



NEWSLETTER

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



THE AUSTIN 7 GANG AT THE VCCA (Q) CLUBHOUSE 25TH ANNIVERSARY

I cannot believe it is 25 years since the clubhouse opened and we moved into our new "Home". After the basic necessities of the old Veteran Car Club Hall and then temporary accommodation at the East Brisbane State School it was luxury! It all came about due to a generous sponsorship deal between the Veteran Car Club of Australia Queensland Branch and Property Developers the Kern Corporation over 5 years of the Kern Classic, the VCCA(Q) now had enough money to purchase a vacant block of land next to the Arterial Motorway on Old Cleveland Road, Carindale. The block is huge and soon a lot of favours were called in to develop the block and build a new clubhouse for all car clubs in Brisbane who were looking for a permanent venue. The Clubhouse was built by many members of the different clubs that use Carindale as a home. It is very interesting that Austin 7 Register member, Ron Toy provided several truckloads of bedding sand under the floor slab. So next time you come thru the door, remember you are treading on soil Ron supplied!

It suited the A7RQ down to the ground. Luxury compared to our earlier venues, a big car park, decent kitchen and facilities.

Editor Tim

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The A7RQ Inc. On Line

We have a website which you can view at. Here you can find past newsletters, rally reports and a regularly updated list of events.

All our websites have now been updated with photos and reports of our last runs.

austin7.org.au/events
& Face book Austin7 Register of Qld Inc.



AUSTIN 7 REGISTER OF QLD. CLUB EVENTS FOR 2019 & BEYOND!!

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 12th April 2019 - A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale

Sunday 14th April 2019 - A7 Register April Event: A7 President's Run organised by Steve Davidson (ph. 0418 814 501). Run to commence from Centenary Pool Carpark at 9am. BYO Morning Tea. Steve & Helen will provide a BBQ Lunch with a few salads at their house at the end of the Run. (Note there is a change of venue, the Walter Taylor Bridge is closed for renovations)

Friday 10th May 2019 - A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

15th -21ST May 2019 - The Austin 7 Bundy Bash - details this newsletter! Note: Updates are regularly posted on the Club website at <http://austin7.org.au/a7-bundy-bash-2019/>

Friday 14th June 2019: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 16th June 2019:A7 Winter Run. Run to be organised by Ian & Valda McDowell (ph. 0439 677 397) and to commence from Club Grounds, Carindale at 9.00am. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch.

Friday 12th July 2019: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 14th July 2019 RACQ Motorfest. Static display from 10am to 3pm at Eagle Farm Racecourse.

FRIDAY 9TH THRU TO THE 11TH AUGUST - A7 REGISTER CLUB WEEKEND

Friday 9th August - General Meeting & AGM commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Saturday 10th August - Saturday BBQ Lunch. A BBQ Lunch will be provided to members at the Club Rooms, Carindale commencing at 11am. BYO drinks only – hot or cold. As this is an A7 Register Event, members are encouraged to drive their A7s. RSVP Robyn Clark (ph 3800 1965) by 10 July 2019.

Sunday 11th August - Static Display. Display to be held at Morningside School of Arts hall & grounds, corner Wynnum & Thynne Road, Morningside (in Morningside shopping village precinct – UBD p24 Q1) Entry off Wynnum Road. Ample trailer & public parking on site. The display is organized 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 many food shops & cafes adjoining the venue.



Friday 13th September - A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 15th September - (Date to be confirmed) A7 Register September 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 5th and Sunday 6th October 2019 - (Date to be confirmed) 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 11th October - A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

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

Sunday 10th November - A7 November Run. Run to be organised by Peter & Sue Waller (Ph 0410 456 616) (to be confirmed) and will commence from Centenary Pool Carpark at 9am. Run details TBA. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch.

Friday 13th December - A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale. Members are requested to bring a plate of Christmas Food to share.

Sunday 15th December - A7 Club Christmas Lunch

13th, 14th, 15th June 2020 - A7 Register May event: Country Run (S.W. of Brisbane?). Run to be organised by Jo & Margaret McCormack (ph 0438 192 788). No details of venue/runs or accommodation are yet available.

Neil Thyer - A7 Qld Runs & Events Coordinator. ph 0431 067 909

INVITATION TOURS AND SWAP MEETS

(AND OTHER EVENTS OF INTEREST)

Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th May- Gold Coast Autorama 2019 - held in conjunction with the Qld. Historic Motoring Council annual Event details to be confirmed 19th May . National Motoring Heritage Day, Cameron Park, Booval

Sunday 5th May- LAMA Club Swap Meet Gatton

Friday 17th May - Sunday 19th May - 14th HISTORIC WINTON

Sunday 19th May - National Motoring Heritage Day, Cameron Park, Booval

Sunday 26th May - Brisbane Swap Carina State School, 1413 Creek Road, Carina.
Enter Via Cuthred Street – 6.30am swappers - \$10 for site and driver entry and 7am buyers - \$5.
\$5 onsite parking. Free entry for show cars and their drivers.

