

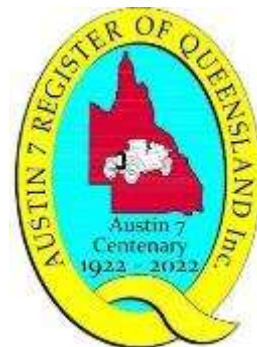


NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year !!!

February 2024

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



The Hungry Horde descends for Lunch!!

Lovely to see so many familiar faces, both young and not so young come for the Festive food Fest at Carindale. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the camaraderie and fun.

Austin 7 Register Club Meetings and Events

General Meeting Friday 9th February

Valentine's Day Run Sunday 11th February.

Editorial Comments for a Happy New

Happy New Year everyone! I hope you all had a nice Christmas Holiday break. I went to Tasmania and found I had Covid on the second day! Luckily it was not too severe, I was able to go for long secluded walks on the beach when the tide was out. I was clear two days before coming home so was able to visit Hobart and see the Sydney Hobart boats. Tell you what, I do wish I could have stayed in Tasmania where the weather is a lot cooler and nowhere near as humid! As you will see January has been a busy month for the club with both our Monster Parts Sale and the annual Australia Day gathering at the Ormiston State School. Finally, I must thank Karyn and Neil and Sharon for writing the Run Reports for this newsletter. You make my job so much easier!

Editor Tim Braby

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The A7RQ Inc. Online

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 & INVITATION RUNS FOR 2023-2024

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

Neil Thyer (ph. 0431 067 909) A7 Qld Reg. Events Coordinator & A7 Web Master.

Also note!! Some details and or dates of these events are still to be confirmed.

Please check for updates on the A7 Register 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 9th February - A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 11th February - Valentine's Day Welcome to the West Run - A7 Register February Event. This Run is organised by Colin & Gay Jacobson Ph. 0407 627 206. The Run will depart from the Brisbane Planetarium Carpark (bottom of Mt Coot-tha Road) at 9am. The Run will travel through the Western Brisbane suburbs of Kenmore and Brookfield and visit the Gold Creek Reservoir. Morning Tea stop will be at the Wild Canary Bistro where coffee and morning Tea can be purchased or BYO. The Run will then proceed through Pullenvale to Moggill arriving at Westaway Park for a BYO lunch.

Friday 8th March - A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Saturday 23rd March - Wamuran Day Out & Short Run - A7 Register March Event. This event is organised by Russell & Vanda Curtis ph. 5496 6692. Members are to meet in Wamuran township at 9am to partake of Morning Tea at the town's monthly Market. Here there will be a Static Display of our A7s – car trailers can be stored in the township for the day. Following Morning Tea we will proceed on a Scenic Run to the Curtis property for a tour and Lunch. Following Lunch, we will return, via another Scenic Run, to the Wamuran township to load A7s and return home. BYO Morning Tea (can be purchased at the Market) & Lunch. Further details to be announced.

Friday 12th April - A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 14th April - A Day at the Bay 3 - A7 Register April Event. This Run will be organised by Hugh & Judy Cullen (ph. 0412 096 186) and is to commence from the Carindale Clubrooms at 9am. Morning Tea will be at a motor museum at Alexander Hills followed by Lunch on the Bay. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch.

Sunday 5th May - TO BE CONFIRMED - External A7 Register Invitation Event: Our Club has been invited to attend the Wheels of the World Car & Bike Show static display at Pat Rafter Arena, 109 King Arthur Terrace, Tennyson. Display vehicle entry at 8.30am – \$30/display vehicle. Public entry at 9.30am. Music, food & drinks at venue. All proceeds to Variety – the children's charity. For more info. contact Bryan ph. 0418 790 962. Please inform our A7 member, Trevor Moore ph. 0407 485 575, if you are attending.

Friday 10th May - A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

OUTSIDE EVENTS BY OTHER CLUBS

Saturday 27th to Sunday 28th January - Allora Heritage Weekend & Swap Meet, hosted by Warwick Veteran & Vintage Vehicle Club, to be held at the Allora Show Grounds. \$10/person/day. For more information phone Graham: 0428 717 623.

Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th February - 49th Annual DDVVMC Toowoomba Swap Meet to take place at the Toowoomba Show Grounds. Open to public from 6am both days. The Swap Meet closes at 6pm Saturday & 12pm Sunday. Admission is \$15/person on Saturday & \$5/person on Sunday. Parking is free. For further details contact Swap Co-ordinator, Bill Shepherd, ph. 0499 990 622.

