



NEWSLETTER

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



WELCOME TO 2022!



This photo was very recently passed to me and was taken when we travelled to the QSMEE at Brendale to ride on the large scale (5 and 7 inch gauge) model trains, about 20 years ago?

Out of six cars, three are still in use with their owners, two have been sold, and one sits in the original owner's house along with other fine cars after their owners passed away .

Left to right we have Greg and Christine Steven's "Kenny", Cam and Judy McCulloch's Tourer, Ian Waring's Tourer, Doug and Robyn Clark's Chummy, Rex and Joyce Dannenberg's "Chocolate Monty" and the Editor's "Tim Tam" (Thank you to live team enthusiasts Debby and Steve who were there that day and gave me the photo)

2022 Presidents New Year Message

Welcome Members to our first newsletter for 2022. Hopefully everyone has pulled through the festive season unscathed and are ready for whatever the new year brings. With some spare time on my hands recently I took the opportunity to head out on what I considered to be a long drive with the Austin. Leaving Brisbane early I drove down to Queen Mary Falls, up to Warwick and then home via Gatton and Rosewood, a touch under 400km. It was a great reminder of just how tough these cars can be; causeways, a pull up the range, windy back roads and 100km highway were all included in our traverse. Sure, I had to stop along the way for a few electrical gremlins but happily they were both sorted out with minimal fuss. But it did make me wonder, what's the longest route from Brisbane I could complete in a single day? In a world that sometimes seem to be obsessed with zero-risk it was exciting to venture so far from home without backup. Sure, I've got my RACQ roadside assist that will



come to the rescue in the event of a total failure but putting that aside the feeling of being outside the comfort zone was brilliant.

But enough about my adventure, everyone what's to know about the New Year? With many events delayed from '21 it looks like this year will be exciting. Neil has been busy getting the diary sorted and I'm hoping we see good numbers at both our events and those put on by like-minded clubs.

Happy motoring in 2022.

Steve Davidson, Club President.

The Editors Ravings

We welcomed 2022 with renewed optimism, it was then made a bit harder during January, but now we have more certainty about the direction of Covid we can plan with more confidence. One thing you cannot take away is that 2022 is the 100th Anniversary of our favourite little car, the Austin 7 and we will celebrate the occasion Covid, or no Covid! We have now been informed that the National Rally at Warrnambool is going ahead. We are also holding our Sunshine Coast Run in June, kindly organised by Trevor and Bev McCulloch to take place on the Sunshine Coast, or rather just behind it in Nambour. In August we have our traditional August Weekend, and we hope to make it that extra bit special in this Centenary year.

Editor Tim Braby

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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 & INVITATION RUNS FOR THE NEW YEAR 2022

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 in these difficult times,

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

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

A7 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.

Sat. 5th and Sun. 6th February : External event: Toowoomba Swap Meeting is now postponed to Sat. 3rd and Sun. 4th September :

For further details contact Swap Co-ordinator, Bill Shepherd, ph. 0499 990 622.

Friday 11th February: A7 Register General Meeting commencing At 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 13th February : A7 Register February Event: A7 Valentine's Day Run This event, organised by Lindsay & Sharon will commence from the Carindale Clubrooms Carpark at 9am. The run will stop for a BYO Morning Tea and terminate at the Wynnum residence of our hosts, Lindsay & Sharon, where a sausage sizzle (sausage & bread) lunch will be supplied. Members attending Lunch are to BYO other food (if required), drinks, plates, cutlery and seats. A7s will be parked in the front yard or as directed.

Friday 11th March : A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 13th March : A7 Register March Event: President's Run This event, organised by President Steve (Ph. 0418 814 501). will commence at 9am from Centenary Pool Carpark. More details to follow.

Sunday 27th March: External event: : 35th 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.

Saturday 2nd April : A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 9.30am at Clubroom, Carindale. (This meeting has been brought forward to accommodate the National Rally.)

Saturday 9th April to Thursday, 14 April: - Austin 7 100 Years - Warrnambool National Rally (This one is DEFINITELY ON Folks!!!!)

(Letter received 26th December 2021)

What a year it has been. The Committee and I are really excited about the National Rally, as it is looking like we should have no problem going ahead with it. There may be some dos and don'ts, but we will keep you posted.

I think everyone else is really excited too, because the response to the opening of entries has been fantastic!

As I am writing this, we have 91 (now 123 as of the 3rd February) entries:

If you haven't yet sent in your registration, then please make it a priority so we can finalise numbers. There is a link to access the registration form at the end of this newsletter, as well as accommodation information if you have not yet booked. We will begin invoicing for entry payments in February 2022.

(please note all newsletters and links can be found on the Austin 7 Register of Qld. Website)

Looking forward to seeing you all in April 2022.

