



# NEWSLETTER

## October 2017

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



*Austins Sevens lined up outside the Dalby Pioneer Park Museum on the Sunday*

### THE EDITOR'S BIT

It has been a very busy past two months, with our clubs 50th anniversary Dinner, Static Display and most recently the Spring tour in Dalby. The Spring Tour was magnificent, those who could not attend missed out on great fun and lovely Austin 7 friendly roads, where we did not have to flog our cars down a busy 3 lane highway, most of the modern traffic was courteous and happy to see our little cars on a large landscape. This tour, although not attended by as many cars as we liked, still was a great deal of fun and a resounding success for the organisers, Robyn and Doug, Valda and Ian, Rhonda and Ross Guthrie and Karyn and Neil. I myself enjoyed every minute as I was able to relax after a stressful last few months when my dear old Mum had a fall and after three visits to hospital and eventually peacefully passed away at the grand age of 97, two months back. Some of my Austin 7 friends were there to help the family send her off in style at a private service. Thank you for your support.

*Editor Tim*

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**Raffle "Stinger":** Valda McDowell

### **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/>**

**<http://www.shannons.com.au/club/carclub/austin-seven-register-of-qld/>**

**& Face book Austin7 Register of Qld Inc.**



## AUSTIN 7 REGISTER OF QLD. CLUB EVENTS

**Friday 13th October 2017:A7 Register General Meeting** commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

**Sunday 15th October 2017:A7 Register Event: October Run.** Run to be organized by Ian & Valda McDowell (ph 0439 677 379) and is to commence from A7 Clubroom, Carindale at 9.30am. Run will go to a BYO Morning Tea stop TBA. Run will then proceed to Cannon Hills Bowls Club for A7 members to play Barefoot Bowls. Cost will be \$5 pp which includes equipment and basic instruction. Bowls Club will provide a table for us to BYO Lunch. No food provided by Bowls Club. Drinks to be purchased at Club.

**Friday 10th November 2017:A7 Register General Meeting** commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

**Sunday 12th November 2017:A7 Register Event: November Run.** This short Run to be organized by Justin McKeering (ph 0439 712 731) and is to commence from Centenary Pool Carpark at 9am. Run is to go to Northshore Harbour, Hamilton for Morning Tea and to Trade Coast Central Heritage Park, Eagle Farm, for Lunch. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch.

**Friday 8th December 2017:A7 Register General Meeting** commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

**Sunday 10th December 2017:A7 Register Event: A7 Club Christmas Buffet Lunch** to be held at Redlands Sporting Club, Anson Road, Wellington Point. Members are to meet in the Sporting Club Foyer at 11.30am. Cost for the buffet lunch (inc. seafood) is \$.....pp. Members are requested to bring along a wrapped unisex Christmas gift per person to the value of \$3 to be shared over lunch. As this is an A7 Register event, members are encouraged to drive their A7s. RSVP Robyn Clark by 1 December – Ph. 3800 1965.

## INVITATION TOURS AND SWAP MEETS

**Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th October 2017: LAMA Annual Invitation Run** Weekend organized 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.

### PLEASE NOTE - PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIPS

Otherwise this could be your last newsletter?

## MINUTES OF PAST A7RQ MEETINGS

Austin Seven Register of Queensland Inc

Meeting No 562, 11<sup>th</sup> August 2017

Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale.



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

**Attendance :** The attendance book was signed by 21 members.

**Apologies :** Apologies received from Mike & Kathy McGuill, Tim Braby, Graham & June Gleadhill & Howell Whitehouse.

**Previous Minutes :** The Secretary read the minutes of the July meeting and moved that they be adopted as a true and correct record. Seconded by Peter Waller. Carried

**Business arising from Minutes :** Honour Board has been updated thanks to Ian Waring.

**Correspondence : OUT**

Email to QHMC re Survey. Club answer NO

Membership card to Terry & Pam Summerville

Letter to Life Flight

**Correspondence In :**

newsletters from other clubs as tabled

Membership renewals, raffle tickets & dinner payments

Letter from Gil Leach

Email re All British Day Entry = fee raised to \$20 and maintain the metal badge

AHMF National Tour, 28<sup>th</sup> March 6to 4<sup>th</sup> April 2020 Albury-Wodonga

LAMA Invitation Rally Entry Form, 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> October

QHMC Affiliation Form, minutes etc.