Sunday 26th May - Sports & Classic Car Festival Qld. Rifle Range, Belmont,

Sunday 23th June - VCCQ Annual Concourse

Our A7 Club has personally been invited by VCCQ President Ronnie Brown to attend

"Once again, we are holding this event at beautiful Ormiston House. As you are aware, it has long been our pleasure to invite the members of your club and their beautiful cars to this event, and I write to you now to issue this invitation again.

The spacious grounds and spectacular bay views of Ormiston House are on offer again as will be their famous Devonshire teas. Ormiston House has advised that their entry fee is \$7.00 per adult, \$5.00 for concessions and \$2.00 for children under twelve.

A Visitors' Prize will be awarded to best pre-war car belonging to a non VCCQ member. As always though, the awarding of all trophies and prizes remains a relaxed and low key event.

We have also decided to invite people to come in period dress, ideally in the style of the era of their car. Many people wear period dress at our event and we thought it really added to the ambiance of the day so we are again going to encourage this at this year's event.

Of course and as usual, our Concours day is also an opportunity to bump into old friends.

The day will start at around 10 a.m. You will recall from last year there is ample space for the parking, and loading and unloading of trailers. We will have VCCQ people there to assist.

Any enquiries regarding the day can be addressed to Ronnie Brown. Contact details are:

Ronnie Brown. Phone: 3202 7462 or 0419 702 329. Email: alvisronnie@bigpond.com

We hope to see many of your club members and their cars, for this great occasion.

Kind regards, Ronnie Brown, VCCQ President"

Sunday 21st July - Gold Coast Swap Mudgeeraba Showgrounds

Friday 19th to Sunday 21st July: (Date to be confirmed) 8th Biennial Queensland Heritage Rally. Rally is to be held in Biloela, Central Queensland. Members are to make own arrangements for Travel, Registration & Accommodation.

For information contact Cindy Cooper, Rally Coordinator. Phone (07)4992 2400 or 0429 383 296.

Monday 23rd September - Friday 27th September - Austins over Australia- Barossa Valley. - see details December Newsletter

Sunday 29th September 2019: (Date to be confirmed) Noosa Beach Classic Car Show 2019. This static display event is to be held at Noosa Heads Lions Park. This is an all models car show and features British

vehicles this year. For more information log onto www.noosacarclub.com.au or contact Duncan Logan. Members who wish to attend are to make their own arrangements re. registration, travel, accommodation etc.

2020 28th March to Friday 3rd April 2020 - AHMF Motoring Festival - Albury Wodonga, open to all vehicles over 25 years old - see flyer in December newsletter

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

MINUTES OF PAST A7R2 MEETINGS

Austin Seven Register of Queensland Inc

Meeting No 580, 8th February 2019

Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale



The meeting was opened at 7.48 pm by the President Steve Davidson with a welcome to all.

Attendance: The Book was signed by 20 members.

Apologies: I and V McDowell, M Potts

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

Business arising from minutes: Nil

Correspondence IN: Most newsletters from other clubs are now emailed.

Email from Cliff Stockley re 1/3 of lung removed

Tenants meeting - 23rd Feb. 1pm (name of people attending)

Clubroom 25th Anniversary, Saturday 2nd March. Numbers required (cars & people)

Thank You Card from June Gleadhill.

Membership renewal from Phil Beesey

Receipts from QHMC & Hall Rent

Letter re Bank of Queensland Clayfield Branch now closed. Closest Stafford.

OUT: Membership form to Ray Foreman

Card to Lindsay & Sharon, & Sympathy Card to June Gleadhill

Cheque to Bob Collett re A7 parts.

A7 2018 - 2019 Register & Parts books

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

Business arising from Correspondence:

Tenants meeting: President & Secretary to attend

25th Anniversary: 11 cars & 16 people

Treasurer's Report: John gave this report on the clubs finances & moved it be accepted and all bills be passed for payment. **Seconded by Trevor Moore. Carried.**

QHMC Report: Nil

Spare Parts Report: Trevor reported on sales, and informed members another order for parts will be sent to Melbourne.

Second Hand Pars Report: Doug was pleased to announce he had made a sale.

Web Master Report: Neil apologised for items missing on the website, now fixed.

Car Service & Repair providers now added.

Editors Report: Tim has heard from June Gleadhill thanking him for his report on Graham.