Thursday 7th to Monday 11th March - Austins Over Australia. External A7 Register Invitation Event: This event is hosted by the Austin Motor Vehicle Club NSW and is to be held in Orange, NSW. The weekend consists of organised drives, car displays and visits to local places of interest. To register your interest, email AOA2024@amvcnsw.com.au or contact Tony Groom 0412 036 774.

Sunday 24th March - 37th Annual Ormiston Swap Meet organised by the Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club to be held at Ormiston State School commencing at 6am and concluding at 12noon. Pedestrian entry: \$5. Information & Bookings contact Steve 0411 516 122. No dogs or smoking allowed on school grounds.

Sunday 5th May - LAMA Annual Swap Meet organized by the Lockyer Antique Motor Association Inc. to be held at the Laidley Showgrounds. Contact The Secretary email: sec.lama@hotmail.com for more details. Members to make their own arrangements re. travel, etc.

Saturday 18th May - BVVC Heritage Car, Truck, Bike & Machinery Show Date Claimer

The Bundaberg Vintage Vehicle Club (BVVC) are planning to hold the **Heritage Car, Truck, Bike & Machinery Show on Saturday 18th May 2024** at the Recreation Precinct, Bundaberg.

This year, the show is being **held in conjunction with the Riley Club's National Rally.**

Further information will be provided to you as arrangements progress.

Peter Ashby

Secretary

Bundaberg Vintage Vehicle Club Inc

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MINUTES OF PAST A7R2 MEETINGS

Austin Seven Register of Qld Inc.

Meeting No 631, 8th December 2023

Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale

Meeting opened: The President declared the meeting opened at 7.45 pm with a welcome to all.

Present: 22 members signed the book with 1 visitor

Apologies: C&G Jacobson, T Bale, M&F Rix, J McCarthy, S Jordan, R&R Guthrie

Minutes: Robyn read the minutes of the November meeting & moved it be accepted as a true & correct record. Seconded by Tim. Carried

Business arising from Minutes: NIL

Correspondence IN= Newsletters from other clubs

Printing Invoice for 2023-24 Registers

Quote for A& Caps

QHMC re minutes & Logbooks explained.

Veteran Car Club re newsletter to resident clubs & Tenants Meeting 10th Feb & Club details & Rent Invoice

OUT: Sympathy Cards to Trevor McC & Ian W

Veteran Car Club re Club details

Phone calls to various members re Christmas Party

Robyn moved the correspondence be accepted as read & the outward endorsed. Seconded by Neil T. Carried

If anyone would like to have other club's newsletters forwarded to them, please let Robyn know.

They are newsletters from other clubs. (David Neville asked for them to be forwarded.)

Business arising from Correspondence: NIL

Treasurer's Report: Lindsay gave the report on Sharons behalf. Then move it be accepted & all accounts be passed for payment. Seconded by David N. Carried

QHMC Report: NIL

Spare Parts Report: Trevor made a small sale for the month. Also, his A7 Truck is home from the museum.

2nd Hand Parts Report: NIL

Editors Report: Newsletter on web site & ready to be posted.

Dating Officers Report: NIL

Web Master Report: Neil has everything up to date.

Club Events:

10th Dec A7 Christmas Party at Clubrooms. 11-11.30 am.

14th Jan 2nd Hand Parts Sale, Boronia Heights.

11th Feb Valentine's Day Run organized by Colin & Gay J

23rd March Wamuran Day out. Organized by Russell & Vanda C

14th April Day at the Bay 3, organized by Hugh & Judy C

Other events:

26th Jan Australia Day, Ormiston State School

27th -28th Jan Allora Heritage Weekend. Showgrounds

3rd-4th Feb Toowoomba Swap

7th -11th March Austins over Australia, Orange.

24th March Bayside Swap, Ormiston State School

Past Events;

12th Nov Presidents Run. Report in newsletter & on website.

Library Report: Lindsay has been busy with only 3 books borrowed for the whole year.

General Business: NIL

Raffle: Valda selling tickets tonight but will be drawn on Sunday.

Report on cars &/or car troubles: President's A7 still not running.

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

Sick members wished a speedy recovery. Barry Akers in hospital.

Supper Organizer: Thank you to everyone for tonight's supper.

January= Gail C

Committee Meeting: TBA

Next Meeting: 12th January 2024

Meeting closed: With no other business to be discussed the meeting was closed at 8.20 pm.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to all

Austin Seven Register of Old Inc.

Meeting No. 632, 12th January 2024

Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale

Meeting Opened: The Vice President declared the meeting opened at 7.55 pm with a welcome & Happy New Year to all. Also, Duncan Logan who we have not seen for some time.

Present: 18 members signed the book,

Apologies: Trevor & Bev McC. Ted B, Peter D, Tim B, Murray R, David & Molly N, Steve D

Minutes: Robyn read the minutes of the December Meeting & moved it be accepted as a true & correct record. Seconded by Trevor M. Carried.