Office of Fair Trading Form

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

**Treasurer's Report :** John reported on the clubs finances and asked for his report to be accepted and bills passed for payment. Seconded by Alan Couser. Carried

**QHMC Report :** John reported on the meeting and the AGM of the QHMC.

**Spare Parts Report :** Trevor Moore reported that sales had been OK.

**Second Hand Parts Report :** Doug Clark reported that some parts had been sold.

**Editors Report :** NIL

**Web Masters Report :** Neil Thyer reported that the Dalby Tour was on the website.

**Club Events :**

12<sup>th</sup> Aug Organised by Grant & Jackie Preddy, meet clubrooms 9am. BYO M/T & Lunch, also binoculars.

12<sup>th</sup> Aug 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner clubrooms 6 pm 67 people

13<sup>th</sup> Aug Static Display Capalaba Regional Park. 9am to 1.30 pm

8<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> Sept 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Tour, Dalby

**Other Events :**

18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> Aug Northern Rivers Vintage & Veteran Annual Weekend Rally

8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Sept New England V & V Bi-Annual Rally, Toowoomba

10<sup>th</sup> Sept Mini Muster, Carina State School

16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> Sept Kingaroy & District Vintage Machinery Club  
machinery display

17<sup>th</sup> Sept All British Day, Tennyson

6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> Oct LAMA Annual Invitation Weekend, Gatton

**Past Events :**

15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> July Old Wheel in Motion, Biloela

23<sup>rd</sup> July Gold Coast Swap, Mudgeeraba Showgrounds

29<sup>th</sup> July Nambour Swap

6<sup>th</sup> Aug Gympie Aerodrome Open Day

These events were reported on by members who had attended.

**Library Report :** NIL

**Historic Racing Report :** Justin McCarthy reported on the racing he had done with his A7 (Alfred).

**General Business :** Please wear name badges to Dinner

Help needed to clean up after Dinner Saturday night.

How many members will be coming to the Static Display on Sunday.

(10)

Tim asked for it to be included in the minutes that he will be driving his Austin 7 on Monday to his Mother's Funeral.

**Report on Cars &/or Car Troubles ;** NIL

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

**Raffle :** No raffle tonight

Sick members were wished a speedy return to good health.

**Supper Organiser :** Elaine Moore was thanked for tonight's supper.

Sept supper will be in Dalby

Oct TBA.

**Committee Meeting :** TBA

**Next Meeting :** 8<sup>th</sup> Sept 2017 in Dalby

13<sup>th</sup> October at Clubrooms

There being no further business the President declared the meeting closed at 8.35 pm. , stating that the AGM will follow immediately.





**Austin Seven Register of Qld Inc.**  
**Meeting No 563 9<sup>th</sup> September 2017**  
**Held at Thomas Jack Park, Dalby.**

meeting was opened by Trevor Moore at 12.51 pm

**Attendance:** 18 members & 2 Visitors

**Apologies:** Lindsay & Sharon Jordan, Mike & Kathy McGuill, David Barnett & Steve Davidson

**Previous Minutes :** NOT READ

**Business arising from Minutes:**

**Correspondence Out :**

Card to Tim Braby re passing of his Mother

Card to Lindsay & Sharon re marriage

Phone call to Life Flight

Newsletters to members

**Correspondence In :**

Newsletters from other clubs as tabled

Thank you card from Tim Braby

Ken Burton re payment for newsletter postage

Veteran Car Club re rent

Email re Life Flight

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

**Treasurer's Report :** John gave his report on the club finances and asked for it to be accepted and bills passed for payment. Seconded by Neil Thyer. Carried.

**QHMC Report;** Nil

**Spare Parts Report:** Trevor stated sales had slowed down.

**Second Hand Parts Report :** Nil John Que to send letter to Sid thanking him for a muffler to be used as a template.

**Editors Report:** Nil

**Webmaster Report:** Up to date.

**Club Events:** Neil informed those present of the activities for the 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> Sept in Dalby

17<sup>th</sup> Sept All British Day, Tennyson. Members to make their own way there.

15<sup>th</sup> Oct Organised by Ian & Valda. Meet Clubrooms 9.30am BYO M/T & Lunch

12<sup>th</sup> Nov Justin McKeering to organise

19<sup>th</sup> Dec Club Christmas Party, Redlands Sporting Club. Robyn to organise

**Other Events :**

16<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> Sept Kingaroy & District Vintage Machinery Club Machinery Display.

16<sup>th</sup> Sept HCVA Truck & Tractor Show, Gatton Showgrounds.

17<sup>th</sup> Sept All British Day, Tennyson

28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup> Oct T.A.D.O.M.S. Old Machinery Expo, Oakey Showgrounds.

**Past Events:**

12<sup>th</sup> Aug Grant & Jackie Preddy's run

12<sup>th</sup> Aug 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dinner

13<sup>th</sup> Aug A7 Static Display. ( Badges to be engraved for those members who attended in their Austin 7's)

**Library Report :** Nil

**General Business:** Rhonda asked how the Toowoomba National Tour Books were going. Also the clubs 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book. John is still working on them. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Badges to be sent to all Qld members with the book.

