



NEWSLETTER

August 2018



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



Above

"The Wind in the Willows" was a classic children's book written by the Secretary of the Bank of England, Kenneth Grahame, in 1909. The book itself presents the natural world as one of beauty and adventure and has been enjoyed by many generations for over 100 years. It also attracted the attention of US President Teddy Roosevelt, who enjoyed reading it for himself, after hearing his wife reading aloud to their younger children. I am not too sure created this wonderful rendition of Badger, Mole and the Water-Rat travelling with Mr. Toad in his white Austin 7 Nippy, but I must thank Wordsworth Classics, for A, reprinting this classic for young and old and B, commissioning this delightful picture, even if the car should be "a shiny new motor car, of great size, and painted a bright red."

Well this month is the time for our Annual General Meeting and the names below may well have changed a bit by the time you read this. If at all possible please attend our meeting on the 10th of August and have your say!!!

Editor Tim

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YOUR CLUB COMMITTEE

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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/>



&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 10th August -A7 Register Club Weekend - General Meeting & AGM commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Saturday 11th 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 12th 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 14th September - Club General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

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

Friday 9th November - Club General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 11th 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 14th December - Club General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Saturday 15th OR Sunday 16th December - A7 Register Christmas Buffet Lunch Venue to the Greenbank RSL, \$3 Secret Santa. Date to be finalised (meals nearly 1/2 price on Saturday!!)



15th -20th May 2019 - The Austin 7 Bundy Bash - details this newsletter!

2022 Austin 7 100th Birthday National Rally - will be held in Warrnambool the week before Easter 2022.

Neil Thyer - A7 Qld Runs & Events Coordinator.

INVITATION TOURS AND SWAP MEETS

(AND OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST)

(Please let the Editor 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

Saturday 18th August Vets Club swap - VCCA (Q) Hall Carpark

Saturday 8th September 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.noosacarclub.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 Queensland Inc

Meeting No 572, 8th June 2018

Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale.

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

Attendance: 18 members signed the attendance book.

Apologies: J McCarthy, M&K McGuill, S Jordan, G & J Gleadhill

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

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

Correspondence OUT Sympathy Card to Lois Pavan



Membership & Parts Books to Colin Spiers

IN: Newsletter from other clubs as tabled

Invitation from Vintage Car Club 24th June, Ormiston House. \$5-00 pp

Hall Rent Invoice

M/s application from John Smith, Cooran, 1929 A7 Special Meteor

Receipt from RACQ Motorfest members entries

Email re Mini Muster 9th Sept, Carina State School,

Robyn moved that the inward correspondence be accepted as read and the outward endorsed. Also John Smith's membership application be accepted. Seconded by Tim Braby. Carried

Treasurer's Report: John reported on the clubs finances then moved it be accepted & all bills to be passed for payment. Seconded by Trevor Moore. Carried

Toowoomba account to be closed.

QHMC Report: John reported on the QHMC Rally in Maleny with 54 entries. 2019 QHMC Rally will be organised by the Gold Coast Club.

Spare Parts Report: Trevor will close our Spare Parts while stock-take is being done.

Also Melbourne Spare Parts will be closed for 1 month.

Second Hand Spare Parts: Thank you to Orlando Haywood for parts donated to the club. Email to be sent.

Editors Report: Newsletters to be posted.

Webmasters Report: Everything up to date.

Club Events:

10th June Beaudesert Tour organised by Joe & Margaret McCormack

15th July RACQ Motorfest

11th Aug Club to commence at clubrooms 9 am. BYO m/t & lunch

12th Aug Static Display, Morningside School of Arts. 9am to 1 pm.

16th Sept All British Day, Tennyson

30th Sept Noosa Classic

Other Events

24th June VCCQ Concourse, Ormiston House

20th-22nd July Queensland Heritage Rally, Biloela

22nd July Gold Coast Swap, Mudgeeraba Showgrounds

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

3rd-4th Nov HCVA Truck & Tractor Show, Gatton Showgrounds.

Past Events:

12th May Presidents Run

17th May Bayside Biggest Morning Tea

19th-20th May HTA Truck Show

20th May National Motoring Heritage Day, Ipswich

27th May Sports & Classic Car Festival, Rifle Range, Belmont

27th May Brisbane Swap, Carina State School QVVA

The above events were reported on by members.

Library Report: NIL

General Business:

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

Tim spoke about the Petrie Steam Fest.

Report on cars &/or car troubles: Nil

Birthdays: Members having a birthday in June were wished Happy Birthday.

Raffle: Valda thanked Brett & Amanda Wilson for the rug to be raffles in August, and was selling tickets in tonight's raffle.

Sick members wished a speedy return to good health.

Supper Organiser: Thank you to Steve Davidson for tonight's supper

Convenors for July to be Gail & Peter Cahalane

Committee Meeting: TBA

Next Meeting: 13th July 2018

Meeting closed 8.28 pm.