Kind Regards

Andrea Casabene National Rally Chair

Any queries contact the Rally Committee at 2022rallyinfo@gmail.com.

If you want to be with other Qld A7 folks, several have already put their names down at the Figtree c/park as the Qld Warrnambool Rally HQ, **DEPOSITS ARE NOW REQUIRED.**

Please contact Brian and his crew at the BIG4 Figtree Holiday Park at 33 Lava Street Warrnambool Vic 3280, Telephone (03) 5561 1233 email reservations@figtreepark.com or look at www.figtreepark.com.

For any further info please contact Tim Braby on 0405 740 418 or Rhonda Guthrie on 0417 737 773.



Friday 13th May 2022: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Saturday 21st to Sunday 22nd May 2022: External Event: Heritage Truck Association Annual Truck Show at Rocklea Showgrounds. Gates open 8am to 5pm on Saturday & 8am to 3pm Sunday. **Our Club has been invited to attend on the Saturday.** For more information contact Robyn ph. 3800 1965. DETAILS TO BE CONFIRMED.

Friday 10th June 2022: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 19th June 2022: A7 Register June Event: RACQ Motorfest. Static display from 10am to 3pm at Brisbane Showgrounds. A7 members may wish to meet at Centenary Pool Carpark for departure to Motorfest "British" entry point. Members may also independently travel to venue. Members to make own arrangements re. Registration.

Sunday 19th June 2022: External Event: Our Club has been invited to a **Car Show & Family Fun Day** organised by the Sunnybank Hills Rotary Club. Event is to be held at the Mt Gravatt Show Grounds. Entry is \$5, kids free. For more information refer to this website: <http://www.sbhrotary.org.au/>

Sunday 19th June 2022: External Event: Our A7 Club has been invited to attend the **VCCQ Annual Concourse D'Elegance** to be held at Sherwood Arboretum from 9am to 1pm on 26 June 2022. For details contact VCCQ. Members are to arrange their own travel etc. for this event. DETAILS TO BE CONFIRMED

Wednesday 22nd to Monday 27th June 2022: A7 Register Event: Sunshine Coast Run. Our A7 members, Trev & Bev McCulloch, have volunteered to organise an away A7 event on the Queensland Sunshine Coast. The 6 day event will use the Sunshine Coast Antique Car Club Room at Nambour Showgrounds as headquarters for the event. More details will be available on our website as we get closer to the June dates.

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME OF EVENTS:

Wednesday 22nd - Check in and a very short run in the afternoon - 6pm we will have a Welcome Dinner at Woombye Pub.

Thursday 23rd- Run to Maleny back through Montville

Friday 24th- Run to Kenilworth

Saturday 25th- Run to Kandanga

Sunday 26th- SCACC will host the entrants to lunch and a static display at their club rooms

Monday 27th- Run to the Botanical Gardens - Farwell Dinner at club rooms (fully catered)

Tuesday 28th – Travel home

In spare time there are many things to do and see around town: op shop shopping for the ladies and the new tram station and museum all walking distant from each other. Also all within walking distance there are many food and beverage options some are the RSL, Stalwart Brewery, pubs and cafes.

ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS:

Because of the rental crisis on the Sunshine Coast, accommodation at cabins and caravan parks is non – existent, with most of these sites being full-time rentals. These are some options we have found that are close to the Run Base, SCACC Club Room, at the Nambour Showgrounds. **You will need to book ASAP as this is also school holidays.** Also trailer accommodation is to be kindly provided at the McCulloch's property.

Closest to Base - Motel Nambour 2 Rigby St 07 5441 5500 Contact: James (some are booked here)

Next Closest to Base - Centre Point Motel, 26 Coronation Avenue 07 5441 4811 Contact: George

Nambour Heights Motel 4 Nambour Mapleton Rd 07 5476 1888 Contact: Lenore

Red Bridge Motor Inn 380 Nambour Connection Rd 07 5442 3933 Contact: Tracey



18TH JULY TO 25TH JULY 2022. AUSTIN 7 CLUBS ASSOCIATION UK RALLY UPDATES - THE EVENT IS NOW FULLY BOOKED UP

The organising team have had several people expressing disappointment about being unable to attend the Centenary Event due to there being no more tickets available. Of course, it is a matter of regret to all concerned that some people will be unable to attend.

When the event was first conceived there was a target to gather 1000 Austin Sevens to celebrate the centenary. It was not known if this ambitious goal could be achieved but wheels were put in motion to try and make this aspiration a reality.

The Fire Service College was chosen in good faith as a suitable venue as, based on our projections, it was believed to be large enough to cater for our needs whilst also providing excellent facilities. Our projections for the venue being able to cater for 1000 Austin Sevens and the corresponding number of people did indeed prove to be accurate. As the entry reached just over 1000 Austin Sevens, the capacity for people able to attend the site was also reached.