**Report on Car &/or car troubles:** Neil Thyer thanked Doug & Trevor for getting his car running. Also David Ure's car is not firing. (IT IS NOW!!!)

**Birthdays:** Everyone having a birthday in September were wished all the best.

**Raffle:** NO raffle

Sick members were wished a speedy recovery to good health.

**Supper Organiser.** Ian McDowell offered to organise October's supper.

**Committee Meeting:** TBA

**Next Meeting:** 13<sup>th</sup> October 2017

**Meeting closed** at 1.20 pm.



*Robyn*

# NEWS OF MEMBERS AND CARS

**"Little Miss" is now back on the road** Earlier this month, Ted Bale put the finishing touches to "Little Miss", the car he built for his daughter Stacy 20 years ago and it is now ready to go home to Burpengary.

**Kiwi Kevin meets up with his Ruby 30 years later.**



a few weeks ago I had a pleasant phone call out of the

blue. Kevin Messer, the man who restored my Ruby 30 years ago, was visiting friends in the Samford Valley and said he and his wife and



friends would like to come and visit me and see how the car has fared.

Kevin and Glenys were pleasantly happy to see that the car was pretty much as they restored it, just a few little additions such as the door mirror and new hood lining, "Red Ruby" was pretty much the same as she was at their daughter's wedding. Their daughter tried to keep track of the car as it changed hands twice and wanted to buy it but it had already slipped across the Ditch to Queensland. Kevin secretly told me he was glad as he probably would have had to be the one to look after it later!! There were a hundred questions I wanted to ask over our cup of tea and biscuits, but never did! Kevin also brought a bag of photos, which I scanned.

## **Kenny gets to Dalby**

Kenny Burton and his travelling companion Jing were at last able to enjoy driving in their Chummy without the magneto problems that beset them at Toowoomba. The little Pocket Rocket from Rockhampton did struggle up a few of the hills up towards Jimbour and Bell, but otherwise tagged



along with the rest of the team every day

## **Welcome back Gus**

This is "Gus", Trevor and Bev McCulloch's 1929 Chummy which has been in the family for well over 40 years now and recently ran faultlessly both in Toowoomba and Dalby. "Gus" is showing his age very well, just a few wrinkles and maybe the hood is getting a bit thin in places, but he still goes as well as he did in 1978.



**Congratulations to Lindsay & Sharon,** The recent betrothal of President Lindsay and his beloved Sharon and honeymoon in Europe was a surprise to many except for those in the know! Now we know why "Linz" was dozing at the Static Display!!

### **Welcome new Members**

Membership card to Terry & Pam Summerville  
Trevor & Bev McCulloch - restored 1929 Chummy

## **PAST RALLY REPORTS**

### **A7 Reg. of Qld. 50th Anniversary**

### **Fun Run 12 August 2017**



Saturday morning, 12 August, was clear and crisp with a predicted maximum temperature in the mid-20s.



Arriving at the start at the Carindale Club Room in their Austins were Trev & Elaine, Lindsay, Duncan & Crystal, Justin McCarthy, Joe & Margaret, Ian & Valda and Alan. Doug & Robyn arrived in their Mini while Neil & Karyn, Grant & Jackie and John arrived in their modern cars. Our Secretary, Robyn, informed us that her and Doug had decided to forego the Fun Run and

instead prepare the Club Room for the A7 50th Anniversary Dinner that was to be held there that night. Trev & Elaine also kindly volunteered to assist Doug & Robyn with these preparations. At around 9am, five Austins and 2 moderns headed off after a briefing from the Fun Run organisers,



Grant & Jackie. The route went through various suburbs including Cannon Hill and Hemmant, to the Port of Brisbane. At the Port, we drove through "The Yard" where we observed many boats under repair. Sitting off to one side and sadly degenerating was the famous Brisbane River boat of the past, the "Miramar".

The Morning Tea stop was a little further on at Elanora Park, Wynnum North. As we were preparing to depart for the trip back to the Club Room for lunch, Justin McCarthy arrived after having had starting trouble at the Club Room. We had wondered where he was! The trip back included a stop at the Wynnum Wetlands Bird

hide. The Bird hide overlooked the Wetlands where migrating birds could be seen. Several questions, contained in an envelope handed to us during Morning Tea, needed to be answered at the Bird hide.



Morning Tea Stop at Wynnum North park

We then departed for the run back to the Club Room via the suburbs of Manly, Tingalpa and Belmont. On our return, we discovered the amazing transformation of the Club Room into our evening's dinner venue, thanks to the hard work of Robyn & Doug and Trevor & Elaine.