Business arising from Minutes: NIL

Correspondence IN: Newsletters from other clubs

Phone calls & emails re Parts Sale

OUT: A7 Newsletters, Parts Book & Registers to all members.

Get Well card to Barry A

Robyn moved the correspondence be approved as read & the outward endorsed. Seconded by Colin J. Carried

Business arising from Correspondence: NIL

Treasurer's Report: Sharon informed the members on the club's finances. Asked for questions, then moved her report be accepted. Seconded by Ian McD. Carried. As the club's term deposit will mature on 25/2/2024 Sharon then moved a motion that the money be reinvested at the BOQ & the club make up the difference to the next thousand dollars, & the Executive committee to determine the length of the investment. Seconded by Trevor M. Carried.

QHMC Report: NIL

Spare Parts Report: Trevor has made a sale & an order has been sent to Melbourne.

2nd Hand Parts Report: Doug hopes to see members buying up big on Sunday.

Editors Report: Tim would like articles for the newsletter.

Dating Officers Report: NIL

Web Masters Report: Neil has everything up to date & has deleted all reference to 2023.

Club Events:

14th Jan 2nd Hand Parts Sale, Boronia Heights 9am

11th Feb Valentine's Day Run, organized by Colin & Gay J. Meet 9am Mt Coot-tha Gardens.

23rd March (SATURDAY) Wamuran Day Out, organized by Russell & Vands C.

14th April Day at the Bay 3, organized by Hugh & Judy C

Other Events:

26th Jan Australia Day, Ormiston State School

27th -28th Jan Allora Heritage Weekend, Showgrounds

3rd -4th Feb Toowoomba Swap

7th -11th March Austins over Australia, Orange

24th March Bayside Swap, Ormiston School

Past Events:

10th Dec A7 Christmas Party. 50 members. Report on website.

Library Report: Lindsay informed members the library was opened for business.

General Business: Our Ice block man (Duncan) was then asked to tell members of some of his adventures in Antarctica, & his newly acquired 1937 Ruby.

Duncan has been asked to write an article for our newsletter.

Raffle: Valda selling tickets in tonight's raffle. Justin McK winner.

Report on cars &/or car troubles: NIL

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

Sick members wished a speedy recovery.

Supper Organizer: Thank you to Gail C for tonight's supper.

FEBRUARY: Ian McD

Committee Meeting: TBA

Next Meeting: 9th February 2024.

Meeting Closed: 8.35 PM.

Robyn



NEWS OF MEMBERS AND CARS

Keith Ryan in Woolgoolga tells us he has sold his green roadster.

David Ure in Warwick says he has now decided to keep his Ulster sports and has bought a lovely restored 1970 Morris Minor Traveller.

Brett and Amanda Wilson are very pleased to tell me that they have sold their blue 1930 Roadster to a chap in Alstonville, which is halfway between Lismore and Ballina.

I am also pleased to say the 1932 Austin 10 Saloon, the “Duchess” is now running again, thanks to its new owner, **Barry Shaw**. I have been able to send Barry a pile of information and pictures of the car and some of its history as I was its proud custodian from when I bought it in 1991 from **Doug and Nancy Soden** and sold it to **Ted and Daphne Bale** in 1998.

EVENT REPORTS

A7 Register Of Queensland Xmas Lunch Sunday 10 December 2023



The Carindale Clubrooms were abuzz with activity early on Sunday morning, with preparations underway for the A7 Club's much-anticipated Christmas Lunch. Tables were decorated and food was prepared by the early-morning helpers. A new addition to the tables this year were the artistic A7 bonbons made by President Steve; these were much admired and enjoyed by everyone.

By 11am, everything was ready to welcome Club members and their guests.

In total, 46 members and guests were in attendance. In their A7s were Justin McK, Justin McC & Patti and Hugh & Judy, while everyone else came in their modern cars.

There was lots of social chatter and the buying of tickets in the Monster Christmas Raffle. Many had their eyes on winning one of the beautiful Christmas hampers put together by Raffle Person, Valda, or one of a variety of other prizes. The hampers were produced from donations of goodies made by Club members over the last couple of months.



At about midday, everyone took their seats and were welcomed by President Steve. At this point, Justin McC donated to the Club a framed picture of his A7 racing highlights that he had recently received from a track photographer. President Steve then announced that lunch was served.

Members formed a queue on the veranda to be served their feast of roast chicken, succulent ham, bread rolls, cheese, pineapple, tomatoes, cucumbers, beetroot, lettuce and coleslaw. There was certainly enough food for everyone, including seconds.

