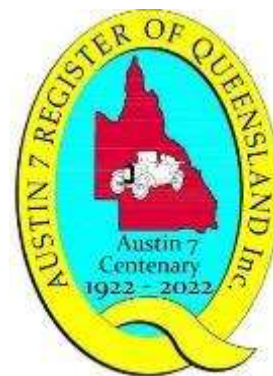




NEWSLETTER

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

1000 Austin 7s gather to celebrate 100 years of the Austin 7 in the United Kingdom!!!



As you will see here and inside there were a lot of historic Austin 7s to be seen at the recent Austin Centenary Celebrations in the UK.

For instance, there were a number of Austin works racers on display in the foyer of the main building at Moreton in the Marsh.

Two of these cars had raced at Southport and were called Rubber Duck cars, Austin had produced 4 racing cars from 1931 and these cars were very successful. No 18 is XA1012 is the 'New Zealand' car, owned by Ian Moore and seen at the 2017 National Austin 7 Tour in Toowoomba where many of us saw it on display. and No. 24 is XA1010, the 'South African car. Behind can be seen 3 of the Works Twin Cam racing cars.

End of the New Elizabethan era

I would just like to say that the recent passing of our much beloved Queen and State Head of the Commonwealth cannot pass by without some comments from your editor. This photo taken in 1945 shows a then 18-year-old Princess Elizabeth had joined the Auxiliary Territorial Service as a driver and mechanic after pleading with her mother for months just shows what pluck and courage she had as a youngster.

She reminds me of my own mother, who although certainly did not come from the same background, also did her bit by joining the AWAS from 1942 to 1945 after she was married, and Dad was away. With the



Queens passing and so many people in the UK and overseas affected by it, I guess they all see it as the passing of what history hopefully will judge as a Golden Era. To me it is also the passing of my own parents' era as well.

This much syndicated photo shows the young Elizabeth Windsor, in fact, in front of not one, but two Austin's! The car behind her is an Austin 10hp Light Utility car, (nicknamed a "Tilly") and then we have an Austin K4 ambulance (same as the vehicle in the classic war movie "Ice cold in Alex")

Editor Tim Braby

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The A7RQ Inc. Online

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

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

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

AUSTIN 7 REGISTER OF QLD. CLUB EVENTS & INVITATION RUNS FOR 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 and or 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.

Saturday 8th to Sunday 9th October: A7 Register October Event: LAMA Annual Invitation Run Weekend organized by the Lockyer Antique Motor Association Inc. and commencing in Gatton. Contact The Secretary, email: sec.lama@hotmail.com for more details. Members to make their own arrangements re.travel, registration, accommodation etc.

Saturday 8th October: A7 Register October Event: Friends of Tingalpa Cemetery Heritage Group have once again invited our club to their Decoration Day – 154th Anniversary at 1341 Wynnum Road Tingalpa commencing at 10am and completing around 2pm. Morning Tea & Lunch will be available for purchase or BYO – coffee van on site. A musical and Historical program will be presented, many interesting stalls to investigate, vintage motorcycles on display. As this is an October A7 event, you are encouraged to drive your A7 and park in the grounds or come modern and park in Smith's Chips Carpark next door. For further info contact Neil ph. 0431 067 909. This 'Fete' type event is always well patronised by our A7 Club - additional information of the event is attached.

Saturday 8th to Sunday 9th October: External Event: “Wheels Through Time”. A display of Tractors, Trucks, Vintage Cars and Stationary Machinery at Old Petrie Town, 901 Dayboro Road, Whiteside. Saturday: 10am to 4pm. Sunday: 8am to 2pm. For more information phone Dave: 0422 885 009.

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

Saturday 15th to Sunday 16th October: External Event: Heritage truck Association Aust. 2022 Annual Show. This event is to be held at the Beaudesert Show Grounds, Albert Street, Beaudesert. Official Opening Saturday 10am. Adults' entry \$5. Further enquiries ph. 0434 222 762, or contact our Secretary, Robyn.