Club Events:

10th Feb Valentine's Day Run organised by Justin McKeering. Meet Centenary Pool 9am, BYO M/T & Lunch (New Farm Park & Nudgee Beach)

10th March Organised by Alan Couser, meet clubrooms 9am BYO M/T & Lunch
 14th April President's Run, meet Centenary Pool 9am. BYO M/T & Lunch
 15th-21st May Bundy Bash
 Other Events:
 3rd March Banyo Swap,
 24th March Gold Coast Swap & Shine, Mudgeeraba Showgrounds
 31st March Bayside Swap, Ormiston Sate School
 5th May LAMA Swap
 19th May . National Motoring Heritage Day, Cameron Park, Booval
 26th May Brisbane Swap, Carina State School
 26th May Sports & Classic Car festival, Qld. Rifle Range, Belmont
 11th August Chevy Club Swap, Rocklea Showgrounds
 23rd -27th Sept Austins over Australia, Barossa Valley, SA

Past Events:

13th Jan A7 Breakfast - Report on website
 26th Jan Bayside Australia Day - Report on website
 26th-27th Jan Allora Heritage Weekend- no report
 2nd-3rd Feb Toowoomba Swap - John reported

Library Report: NIL

Racing Report: Justin McCarthy will be at Morgan Park on February the 23rd

General Business:

Blair Martin would like someone to look at his car (Peter Baker volunteered)
 Peter Baker said he can repair engines.

Report on cars &/or car troubles: NIL

Birthdays: Members having a Birthday in February were wished all the best.

Raffle: Elaine sold tickets in tonight's raffle on Valda's behalf.

Sick members wished a speedy return to good health.

Supper Organiser: Thanked Margaret McCormack for supper.

March organiser Neil Thyer.

Committee Meeting: TBA

Next Meeting: 8th March 2019

Meeting closed: Peter and Gail Cahalane apologised for the next two meetings.

No further business, Meeting was closed at 8:30 pm

Austin Seven Register of Queensland Inc

Meeting No. 581, 8th March 2019

Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale.

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

Attendance: The book was signed by 15 members & 3 Visitors.

Apologies: I & V McDowell, R & R Guthrie, P & G Cahalane, J McCarthy, P Baker, M & K McGuill.

Previous Minutes: The minutes of the February meeting was read by the Secretary. Then moved it be accepted as a true and correct record. Seconded by Tim Braby, Carried

Business arising from Minutes: Nil

Correspondence IN: Newsletters from other clubs

Hall rent and Veteran Car Club Tenants Meeting minutes.

Sunnybank Hills Rotary Club, Car Show & Shine, 16th June, Mt Gravatt Showgrounds.

RACQ Motorfest 14th July entry form. (Please give to Robyn if going)

7th April Gosford Classic Car Auction.

OUT: Membership card to John Smith

Robyn moved the inward correspondence be accepted as read & the outward endorsed. Seconded by Ted Bale. Carried.

Business arising from Correspondence : Tenants meeting in General Business.

Treasure's Report: John gave this report on the club's finances & moved it be accepted and all bills be passed for payment. Seconded by Neil Thyer. Carried

QHMC Report: Nil

Spare Parts Report : Trevor reported on sales.

Second Hand Parts Report: Doug has made some sales & a part chassis added to stock.

Web Master Report: Neil has updated the Bundy Bash & added photo's from the 25th Anniversary of the Clubrooms.

Editors Report: Tim read a letter from John Smith who has had cylinder head gaskets made.

Club Events:

10th March Organised by Alan Couser. Meet clubrooms 9am BYO M/T & Lunch

14th April President's Run, meet Centenary Pool 9am

15th-21st May Bundy Bash organised by Brian & Ann Brindley

16th June Organised by Ian & Valda McDowell

Other Events:

24th March Gold Coast Swap & Shine, Mudgeeraba Showgrounds

31st March Bayside Swap, Ormiston State School

5th May Lama Swap

19th May National Motoring Heritage Day, Cameron Park, Ipswich

26th May Brisbane Swap, Carina State School.

26th May Sports & Classic Car Festival, Qld Rifle Range, Belmont.

11th Aug Chevy Club Swap, Rocklea Showgrounds

23rd-27th Sept Austins Over Australia, Barossa Valley, SA

Past Events:

10th Feb Valentine's Day organised by Justin McKeering

Library Report: NIL

General Business: President Steve outlined some of the information from the Tenants Meeting. Fire Extinguishers in cars, Internet available & how to use whiteboard at clubrooms, 5 year agreement to be signed, inform them of contact details after AGM, working bee 3rd Wednesday of each month everyone welcome, help needed for disabled toilets. Still discussing a defibrillator for clubrooms. Insurance of our club property kept at clubrooms (to be discussed at committee meeting)

Report on cars &/or Car Troubles: Trevor McCulloch asked how to fit King Pins.

Dating Officer Report: Tim reported on Ray Foreman & Jo Wilson's cars. The club hopes to see them on the road soon.

Birthdays: Members having a birthday in March were wished all the best.

Raffle: Elaine Moore sold tickets on Valda's behalf.

Sick members wished a speedy return to good health

Supper Organiser: Neil & Karyn thanked for tonight's supper.

April organiser - Rhonda Guthrie

Committee Meeting: TBA

Next Meeting: 12th April 2019

Meeting closed: As there was no further business the President closed the meeting at 8.40 pm. .