However, it is fair to say that interest and enthusiasm for the event has exceeded all our expectations. Having met the aspirational numbers, it is due to **Health and Safety considerations** and the available space that we are not able to continue to accept any more entries.

One of the attractions of the Fire Service College is its secure nature, which will provide safety and security for people attending, and their precious cars. Due to the security of the site, it has been necessary for us to provide the details of those attending in advance, hence the requirement to pre-book and the inability to have day tickets available on the gate.

Those unable to attend the event at the Fire Service College may wish to consider joining the celebrations at the Austin 7 Centenary Festival of Motorsport at Prescott on Wednesday 20th July 2022.

Many people who are attending the centenary event will also be going over to Prescott that day so there will be lots of Austin Sevens with their owners present. There will be a dedicated parking area for Austin Sevens in the Orchard and some historically significant Austin Sevens, as well as many others, tackling the hill.

Tickets are £20 per car regardless of how many people are in it, so a car of four is just £5 per head.

Tickets can be purchased on the Prescott Hill Climb Website

<https://www.prescotthillclimb.co.uk/event-details/austin-7-centenary-festival-of-motorsport>

"I'll buy a ticket on the gate when I get to the Centenary Event..."

Please be absolutely clear - IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO BUY TICKETS ON THE GATE.

Every person coming to the Fire Service College for the Centenary Event will need to be in possession of a pre-booked entry. No ifs, no buts.

We had a strictly limited capacity for the event and NOW the entry tickets are sold out that's it.

Kind regards, Nick Salmon

For The Austin Seven Centenary Organising Team.

August 2021 Austins over Australia Rally to be held in Port Stephens, NSW. NOW CANCELLED TO COVID UNCERTAINTIES Any queries contact the Rally Committee at 2022rallyinfo@gmail.com



A CENTENARY BADGE

At our last Committee Meeting discussion was made about a special Bumper/Car badge to be struck to celebrate the Austin 7 Centenary. It is anticipated that these will be available for our August Weekend Display. They will of course be available for all members to buy. It will be the same size as our usual badge, being 85mm tall and may cost about \$50 each plus post and pack. The picture to the left is only a sketch but it will be similar in design and colour to the 2017 Toowoomba Badge. At this stage we would like you all to tell us if you would like such a badge. so we know if it is viable or not. Please contact me, Tim Braby, via SMS on 405 740 418 or email tim.braby@optusnet.com.au and I will add you to the list. There could also be self adhesive window stickers (see picture) and a lapel



badge which will be a miniature of the car badge. But PLEASE DO NOT send any money!!

MINUTES OF PAST A7R9 MEETINGS

Austin Seven Register of Qld Inc

Meeting NO. 608, 10th December 2021

Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale

Meeting Opened: President Steve Davidson declared the meeting opened at 7.48 pm, with a welcome to all.

Attendance: 29 members signed the attendance book & 1 Visitor.

Apologies: John Que, Elaine Moore, Peter Baker & Mike Hawthorne

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

Business arising from Minutes: Nil

Correspondence IN: Newsletters from other clubs either on table or emailed out
Veteran Car Club re Rent & A7 officers details, & Covid report for clubrooms
A7 Club Melbourne re membership renewal

Email from John Smith re no newsletters posted for 6 months (off overseas)

Certificate of Appreciation from Friends of Tingalpa

Email from Roland Alcock in the UK asking for our newsletter to be emailed to the Hereford A7 Club

Email from John Que re Apology from tonight's meeting & Treasurer's Report

OUT: Clubrooms booked for the 2nd April 2022

Form filled in for the Veteran Car Club

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

Business arising from Correspondence: NIL

Treasurer's Report: Steve read the report emailed from John (as attached) & asked for it to be accepted, & all accounts be passed for payment. Seconded by Ian McDowell. Carried.

Steve then announced Sharon Cowden has agreed to accept the position of Treasurer, & asked for a seconder. All agreed. Carried

With Sharon being elected new treasurer John Que's name to be removed & Sharon Cowden is authorized to conduct online banking on behalf of the Austin Seven Register on Qld Inc as part of the dual electronic signature process. Also, all correspondence relating to banking and accounts to be now sent to Sharon Cowden at PO Box 292 Wynnum Qld 4178

QHMC Report: NIL

Spare Parts Report: Trevor is waiting for an order from Melbourne.

2nd Hand Parts Report: NIL

Editors Report: Tim will contact Roland Alcock & forward our newsletter.

Dating Officers Report: Tim has sorted out the enquire about a Austin 10 for Liddle (non member)

Web Master Report: All up to date.