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

Sunday 13th November: A7 Register November Event: Cleveland Run. This Run will be organised by Hugh Cullen (ph. 0412 096 186) and is to commence from the Carindale Clubrooms at 9am. This run is to a very interesting museum in the Cleveland area. BYO Lunch but a Devonshire Morning Tea can be purchased, if required, at the museum Morning Tea stop.

Friday 9th December: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale. Members are requested to bring a plate of Christmas goodies to share for supper.

Sunday 11th December: A7 Register December Event: A7 Club Christmas Lunch to be held at the Carindale Clubrooms and is to commence at 11.30am. Food (Chicken, Salads & Deserts) will be provided but drinks (hot or cold), cutlery and plates are BYO. As this is an A7 Register event, members are encouraged to wear their name tags and drive their A7s. It is essential that you RSVP Robyn Clark by 1 December for catering purposes – Ph. 3800 1965.

MINUTES OF PAST A7R2 MEETINGS

Austin Seven Register of Qld Inc

Meeting No. 615, 12th August 2022

Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale

Meeting Opened: The President declared the meeting opened at 7.50 pm with a welcome to all & reminding members our AGM Meeting will follow our General Meeting.

Attendance: 21 members signed the book

Apologies: M&M Thompson, J&M McCormack, M Potts, L Stanner, S Jordan, T&B McCulloch, R&R Guthrie, E Moore

Minutes: Robyn read the minutes of the July meeting & moved them to be accepted as a true & correct record. Seconded by Tim Braby. Carried

Business arising from Minutes: Nil

Correspondence IN: Newsletters from other clubs

Phone call from Rhonda re VCCA Swap 20th August, Clubrooms

Flyer re Vintage Vehicle Spectacular, Boonah Showgrounds, 10th Sept,

Entry Form for LAMA Invitation Event, 8th-9th Oct

QHMC Minutes

All British Day re attendance numbers & help

Office of Fair Trading

Membership form from David Neville

OUT: Membership renewal reminders, membership receipts & cards to various members

Sympathy Card to Molly Neville & Family

Membership form to Greg Morris, Kallangur

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

Business arising from Minutes: Nil

Treasurer's Report: Lindsay gave this report on Sharon's behalf & moved it be accepted & all bills be passed for payment. Seconded by Trevor Moore. Carried. Insurance to be paid.

QHMC Report: Justin McKeering gave his report & a copy of the minutes were on the table to members to see.

Spare Parts Report: Trevor had just received an order from Melbourne

2nd Hand Parts Report: Peter Baker has parts for Justin McKeering's car (starter, Carb & 2 blocks.)

Editors Report: Tim has emailed out the newsletter & the others are ready to post.

Dating Officer: Nil

Web Master: Neil informed members the newsletters are on the web site dating back to 2013. All other information is up to date.

Club Events:

13th Aug A7 BBQ Lunch, 11am at clubrooms, (33 people)

14th Aug A7 Static Display, Morningside School of Arts Hall, 9am to 1pm

18th Sept All British Day, Tennyson (6 cars)

8th Oct Pioneer Decoration Day, 10am to 2pm, Tingalpa Church

Other Events:

20th Aug VCCA Swap, clubrooms
2nd-4th Sept Toowoomba Swap
10th Sept Gympie Swap
11th Sept Chrysler Expo, Rocklea Showgrounds.
8th-9th Oct LAMA Annual Invitation Event, Gatton

Past Events:

30th July Nambour Swap
31st July VCCQ Concourse, Sherwood

Library Report: Nil

General Business: Robyn asked if the club is giving a donation in Barry Neville's name for cancer?
(Answer: The committee to discuss)

Justin McCarthy gave a report on the July Hill Climb.

Members attending the Static Display & have paid for their Centenary Badges will receive them

Raffle: Valda selling tickets, but it will be drawn at our Static Display on Sunday.

Report on cars &/or car troubles: Discussion between Electronic & old distributors & James & Stacy
Curtis's car was then held

Sick members wished a speedy recovery, & Members having a Birthday in August wished all the best.