Austin Seven Register of Queensland Inc

Meeting No. 573, 13th July 2018

Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale.

The President Lindsay Jordan declared the meeting opened at 7.48 pm with a welcome to all.

Attendance: 15 members signed the attendance book, with 1 visitor.

Apologies: N Thyer, K Mathews, M & K McGill, T Braby, T Bale, S Jordan, G & J Gleadhill.

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

Business arising from Minutes: Nil

Correspondence OUT: Email to Orlando Haywood re Thank You for parts.

M/s & Parts books to John Zerbst, Mackay

Phone call re Static Display

Card to Merv Briggs re health

Membership application to Ron Anderson, Maryborough

IN: Newsletters from other clubs as tabled

LAMA re entry form

Membership renewals

Email re Merv Briggs health

Veteran Car Club re run 4th Nov, Carindale to Redland Bay

M/s application from Ron Anderson

2nd Sept Chrysler Expo, Rocklea Showgrounds

Robyn moved that the inward correspondence be accepted as read and the outward endorsed. Also Rob Anderson be accepted as a member. Seconded by Steve Davidson. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: The report on the clubs finances was given by John. The Toowoomba Tour account has been closed. He then moved his report be accepted as read and asked for any bills to be passed for payment. Seconded by Alan Couser. Carried

QHMC Report: Nil

Spare Parts Report: Trevor has done the stock-take for the auditor. Also made more sales.

Second Hand Spare Parts Report: Doug reported sales of second hand parts going well.

Editors Report: Nil

Web Master Report: Nil

Club Events:

15th July RACQ Motorfest. Meet Hamilton Hotel Car Park 7am.

11th Aug Club run to commence and end at clubrooms 9am. BYO M/T & BBQ Lunch (Minnipippi Parklands)

12th Aug Static Display, Morningside School of Arts. 9am to 1pm

16th Sept All British Day, Tennyson

11th Nov Club run organised by Peter & Sue Waller

16th Dec A7 Christmas Lunch

Other Events:

22nd July Gold Coast Swap

20th-22nd July Biloela Heritage Weekend

12th Aug Chevrolet Club Swap & Car Display, Rocklea Showgrounds

18th Aug VCCA Swap, Clubrooms

30th Sept Noosa Beach Classic Car Show.

27th Oct Tingalpa Pioneer Chapel Decoration Day Celebrating 150 years

Past Events:

10th June Club run organised by Joe & Margaret McCormack

24th June Vintage Car Club Concourse, Ormiston House.

Reports on these events will be in the newsletter, also on the club website.

Library Report: Alan reported the books borrowed from the club have been returned.

General Business:

AGM nomination forms available. Looking for new President (Lindsay going overseas) and John would like to retire from Treasurer. Please put your name up for positions.

A7 Christmas Party: Robyn to check out Greenbank RSL as suggested by Peter Cahalane.

Moved by Trevor Moore, Seconded by Steve Davidson that \$10,000 be placed in a 3 month Term Deposit. Carried

Robyn asked about the 50th Anniversary and other badges the club has in stock. Suggested they be taken to Static Display to be sold.

David Barnett spoke about his concerns with All British Day Terms & Conditions of Entry.

Alan Couser asked about using our cars for a Wedding. (Only for immediate family)

Report on Cars &/or Car Troubles: Nil

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

Raffle: Valda was selling tickets for tonight's raffle

Sick members wished a speedy return to good health.

Supper Organiser: Gail Cahalane was thanked for tonight's supper.

August Supper = Elaine Moore

Members were reminded if they provide supper they are entitled to claim expenses as long as they have receipts for the Treasurer.

Committee Meeting: TBA

Next Meeting: 10th August 2018. General Meeting followed by the AGM

Meeting closed: 8.48 pm..

Robyn



NEWS OF MEMBERS AND CARS

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Nice crop of new members these past two months

Member No 341 **Colin Spiers**, 2 St Mary St., Isisford 4731

has a **1930 Tourer**, E/N M104955 C/N 369482(? - Ed)

Member No 342 **John Smith**, 294 Coles Creek. Rd., Cooran 4569

has a **1929 Meteor Special**, Eng No 156593 ~~Chas No 2~~ **Car No** A92713 (formerly John Hancox's car)

Member No 343 **John Zerbst** 410 Bridge Rd., West Mackay 4740

has a **1926 Chummy**, E/N M80127 C/N QVN1140

Member No 344 **Ron Anderson**, 147 Pallas St., Maryborough 4650

has a **1934-35 Rag Top**, E/n M246706 C/N 205470

Also **John & Robyn Davies** have changed their email to specwireptyltd@bigpond.com

Peter Dowell of Buderim has also renewed his membership after a break.

FUTURE EVENTS FOR THE DIARY?