While we enjoyed our BYO lunches, Grant & Jackie corrected the answers handed in by those participating in the Run. Prizes were then presented by Grant. The third prize went to our President,

Lindsay; second prize was awarded to our Treasurer, John; and first prize and our congratulations went to Joe & Margaret, who have the privilege of retaining the unique Fun Run trophies for the next twelve months.

President Lindsay then formally thanked Grant & Jacki for yet another highly successful annual Fun Run. Our congratulations go to Grant & Jacki for their impeccable organisation of this event.

*Neil*



## **50th Anniversary Dinner held at the Club rooms 12 August 2017**



*Above: Presidents, John Que (2014-2016), Lindsay Jordan (2005-2014 & 2016-18), Howell Whitehouse (2003-2005), Graham Cogzell (1975-77), Barry Neville (1977-78 & 2000-2003), Colin Jones (1992-95), Peter Baker (1983-89), Trevor Moore (1996-98) and Rhonda Guthrie (1999-2000)*

On Saturday 12th August 2017 66 of our club members gathered together to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of our Club.

To help us celebrate this historic event we had the following in our midst.: 9 Life Members, 8 Past Presidents, 4 Past Secretaries & 1 Past Treasurer.

*Left: Secretaries - Robyn Clark (1997-2004 & 2014-2018), Trevor Moore (2004-2014), Molly Neville (1978-79) and Rhonda Guthrie (1975-78 & 1981-97)*





*Below: Treasurers - John Que (2016-18) and Peter Cahalane (1975-2001)*



Graham Cogzell, Peter Baker, Barry Neville and Mike McGill spoke of their involvement in the club and related some stories. All members then got down to eating a hearty roast dinner followed by a sumptuous desert.

Always Professional Catering & Party Hire ( Stephen Graham ). supplied the excellent food..After we had all eaten, members then circulated to catch up with old friends

Entertainment for the evening was provided by Bill Henderson on guitar, who was appreciated by all, with his selection of 50s, 60s and 70s favourites, from Burl Ives to Neil Diamond and Slim Dusty!

*Mike McGill.*

## **A7 Reg. of Qld 50th Anniversary Static Display - 13 August 2017**



*All the Austins at Capalaba for the 2017 Static Display*

For the second year in a row, Capalaba Regional Park was chosen as the venue for our annual A7 Static Display. It was a beautiful Winter's morning with a cloudless blue sky. Our thanks go to John for his early arrival to reserve our display space for the day. Arriving at around 9am in their A7s were Duncan & Crystal, Neil & Karyn, Justin McCarthy, Justin McKeering, Ian & Valda, Alan Couser, Lindsay Jordan, Trev & Elaine, Robin Lewis, Matthew with Martin & Trent and Doug & Robyn. There were eleven A7s in all.



In the beginning one could be forgiven for thinking the site was an A7 repair venue! Justin (senior) was spotted under his car, while Doug and Trev were test driving "Harry" to check his performance after having an on-the-spot tune-up – alas, his gears were still playing up.

Some Austineers were quick to set up camp under the shady trees behind the cars, while others wandered and admired the vehicles on display.

Around mid-morning, Mike & Kathy arrived with their foster greyhound, Roman, much to the excitement and interest of those present.

The morning seemed to pass quickly due to the

usual pleasant and often humorous conversation, together with detailed discussion about A7s and their





idiosyncrasies, while consuming our morning tea. As happened last year, the Bayside Restorers Club arrived en masse in their vintage and classic cars with students from a local special school as passengers. This morning tea at Capalaba is always a delight for their passengers. At around midday, our President, Lindsay, woke from a brief nap to address those present and to present the Awards and Trophies. The Cam & Judy McCulloch Memorial Trophy for the Club member(s) who attended the most Runs throughout the last twelve months was presented by Neil to Doug & Robyn. Our congratulations go

to them for their enthusiasm and Club involvement. The much coveted People's Choice Award for their A7 at the Static Display was presented by Lindsay to Trev & Elaine.

With the formalities completed, it was time to pack up and head home. Just as we were in this process, we were pleased to welcome late arrivals, the Riddels – great to see them attend as they do each year. Once again, it was a hugely successful A7 event and our thanks go especially to Robyn for all her efforts in organising the day.

*Neil*

## **A7 Reg. Qld 50th Anniversary Tour, Dalby** **8 to 12 September 2017**

### **Participants attending in Austin 7s:**

Neil Thyer & Karyn Matthew, Trev & Elaine Moore, Tim Braby, Trevor & Bev McCulloch, Doug & Robyn Clark, Ross & Rhonda Guthrie, David & Karen Ure, Ian & Valda McDowall, Ken Burton & Jing Zhu, and Will Knapp and Martin Clark.