Between main course and dessert, the Monster Christmas Raffle was drawn. The first and second prizes of Christmas hampers were won by Matt and Judy & Hugh respectively. There were also a number of other prizes, including wine, beer, a plum pudding, biscuits, a scratchie Christmas tree, Christmas handtowels with soap and a small tool set, that winners could choose from. These were won by Ron & Daphne, Anne J, Rhonda & Ross, Trev & Elaine, Aileen and Patricia & Dick.



Following the raffle draw, Robyn distributed a car-themed wordsearch puzzle, ensuring that Karyn received hers last to give everyone else a head start.

Despite this, the Dream Team of Karyn and Acting Treasurer/Librarian Lindsay still won, with the prize being a fold-up safety triangle for use during breakdowns (a sometimes-needed item when one drives an A7!).

While there was silence as everyone focused on their wordsearch puzzles, dessert was served to the tables. On offer were trifles, rainbow jellies and mince pies. These sweet delights were lovingly made by First Lady Helen. Thank you, Helen!

After more conversation, attendees started to clean up, with dishes washed, tablecloths folded, tables put away, the carpet swept, and chairs returned to their usual meeting set-up.

A big shout out to everyone who assisted towards and on the day, but especially to Secretary Robyn, ably assisted by husband Doug, for organising and undertaking a tremendous amount of work towards this successful event. Thank you, Robyn & Doug!

Karyn and Neil

Annual **Monster** Second-Hand Parts Sale – Sunday 14 January 2024

From 9am on Sunday 14 January, the quiet suburb in which our Club's Second-Hand Parts



Most people wisely stayed under shelter on a very warm day.

Manager Doug and Secretary Robyn live came to life with the arrival of 31 Club members and their guests. They came from far and wide, with Trev & Bev with long-time member and passenger Peter Dorman travelling all the way from Nambour (and Maroochydore) and Eddie Abrahams from Laidley, for the Club's Annual Monster Second-Hand Parts Sale. Most people arrived in their modern cars, while two members came in their alternative classic cars.

The weather was perfect for the day – the sun shining, blue sky, and a breeze keeping the temperature down.

Doug & Robyn's large gazebo, situated in



As some very useful parts were being slipped into boots and trailers more parts were donated!



The inner sanctum where everything from axles to radiators could be found.

their beautiful garden of green grass, lush plants, a variety of birds and interesting garden ornaments, was the ideal location for us all to gather.

While some attendees headed to the shed to search the collection of second-hand parts for that elusive bit, others were happy to sit in the shade of the gazebo and chat. Eventually, morning tea was enjoyed under the gazebo by all attendees, with some staying on to enjoy lunch as well. Some attendees kindly brought morning tea items to share, while Doug & Robyn provided tea and coffee.

The Club financially benefited not only from the sales on the day, but from the donation of more second-hand parts. Some of these donated parts did not even make it to the shelves in the shed, before being scooped up for purchase by other members.



Doug is also keen on classic trucks, both big and small!



David Nevilles little Morris 1929 -30 Minor 2-seater sports patiently awaits its turn to be restored.

A big thank you to Doug & Robyn for opening their home to us for this successful annual event. It was a most enjoyable social morning, with lots of laughs and camaraderie, plus we all know there is nothing like a good sale!

Karyn

Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club Australia Day 2024 annual static display and Rally. Ormiston State School – Friday 26 January

This annual Australia event is definitely one to attend. If you've not been before it is a display from 7am of cars (over 30 years old) of all shapes and sizes and value. A free sausage and bacon breakfast is also provided. It is so popular many people commented on how they come every year to enjoy the variety of cars.

Cars poured onto the Ormiston State School ovals from before 7am and before long over 700 vehicles (a record number) were parked, polished and being admired by thousands of attendees. A7 Club members Doug and Robyn Clark (with the Morris Mini), Lindsay and Sharon Jordan (with their EK Holden Ute), Dick and Patricia Sorensen (in their vintage vehicle), Ian and Valda McDowell (In their Lancer), John and Twink Que (Modern), Lyn Stanners (in his A10) with only one precious Austin 7 thanks to Justin McKeering! Hard at work were our A7 members Doug, Lindsay and several BVRC members cooking 90kg of sausages and 40kg of bacon on the BBQ, while Robyn, Sharon and Valda worked on the raffles. There were around 17 raffle prizes on offer including a BBQ, a TV and a sandwich press.



Justin's 1929



Lindsay and Sharons trusty Holden EK Utility!



Dick and Patricia's Chrysler 2-seater



Doug and Robyn's Mini Minor shows the flag!