Supper Organiser: Thank you to Lindsay for tonight's Supper.
SEPTEMBER organiser

Committee Meeting: TBA

Next Meeting: 9th September 2022

Meeting closed: 8.20 pm. AGM to follow.

Austin Seven Register of Qld Inc

Meeting No. 616, 9th September 2022

Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale

Meeting opened: The Vice President Lindsay Jordan declared the meeting opened at 7.46 pm with a welcome to all.

Attendance: 24 members signed the attendance Book

Apologies: R&R Guthrie, T&B McCulloch, S Davidson

Minutes: Robyn read the Minutes of the August Meeting & moved them to be accepted as a true & correct record. Seconded by Neil Thyer. Carried

Business arising from Minutes: Nil

Correspondence IN: Newsletters from other clubs, mostly emailed out to members.
Membership application from Colin & Gay Jacobson, Chapel Hill. 1929 Ace Sports

OUT: Newsletters posted & Colin & Gay Jacobson membership card & Parts Book.

Email re number of cars for All British Day

Robyn moved the correspondence be accepted as read & the outward endorsed. Seconded by Peter Baker.
Carried

Business arising from Correspondence: Nil

Treasurer's Report: Sharon gave a report on the club's finances. Still do not have the Auditors Report.
The club has 110 financial member, & 4 being new members. Sharon then moved her report be accepted & all bills be passed for payment. Seconded by Peter Cahalane. Carried

QHMC Report: Report given by Justin McKeering.

Spare Parts Report: Trevor M reported an order from Melbourne had just arrived & \$840 sales made in the last month.

2nd Hand Parts Report: Dick Sorenson required an exhaust manifold which Doug was able to supply.

Editors Report: Tim will have the newsletter organized on time. He also had some books to give away. If members didn't want them, they will be placed into the library. Thanks Tim.

Dating Officer Report: Nil

Web Master Report: Neil has the Club web site up to date.

Club Events:

18th Sept All British Day, Tennyson (Booked to 8 sites)
8th Oct Tingalpa Church, 10 am
13th Nov Hugh Cullen is organizing the A7 Run. Meet Clubrooms 9am.
11th Dec A7 Xmas Party at Clubrooms.

Other Events:

10th Sept Gympie Swap
10th Sept Vintage Vehicle Spectacular, Boonah Showgrounds.
11th Sept Chrysler Expo, Rocklea Showgrounds
8th-9th Oct LAMA Annual Invitation Event, Gatton
6th Nov Classic & Muscle Car Club of Ipswich, Swap Meet
15th-16th Oct HTA Truck Show, Beaudesert Showgrounds

Past Events:

13th-14th Aug A7 BBQ Lunch & Static Display
30th Aug VCCA Swap
2nd-4th Sept Toowoomba Swap

Library Report: Nil

General Business: Hugh Cullen reported 1750 sites & over 5,000 people at Toowoomba Swap. It will be held in September next year.

Merv Thompson then related some of the many happenings during the Veteran Run from Brisbane to Broome.

Raffle: Valda had tonight's raffle drawn

Report on Cars &/or Car Troubles: Ted Bale stated they now have Stacy and Jamie's Ruby running reliably.

Birthdays: Members having a birthday in September wished many Happy Returns.

Sick members wished a speedy recovery.

Supper Organiser: Thank you to Robyn for tonight's supper.

October organiser is Tim Braby

Committee Meeting: TBA

Next Meeting: 14th October 2022

Meeting Closed: As there was no further business to discuss Lindsay closed the meeting at 8.34 pm.



NEWS OF MEMBERS AND CARS

Welcome to our new members Colin & Gay Jacobson from Chapel Hill with a 1929 Ace Sports.

Members will be saddened to hear that Peter Able from Port MacQuarrie has passed away. We understand his passing was a peaceful one. Peter was recovering well from a major stroke but there was another hidden problem that was not picked up till too late. The Club sends their kindest Condolences to his wife Dawn and her family.