THE AUSTIN 7 BUNDY BASH WEDNESDAY 15TH - MONDAY 20TH MAY 2019



It is on!! Keep Wednesday the 15th to Monday the 20th of May free for motoring fun in Bundaberg.

Arrive for a meet and greet on the Wednesday

Thursday thru to Sunday explore Bundaberg and its surroundings in company of other Austin 7s. Tours include local farms and packing sheds.

Monday return home in safety after a satisfying tour.

Your Tour hosts Ann and Brian Brindley.

ACCOMODATION INFORMATION.

WED 15/5/2019 TUESDAY 21/5/2019.

Our 1st outing will commence on Thursday 16/5/2019 so we require all interested folks in Bundaberg by Wednesday 15/5/2019.



Suggested accommodation we have for you is at the **BIG 4 Cane Village Holiday Park.**

94 Twyford Street,

Avoca. Bundaberg. Qld 4670

Ph 07 41551022

e-mail canevillagebig4@bigpond.com

www.big4.com.au/cane-village

Please speak to Dawn Taylor and mention you are with The Brisbane Austin Seven Car Club. Dawn has given us a Group Booking discount. Lovely helpful lady.

Brian and I will have our Caravan in at the park also for convenience.

This park caters for Caravans, Motor Homes etc along with a variety of Cabins.

As you will see when you check out their website, some Cabins have two bedrooms which consist of 1 Queen bed in 1 room plus 2 singles in another.

We have chosen this park as it is within easy reach and walking distance to a Major Shopping Complex with Coles, Woolworths and Aldi Supermarkets, Speciality shops and a Fuel Station.

Also Brothers Sports Club with a Courtesy Bus, Coffee Shops, Lone Star Tavern and McDonalds close by.



For those of you who prefer a Motel, the closest with easy proximity to the above facilities is-

Best Western Boulevard Lodge

10 Johanna Blvd, Bundaberg. Qld 4670.

Ph. 07 41319191

Speak to Jacren or Les. boulevardlodge@bestwestern.com.au

Brian and I are members of The Bundaberg Vintage Vehicle Club. We have our own lovely Club rooms which the club has given us permission to utilise. These club rooms are situated very close to the Big 4 Caravan Park and Best Western Motel.

Please be aware that the same weekend here in Bundy there is a Heritage Day which our club organises. Very successful with 140 entrants this year and they expect more in 2019. Our club is delighted to know that all these little Austin Sevens will be in town and we have organised a Static Display as part of that day.

A FINAL NOTE FROM ANN!

Could people please email us or text us when they make a booking in Bundaberg or are coming and made other accommodation arrangements.

SO IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT AND ADVISABLE

To check out the 2 Accommodation places on your Computer and do your own bookings early so as we can all be close together.

Trailer parking is a bit tight at the park, but we have plenty of secure parking at our place.(5acres)

Brian and I are looking forward to seeing you all up or down in our beautiful city, so much to show you.

Ann and Brian Brindley 263 Gooburru Road, Bundaberg. Q. 4670

Ph 07 41559494 or 0409561517. moorlandproduce@bigpond.com

THE CENTENARY OF THE AUSTIN 7 1922-2022



WARNAMBOOL AUSTRALIA To be run by the **Austin 7 Club of Victoria**, we have heard the planning for the rally in Warrnambool is very advanced and can confirm that it is definitely the week before Easter 2022 and locked in.

THE WARWICK SCHOOL, REDHILL, SURREY, ENGLAND

"The Austin 7 Clubs Association of Great Britain is intending to celebrate the anniversary in a big way.

It is proposed we return to the venue we had for the 90th - Warwick School - which did us proud. We are starting to pull a plan together but have nothing firmed up yet. In 1990 550 Austins attended

We're pleased that some of you are thinking of coming over as we want to make it

*truly international. NZ are showing interest, as are the US...and of course Europe.
I will keep you posted. Please feel free to put a mention in your magazines and generally spread the word."
Chris Healey Treasurer A7CA*

BEAUTIFUL BEAULIEU, HAMPSHIRE, ENGLAND

*"Every year the 750 Motor Club holds its Annual Rally at Beaulieu , generally on the first weekend in July, in the grounds near the old Abbey next to the National Motor Museum with about 170 Austin 7s attending. The 750MC will be sure to make a feature of the Centenary at its 58th annual rally at Beaulieu in 2022. In 2019 the 750MC will be 80 years old."
Ian Nelson, Publicity Officer, 750 MC.*