**Travelling modern were:** John Que & Alan Couser.



### **Friday September 8 (Day 1)**

Members travelled independently from their respective homes to the Dalby Tourist Park on the banks of the Myall Creek, checking in and unloading their cars in preparation for an adventurous few days around Dalby. Some members had chosen cabin accommodation while others decided to live out of their caravans and campervans. Around mid-afternoon, several members gathered for pre-dinner drinks and nibbles outside the cabins of the Moores and Alan.

After a few congenial drinks and as the sun set, we walked to the Criterion Hotel Steakhouse next door to the Tourist Park for dinner. Due to the very cold evening temperature, it was agreed by all to postpone the monthly A7 Reg. meeting, scheduled to be held that night, until Saturday lunchtime at Thomas Jack Park in Dalby.

*Neil & Karyn*

### **Saturday September 9 (Day 2)**

After a cold night, everyone rose at their own leisure to a warm, sunny day. Saturday was a free morning and so everyone went their different ways – breakfast, coffee, shopping and the aerodrome. The Tourist Park resembled somewhat of a workshop with several cars needing some TLC to get them on the road.

Members in their A7s were Doug & Robyn, Ross & Rhonda, Ian & Valda, Trevor & Bev, Ken & Jing, Will & Martin, Trev & Elaine, Tim and Neil & Karyn. In moderns were Alan, David & Karen and John.

At around 11.30am we headed off on a short run northwards to Thomas Jack Park for lunch and our monthly A7 Reg. meeting.



Following our sumptuous BYO lunches and a successful A7 Reg. monthly meeting, we all set out under Doug and Robyn's instructions to Tom and Fay Saxelby's residence. Here we viewed three sheds full of beautifully restored trucks and vehicle memorabilia. The more adventurous male members had a close inspection of the "truck graveyard", an area where rusted and beyond repair vehicles were consigned for the rest of their days. We enjoyed afternoon tea under the trees, along with the Saxelby's and members' dogs – 15 year-old Bindi, 18 year-old Blue, 9 year-old Toby, 4 year-old Asker, middle-aged Border Collie Millie, and 5 month-old puppy Daisy who wanted to play with them all.



After Doug formally thanked Tom and Fay for their hospitality, we headed back to our accommodation where the A7s were put to bed for the night. The Austineer "mechanics" then decided to spend some time working on David's A7 in an attempt to get it on the road. They were unsuccessful – it seemed to be an electrical problem.



Dinner was again at the Criterion Hotel Steakhouse, which turned out to be an entertaining evening. The entertainment value was enhanced by the arrival of groups of slightly inebriated Dalby race goers, some of whom had not only had big wins on the track that afternoon, but also decided to sit at a table adjoining ours. The hotel noise volume was also enhanced by the local Aussie Rules team, (*the Dalby Swans*) who had just won the Grand Final (*over the Warwick Redbacks*), and who were celebrating by singing their club war cry and drinking out of the winner's trophy. More interesting was the young lady who insisted

on sitting on Alan's lap!!!

Thank you to Robyn and Doug for organising the run instructions for the day.

*Neil & Karyn*



### Sunday September 10 (Day 3)

It was another beautiful sunny day in Dalby, following a cold crisp morning. We were all pleased to hear the sound of the Ure's A7 engine running, after the troops had spent yesterday afternoon tinkering with it. In their A7s were Trev & Elaine, Ross & Rhonda, Ian & Valda, Will & Martin, Doug & Robyn, Ken & Jing, Trevor & Bev, Doug & Robyn, Tim, Neil & Karyn and David & Karen. Travelling in their modern vehicles were John and Alan.



At 9am sharp we gathered for a day's run briefing by Doug and Robyn. The briefing included wishing Trevor, Tim and Karyn a happy birthday with candled lamingtons, cards and singing.

We drove through town a short distance to the Dalby Pioneer Park Museum. For morning tea, the tables were laden with a variety of home-baked cakes, scones and slices, and we all ate so much that we were not sure how we would fit in lunch. We walked off morning tea by looking through the interesting displays in the various buildings around the site. At noon we gathered again for a delicious lunch of cold meats and salads followed by

dessert, all prepared by the museum volunteers.