Club Events:

12th Dec A7 Xmas Party, 11 am Clubrooms
 16th Jan A7 Breakfast, Colmslie Hotel 8am
 26th Jan Australia Day, Ormiston State School. Breakfast 7am to 9am
 13th Feb Valentines Day Run organized by Lindsay & Sharon, 9am Clubrooms
 13th March Presidents Run
 22nd-27th June Nambour Run organized by Trevor & Bev McCulloch

More information available on the club website.

Other Events:

5th-6th Feb Toowoomba Swap at Showgrounds
 27th March Bayside Swap, Ormiston School grounds

Past Events:

20th Nov Automotive Craftsmen Report in newsletter & on website

Library Report: NIL**General Business:**

A7 books for members to take on table. Thank you to Ross & Rhonda.

Brett & Amanda Wilson still have their A7 for sale

Nick Sinclair wanting to know if any members wish to send their A7 to Warnambool by transport. Hoping to get a better deal if more than one is going. (Ceva Transport)

New A7 caps & cloth badges are now available

Justin McCarthy reported on his A7 racing.

Report on cars &/pr car troubles: NIL

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

Raffle: Valda selling tickets tonight but will be drawn on Sunday at the Xmas Party

Sick members wished a speedy return to good health. (Peter Dorman, Mike Hawthorne, Alan Lyons & Elaine Moore)

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

January organizer= Rhonda Guthrie

Committee meeting: TBA

Next Meeting: 14th January 2022

Meeting closed: 8.30 pm



Robyn

The January 14th Austin Seven Register of Old Inc**Meeting was cancelled Due to Covid Restrictions**

NEWS OF MEMBERS AND CARS

Here is a photo of Murray & Fiona Rix's 1934 A7 Sports from Southport. The previous owner did a great job building this car.

**On the Sick List**

It has been several weeks since we met each other, and unfortunately we humans are like our cars and occasionally things break or need special attention. Recent names on the sick parade include Peter Able, Allan Lyons, Nell Dorman and Ross Guthrie and Wayne Styles, we wish them all well and hopefully a speedy recovery. I also heard former President Graham Cogzell is recovering well after getting the Covid!

PAST RALLYS AND EVENTS REPORTS

A7 Christmas Party Lunch 12 December 2021

At around 10am and following a hive of industry by members who had arrived early to set up the Clubroom veranda area for our Christmas Party Lunch, the first of five A7s arrived. The intrepid members arriving in their A7s were Lindsay & Sharon, Justin & Mum Ines, Ken & Irene, Hugh & Judy and Steve & Jenny. The rest of us arriving in our modern vehicles totalled 31, including K9s Napoleon and Louie.



Upon arrival, a morning cuppa was provided within the Clubroom under the cooling fans. By 12 noon, when all had arrived,

the sumptuous lunch feast of chicken, ham, rolls and salad was set out and served by Robyn, Bev, Karyn and Sharon. A queue of hungry members, plates in hand, quickly formed as lunch was served. What had previously been pre-lunch noisy chatter by those present, was soon replaced by a less audible sound of cutlery on plates and gnashing of jaws as lunch was consumed.

Following lunch, President Steve was assisted by Valda in drawing the raffle for the multitude of prizes on offer. The first prize, a leadlight glass Christmas Star crafted by Neil, was won by Ken & Irene. Other members lucky enough to win a raffle prize were Tim, Mike & Kathy, Ross & Rhonda, Joe



& Margaret, Peter & Cathy, Hugh & Judy, Steve & Jenny and President Steve.

Just when we thought our hunger was sufficiently satisfied, dessert appeared on the serving table to replace the small quantity of left-over meats and salads. A delicious dessert of individual trifles made by our First Lady, Helen, as well as mince pies was on offer. The dessert disappeared in quick time.

The early afternoon was now the time to settle in for a lazy food-digesting chat with our fellow A7 members. Most, as you would expect, were content to remain seated around the veranda tables in the cool shade, as President Steve addressed us with a brief review of the successful A7 year followed by a Christmas wish to members for a happy and healthy Festive Season.

It was around 2pm that there was 'movement at the station' and tables were folded and stored, chairs stacked and decorations removed. It wasn't long before all members, some of us



anticipating a brief afternoon nap, departed for home.

I'm sure all those present would agree with me, and the sentiments of President Steve, that our thanks go to those responsible for a successful Christmas Lunch Party, both for the 'Christmas' presentation of the venue and the provision of the delicious food.

From me personally, I wish all members a safe, happy and healthy Festive Season. I also thank those members who have, for the previous 12 months, contributed to our successful events and A7 Website information.