PAST RALLY REPORTS

SAT. 3RD & SUN. 4TH JUNE OLD PETRIE TOWN STEAM FAIR



The Queensland Steam and Vintage Machinery Society is based at the Petrie Historic Village hold their annual Steam Fair on Saturday and Sunday June 2-3. The Editor popped along to this one and found his camera batteries were nearly flat, including the spares! I went on the Sunday and found that



various clubs including Caboolture and the Vintage Car Club of Qld, as well as the Austin Motor Vehicle Club and the BVAC who all used this as an official Club event. Apparently Justin McKeering went in his 1929 Chummy on the Saturday. This is an event that is well worth attending in your old car, although, early arrival is advised and perhaps arrangements could be made with the organisers as there were LOTS of cars and visitors on the day I went. Where else will you see close to home 8 working steam engines. Just as interesting are the sheds were you see traditional trades such as metal casting and blacksmithing. And if you eventually tire of that there is a country market full of collectables, clothes, food, records, CDs, (did I mention food?), books and if I did not mention it before Food. You can even have a big nosh up of pub grub on the veranda of the old Petrie Town Hotel on site. Plenty of entertainment for the small kids including rides on miniature ponies and the kid sized fire engine that seemed to do a lap every two minutes!



BEAUDESERT RUN TO CHRISTMAS CREEK- 9 & 10 JUNE 2018

Saturday afternoon of 9th June saw the arrival of several A7s in the Scenic Rim town of Beaudesert. Those arriving with their A7s around the 2 o'clock check-in time at the Annalee Motel were Lindsay & Sharon, Trev & Elaine and Joe & Margaret. Others members arriving in modern vehicles were Neil & Karyn, Alan and Ian & Valda. At around the same time, Russell & Vanda and Joe & Margaret's daughter, Melissa, were arriving at the Beaudesert Caravan Park, located not far from the Anna-lee Motel.

After the laborious efforts of unloading A7s off trailers, 'Happy Hour' was proclaimed around 3pm. We all assembled on the grass beside the motel swimming pool for nibbles and a couple of well-deserved drinks. After a couple of hours, including a congenial chat with the motel managers, and prompted by the dropping temperature, we retired to prepare ourselves for dinner at the local RSL. At that time, we were pleased to see A7 members Steve & his son 'Davo' arrive with their Austin.

After a few hundred metres walk through the adjacent Jubilee Park and into the Beaudesert township, 16 of us arrived for a sumptuous dinner at the RSL. Surprisingly, all members (especially one!) were well behaved. Following dinner, the more weary (or is that elderly?) members caught the courtesy bus back to the motel, while others walked back. Early on Sunday morning after a light overnight shower, Doug & Robyn arrived at the motel with their A7 in tow. We were also joined for the run by Gavin & Sheree (with friends Lyn & Dean) from Ballina with their A7 and, from the Beaudesert and District Restored Auto Club (BDRAC), Ian in a Vauxhall and Craig & his son Daniel in a Dodge Ute. While some members enjoyed a brought-from-home breakfast in their motel room, others ventured into town to purchase breakfast, coffee and morning tea & lunch for later



in the day.

At around 9.30am we set off to our morning tea stop. On the first leg of our journey we passed through the small towns of Josephville and Laravale, arriving at the Collins family owned All Saints Anglican Church in Tamrookum for morning tea. Following a pleasant morning tea in the church gardens in the Winter sunshine, we were given a tour of the beautifully maintained church and an informative talk about its history by the Caretaker, Margaret McKay. Setting off from the church, we headed towards our lunch stop at Stinson Memorial Park, passing through the small towns of Hillview and Lamington. At the lunch stop we were met by more members of the BDRAC with their vintage and classic cars. Following an inspection of the cars present, a lunch picnic circle



Beaudesert Run "Headquarters"

was formed on the grassy banks of Christmas Creek. Following the usual stimulating lunch conversation, we were invited to visit the adjoining property of another BDRAC member and Caretaker of the Stinson Memorial Park, Peter Bryman. Peter is a very smart fellow who displayed his engineering skills in the restoration of a variety of tools, machinery and steam engines. At around 2pm, our President Lindsay thanked our host Peter for opening his sheds for us to see his work. Lindsay also thanked our club members, Joe & Margaret, for their planning of a most pleasurable and interesting run.

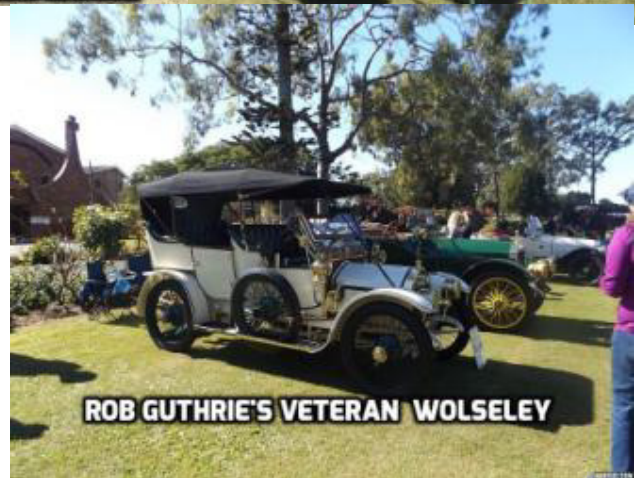
Several A7 members then headed back to the Annalee Motel in Beaudesert to load their A7s onto trailers for the trip home from there.