As 10 o'clock came around raffles were drawn, and attendees left on the two runs that were organised to either Victoria Point or Wynnum. As always it was a great morning and thanks go to the BVRC for organising this successful annual event.

Sharon

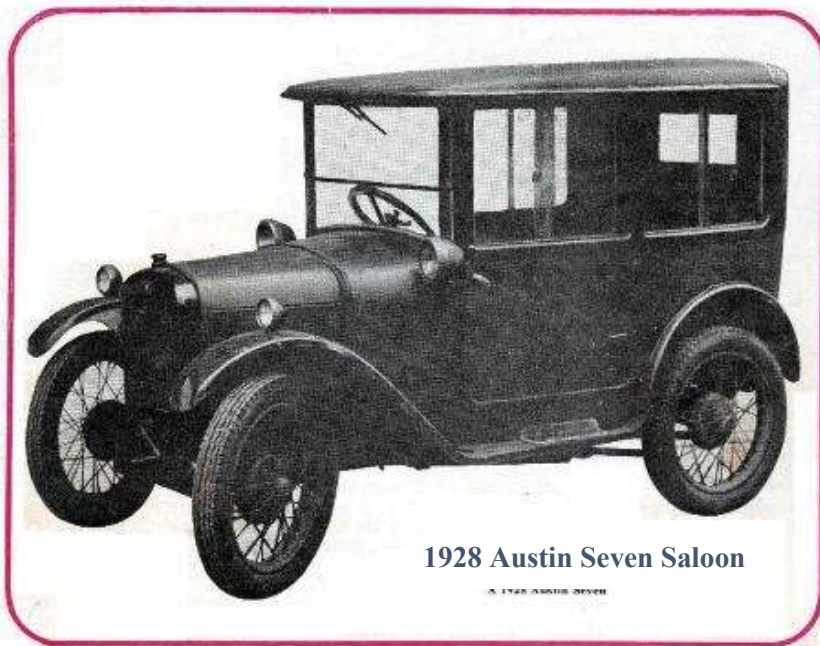
How Do You Know When You are Getting Old?

Everything hurts; what doesn't hurt doesn't work!
 The gleam in your eye is the sun hitting your bi-focals!
 You feel like the morning after, but you haven't been anywhere!
 Your little black book contains only names ending in M.D.!
 You join a health club but don't go!
 A dripping tap gives you an uncontrollable urge!

You know all the answers, but no one asks the questions!
You look forward to a dull evening!
You need glasses to find your glasses!
You turn out a light for economy instead of romance!
You sit in a rocking chair but can't make it go!
Your knees buckle, but you belt won't!
Your back goes out more often than you do!
Your house is too big, but your medicine chest is too small!
You sink your teeth into a steak, and they stay there!
Your birthday cake collapses from the weight of the candles!

THE VINTAGE AUSTIN REGISTER

by R. J. Wyatt (from The Austin Magazine December 1964)



1928 Austin Seven Saloon

The dictionary tells us that a register is "an official written account or entry in a book regularly kept for preservation or for reference."

This is only one of the many functions of a vintage car Register which should, I suppose, really be called a Club. But the title seems to have stuck for some reason and it is now generally accepted in a much wider sense than the title implies.

Five years ago, it was decided to form a Register of existing Austin 12.8 h.p. cars. The model was not catered for by the more general vintage car

clubs and a number of people felt that the Austin Twelve models of the 1920's were exceptional vehicles both worthy of preservation and of recording.

As interest grew other types of early Austins were included and now all pre-1931 Longbridge products are accepted. At present there are nearly 300 members.

In addition to keeping an accurate record of all known existing Austins made before 1931, perhaps one of the most important aspects is the supply of spares and of technical information.

This is not an easy matter because some of the models have been out of production for 35 years or longer, but more often than not parts can be supplied from the large stock which has been built up.

If they cannot be found, then they have to be made. This is often expensive but if an order can be placed for a sufficient quantity the price need not be exorbitant,

From the members' point of view the Register is not merely a means of obtaining a source of obsolete parts and servicing data. There is a library of handbooks, photographs and catalogues, and members are given advice on the original appearance of their cars to enable them to carry out restorations correctly. There are also Rallies and various other social activities.

Why do people bother about old cars? Many pre 1931 vehicles were used as every-day transport until quite recently and it cannot be denied that, although they are slow by modern standards, they are still practical.

One gentleman in the Register bought his Austin Sixteen in 1930 and still uses it in connection with his medical practice. Last year another Austin Sixteen did the return journey from Cairo to the

Cape—in Cairo they discovered a 1928 Austin Twelve still in regular use—and just before that an Austin Seven covered thousands of miles in North and South America.