Following lunch, we drove about 8 kms to the home of Neville Morris, collector and manufacturer of all things mechanical. En route, Neil & Karyn's Harry played up, apparently because he needed a petrol top up. Trevor came to the rescue with a 5 litre can. At Neville Morris's we were shown around by Neville and his mate, Johnno. Members were astounded by the volume of motor components stored around the site and the many "motors" and "inventions" that Neville had spent most of his 80 plus years producing. *The two vehicles pictured are 'Shades of Grey' and Neville's superb replica of the Pecori Steam Tricycle, built in Italy in 1891.*



On return to our accommodation around mid-afternoon, we gathered for afternoon drinks in the Tourist Park's camp BBQ area. It was decided that everyone would do their own thing for dinner, as we were all so full from the day's meals at the Museum.

Thank you to Robyn and Doug for organising the Museum visit and the run instructions to Neville Morris's home.

*Neil & Karyn*

## **Monday September 11 (Day 4)**

With some members having departed for home yesterday, six A7s and three moderns (one with Harry on his trailer in preparation for the trip home) set out at 9.30am for Bell. The A7s on the run were driven by Trev & Elaine, Ross & Rhonda, Ian & Valda, Trevor & Bev, Tim and Ken & Jing. In their modern vehicles were Neil & Karyn, John and Alan.



After driving through the flat fields for 40 kms we reached the modern Bell Visitor Information Centre. For morning tea we were served delicious scones loaded with jam and cream, together with tea and coffee. One of the volunteers gave a brief talk on Bell township and history. We then enjoyed browsing the lovely arts and crafts available for sale in the gift shop, with many of us purchasing the rosella jam. Before departing, we moved the A7s in front of the Centre for photos. Some of the volunteers were then taken for a spin in



our old A7's. We drove onwards for 22 kms to the beautiful Jimbour House for lunch. On arrival we walked around the well-manicured grounds. While there, Trevor received a call from Alan, advising that he and the Burtons had taken a wrong turn. Valda and Trevor successfully provided directions by phone, and Alan and the Burton's arrived in time to join us for lunch under the shady trees adjacent to the iconic house.

After lunch John Que and Neil & Karyn departed for home to fulfil commitments on Tuesday. The remaining members then headed back to their accommodation, looking forward to an afternoon of music around the campfire located at and organised by the Dalby Tourist Par, listening to, singing and our entertainer playing requests, we headed off to Red Rooster for dinner and then back to our accommodation for the night.

Thanks to the Guthries and McDowalls for organising today's interesting run.

*Neil & Karyn*

## **Tuesday September 12 (Day 5)**

With Neil & Karyn and John going home yesterday, and Trevor experiencing some minor problem with the carby on his car, Ross & Rhonda, Ian & Valda, Trevor & Bev, Tim and Ken & Jing set off with their A7s, with Trevor & Elaine along with Alan going modern, for our day's run to Broadwater Lake.

Our run to Broadwater Lake took us thru many fields being prepared for Spring planting of cotton and other grain crops. These fields looked so good with the land looking so rich even with the lack of water. These farmers of the land deserve rich rewards for their effort.

On arrival at Broadwater Lake we met up with Phil & Bridget from the Dalby Car Club in their VW Beetle (Bug) where we had Morning Tea followed by a visit to the Bird Hide viewing area along dirt tracks. With







binoculars were spotted pelicans and other birds. According to the locals, the lake is only about two (2) metres deep but water skiing is popular. The lake is a very enjoyable spot – nice and green and lush. After leaving Broadwater Lake we headed for Jimbour along the Moonie and Warrego Highways crossing the Condamine River (with no water) and the Macalister Bell Road until we reached the Jimbour School. Here we then met up with Wally & Bev and

had lunch on the veranda of the community hall. After lunch the children and teachers came from their classes to look over (and blow horns of) our cars. On the way back to base there was one minor problem with a fuel blockage in Tim's car. *(It simply ran out of petrol, Red Ruby must be thirstiest A7 in Qld!)* This was the end of a most enjoyable five days of Austin 7 fun. We must do it again sometime, somewhere. Thanks to the Guthries and McDowalls for organising today's interesting run.

*Alan Couser*

## **Postscript from David and Karen Ure**



***On behalf of Karen & myself, I would like to thank you all for a very enjoyable weekend at Dalby. As new club members, we were made very welcome & we appreciated the courtesy of your wearing name tags so that we could put faces to names.***

***Special thanks to the many mechanics who so graciously [and amusingly!] gave so much of their time on Saturday to get the Ulster running for Sunday's trip.***

***Our apologies for having to leave so quickly on Sunday afternoon without personally saying goodbye to the wonderful folk that we had met. As you may have heard, our son, who lives next door to us, had notified us that a bush/grass fire was burning on properties less than 100 metres from our boundary and moving our way. Steve was able to prepare hoses, fill the tractor spray tank & move cattle, if needs be. The wind moved to the north & the fire was finally contained before reaching us. Unfortunately, neighbours have lost sheds & machinery but no houses lost.***

***Warmest Regards David & Karen Ure***





## **All British Day, Tennyson - 17 September 2017**



Grant, Justin McK, Ken F and David B.