Once again from me, thank you Joe & Margaret for your efforts in creating yet another successful A7 Run.

Neil



VCCQ CONCOURSE SUNDAY 24TH OF JUNE 2018



The editor popped out to have a look at this one but was too late to hear the official results, but found some delicious old cars enjoying the winter sun on the lawns of historic Ormiston House. Here are some photos of the day. The two Austin 7s come from other sources and I gratefully acknowledge the VCCQ's wonderful website which has some excellent views of the cars.

RACQ MOTORFEST SUNDAY 15TH OF JULY 2018

I had tried to start my Ruby on Saturday but no go, still have not got the timing right or something. So I went instead in Sooty my Santa Fe and got there before the CROWDS of onlookers came thru the gates. lucky to get in via the side entrance with the RACQ people as I had an exhibitor pass and got a free breakie, in fact they gave me two so I had a free lunch as well!

Only 5 A7s in attendance as others busy or off with the flu. Those attending were Alan Couser, 1933 Tourer, Trevor and Elaine Moore, 1930 Sports, Doug and Robyn Clark, 1929 Sports, Justin McKeering and his Uncle John, 1929 Chummy, and Lindsay and Sharon Jordan, 1929 Chummy I looked at the VW Beetles as they were celebrating 80 years since the first Beetle rolled out the door in Wolfsburg. One nice original white 1967 Deluxe was very similar to my 1967 1300 standard Beetle. Yes it was a good day but very busy and crowded at the end! Also got to sit in the back of an old silver 1948 AEC BCC bus with a Q plate. I remember those old things were used on the City to Hendra route in 1972, but in cream and pale green. Also caught up with the Guthrie twins with Ross's De Dion Button. Ross started it up with two easy pulls on the handle after priming it with a few initial swings and setting the controls. There is a very long brass tube from the carby to the inlet valve to travel along so it takes a while to get it set up right. I have a mini movie of it now on my phone. The RACQ was having a cull of the last of its old motor manuals, and I got a 1929 Chevrolet handbook (original) and a 1936-39 Austin Cars Running and Maintenance Manual for \$15 the pair. At the end they were selling

books 4 for \$10. Mostly modern stuff. Greg Riddell was seen in the mix with handfuls of books! I understand Albert Budworth of the RACQ has saved a couple of Austin 7 books for the club for a small donation. I left after noon with 75 photos and beginnings of a headache coping with the glare of the sun and the crowds. **Tim**



TAIL END CHARLIE'S!



On the 14th and 15th of July the Historic Racing Car Club (Qld) held a race meet at Warwick's Morgan Park Raceway. One feature was the 70 years of Holden events, feature a 'Holden Only Group N' race, a Touring Car regularity group as well as Holden Car Club displays with other Historic vehicles invited as well. Your news team received some photos from our Country reporter based in Warwick which show David Ure's Ulster and Justin McCarthy's "Team Alfred" racer together in front of the Shannon's Marquee. The intrepid two were also invited to bring up the rear. David's Ulster was the new mascot for Shannon's [replacing the Goggomobil Dart?] because Peter Baker's choice of colours are the Shannon's colours.



A VINTAGE CAR SPOTTING TRIP TO NEW ZEALAND

My Sister lives in Wellington New Zealand, and mid June she rang me to say that she and her husband were planning a drive down the South Island to visit their son and family in Queenstown, and if I was interested I had better book my flights! I decided to go and sourced one of Aldi's larger suitcases which happened to be on sale the weekend before and filled it up with cold and wet weather gear, including geothermal underwear (I did not make that name up, that is what it is called!) So on the 5th of July I flew to Wellington into the teeth of gales and rain. On the 7th we boarded the InterIslander car ferry to Picton and crossed Cook Strait, travelling in the first class lounge, where you were a bit more insulated from the fact that the boat was on a bit of a lean in the prevailing westerlies and rain squalls! First though we had to wait for a very rare Southern Right Whale that was visiting Wellington Harbour and seemed to like the environs of the Inter Island Terminal. Alas no photos but I did see his snout and then his back exposed up quite close to our boat before he decided to head away to deeper waters. We then took two and a half days to reach Queenstown, spending two nights on the road. One of the highlights of the journey was travelling down the Kaikoura Coast where the road and railway line are under massive reconstruction after the December 2016 earthquake lifted the submerged reef along almost 110 kms of coast line and destroyed roads, tunnels and railway lines and ruined the fishing industry by making access to slipways and ramps and wharves extremely difficult. One advantage was taken, there were hundreds of seals resting on the rocks as we drove down the road!