Neil

WARRNAMBOOL HITS THE BIG SCREEN



For those who were thinking of going to Warrnambool but cannot go due to various reasons, there is a way you can spend time there for a pleasant 90 minutes. Situated near Warrnambool is Middle Island which has a colony of little penguins (*Eudyptula minor*). Fox predation reduced numbers significantly. In 2005 only four penguins were remaining in the colony. Warrnambool City Council introduced a world first program using Maremma dogs to guard the penguins. This program has supported the re-establishment of a colony of over one-hundred penguins in 2009. By 2015 the population had reached almost two-hundred. Released in 2014, "ODDBALL" is a delightful family orientated movie about a mischievous Maremma dog who shines when he scares away the foxes that are decimating the penguin rookery on Middle Island and has lots of shots of downtown Warrnambool and the Great Ocean Road with its unique rock formations the Twelve Apostles and

London Arch. Besides the animal stars, the show also includes Shane ("Kenny") Jacobsen as Bill "Swampy" Marsh and Sarah Snook ("The Dressmaker") as the Wildlife officer trying to keep the Penguin Rookery viable for funding by the local council.

LIFE IN AUSTRALIA 100 YEARS AGO

At the same time the Austin 7 was introduced to the world 100 years ago, Australia was a growing nation, Our Prime Minister, William "Billy" Hughes believed that Australia would now have a long era of peace after the "War To End All Wars" having earned a place as a player on the world stage on the beaches of Gallipoli and the trenches of Belgium and France. Qantas was establishing regular air services between Cloncurry and Charleville, and the Country Women's Association was formed to improve the welfare of women and children in country areas, including health and education. Jack O'Hagen wrote and published the sheet music to "Along the road to

Gundagai" and Qld. abolished the death penalty and introduced an unemployment allowance. This year Neville Bonner and Lionel Murphy were born and the hit song was "I wish I could Shimmy like my Sister Kate"!

A STEAM POWERED AUSTIN SEVEN

For several years Peter and Nell Dorman have been in contact with Harold Cislowski who lives up in Ayr. Harold has been building a steam powered Austin 7 for several years as explained in his letter below.

"Hi Peter and Nell,

Sorry, that I have been slow getting back to you but I have been tied up with all sorts of other commitments.

Progress has been very slow for the same as above but I have made some progress the only thing stopping me

from putting it down and driving is the throttle valve that I am using is too sensitive, so I am working on mark three at the moment which is a bit difficult to make but I think I have figured out a way to make it on my old lathe . I am enclosing a bit of a write up that I have been giving to people that are interested. I also am working on a video to put up on the internet and will let you know when it is finished.

Cheers for now and stay safe. Harold"

Attached write- up from Harold

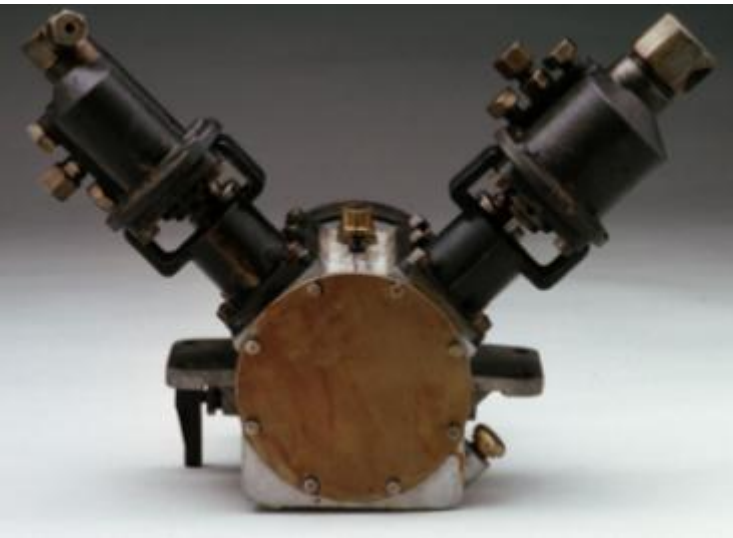
"This project has had a gestation period of more than 50 years In 1970 there was a small double expansion (compound) steam engine on display at the Museum of Applied Arts and Science in Sydney (Now the Powerhouse Museum). Those in charge said that it had been developed in England during the Second World War due to rationing (by R. H. and H. W. Bolsover of Yorkshire for converting petrol driven cars).

John Tait who was an engineer at Inkerman Sugar Mill in Home Hill contacted the museum and was told that the plans and castings were still available from a firm in Kirk Michael on the Isle of Man.

John wrote to them to enquire about the availability and price and was told that the kit was still available so he sent the money and soon had all the bits in his hands.

(Left This is the actual Bolsover engine at the Powerhouse Museum, made by William Joseph Smith in Hurstville in 1940)

John set to work and made the engine and steam generator in record time. He had a Morris Minor Van he intended to put the engine into but fate intervened when he was diagnosed with cancer.



After he recovered, he lost some of the impetus and the Morris Van rusted away.