As usual, there was much interest in our vehicles by the general public with the usual "I used to own an A7" comment from those passing by. The All British Day organising committee has to be congratulated not only for the day, but also for providing a variety of food

Sunday morning and the hills (or rather the streets around Tennyson) were alive with the sound of motor music! The annual All British Day event had once more come around and all cars British assembled on the St Joseph's Christian Brothers School oval for the popular static display.

Well represented in the line-up were our unique A7s. Representing our A7 Qld. Register were Doug & Robyn, Alan C, Ian McD, Duncan & Crystal, Trev M, David & Rena and Geoff & Sirilak. Throughout the day, other A7 members arriving in their modern and other cars to show support for the A7 Club were Neil, Tim, Ted,



and drink stalls, with a number of other vehicle-orientated vendors also well represented.

At around 2.30pm, presentations were made by the organisers and unfortunately this year (unlike others)

our A7s were unsuccessful. Following presentations, cars departed the venue for another year, leaving a trail of dust from the unseasonal dry oval surface.

**Neil T**

### ***Editor Tim's bit.***

*The 2017 All British Car Clubs Day was a good one, lots of very interesting cars, from sporty to historic to family favourites. I had planned to top attend in the Ruby but I had a planned luncheon event, which was cancelled only two days before, so I decided to pick up Ted and have a sticky beak. It was nice seeing two familiar cars from the coast, namely "Barney", the 1927 Sports that was brought up by Sirilak and Geoff Shepherdson and David and Rena Mitchell who brought up their 1928 Chummy, which belonged to the late Jack Whittaker.*





"Barney" was very familiar to me as I sold it to Geoff about 5 years ago. It came up from Melbourne but was originally built by Gary Cottle Of The NSW Austin Seven Club. Geoff and Sirilak have done a lovely job getting the car finished up and back on the road. It was nice seeing the Doctor Who display as well, as I can remember seeing the Daleks when they first appeared on TV in 1963. The yellow car was called Bessie and was driven by Jon Pertwee and Tom Bakers characters at various times. I also liked the little red Austin 8 tourer right next to our cars. My Mum and Dad had one of these in 1949, they once were very popular, but their unitary construction with integral flat floor and box chassis members meant that most just rusted away. Top marks also to Gary Chudasko's little Austin J40 pedal car, a very nice restoration.



## **Austin 7 Classifieds**

**FOR SALE** This unique 1937 Austin 7 Sports Roadster.



The body, which was subject of a total restoration some years ago, is in very good condition and is believed to have been constructed, originally, in England. It is currently on Club registration

This car has no mechanical work left to be done.

The 3 bearing motor was fully rebuilt recently, including new bearings throughout, crack tested crankshaft, new white metal big end bearings, new pistons/rings, 15/53 camshaft, all new clutch components, including VW clutch.

Block was fully refurbished, bored to +0.060" and fitted with hardened valve seats, new valves and springs.

The electric SU fuel pump has just been reconditioned by Wilson Carburettors.

This car has travelled only approx. 1600 mile since having a totally reconditioned diff with new crown wheel, pinion & bearings throughout, new axles and hubs. Reconditioned front axle & steering box, new kingpins, new steering arm. Tail shaft refurbished and a close ratio 4 speed gearbox conversion by John Needham. Front brakes have just been relined with soft, bonded, linings by BGT Brakes.

\$24,000

Contact Tony Colson

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**FOR SALE:QLD** personalised plates **AUS 30** you can use on concessional rego.

Asking \$400 as they are in good condition, but no longer useful as we now live in NSW!

**Amanda Wilson, 87 Sirius Drive, Lakewood NSW 2443**

**Amanda 0413 848 909, Brett 0402 143 420email [63bawilson@gmail.com](mailto:63bawilson@gmail.com)**

## **FOR SALE 1938 Austin Big Seven Forlite two door deluxe saloon with sunroof.**

Good original restored car to be **sold unregistered**.

I am selling as I am looking for another project and will not have the space to keep the Austin. The car comes with the original log books, service manuals and some spares. Mechanical and Electrical restoration was completed in 2016 and the car has been driven regularly since. The paint and interior was restored during an earlier restoration about 25 years ago and is in presentable condition. (see photos)



This restoration work included :-

Welding to body sill and floor

Front axle overhaul including new kingpins and bushes replaced to suspension

Engine was stripped down checked and reassembled (starts reliability with good oil pressure).