You will also see that members, both past, and present have Austin 7s for sale. So, if you were looking for a project or a car that is ready to rally, please check out the Austin 7 classifieds at the back of this newsletter. There are a couple of cars that I would not have minded if I had the room still!

PAST RUNS AND EVENTS REPORTS

VCCQ Concours d'Elegance 31 July 2022



On an overcast morning, the suburb of Sherwood was aroused by the arrival at the Sherwood Arboretum of a myriad of about 50 veteran and vintage cars. This was the annual VCCQ Concours d'Elegance. Marshals were on hand at the Arboretum entrance to greet and direct participating cars to their respective positions in a circle around the VCCQ marquee.

Arriving in their A7s were Doug & Robyn, Brett, Trev & Elaine, Ian & Valda, and President Steve. Also joining in the festivities was a Rafferty-owned A7 and a Fletcher-owned A7, both of whom are not current members of our club. Several A7RQ members also arrived throughout the event in their modern cars. Two of our members, Peter and Greg, who are also VCCQ members, arrived in their vintage and classic cars.

As you would expect, it was not long after arrival that an A7 bonnet was opened, tools were assembled, and our much-respected Dr Baker was on the job. The internal 'organ' operation involved the removal of a faulty distributor and its replacement with another that President Steve just happened to have on hand.

It was great to see that this popular annual event was attended by several hundred visitors. Throughout the day, the visitors and participants were entertained by wonderful music from a band called "Brass Roots *Live*", a very professional 13-piece big band plus their two vocalists. Also available at the Oxley-Sherwood Lions Club marquee was the iconic Sausage Sizzle to keep us fed for the day (they sold out the 240 sausages they had cooked).



*Left:
Austin 7s
on Display*

Also, in the adjoining carpark was the regular Sunday Arboretum coffee van to provide those of us with our required coffee fix.

At around midday, the formalities of the day commenced at the VCCQ marquee. Following a few words from the Local Councillor, trophy presentations were made. For the second year in a row, the Clarks were awarded a bottle of wine for their well-presented 1929 A7 Chummy as Best Visitors Club Car (judge's decision must have been influenced by the replacement distributor!).



*Left Mobile
A7 Workshop
at the
Arboretum*

*(Note Cr.
Nicole Johnston
is a great
supporter of
this event,
working behind
the scenes to
ensure we get*

the best deal possible from BCC. She was on hand again this year to assist VCCQ President Wendy with the presentation of trophies and prizes, adding to the occasion with the generous donation of several bottles of wine.)

Following the presentations and as the clouds in the sky looked a little threatening, there was an exodus from the park as all visitors and participants headed home. Our congratulations go to the VCCQ organisers who produced yet another excellent annual event.

Neil

Run report kindly written by Karyn & Neil

A7 Centenary Weekend Lunch – Saturday 13 August 2022



Above: Cooking in the Rain!

Right: Master Chefs at the BBQ Plate

In all, 33 members arrived around 11am in modern cars due to the inclement weather. A sole A7, owned by Justin Senior, was present the grounds to mark the occasion. It was much

As predicted, it was an overcast morning with a hint of showers when members began to arrive at our Carindale Clubhouse. The anticipated event was our A7 Centenary Weekend BBQ Lunch.



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appreciated to see that the early arrivals at the Clubhouse had set out tables and chairs along the veranda for the lunch feast.

As the usual morning chatter continued, a contingent of chefs and helpers gathered around the BBQ under a light drizzle to commence the delicate task of refined cooking. Meanwhile, others under cover of the veranda set out an array of salads to complement the protein of the BBQ.

As usual, “Master Chefs” Steve and Trevor, ably assisted by Doug and Brett, were busy cooking under the protection of umbrellas the sausages, bacon, beef patties and onions on the now-heated BBQ plate.