A 1922 Austin Twelve was travelling regularly between Manchester and London until a few years ago—180 miles in six hours on six gallons of petrol and no oil.

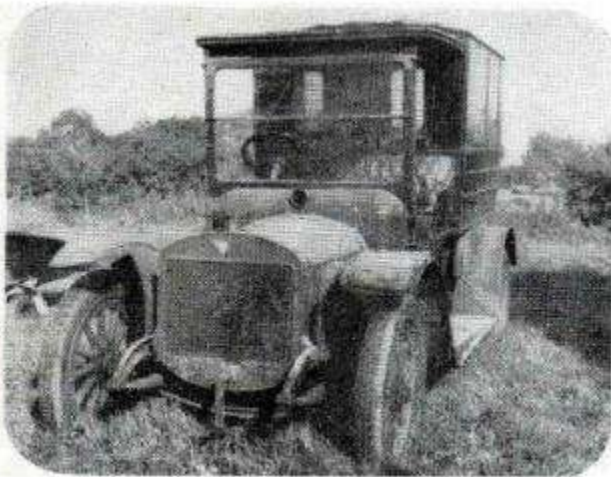
The cars are robust and can be used, but nowadays they are generally not cheap to buy—although bargains do turn up and "one-owner" low mileage examples have changed hands for a few pounds. However, the dealers beat the enthusiasts to it on most occasions. Bargains are rare and one can generally expect to pay from £30—£70 for an unrestored car and anything up to £150 for either an original or a rebuilt vehicle.

Early cars can be used as a means of getting about but those of us who own them seldom do so for that reason alone. Most vintage enthusiasts use their cars only during the warmer weather to attend Rallies and similar gatherings during the spring and summer.

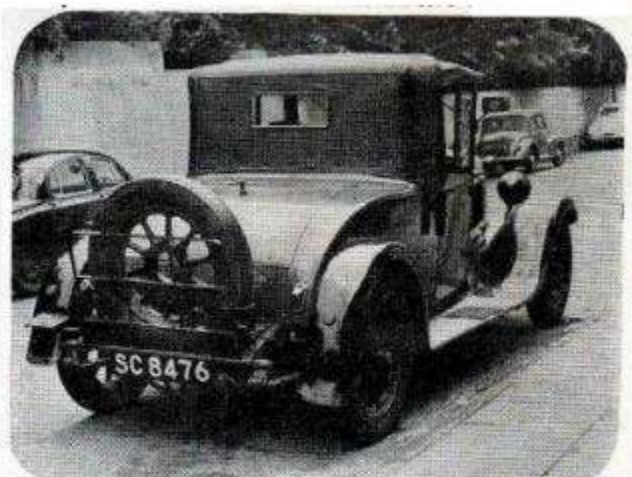
Some owners gain their pleasure from the ownership of a car still in its original condition. Others prefer to purchase a well-worn vehicle which has been used and modified over the years and to spend hundreds of pounds and a great deal of time restoring it to its former glory.

Not everyone has the necessary skill. It is not necessary to be a trained engineer, but for a first-class job the final coats of paint and leather upholstery work are best left to professionals (and these are the most expensive items in any restoration). A complete re-upholstery in leather will cost about {80. •It is as well to bear this in mind before buying a vintage 4. car. Go for good upholstery and sound coachwork and be prepared to accept general wear in the working parts.

If a particularly rare model is required—one of those made between 1906 and 1915—it may only be possible to obtain the remains of a wreck from a breaker's yard. This really can present problems which at times seem insurmountable.



The worlds oldest Austin known belongs to the author of this article



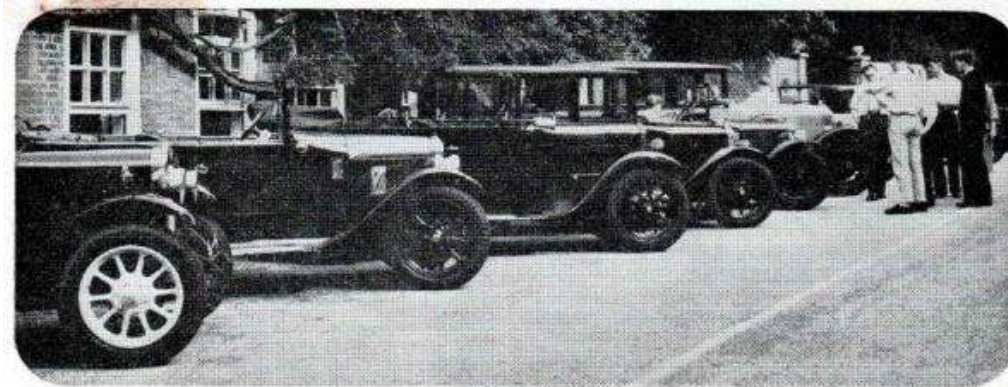
A 1930 Austin Sixteen still in daily use

My own 1907 25/30 h.p. car, the oldest Austin known to exist, almost comes in this category. It had already served its purpose as a touring car in 1914 when it was sold to Birmingham Corporation to be used as an ambulance to take inmates between the asylum and the railway station.

