Great Australia Bight*  
On the road by Sam on day 4, Gordon ALMOST ran out of fuel in the middle of nowhere. We say ALMOST because the reserve tank was gasping for fuel but the car hadn't technically run completely out

of fuel when we pulled into a parking bay. Steve and Robyn unhitched their trailer and Robyn drove 20km to the next town for a jerry can of fuel before returning to the boys who had kindly prepared sandwiches for lunch. We had lost time and so only managed 874 kms/543 miles that day.

Our last night 'on the road' was spent at Riverside Caravan Park where, fortunately, we pulled up next to table and chairs under a small shelter with a light. No need of the missing Bat-light now!

On the road at Sam on Friday morning, we motored the final 815kms/506.5 miles into Toowoomba to the cottage that would be our home for the next week.

Here we met up with Alexandra and Faith who had flown into Brisbane and then driven the 2 hours to Toowoomba. The little cars looked great. We had made flags for each car with a map of Western Australia and affixed them to the windscreen posts on each of the three Austin Sevens. They looked great and photographers loved them because they could identify us clearly and took many, many photos of the novel flags on the cars.

#### **Toowoomba (8th - 14th April)**

Once in Toowoomba we donned our WA Austin Seven uniforms (black and gold polo tops with Austin 7 logo and Western Australia embroidered on them) and set off to register at the Clubrooms in Glenvale. Our uniforms were a real hit and we continued to receive compliments all week. Around 300 people attended the Welcome Dinner that evening at a local University. On Sunday morning we arrived at the Clubrooms for breakfast and a buy, swap and sell. The ladies then went to high tea at the only operational railway tearoom left in Queensland( [www.dinedarlingdowns.com.au](http://www.dinedarlingdowns.com.au)). Following high tea everyone congregated at the Cobb & Co. Museum where 119 Austin Seven's were on display, [www.cobbandco.qm.qld.gov.au/](http://www.cobbandco.qm.qld.gov.au/)

The next day saw us travelling 87 km/54 miles up and down some incredible hills with road trains (two and three loaded trailers) passing us and almost blowing us off the road. One of the highlights was visiting the Highfields Pioneer Village. An entire village from the 1900's has been restored. You could walk into the schoolroom and see actual work completed by students in 1910 or into the button shop with 1000's of original buttons on display. The bike and tractor displays had to be seen to be believed but our interest was piqued with some still beautiful Austin's.

We were equally astonished the next day at Jondaryan where we watched a shearing demonstration using hand clippers, a sheep dog demonstration, a ride on a model train, and a whip cracking display. The site also had some incredible examples of old tractors and trucks just waiting for someone to restore them. They almost got Gordon into trouble with the Mrs - enough projects back home thank you !! We then travelled to the Adora Downs farm stay for yet more incredible sights,

The property hosts weddings as it is reported to have the most incredible sunsets in Toowoomba.

On Wednesday we drove past fields of cotton, sunflowers and canola as far as the eye could see. We also visited the childhood home of the author of Mary Poppins (PL Travers) and a memorial to the famous Sister Kenny who was a pioneer in polio treatment. Morning Tea at Allora Showgrounds was an opportunity for a group photo.

On the way back Gordon and Alexandra had a leisurely 2 hour stop by the side of the road due to a fuel blockage (requiring the fuel system to be dismantled and cleaned on the side of the road - at least it wasn't raining). That night we went to dinner at the Downs Steam Tourist Railway & Museum. It began as a project by the local Council to restore the old railway station and grew into one of the largest volunteer run train restoration endeavours in Australia.



You can find their list of achievements at [www.downsteam.com](http://www.downsteam.com).

Not only was the steam engine tour informative, the meal was delicious and the visit to the Dreamtime Journey Coach, painted by contemporary Indigenous artist Domi, was absolutely superb.

The final day of the Rally saw us meander through the countryside to the Pittsworth Showgrounds where Gordon and Steve participated in a Funkhana. What a hoot seeing them squeezed into the Gordon England whilst trying to navigate the course blindfolded and doing the flag race. Great fun!

*Achieving the impossible. Gordon, left, and, Steve shoehorned into the Gordon England*

*L to R: Steve, Robyn, Rod, Faith, Gordon and Alexandra at the farewell dinner.*

That night was the farewell dinner and we all got into the spirit of the Roaring 20s

theme. What a wonderful night. It's easy to forget how colourful that era was. Everyone entered into the spirit of the evening and there was much laughing and merriment. At the end of the evening, we presented the Queensland President, Lindsay Jordan, with one of our Austin 7 Western Australian 2017 Tour Caps.

He was absolutely chuffed. We also thanked him and his team for hosting such a marvellous event.

**Toowoomba to Perth (14th - 20th)** The next day, we all set off at 7.30am; Faith and Alexandra to face the trials of driving back to Brisbane and flying home in relative comfort whilst Robyn, Steve, Rod and Gordon began the long drive home.



*One of the challenges on the way home* Taking a slightly different route home (up to the Eyre Highway anyway), we enjoyed meeting so many different people and every time we stopped, people flocked to see, and talk about the Baby Austin's on the trailers. On the way home though, we were met with slower traffic than us!! and often had to pass them much to the delight of everyone.

Robyn kept everyone informed throughout the entire journey via Face book [www.facebook.com/AustinSevenClubWA/](http://www.facebook.com/AustinSevenClubWA/) Check out the terrific photos.

We are now planning our trip to the UK for the 100th Anniversary of our little cars. Looking forward to catching up with the members there.

Keep on Seven-ing. The A Team (Austin, Australia, Adventurous)

**Robyn Coleman WA A7C**



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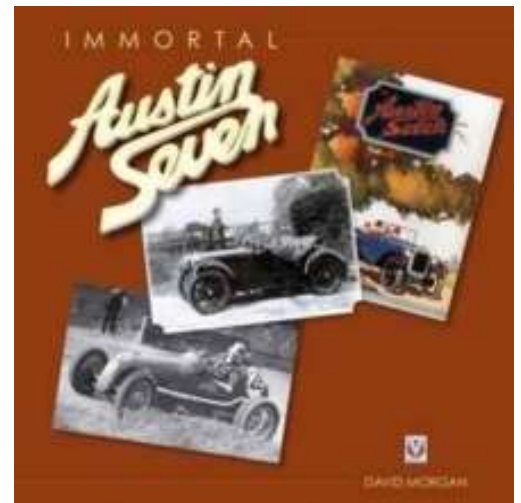
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