Robyn

A7 Bundy Bash November 2019 Update

Thursday 16th May to Monday 20th May 2019 inclusive

Hi fellow Bundy Bash folk. & A7 Members,

Well I am getting very excited as when Brian and I agreed to host the Bundy Bash last year while down in Yamba, Brian said, "We will probably only get about 20 cars."

I then said, "No way, we will get 30."

So guess who is winning so far, me Ann.

Since the last report to Neil and Tim for the magazine, the numbers have increased by 3 more members

phoning us and booking in. Giving us 28 little Austin's now.

So the challenge for me is to get at least another 2 cars so as I can win.

Brian and I have all the days trips sorted and our Welcome and Farewell Dinner's all booked. We are going to have the cut off date set at Monday April 15th. So if anyone else is still interested in joining us can you please get organised. We have been told there are still cabins etc. available at the Big 4 Caravan Park.

This is the list of members who have booked and already let us know, so if your name is not here and you have booked please let us know by phone or e-mail.

These include:

Brindley. Brian and Ann
McDowell Ian and Valda
Moore Trevor and Elaine
Styles Wayne and Jenny
Guthrie Ross and Rhonda
Glynn and Dianne Hackshall
Joe and Margaret McCormack
Allan and Dianne Lyons
Russell and Vanda Curtis
Ken Burton
Neil Thyer

Alan Couser
Peter and Dawn Abell
Tim Braby
Doug and Robyn Clark
Keith and Andrew Mardon
Greg and Kaye Shuker
Ken and Merle Bradford
John and Suvapa Smith
Steve and Tate Davidson
Lindsay Jordan
Peter and Nell Dorman

Trevor and Bev McCulloch
Merv and Margaret Thompson
John Que.

Recent Bookings:

Ron Anderson from
Maryborough.
Peter and Gail Cahalane from
Wavell Heights.
Nick and Rosanne Sinclair
from Beechmont

Remember we would like you all here on or before, whatever you have booked by Wednesday 15th May for our welcoming dinner that evening. Some of you have already notified us that you can only attend for certain days. Thank you, this makes doing bookings for meals etc. a lot easier.

In the next week or so I will get together a graph which I will e-mail to all the above members as to what you need to do and have ready for us. Mainly being the correct money for the two dinners on the Wednesday, when you arrive.

Most mornings for morning tea we will be stopping at places where you can buy coffee and food or bring your own Thermos etc. This will be all itemized on your e-mails.

We will be having you on your toes as most mornings our briefings will be at 8.30am over at the Bundaberg Vintage Vehicle Clubrooms. Directions etc will all be sent to you, everything is very close to our accommodation.

Hope this finds you all getting those adorable little Austins ready for a few fun days. **So please remind any other Austin members who want to join us to give us a call.**

*Cheers, Ann and Brian Brindley.
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NEWS OF MEMBERS AND CARS

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS



Ray Foreman's 1929 Chummy



The Reif Family's 1933 RP Saloon

Ray Foreman from Beaconsfield, Mackay, owns a 1929 Chummy. Welcome Ray to our club. Ray's car originally came the Mornington Peninsula, and for those who only get the print issue its is a nice shiny dark blue with black mudguards and wheels and a new hood.

Brett & Kylie Reif and their two daughters Clare and Tessa own a 1933 RP Saloon which is in dark blue and black. Brett's father is in the driver's seat when the car was in Tasmania.

Below we have photos of **Joe Wilson's** car just prior to final fettling for its registration taken when **Tim B.** and **Ted B.** came to give the car a Club Blessing and a Dating Certificate.



Below we also have some close ups of **Ron Anderson's** 1934 Roadster, also being readied for registration



Finally we can also report that **Wayne Styles** bought **Greg Runnegar's** 1929 Chummy sight unseen!

If My Body Was a Car!



Scary how true it is!!!

If my body was a car, this is the time I would be thinking about trading it in for a newer model. I've got bumps and dents and scratches in my finish and my paint job is getting a little dull... But that's not the worst of it.

My headlights are out of focus, and it's especially hard to see things up close.

My traction is not as graceful as it once was. I slip and slide and skid and bump into things even in the best of weather.

My whitewalls are stained with varicose veins.

It takes me hours to reach my maximum speed. My fuel rate burns inefficiently, (and I am hard to start in the morning!)

But here's the worst of it!

Almost every time I sneeze, cough or sputter,

Either My Radiator Leaks or My Exhaust Backfires !

PAST RALLY REPORTS

Midnight To Dawn Run – Saturday 23rd January

After weeks of careful planning in comes a cyclone predicted to belt Brisbane the night of the run. Fortunately BOM bombed out again and the night was almost perfect.

All was looking good as we drove into the Mt Coot-tha lookout carpark at midnight.

Unfortunately the A7 of Steve Davidson had broken a fuel line and the RH headlight had gone out and no spare was available.

In close convoy we departed at midnight.

Going through the Gap we noticed an Alvis in a garage as we flashed pass.



We stopped for morning tea at the Lookout at Mt Mee for coffee and muffins and to enjoy the lights of the Sunshine Coast. This is where the owner of the Alvis rejoined us.