Inland from Christchurch we chanced upon in Geraldine a nice museum full of old veteran, vintage, classic and later cars, tractors and machinery, plus a rare 1929 Simmond's Spartan biplane. No Austin 7s, but there was a very tidy and original looking 1924 Austin 12/4. In fact most of the cars looked unrestored but very well looked after belonging to local families and enthusiasts, including a totally original and complete 1907 twin cylinder De Dion Bouton.

The other two vehicle Museums I stumbled over were in Wanaka, next to the Airport.

"Warbirds and Wheels" has been in existence for a few years but seems to have been put into new or recently refurbished buildings with a nice Retro style diner which nicely captures the winter sun. Inside was an amazing collection of upper range and mostly American Classics in every sense of the word from 1918 to veteran to 1957, including a line up of 9 immaculate Packards, what possibly is the only Duesenberg SJ dual cowl phaeton in the southern hemisphere. I have been told by the chap who drove the Lycoming special you can just see behind the Austin 7 (he drove the car in the 1970s, but now lives in Brisbane) that some of the cars cost over \$1m each,



There were also other

immaculate cars but what I saw first was the only Austin 7 on the trip, a lovely little 1929 Chummy called Sofie that you are allowed to sit in and have your photo taken. One extra surprise was a nicely restored 1910 Metz air-cooled twin with friction drive similar to the car that our fellow Club member John Que owns. Just down the road is the grandly named National Transport and Toy Museum which was the creation of Gerald Rhodes, a chap who established a car and truck wrecking business and was in the right place and right time to save many nice original cars that were no longer wanted by their owners when a flood of cheap Japanese cars came to the country in the late 1970s and early 80s.



This museum is a very large and rambling one that takes one thru several very large sheds full of exhibits including, cars, bikes, trucks, aircraft and even a military tank. Plus many displays of old cameras, telephones, stationary engines and LOTS of toys. Unfortunately I did not see any Austin 7s, the local Vintage Car Club guys must have got those, but there was a 1933 Austin 12/6, a 12/4 Clifton Tourer, a 10/4 Cambridge, an Austin 8 saloon and a baby blue Big Seven 4 door saloon, nearly of which looked like they were ready to go on a tour if you could only get them out from all the other vehicles, trucks and even aircraft parked in and around them! One word of



advice, allow several hours, unlike my one hour time limit and make sure the flash is working on your camera.

There is also a Motorsport Museum at Cromwell and the very well set up "Bill Richardson Transport World" down in Invercargill which once was mainly trucks but also now showcases classic motorbikes.

We also toured all the beauty spots, being based in Queenstown for part of the week, unfortunately it was raining for much of our trip south, but even so the scenery in the South Island can be mind blowing spectacular, especially in winter with the snow falls. Always travel with spare camera battery, picture cards and charge the batteries every night as some days I took



50-100 photos trying to get those special shots.



Luckily the weather came good but daylight hours are limited with the sun really only coming up at 8;30 am and the light going well before 5pm. Beware though, every town we visited was crowded with holiday makers. from all around. I saw boys from Brisbane's Nudgee College travelling in the cable car in Wellington and the same boys were on the plane flying direct from Queenstown to Brisbane!

My personal highlights? Whale spotting off the Inter Island Ferry, the sunbathing seals on the Kaikoura Coast, bathing in hot thermal outdoor pools at night in nearly zero air temperatures at Hanmer Springs, feeling snow

land on my face, but best of all the overawing presence of the huge mountains and deep pristine lakes in NZ's

Tim



LETS GET TECHNICAL!!

CLIVE'S TECHNICAL TIP

Here's a tip I read in a magazine recently, unfortunately I can't remember where!

Cylinder head studs sometimes break off when you try to remove them from the block. One way to get the broken bit out is to centre punch it accurately, drill a pilot hole, then a tapping-drill-sized hole, then re-tap the thread hoping the tap will pick up on the old threads. You need a lot of luck.

A second way is to drill a hole and use an "Easy-out" which has a tapered left hand thread so that (theoretically) when you screw it in, it wedges in the hole and unwinds the broken bit of stud. In practice, the wedging action expands the stud, making it even harder to remove, and the "Easy-out", being hardened and brittle, breaks off leaving you with an even bigger problem than before.

This is a third option: Again, centre punch as accurately as possible and drill a pilot hole. You then need an Allen key (a good one, not a left-over from an IKEA kit), slightly smaller across the corners than the stud's diameter. Measure the Allen key across the flats and enlarge the hole to this size.

Now cut the long leg of the Allen key in two (with a grinding disc as it is hardened). Grind one end of the straight piece so that it is square and sharp. Holding this vertically with pliers, hammer the sharp end into the hole, using it as a broach to make the hole hexagonal. Keep working at it, resharpening the end as necessary, until you've gone down 6-8mm. Then use the L-shaped piece of the Allen key to unscrew the broken stud.

I haven't tried this myself yet, but can't see why it shouldn't work!

Clive Ball from the WA Club.

Start ya Blighter!