One of the obscure requirements for the steam generator was two quartz rods, 6 inches long which are used in the steam generator to control the water supply. As the rods expand very little with heat and the heating coils expand a lot by comparison this difference in the coefficient of expansion operates a set of contact that starts the feed water pump which in turn brings the temperature down and the contacts open. John tried unsuccessfully to buy these rods so the whole project was put on hold for quite a few years.

In the mean time I put it to John that I would try to get an Austin 7 and restore it to put the engine into it as a joint project but again fate intervened when John had a relapse which was terminal.

Before he died, I told him that if he let me have the engine and the steam generator, I would try my best to get it finished. By that time, I had acquired enough parts to assemble something resembling an Austin 7 with the help of the Austin 7 Register of Qld. and Peter Dorman. There was still the problem of the quartz rods and purely by chance a friend whose brother subscribed to an English Model Engineers Magazine which had an ad for the steam car club of Great Britain. I joined up and became a member. The first thing that did was to enquire if anybody could tell me where I could obtain the quartz rods. I had an immediate response from a Jeff Theobald who was a member of the steam car club of Great Britain. He asked me how many I needed and he sent me three at no cost and that was a major breakthrough. The first of many problems had been beaten. I knew very little about steam and practically nothing about flash boilers. After trying many different ways to get enough heat to the maintain the amount required, I settled on a big wok burner running on LPG.



The Austin 7 was manufactured in many different forms and one was set up as a wireless car which was shortened at the back as a result, I have no genuine door parts. I have chosen that body shape for two reasons, one being it is all square and easy to copy*. I take this opportunity to thank Peter Dorman and the Austin 7 Register of Qld., Lex Kelly and his mates, and my fellow friends- amateur radio operators who have helped me in this project. John VK4FUT, Ross VK4R0, Tony VK4QL, and Ian VK5VJ .

Yours truly Harold Cislowski VK4ANR.

** Peter tells me the body was a 1935 utility and the boiler was put in the tail, not up front as used in the Jowett pictured.*



(left: found on the internet is this c 1936/38 Jowett 7/8hp chassis fitted with a Bolsover steam Car Engine, which is lost a bit behind the large boiler in front. One reference said that the principle for these engines is similar to that used in the American Locomobile car.)

Thanks to Peter & Nell Dorman and their son Graham

THE HUMBLE "AVON" AUSTIN 7 TIRES **UPDATED.**

During 1977 an Austin 7 Ulster was imported into Australia and upon arrival it was noticed that it had Avon 3.50x19 side car tyres fitted, a tyre that we were not familiar with.

Dunlop had only a few years before ceased manufacturing the silent 90 car tyre and we were facing the possibility of fitting front motor bike tyres to our Austins if an alternative couldn't be found and as these are dangerous on motor vehicles a new tyre needed to be sourced.

Great excitement prevailed with the discovery of the Avon tyre as fitted to the Ulster and an approach to Avon in England was made and they agreed to accept a minimum order of 50 pieces and after a quick ring around to fellow Austin 7 folk, this was to be first of many orders.

Fast forwarding to 2021 the order only now needs to be 20 pieces as after 40 years they seem to be happy with the track record established, but the wheels are starting to fall off. The last order of 20 in august only revealed 7 tyres and the next 3 containers didn't have any at all.

The aforementioned tyre is the most sought after tyre for Austin sevens in Australia and in the opinion of the writer the safest as the whole three and a half inches of tread are on the tarmac, they are sticky, soft and delightful in the wet.

What I have been able to establish is that due to the Covid lockdowns in the UK manufacturing has been limited and as a result Avon are concentrating on their fast sellers which makes good commercial sense, after all our tyre size isn't a large market.

The other thing that crosses my mind is the forthcoming 100 year rally. In the UK over 1000 Austin sevens have already entered the rally in July and I would imagine placing a high demand on OUR tyres destined to down under. I am aware of a number of cars attending the Australian national rally in Warrnambool that have purchased new tyres to participate already.

The third concern could be an ownership issue. Avon started a year before Herbert Austin in 1904 and continued until 1997 when they were acquired by Cooper tires in the US. During 2021 Goodyear were moving the deck chairs on the deck and are taking over the control. Our tyres are still manufactured in the UK but what is the future? I will keep across the matter and if the reader wants to know more about the continuing

supply and availability feel free to contact me on 0417 532 412.

Wayne Styles.