Gearbox stripped down checked and reassembled. Clutch good but some wear found on first gear.

Carburettor and fuel pump overhauled (fuel tank flushed)

Cooling system cleaned and flushed and new water manifold and hoses fitted

Rewired with new wiring loom (all electrics and gauges work except fuel gauge)

New ignition parts including points, distributor cap, 6 volt coil, plugs and leads, new six volt battery

Five new tires and brakes overhauled but will require some adjustment

New exhaust fitted but will require a new front down pipe soon

All oils and fluids renewed and greasing carried out monthly

Asking price \$12000

Contact Robin Lewis 0412120919

Location Tamborine Mountains QLD

## **FOR SALE.**

Austin 7 [1920's] project kit. BUILD YOUR OWN SPORTS OR CHUMMY.

Comprises, chassis, front and rear ends, windscreen, radiator shell, radius rods and shocker, headlights. wheels, guards, engine, petrol tank etc, etc.

**Wayne Styles.**

**105 New Street, Brighton, Victoria**

**03 9592 1672.**



# *From the Archives - the First Austin Register 7 Members Book*

## (I know where some of these cars have gone, do you?)

### AUSTIN SEVEN REGISTER OF QUEENSLAND

#### Listing of Motor Cars - JUNE 1972

George Elfick, 1928 Sports.	Bob Hopkins, 1928 Chummy.	Ross Guthrie 1928 Chummy, 1930 Saloon. & 1935 Roadster.
Ron K. Toy, 1928 Sports & 1928 Chummy	Ian Reid, 1925 Roadster. .	Father McKeering, 1927 Sports & 1929 Chummy.
Howard A. Kenward, 1926 Roadster.	Roy Veiske, 1931 Utility & 1928 Chummy.	Peter Baker, 1928 Chummy, 1930 Roadster. & 1936 Nippy Sports.
Greg. R. Riddel, 1927 Roadster.	Joe Wilson, 1931 Sports.	Gordon Robinson, 1928 Roadster & 1938 Big Seven.
Kingsley Neale, 1928 Sports.	Ron Clark, 1929 Chummy.	Pym Hills, 1927 Chummy.
Bill Sanderson, 1928 Meteor & 1936 Tourer.	Ian Murray, 1937 Tourer & 1929 Sports.	Malcolm Wegener, 1935 Tourer.
Peter McMahon, 1928 Tourer.	David Barnett, 1928 Roadster.	Kevin McKay, 1935 Tourer.
Trevor Armond, 1928 Chummy.	Chris Hills, 1931 Roadster.	A. Lindsay Corben, 1928 Chummy.
Laurie Topping, 1927 Chummy.	Greg Gabb, 1932 Special.	Gloria French, 1957 Special.
James Dixon, 1936 Tourer.	Tom King, 1927 Ace,	Doug Partington, 1929 Chummy.
Russell Shephard, 1931 Tourer	Bob Weissling, 1932 Special.	Ralph Cooter, 1928 Chummy,
Graham Cogzell, 1930 Chummy	Michael Stone, 1936 Tourer.	Bill Dillon, 1929 Chummy.
Phillip Dance, 1928 Roadster.	Mike Hawthorne, 1928 Roadster.	Gilltraps Auto Museum, 1930 Chummy.
Gordon Farquhar, 1928 Chummy & 1927 Sports.	Alan Jorgenson, 1933 Tourer.	Mr. O. Orr, 1931 Tourer.
Barry Neville, 1928 Saloon & 1928 Roadster	Rob Guthrie, 1937 Tourer	Harry Fletcher, 1926 Chummy
Russ Wright, 1926 Brooklands.	Tony Job, 1928 Chummy.	

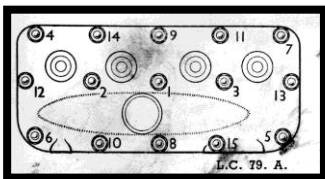
## **FOR SALE**

**1935 Austin 7 Nippy Sports, unique chance to buy one of the few genuine Austin 7 factory Sports Cars in Australia. 1 careful owner for many years**



It comes with a few spares and asking \$30,000. The car was previously owned by Morris Fuller, who was a member of the 750 MC and the Austin 7 Clubs Association in the UK in the 1960s.

Serious buyers contact Peter Baker on 07 33989 4517 or email [lordbaker@optusnet.com.au](mailto:lordbaker@optusnet.com.au).  
(Peter lives in Brisbane)



**WANTED URGENTLY** A Cylinder head to replace the cracked one on my 1938 Big Seven must be in good condition. Austin 8hp head might be the same as they share head gaskets.

**Ross Patterson, PO Box 188  
Gatton Q 4343 Mob. 0406 976 586**

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