Well I had hoped to relate to you how I got my 1936 Ruby running again and was able to take it to the RACQ Motorfest after its rebuilt engine was refitted, but unfortunately Murphy has decreed it be otherwise!

It was carefully timed off the flywheel, new plugs installed, fuel pump fettled, new manifold gaskets fitted and everything bolted up. And so in June I finally charged the battery and swung it over with the starter, nothing? Okay, maybe it is too tight, maybe the battery that came with it was not holding its charge, ok, no problem, borrow the battery from my 1929 Saloon. Back thru it all again, check the timing, yes, ok to go. Pull the choke and the starter and away we go, cough, cough, splutter, roar, white smoke out the back, but petrol is dripping out the carby on the exhaust, slowly push in the choke, less white smoke, but still petrol leaking, ok, tweak the distributor so it is not hunting as much, better, ok give it a blip on the accelerator, eeeuuh, it stalls!!

Let's check the timing, the gaps, the plugs, the cap is new, plenty of spark, fuel coming thru from the pump ok. Meanwhile Ian Waring has popped in to pick up the plaques for the Static display to be engraved. *"While you are here, Ian...?"* I ask, *"Looks like the carby is flooding"* he says. Next morning, methinks, lets swap carbys with the 29 which has an SU. Check, yes I do have the correct adapter plate that allows an SU to go on a Ruby manifold. After 2-3 days fiddling with linkages and fuel lines and dropping tiny springs and nuts under the car it is finally set up. Right, check it all again and START! Nope, not a sausage, just a trickle of fuel.

Aha, Mike Hawthorne is coming in a few days to get a distributor cap off me. He has owned A7s for years, so may have some clues.. So Mike arrives, we check the timing for the 20th time. I tell him what has happened. OK let's give it a tickle, still no go. Mike thinks the fuel IS getting into the carby, but not the cylinders, despite good compression. He suggests I should buy a tin of Nulon **"Start Ya B---rd"**. So I go for my afternoon walk from Aspley down to Supercheap at Chermside and buy a tin for \$10. Get home and Lets Give it a go'. Whoa, carefully spraying the stuff, it contains ether!! Yes the car starts readily on the spray each time but will not continue!! OK what next? Consult the oracle (Ted) again. He suggests it may be the fuel has gone



stale, how old is it? Well maybe it is 10 months now since I last drove the car? Ted suggests that the new fuel goes stale after 6 months, and even though I put in a fuel stabiliser, I may need to put in more. That was the problem with the car when I first bought it, the fuel could have been over 2-3 years old back last year, and by draining the tank and replenishing it with FRESH petrol it started as it should on the button! Ah Ha!!! So it is a fresh new day and I have drained a container of aromatic fuel from the tank to be reassigned to lawn mowing duties in the spring. now tip in 5 litres of fresh fuel from my local BP man. A bit of last minute fiddling, including putting in a new in line fuel filter . OK give it a go, nothing, try again for a

few more turns, nothing! OK let's give it a good squirt of the magic spray. a start again, roar, chuffs of white smoke out the back, remains of the old unburnt fuel and oil!! Gingerly fiddle with the idle so it does not stall again, choke right in, good it seems to running ok. Ease off the idle and give it a couple of pumps by hand, yes, ok the smoke is easing off considerably, motor is now just ticking over nicely, give the distributor a turn to find the sweet spot, not bad, must have been almost right anyway. Now has been idling for a few minutes, why not take it for a slow run, jump in , remember it is a 4 speed, not a 3 speed like the 1929! Do my lap around the back streets and back into home and let it cool down. Great, you lovely little car!! Bonnet back on, give it a wipe over with a wet flannel to remove the dust and take it for a run, Yes it started first go now, and feels good.

Surely other people must be having a similar problem if you do not use your Austin 7 regularly, I would be interested to hear what additives you use in your car, dear reader?

Tim

Austin 7 Classifieds

For Sale 1936 Austin 7 Tourer

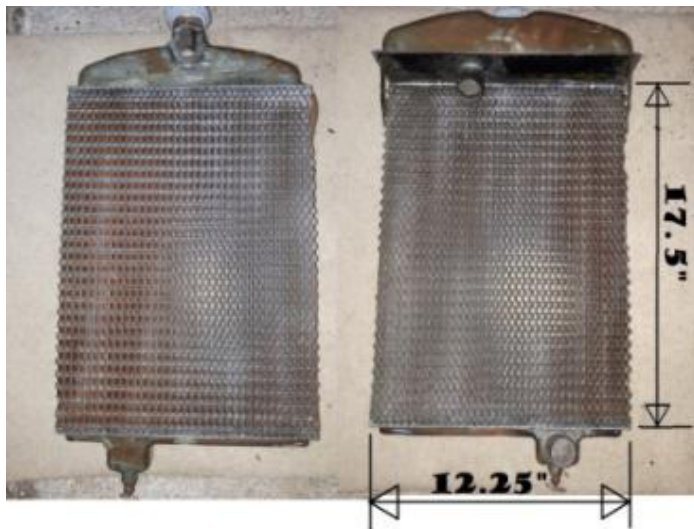
– good solid older restoration. Bottom end of engine thoroughly engineered by Bob Booth in Melbourne. Brakes, steering and suspension attended to. Car seen performing very well all days at Yamba.