Its body was removed and an old, covered horse drawn vehicle top was fitted to the chassis in its place. The rear wheels were taken off and replaced by twin armoured car wheels and the vehicle was used in this form up until 1922.

Being of no further use the remains were deposited in a cellar where they languished for 40 years. Time had taken its toll. The acetylene and paraffin lamps were smashed beyond repair, the spokes of the wooden wheels had shrunk, several smaller engine parts had been removed and most of the dashboard instruments had been destroyed or taken away. The radiator was also very badly damaged. Restoration will take several years in this case. It will be necessary to strip the car down completely. Every part will need attention and a new body will have to be built to the original 1907 design.

The results will justify the labours and the oldest known Austin may even be on the road again for its 60th anniversary.



Achievement— a Rally!

This love of old motor cars is by no means confined to this country. There are vintage Austins in Africa, New Zealand, Australia, India, America,

Norway, Denmark, Italy and Spain, and some time ago a letter arrived from a gentleman in Tokyo who wrote: *"Excuse me to ask about the business in first time without solution. I should like to know about that car (of Cause without old owner nor the course to sold), would you give me answer about it. I am sending the pictures of my car; its engine is quite all right."*

The car proved to be a 1920 Austin Twenty with a locally built Japanese body and we discovered that this very vehicle had been featured in an article in the Austin Magazine in 1921.

The owner was delighted with the information we were able to provide. *"I received your mail with my great joy and writing this letter with full of thanks. Your mail and the one before have taught me so many precious things that they are very good references. I relate my thanks without delay."*

The Register arranged for a replacement wheel to be sent out and we have heard recently: *"My car is now repairing, and I am hoping it will be rebuilt as near as to the style when it was in its young days. Small part things, I wish I would like to put them on successively they would be found. Then my car will appear in right full gauge."*

Most of us feel the same way and like our historic Austins to be in "right full gauge" too.

A MODERN POSTSCRIPT

Mr. R. J. (Bob) Wyatt was the secretary of the Vintage Austin Register, and author of several books on the Austin 7 and vintage Austins.

The Vintage Austin Register (V.A.R.) was founded in 1958 as the "Vintage Austin 12/4 Register" by enthusiasts who were keen to record and preserve remaining examples of this well-known and much-loved car. Such was the survival rate of the Austin Motor Company's "Twelve" that the Register quickly grew and began to accept other models in the Austin range, such as the Austin 20/4, 16/6 and the ubiquitous Austin 7.

It soon became apparent that the name of the Register would have to change, to reflect the inclusion of all other Austin models. In 1961 the Register was re-named "The Vintage Austin Register" In 1981 the V.A.R. became a limited liability company and was named The Vintage Austin Register Ltd.

During the past 42 years the V.A.R. (as it is more commonly known) has consistently attracted a steady membership of over 550 and encompasses a diverse range of Austin vehicles built between 1906 and the late 1930s Separate branches were established in Australia and New Zealand to cater for the needs of a growing number of enthusiasts emerging in both these locations.

Whilst members are more prolific in the UK (the country of manufacture) such was the strength behind the export drive that many Austins are still being found in far flung corners of the globe. The aims and objectives of the VAR are the same today as they were in 1958: to encourage restoration, preservation and use of vintage and pre-war Austins.

The VAR caters principally for the Austin 12, 16 and 20 HP cars manufactured from 1907 to 1930, although owners of other models and years are welcomed.

FROM THE ARCHIVES - AUSTRALIA DAY “Seven Se7ens in 2007”



Two photos that were taken on an Australia Day several years ago now. Here we see in their car, Brett and Amanda Wilson who have since moved to NSW and now sold their blue 1930 roadster, but more sobering to see the late Cam and Judy McCulloch in their red Ruby saloon. Left to right we have Tim's Saloon, Cam's Ruby, Trev's Tourer, Lindsay's Chummy, Justin's "Greypower", Brett's Roadster and Alan's Chummy. Now who owns that green MGTF?



Here is Brett and Amanda's 1930 Roadster taken at our Concours in 2012 at C.T.White Park, Kangaroo Point. It has the newer styling usually associated with the 1931 to 1934 cars, but still on the short chassis and wearing the 1930 style mudguards which points to a late 1930-31 car.