Just after midday, lunch was served and a line of hungry members was quickly served by an efficient group of ladies, tongs in gloved hands. At this time, there was a noticeably quiet period as members partook of the delicious lunch provided by the Club. Soon after the main course, the leftover meats and salads on the serving table were replaced by a variety of desserts including apple pie and custard, cake, and strudel. Robyn followed up by offering muffins to each table.



Left: Serving Lunch (is the food that bad, Karyn?)

At around 1.30pm and following a series of light showers, it was time for President Steve to thank not only all for coming but also those members who had brought along food items to make the day a gastronomical success.



Packing up, storing tables and chairs, and generally cleaning up the venue did not seem to take long at all with everyone helping. We all then headed home to prepare for the next day's Static Display at Morningside.

Left: Lunch Time at Carindale

Our thanks especially go to Secretary Robyn for coordinating **the successful lunch.**

Neil & Karyn

A7 Centenary Weekend Static Display – Sunday 14 August 2022

In stark contrast to yesterday's weather, the Sunday morning was, apart from a brief early morning fog, a cloudless sunny day. At around 9am, the normally quiet Morningside village was awoken by the buzz of A7s converging on the Morningside School of Arts for our A7 Centenary Weekend Static Display. Arriving in their A7s were Doug & Robyn (two cars), Trev & Elaine, Lindsay & Sharon, Neil & Karyn, Ian & Valda, Brett, Justin & Patti, Ian & daughter Amanda, Hugh, Tim, and Ken – a total of twelve

A7s. Several members arrived in their modern cars, including David Neville with his mum Molly. It was also a pleasure to see Colin & Nancy Jones, past members, drop in for a visit.

With all the A7s lined up and Secretary Robyn in place to coordinate the day's tasks, it was time to view the cars and talk to other members, principally about cars and their associated issues. During the morning, Dr Baker was busy doing a short run in Brett's car to detect the cause of a mysterious noise and inspecting Neil's A7 second cylinder contents. There was some interest from passers-by and a visit by President Ray and Donna from the Tingalpa Chapel and Cemetery.

Throughout the morning and lunch period, many members took advantage of the opportunity to buy coffee and food from the various adjacent food outlets.

At around 12.15pm, it was time for Vice-President Lindsay, in the absence of President Steve, to conduct the formal proceedings of the day.

First up, Lindsay thanked everyone for coming and hoped they had enjoyed the occasion and splendid weather.

Next was the announcement of the People's Choice Award for Best Car on the Day. The winners, Trev &



Elaine Moore in their son Darren and daughter-in-law Lauren's 1938 A7 Ute, were presented with a bottle of



wine. Runners-up were Lindsay & Sharon in their double-sided tyre-painted 1929 Chummy. Next was the announcement of the People's choice Award for Best Car on the Day. The winners, Trev & Elaine 1938 A7 Ute, were presented with a bottle of wine. Runners-up were Lindsay & Sharon in their double-sided tyre-painted 1929 Chummy.

It was then Neil's opportunity to thank those who had contributed to the 2021-22 events and to announce the winners of the Cam & Judy McCulloch Memorial Trophy. The well-deserved winners of the Trophy were again Doug & Robyn.

Next on the agenda was the most-anticipated raffle draw. The first prize of a set of A7 Centenary glasses was won by Young Justin.

Other minor prizes were then handed out to the various winners of the draws.

Vice-President Lindsay once again thanked all present for their attendance and wished everyone a safe



journey home. Again, our thanks go to Secretary Robyn for coordinating this successful annual Static Display.

Neil & Karyn

All British Day Tennyson – 18 September 2022



The All British Day organisers could not have chosen a better day to hold their 42nd annual event on the St Joseph's College ovals at Tennyson. From early morning, a gradual procession of display and visitors' cars wound their way from King Arthur Terrace to the school ovals. As usual, procedure upon entry to the grounds was well organised and little delay was experienced by participants and visitors.