WHEELS AND TYRES

What do we know about wheels and tyres other than the fact that most cars have them at each corner? A closer study will show a number of interesting facts of which some owners might not be fully aware. For instance, the next time you attend an Austin Seven Rally, have a close look at the wheel and tyre sizes of the participating vehicles. You will often find a mixture of tyre sections varying from 3.25 to 4.00 inches and wheel diameters ranging from 17 to 19 inch. Now you may wonder whether it is important to match wheel and tyre sizes and it seems some owners are unconcerned provided the tyres are in good condition. Well, there are very good reasons for maintaining correctly matched wheels and tyres, otherwise road holding and braking efficiency can be adversely affected. The only exception (if forced to do so in an emergency) is to ensure matched sizes are fitted to each axle. To explain this further let's take for example a standard Ruby saloon that was originally produced with 400 x 17 wheels and tyres. These original tyres can now be difficult to obtain, so most Ruby owners revert to using the more easily obtained 450 x 17 tyres. This half-inch difference in tyre depth might appear not worth worrying about but it increases the overall diameter of the tyre by one inch. The calculation of overall effective diameter is simply two times the tyre depth plus the rim size. Therefore it can be seen that a Ruby using a 450 x 17 tyre has an effective overall tyre diameter of 26 inches (which interestingly is equivalent to a 350 x 19 tyre / wheel combination found on Chummies and Boxes) and compares with an original Ruby overall diameter of 25 inches. Now, providing that a full set of oversize tyres is fitted to the Ruby then no appreciable difference will be noticed except that the transmission will be slightly higher geared and of course the speedometer will read slower than the actual speed (by 4% Ed). The real problems arise when using unmatched wheel & tyre combinations on the same axle. At the rear, a mismatch will cause the differential to work overtime trying to match the different rotational speeds of the wheels; and at the front the car will tend to pull in the direction of the larger tyre section due to the larger tyre contact area. However, most importantly, using odd sizes on one or both axles can dramatically affect braking efficiency. In simple terms this is because when braking, the larger overall diameter tyre has a greater lever arm effect from the point of contact with the road to the inside diameter of the brake drum which necessarily reduces the braking effect. It should be noticed that these problems become more noticeable during adverse weather conditions. Therefore in summary, whenever possible fit corresponding sizes all round. However, if you have no choice, then try to ensure the near and offside sizes match on any axle because this will have no effect on steering or the differential. However, remember there will be an imbalance in the braking system due to changed front-back compensation that is difficult to cure by normal brake adjustments.

Eddie Loader - Courtesy of the Hereford Austin Seven Club Website.

ALL AUSTIN'S GREAT AND SMALL



parked near the Harrogate War Memorial:

Friends of your editor, Michael and Sally Groves have been in the UK for the last 3 years while Sally pursues a three year course to become a qualified tutor for the Royal School of Needlework (RSN). Sally recently had a responsibility to travel to Harrogate, Yorkshire, on behalf of the RSN. As accommodation is provided on such trips and the travel is by train, Michael paid his fare and tagged along for the journey. Imagine his surprise to see this magnificent specimen

The owner was just the right of the shot, with a small stand, soliciting donations on behalf of the Macmillan Cancer Trust. You can see another of his attractions, a monkey automaton, on the footpath. Mike couldn't let the opportunity to converse with the owner go past. He advised Mike that the vehicle was one of three in his ownership, the other two being commercial vans from the same period. He went on to explain that all three had regularly fulfilled roles in the much beloved television production of "All Creatures Great and Small". This little Austin was effectively the leading star of the mechanical cast members! (You can catch up with the latest series of ACG&S by watching ABC1 Saturday nights or on ABC Iview.) We are still to see this car appear on the show in a major role, in Episode two we briefly saw a nice royal blue Ruby saloon bought for 20 pounds. (pictured right)



HOW THEY DO IT BACK IN THE U.K.



Major repairs were needed to the water outlet side of the block due to corrosion and age of one of the cast in bridges. Using an "Austin Seven Workshop" repair kit, I fitted a new frame to give me a functioning bridge (see picture).

(<https://www.theaustinsevenworkshop.com>)

I am currently in the process of re-building and putting it all back together. A lot of work, but a great deal of pleasure. I will keep you informed of my progress.

Watch this space.

Robert Wynell-Mayow - courtesy of the Hereford Austin Seven Club Newsletter

THE HOPKINS/GILLBARD CAR ON AN INFLATIONARY SPIRAL? !

I found this article in the SA A7 Bulletin This car was Dennis and Lyn Gillbards car. It was advertised in our newsletter last year for \$16,000 but has ended up in the hands of a used car broker with a significant price rise advertised on "Ebuy" for a "mere" \$23,000.