Next stop was Yowie Park in Kilcoy for some pics before pressing on to THE BAKERY. Here a few late starters joined us for a BIG BREAKFAST. Just what was needed on top of the two muffins we had had a few hours earlier. It was a great event and shows that we are finally getting the events right. Early morning is the way to go in Queensland's hotter months. Steve was enjoying being able to see for a few minutes after driving most of the time by moonlight with an occasional flash from the remaining headlight. Sunlight appeared about 30 minutes before we got to the bakery at 5.45am. (reprinted from the VCCQ Magazine)

A7 Valentine's Day Run Nudgee Beach 10 February 2019

Under warm blue skies, we gathered at busy Centenary Pool car park in readiness for the Valentine's Day run. In attendance in A7s were Russell & Vanda with their cute puppy, Matt & Kylie, Justin McKeering and President Steve. In their Mini were Doug & Robyn, and in moderns were Alan, John and Neil & Karyn. Greg Riddel also came to the start point to farewell us on the run.

Initial hiccups with cars were a sign of things to come. As everyone was readying themselves to go, Justin had some minor issues starting his car. No sooner had Justin resolved his issues, then Steve was under his car fixing the kill switch.

Eventually we departed and headed to New Farm Park, driving along the river between the old Woolstore buildings. The Park was starting to become busy, but we managed to find parking for the group. Everyone settled their chairs under the shade of the magnificent Moreton Bay fig trees and enjoyed a chat over coffee and biscuits. We were joined for morning tea by Mike & Jo in their blue A7 Nippy and by Greg in his VW Beetle. Justin presented Valentine's Day red roses to the ladies, thoughtfully brought along by Robyn.

On leaving New Farm Park, we headed back along the river through Teneriffe. At Newstead, the cars pulled off down a side street for some running repairs on Justin's car. After half an hour, an adjustment had been made by President Steve and Russell to a brake pad screw which had worked its way loose. Steve had to leave at this point to go home and prepare to catch a plane to WA.

On the road again, we travelled along Kingsford Smith Drive and Nudgee Road, making it to Nudgee Beach without further mishap. Gail & Peter were there and had reserved some tables for us in a shade shelter. Here we appreciated the cooler windy conditions. While some of us enjoyed lunches brought from home, others visited nearby Pam's Cafe for takeaway burgers and fish & chips.

It was soon time to head home after a pleasant day of typical A7 conviviality and breakdowns. Many thanks to Justin McKeering for organising this enjoyable run.

Karyn & Neil

Note: Photos over the page!





Veteran Car Club Hall 25 Anniversary Saturday 2nd March



To mark the 25th anniversary of the opening of the clubrooms the Veteran Car Club invited all the tenant clubs and a number of other entities to join us for a display of our respective cars and bikes. The turnout was over 100 types of vehicles, it seems that every club that uses the clubhouse was represented, and everyone had a good time.

The VCCA(Q) committee is to be congratulated on the overall organisation. Everything ran to plan and there was ample food on hand to feed the starving

hordes. The vehicles filled the parking spaces and spilled out onto the lawns.



5 Brave little Austin 7s



Others cars included these Wolseley Hornets, a Hudson and an Alvis



Peter Baker Tells another yarn to the club



Bob Collett shares yet another yarn with Peter Baker and Doug Clark

Librarians Run - Sunday 10th March



There was a sense of excitement in the air as we arrived at the Carindale Club carpark for the long anticipated and, dare I say, inaugural A7 Register of Qld. Librarian's Run. The roll-up of A7s at the starting point included Doug & Robyn, Trev & Elaine, Matt & Ian, Alan and President Steve. Others of us arriving in modern cars were Neil & Karyn and John.



5 AUSTINS AT THE START



Librarian's pre-run briefing

At around 9am we set out under the Gateway Motorway and turned right into Mt Petrie Road. The run to the Morning Tea stop at Majestic Park, Coorparoo, took us through the suburbs of Carindale and Holland Park. Those of us arriving at Majestic Park realised that three of our Austins, which had been in front of us at the start, were not present. Apparently, a navigational error by the lead driver had them overshoot the park turn-off. Finally, a short time later, we were all happily reunited and proceeded to set up camp for Morning Tea under a lovely shelter.



Majestic Park picnickers



Relaxing by the river at Mowbray Park

Following Morning Tea, we headed off down Cavendish Road, crossing Old Cleveland Road, through Coorparoo Junction. After turning left onto Stanley Road and right into Wellington Road, we were soon at our cool and shady Lunch destination of Mowbray Park by the Brisbane River. At the park we were joined by Brett, Kylie and their two daughters Clare and Tessa – future members of our club. During lunch we were not only entertained by the usual members' chatter (or should that be 'banter'), but also by the boating activity on the river and the creaking of a nearby pontoon.

After Lunch, at about 12.30pm, we departed for home prior to the day's predicted maximum temperature of 33 degrees.