Price Negotiable and will even deliver to Melbourne for a buyer! Ken and Merle Bradford, Agnes Waters, ph. 07 4974 0684 or 0458 749 684.



NEW SPARES CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

Trevor has told us the Club new spares parts will be closed from 3rd to 20th September for a holiday. But will be open for business after that.



For Sale - Radiator core to suit late 1930-34 model

Joe Wilson has the pictured radiator for sale, Core measures for top tank to bottom tank 17 1/2 inches X 12 1/4 inches. This is not the same as the earlier 1928-1930 model. Joe is asking \$600 and can be contacted on **07 99785379**. Core has been replaced by the Honey Comb Radiator Company at Northgate

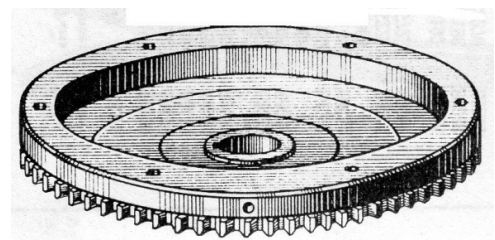


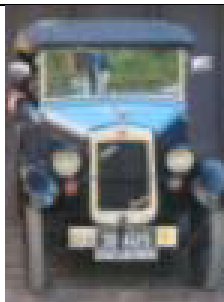
For Sale - Radiator shell to suit the above

I have a good 1931-34 chromed plated over brass radiator shell that perfectly matches the above core. Asking \$150. Has reasonable original chrome finish on it with a few minor marks and dints along the bottom. Tim Braby 0405 740 418

WANTED Flywheel to suit 1936-38 model

Must have a good set of starter teeth on it please!
Ted Bale 07 3351 4737T or edwardbale@optusnet.com



**STILL FOR SALE:**

Queensland 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
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From the Archives - Bruce McLaren's Austin 7

Born in New Zealand, Bruce had a hip disorder that left one leg shorter than the other and required years of painful treatment. The family had a garage business and also raced cars, and when Bruce was finally able to get behind the wheel of a racing car, there was no stopping him.

His father Les was a racer, of course. In post-war New Zealand, racing cars weren't exactly lying about, so Bruce's father Les restored a 1929 Austin 7 Ulster, the racing version. Bruce learnt his craft on the family



property, running the tiny machine around a figure eight course, besting the quoted top speed by 15mph (24km/h) having helped his father rebuild the car from a box of bits.

Bruce got his chance in a hill climb event in 1954 when he was 15. His father wasn't able to run that day, stuck in hospital with gallstone trouble so Bruce went and won his class first time out. Which was lucky because Les had threatened the young racer with purgatory if he put a scratch on the old girl.

Les saw Bruce's promise and allowed him to continue racing. Being both a Kiwi and

a budding engineer, Bruce set to work on the 7, flipping the front suspension to lower the centre of gravity, throwing on a pair of SU carburettors and fiddling with anything he could, including marking the point of optimum gearshift on the rev counter.

Bruce continued racing the Austin before graduating a couple of years later to a Ford 10 Special and eventually starting his own racing team, Bruce McLaren Racing. The Austin is the only non-McLaren designed car on the McLaren Technical Centre's famous boulevard.

He joined Jack Brabham's Cooper F1 team in 1958 and the following year won the US Grand Prix at 22. "Dad left to set up his own team in 1965. He won at Le Mans in 1966 with fellow Kiwi Chris Amon, then dominated the Can-Am series in North America for years, driving with another New Zealander, Denny Hulme." Bruce

McLaren's all-too-short time on this earth - he died in a testing accident at the age of 32.





Forward to 2018 - The pristine white corridors of the McLaren Technology Centre just outside London are a far cry from the small building with a dirt floor where McLaren Racing was first formed back in 1963 – but to Amanda McLaren it still feels like home (Amanda is Bruce and Patti's only child)

'To come from that to this, the fact that it's still called McLaren, that the people working here know who my father was – I couldn't be more proud,' she declares with a smile. 'It's fabulous to be here, to be part of the team and part of McLaren Automotive.'

Amanda was just four years old when her father was killed in a testing accident at Goodwood in 1970 – but ever since that tragic event, the connection between the family and the business that bears its name has remained strong.

Story courtesy of Carguide.com, the photo of Amanda and her Dads restored Austin Ulster courtesy of McLaren Automotive, black and white photos are stills from the recent Bruce McLaren Movie by Roger Donaldson



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