AUSTIN 7 REGISTER OF QLD MERCHANDISE

All Merchandise can be purchased from the Spares/Tech. Officer, Trevor Moore.

Ph: (07) 3848 5575 OR Email:

temoore@live.com.au

PRICES:

- a Cloth Badge (sew to shirt or cap): \$10 (75mm tall)
- b Lapel Badge: \$7:50 (30mm tall)
- c Dash Badge, 25th Anniversary 1967 – 1992 \$5 (35mm tall)
- d Longreach Leap Badge 2009 \$8 (60mm wide)
- e Brass Car Badge \$50 (85mm tall)
- f A7 baseball Cap with adjustable strap \$25 - one size fits all!



Additionally official A7 Register

Name Badges can also be obtained from Rhonda Guthrie for \$10 each email Rhonda at guthrie45@bigpond.com. Pricing MAY vary with future availability.

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 your car, PLEASE do tell the Editor, DO NOT assume I know! I have deleted a couple of adverts over the year as we have other members who wish to showcase their cars.

FOR SALE 1927 Austin 7 Chummy in Restored Condition



The car was professionally restored 20 plus years ago by Guthrie Crash Repairs for Ron and Joan Gliddon to a high standard (cost was not a factor). but is still in excellent running order on club registration. The body is pale yellow with black mudguards. It has been in the club since 1995. Asking price is \$16000 (ONO). Please contact Alan Couser on 0403 504 709 or (07) 3349 9628, Mansfield, Brisbane.

FOR SALE - AUSTIN SEVEN PARTS CLEAN OUT

1. 1929 differential 9 /44 (Date 11/4/29), complete except for half shafts. Teeth damaged on pinion with wear on crown wheel. This model has the bolt on torque Tube. \$100 (photo) Spare pinion also
2. Brand new 1928 to 1929 9 /44 crown wheel and pinion to suit above differential. Genuine new old stock. \$450 (or \$500 for both 1929 differential and new C/P set) (photo)
3. New Valve chest cover in cast aluminium suit 1923 to 32 model \$25 (photo)
4. New deep finned cast aluminium sump \$100 (photo)
5. Vintage dashboard with pockets and patent plate, no instruments. will needs work, \$60 (photo)
6. Ruby side draft manifold. Painted in heat proof paint and ready to fit. \$30 (photo)
7. Six-volt Klaxon horn in original working order (Ar-Ur-Gah!) \$50
8. Pair of Chummy style door handles \$10. (photo)
9. One interior window winder handle to fit 1928 to 1930 factory bodied saloon \$5 (photo)
10. Two rusty 17" Austin 7 rims \$20 the pair
11. Two narrow aluminium cycle guards \$40 the pair (photo)
12. Pair of Cast -iron brake drums, cleaned and painted red \$30 the pair
13. Later model brass tourer or roadster windscreen 37" wide with one upright. \$40



Tim Braby 0405740418. Prefer purchaser to pick up or can bring to meeting. Aspley, Brisbane

FOR SALE. ALL AUSTIN SEVEN ITEMS.

Windscreen, for saloon, grey primer condition.

Windscreen, [chummy] repaired, glazed and painted black c/w pillars.

Petrol tank, [chummy] repaired and painted black.

Wheels 19", [four] painted black fitted with new Avon tyres.

Axle, front, reconditioned with new King pins etc, painted black.

Seats, [chummy] a reproduction pair, grey primer.

Instrument set i.e., PA speedo, switch panel, oil button and patent plate. Will separate if required.

Steering column, reconditioned.

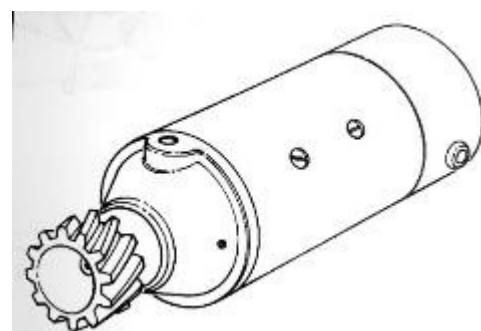
Steering wheel, in fine condition.

Engine, 1930 c/w new crankshaft, dismantled.

Wayne Styles. 0417 532 412. (Melbourne).

WANTED Dynamo to suit a Magneto Ignition model Austin 7

Peter Goldsworthy tells me he would like to get a good dynamo to fit Baby Jane, his 1927 Doctors coupe which has magneto ignition The model he wants is a C.A.V. DFL Please write to Peter GOLDSWORTHY at 11c Wadell Road, Two Mile, Gympie, QLD4570 Or Email: pgoldsworthy3@gmail.com (2nd advert)



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