Our thanks go to the A7 Register of Qld. Librarian, Alan, for a terrific and sociable run.

Neil

GEOFF'S LAMENT

A few All English Days ago or maybe the one before that I asked a gentleman Doug Clark how can I fix a slipping clutch? He told me to pour some talcum powder down the inspection cover. Great I thought. I used to buy talc in 25 kg bags and there was half a bag left in the far corner of the shed. A few weeks later I thought how can I do this without making a mess so with a metre of 12mm copper pipe I pushed it to the bottom of the bag then gently placed the end in the inspection hole and tapped the pipe emptying the contents into the housing. Starting up it was the most solid clutch I've ever experienced. A few weeks later I tripped over a bag further into the corner and I looked and it was a bag of talc. I went to the other bag and it was a bag of cement!!



"The Old Hoon."

SA All British Car Clubs Day at Echunga

I received these photos from my cousin Peter who lives south of Adelaide on the Flerieu Peninsula. Pete went to the South Australian All British Car clubs day early this year and sent me these photos of some SA Austin 7s. I have identified a couple of cars but the others are a bit harder to identify.



ROAD SAFETY

I worked in road safety for many years and still sit on a Board that aims to reduce injury in children (including road injury). Much of the significant reduction in road death and injury over the past few decades can be attributed to technological advances, road design and education. Mandatory child restraints, airbags, warning

systems, traffic calming devices, 20-40km zones, the 'merge like a zip' campaign and accompanying children under 10 years when crossing roads due to their inability to gauge the speed of an approaching car in relation to the time required to safely cross a road - are all examples of safety initiatives.

There would be few if any of our members worldwide who have not be involved in a 'near miss' driving our little cars. While groundbreaking at the time of construction, Austin Seven's offer little protection on our current road systems. We need to be hyper vigilant at all times. Not easy in our ever changing road landscape. Road signs obstruct our view, other road users have little understanding of the time and distance required to brake, and a generation of drivers don't know why we stick our arms out the window at funny angles when turning corners. Driving in an Austin Seven is one of the joys in life but we can never become complacent or distracted. Life (and our cars) is just too precious.

Looking forward to another eventful year.

Keep on (safely) Sevening.

Alexandra McManus - President of the A7 Club of WA

Garage and Dealer Plates on Austin Sevens



Quite a while back your editor had an indirect request from Michael Shegog of the Victorian club for information and pictures of any vintage Garage and Dealer plates on Austin Sevens. These plates are usually fixed to the instrument panel of a car, and denotes the selling agent/distributor of that particular car. Two examples are shown above for Austin Cars Ltd and Howard Motor Company Ltd., both within a block of each other in Adelaide Street, Brisbane, as far as I know, Howards never sold A7s

Canada Car and Cycle Agency sold early Chummies in Brisbane, later they were sold by **Austin Cars Limited** and **Mackintosh Motors**. (Austin, Essex and Hudson Cars)

The Qld. Blue book of 1929 lists 17 different Motor Body builders in SE Qld alone. Some may have only done repairs and ute and camping body conversions. The Blue book is on microfiche at the John Oxley Library.

These plates should not be confused with Body Builder plates which denotes who built the body on that car. For completeness these could include the following that come to mind. These seem to be usually on the bottom of the left hand side of the scuttle, but on later cars on the firewall.

Holdens (Adelaide - Chummies, Roadsters, metal and fabric Saloons),

Mullers (Sydney - Ruby Roadsters and Tourers)

William Green (Parramatta Road, Petersham - Wasps, Sports Coupes).

Richardson Body Works (Sydney- Meteor),

Latrobe (Melbourne - Tourers and Sports),

Melbourne body Works (Wasp?-Set up by Tarrant's as the Melbourne Body Works, renamed Ruskin's in 1948 and then became Austin Motor Company of Australia in 1950-51 and eventually made part of BMC operations.)

James Flood (Melbourne - Meteors)

Jack Lonzar (Adelaide – Meteors).

Charles Hope (Wandoo Street, Brisbane - roadsters, chummies, tourers, utes, Sevens, Tens and Big Sevens and Eights)

South Brisbane Body works (Brisbane - 1930-31 Utes and Sports).

Winterbottom Garage (Perth Assembly using Holden bodies)

The Next Generation of Austin Seven “Tragics”, where are they ?

We all love our Austin Sevens. Sometimes it is a “love , almost hate “ relationship, but more likely a “love, frustration” relationship. Either way we love them and want to look after them, restore, fix up or just tinker with them and chat with others who do the same and feel the same way. Just look at the attendance at this month’s meeting and the numbers buying treasured parts from the spares department. It was a “full house” and there is a calendar packed with activities revolving around our beloved Sevens.

As a club we have a problem, a big problem, but one which is not unique to our club. Anecdotally, I gather other car clubs have this problem too. In my other area of interest, sailing, or more specifically, cruising in yachts, the same problem exists with the “Cruising Yacht Association of Victoria “.