"This characterful 1929 Austin 7 Chummy is in delightful condition. Believed to be restored in the late 60's, the vehicle's condition has held up remarkably well for its age with a little bit of patina here and there adding to its old-world charm. Many original features remain in place from the radiator mounted temperature gauge to the many original brass fixtures and fittings within the engine bay and interior; most of which are hard to source. Documentation that comes with the Austin

records its history from 1966 when it was bought from Douglas of Neutral Bay, Sydney for 40 pounds (with 3 pounds delivery). The Austin had suffered damage in a fire at a restoration shop before it was bought however came with many spares. Upon receiving the car, a full restoration took place back to the bare chassis which

was completed around 1975. While most of the restoration was completed in Sydney, the owner moved up to Maroochydore in 1971 in which the Austin was transported in the back of a furniture van for the journey. Upon completion, the Austin was entered into various events and rally's where it won its class in the Austin 7 clubs Peregrine Beach rally in both 1975, 76, 77 and outright winner in the SCACC annual concourse in 1976. Subsequent history of the Austin is sporadic however it appears that it has been kept within South East Queensland since 1971 and is known to the 'Austin Seven Register of Queensland'. This delightful Austin 7 comes with a small folio of paperwork and tools as well. Sold unregistered. (The previous history relates to when John Hopkins owned the car, Dennis has owned the car since 1978)

2 MYSTERY QLD A7S ON FACEBOOK

These two mystery cars had you committee talking early in the month as we tried to figure if either of these two cars was ever in our club. Before you ask I do not think anyone in the club has seen these cars for real, and sorry, we cannot help you contact the vendor, only that both were on facebook market place

Car 1 : 1929 Austin Seven Chummy



Beautiful condition, currently un-registered. New radiator, re furnished fuel tank. Have timber roof, though needs restoring. At \$25,000 comes with extensive spares including chassis, gearbox etc, far too many to include. Might sell parts separately for the right price.

Asking \$25,000 negotiable within reason. Location: Hervey Bay.

CAR 2 : 1930 Austin 7 Box Saloon. Fabric and Timber Body made by Holden, Very Original. Either fully restore or fix a few things and use as is for the Patina look. Passenger door is currently off to fix the timber pillar. Last Registered in 1967 in NSW. Engine was rebuilt 15years ago and has sat ever since. Should be 99.9% all there. Pick up from Everton Park, (Brisbane)



MAKING BRITISH AUSTIN SEVENS OUT OF BMW'S!

one of my other hobbies is building model car kits. Kits to build Austin 7s tend to be far and few apart, but French firm Heller released a nice detailed 1/24th scale kits of a BMW Dixi, which as you know, is very close to our favourite car.



Being a plastic kit is easily modified and its parts can be used for other kits. About 20 years ago the kit was re-released by Revel, this time out of Germany, same kit but different box. I was lucky to know a chap who was right into building kits and was in the retail trade who got me several at a price a lot less than retail. (thank you Chris)

So far I built 5 variations from this kit over the years.

The first one I made 30 years ago, as a model of my first Austin, a 1930 A7 Chummy. The hood was made of tissue paper over a plastic frame, and unfortunately it has changed shape over the years. Mods to the kit making the main body, roof, windscreen, luggage rack, number plates, full interior and front guards from scratch in plastic styrene sheet.

Then I made one as a blue Australian style 1927/28 roadster using a folding hood from a Ford T Model,

A 1929 pointy tail sports used parts from a Monogram Type 35 Bugatti. This is being rebuilt with headlights and cycle guards.

Finally is a British Army Scout Car.

All these models had their motors modified as the Dixi had its motor mirror reversed to the English Austin 7.

I still have 5 unbuilt kits, one will be built as a vintage van, another a 1929/30 Saloon.

It is rather ironic that with the Mini which was made by BMC (Austin was the major partner), is now being made by a branch of BMW, and here I am building Austins back out of BMWs!

Tim Braby



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PRICES:

a	CLOTH BADGE (sew to shirt or cap):	\$10	NEW ITEM (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:	\$20	NEW ITEM

Additionally official A7 Register Name Badges can also be obtained from Rhonda Guthrie for \$10 each email Rhonda at guthrie45@bigpond.com (the photo above is of an old badge, the new ones are a lot better!) Rhonda tells me that the pricing may be 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 or found that item you wanted PLEASE do tell the Editor.

FOR SALE 1930 Austin 7 Roadster



In running order and for sale as is with trailer, \$23,000 . Please contact Brett and Amanda Wilson

63bawilson@gmail.com
mobile 0413 848 909
Lakewood (just south of Port Macquarie)

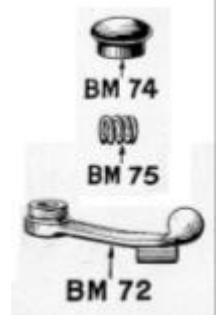


FOR SALE.

A fully reconditioned coil engine [1929/30] by Stan Rodda Engineering to a high standard with all new items fitted where required, crankshaft fully balanced etc. READY TO INSTALL.
Contact. Wayne Styles. 0417 532 412.

WANTED

Austin 7 Horn Button (part BM74) , identical to that used on the A7 Chummy that screws onto the control lever (BM72) See picture right.
Needed to finish "High-Ho Silver"!!
Contact Peter Dorman on 0427 432 262 or 07 5443 2262



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Steady on missus, if you must make a mess can you go outside & do it.