A glance around a meeting of either group reveals the same scene....a sea of grey hair and shiny pates where the average age seems about seventy years ! (apologies if you are one of the few below this age !)

Where are the young ones ?

Members are getting ill and “falling off the workbench” but there appears to be few, if any young people “stepping up to the vice”. We need to do some serious soul searching if our Austin Sevens are to stay on the road, be maintained, restored and nurtured by the next generation and those thereafter.

You don’t have to be a top mechanic to keep an Austin on the road. They really are like “big boys (or girls) Meccano sets”. It’s not “rocket surgery” but you still need to have the motivation, mechanical understanding, some skills plus tools and equipment to restore or just maintain the cars. (Buying them of course you will need some “fun tickets”.)

These skills can be acquired but are generally not taught at schools or universities. Sure, gearboxes, diffs, magnetos, carbies, clutches etc etc etc (quite a lot really !) need specialised skills. But there are a diminishing number of people who have those skills although they are currently still around. Speaking with a “broad brush” approach someone with basic mechanical skills can keep a car going and outsource the difficult issues to those who have these specialised skills. So the question is, are we doing all we can or indeed anything at all to enable the next generation to take over our cars, projects, piles of bits, manuals, books, history and engender our love and interest in Sevens to those coming behind us and to pass on what skills we have ?

The public interest is out there. Just drive your Austin Seven around and you will see people stop, look, stare in wonderment, ask questions, take photos and “selfies” next to your car. “ What is it ? How old is it? How much is it worth? Do you want to sell it?” And so on.

Perhaps we need to brainstorm ideas, in other words put our collective heads together to try to address this problem and see what can be done about it then act upon it. I don’t have the answers but am just throwing up the ideas to get the ball rolling but it is an issue which does need addressing if our treasured cars are going to stay on the roads when we are no longer here.

David Jsom.

(Courtesy of THE LIGHT SHAFT March 2019)

Spare Parts & Treasurers Emails Changed

Trevor has told us he would much prefer that ALL email enquiries for new spare parts should be addressed to his personal address, and also Treasurer John Que also tells us he would like all email enquiries for payments for fees and parts to go his personal address as well.

So Spares part enquiries go to Trevor at temoore@live.com.au and not as advertised on the club website which is no longer in frequent use.

Also enquiries for membership fees and parts to go to John at jque@bigpond.net.au

Thanks from the Committee of the Austin 7 Register of Qld. Inc.

Austin 7 Classifieds

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

FOR SALE Austin 7 Cylinder Head Gaskets - Made of Klingerite 1000 to early (low compression) pattern, can be trimmed* for later head if needed. Price \$35 each plus post or \$150 for a pack of 5 plus post. Telephone John Smith (07) 5485 1019 before the end of May.(1x) Note John is coming to Bundaberg in May

(* Note Also cutting a head gasket is not recommended by the Committee for the average restorer)

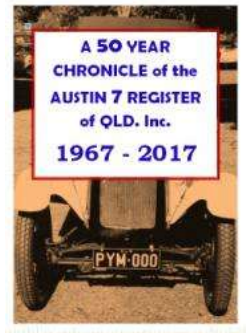


FOR SALE c1929 Austin 7 Chummy - Project car built up from a collection of parts. Fairly complete except for missing hood and back seat. Has been running. Has coupled brakes and Fiat Toppolino bucket front seats. Full history over the last 50 years. Car in Brisbane. **Contact Greg Riddel on 0417 794 549** for details and to see the car. **(1x)**

Club Chronicles for Half Price!!!

I still have some copies of the 50 year Chronicle of the Austin 7 Register of Qld Inc. they are available for a Special Easter Price of \$25 each which includes postage within Australia.

Copies also can be available at meetings or by arrangement for \$10 pickup yourself at a meeting or from the Editor's home in Aspley . Each book is 142 A4 spiral bound pages with b&w and colour photos and a complete record of your club. Tim Braby, 43 Arcola Street, Aspley Q4034. Please make out Cheques or Money Orders payable to "Austin 7 Register of Queensland Inc". I will bring a few up to the Bundy Bash in May this YEAR. **(3X)**



FOR SALE - Body panels to sit 1932-34 Austin 10 tourer.

In 1933 Holden body builders used standardised panels to suit the Austin 10, Singer 9 and Hillman Minx and possibly others.

includes 4 doors with locks and rear tub, all in reasonable condition. No firewall or floor timber included.

Contact Doug Clark on 07 3800 1965. **(2X)**



Photos from the Archives - Travelling to the Red Centre 1926



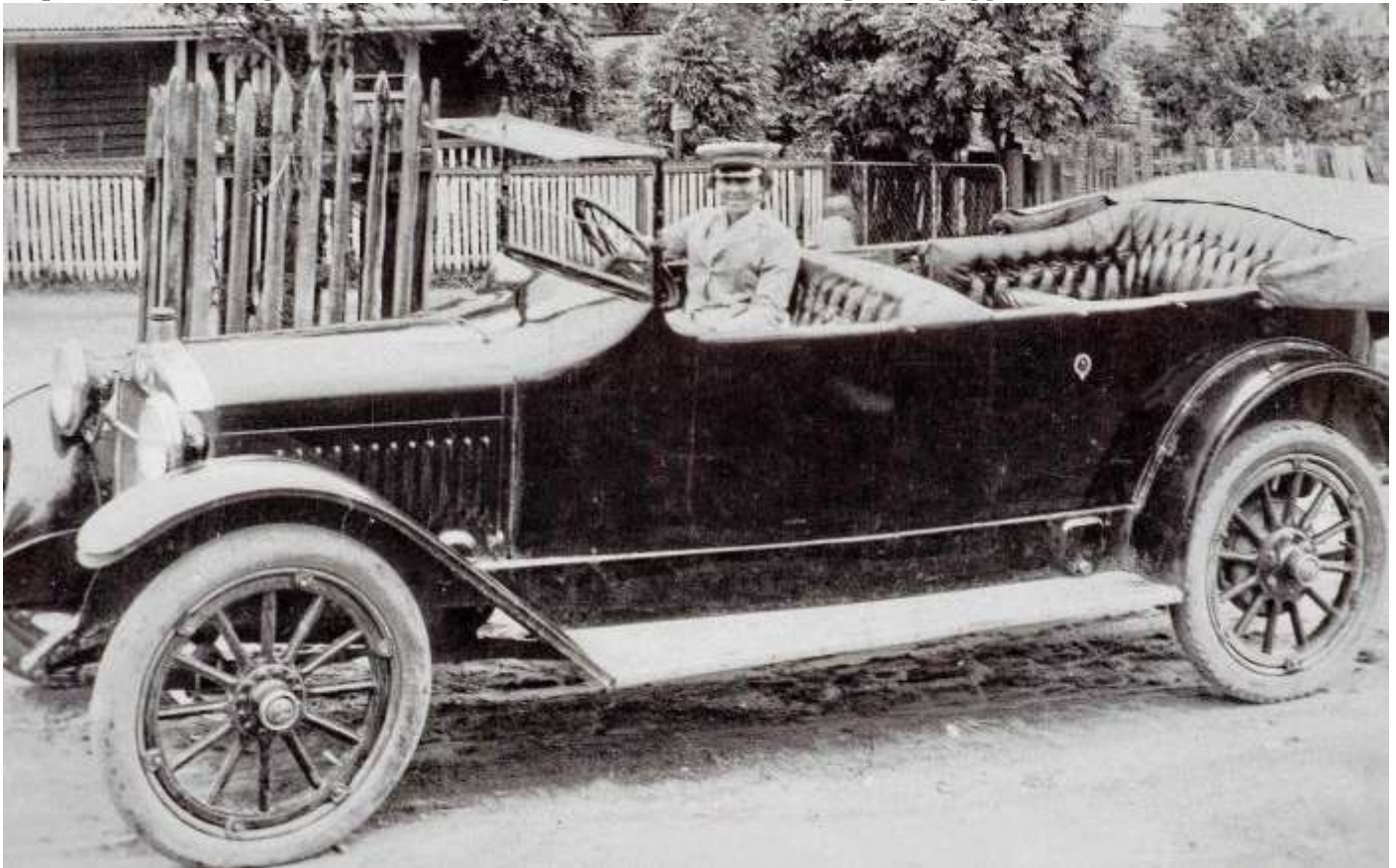
1926 -Garage owner **Alice Anderson** posing with her Austin 7. Her companion **Jessie Web** is in the navigator's seat and the car is loaded up and ready to drive from Adelaide to Alice Springs. The

Herald of the 7th August 1926 ran an article with the heading "Ready to Set Out for Alice Springs". The other photo shows the only reported mishap, a flat tyre, Jessie is attempting to patch the tube as Alice takes the photo. The trip took 3 weeks each way.

The story of Alice's life and the trip is told in the book called "**A Spanner in the Works**" by **Loretta Smith**, published by Hachette, I found a couple of copies at Angus and Robertson's and found the book very interesting on several levels. The price was \$34.

In her 29 years, **Alice Anderson** was many things: mechanic, inventor, owner of Australia's first all-women garage, chauffeur to the stars and a celebrity of Melbourne's Roaring Twenties. Now a chance meeting has revived interest in Anderson's trailblazing life – and mysterious death from a gunshot wound.

Historian Loretta Smith first came across Anderson in a biography of early 1900s garden designer **Edna Walling**, which described Anderson arriving at a party in 1919 driving a large Hupmobile touring car and wearing a man's coat, tweed cap and goggles.



Loretta says researching and writing about Anderson enthralled her. "The more I looked into it, the more fascinated I was. She was an amazing woman, well ahead of her time and achieved so much in such a short life ."

The photos above are from the Author's Collection and also from the ABC review of "**A Spanner in the Works**".
(This book may be purchased now at Angus and Robertson's and the QBD.)

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