It was gratifying to see that our A7 Club was well represented by the eight well-prepared A7s, proudly on display and attracting a great deal of attention from the public. Arriving in their A7s were President Steve, Lindsay & Sharon, David N, Doug & Robyn, Young Justin, Merv & Margaret, Trev & Elaine and Brett R. There were several other A7 Club members who dropped in throughout the day in their modern cars, including past member Molly Neville supporting her son David. Later in the morning it was good to see the Bakers arriving in their Wolseley.

As the sun shone, reaching the predicted 28 degrees, our Club members assembled in the usual circle of conversation under the shade trees near the displayed Austins.

There was much to see and do at this year's event. In addition to the fabulous array of more than 600 British cars, patrons were well catered for with food vans, coffee carts and various stalls selling everything from toy cars to electrical components.





At around 1.30pm, the formalities of the event took place. Unfortunately, none of our members received one of the various trophies on offer.

Following the trophy presentations, it was time to depart the venue and lock away these unique British vehicles at their home addresses across the city.

Our sincere thanks go to the All British Day organisers for yet another successful annual event with all profits from the day going to charity.

Neil

Moreton in the Marsh 59th National Rally July 3rd 2022

I must start this article with congratulations to the A7CA and all those who also joined in to organise and run this fantastic event. To take on the planning of a six-day event with the possibility of over a thousand A7s and I guess over three thousand participants attending is a task which would have stretched many large professional organisations. Putting a cost to this and the resultant risk must have been frightening. For those of us Austin 7 lovers from all over the world who attended, this was a brilliant success which provided interest, friendship, activities, entertainment, accommodation, food and drink and a lot more for everybody of all ages to enjoy to the full.



When the celebration was first advertised, I realised that having had to give up driving and sell my Arrow, the chance of going down to Moreton in Marsh was not possible. Then my phone rang, and my daughter Cara and her husband David were asking if Brenda and I would like to go. No thinking time was required and ten minutes later Cara was on the A7CA website booking tickets for us and her entire family. Another ten minutes

and she had also booked hotels in Moreton.



On Tuesday 19th July, five of us, grandparents, parents, and grandson Peter (Tasha and Katie work in London and were coming by rail) left Killearn early and set off in the

Volvo and the Mini. We enjoyed a rapid run down the 360 miles to Moreton apart from a delay resulting from a serious crash on the M6, arriving there at 4.00pm. After a quick check in at the hotel we went into the site to check in and get all the passes and badges required for security and enjoyment started.

The site was originally used as an airfield by the RAF from 1939 to 1955 and Wellington bombers were stationed there. It was handed over to the Home Office in 1959 and developed into the HQ of the UK's Fire and Rescue Services and location of the Fire Service College. It is spread over 500 acres of land giving the rally all the space it needed. Access to and security on the site was provided by very helpful staff of the College. A7CA volunteers were uniformed and set up all over the site to help direct those arriving to find their parking places, location of the buildings that were in use and to answer any questions. They were very welcoming and helpful.



After settling in we went on a tour of the site to see if we could find any Scottish A7C members, in particular Allan Morrice the owner of Arrow OJ3844 (once mine) who had promised to drive me up the Prescott Hill Climb among the 100 A7s who were on the parades the following day (more of that later). We found Allan and then Mitch and Jetta Sorbie which was a good start. Ruairidh Dunford oversaw the camping area and was very busy getting campers located but found time to greet us and meet Peter who had booked a tent site. Then back to the hotel for dinner and sleep.

Wednesday was the day of the Prescott Hill Climb which had been arranged between the A7CA and the Bugatti Owners Club who own the hill. This was another successful day which had been organised along the lines of a Garden Party complete with jazz band and with visitors encouraged to wear period dress to add to the occasion.



During the morning all the drivers and their passengers who were going to drive up the hill had to register and present their Sport Licences (which had been supplied before the event) and sign in. This is a long-time professional motor sport site,

so rules are strict for safety purposes.

In the Paddock lower area, the British Motor Museum had sent along a selection of the racing Austins from their collection including the 1923 Boulogne GP entries, a 1931 Rubber Duck, and the successful single seater twin cams of the late 30's. Thirty or so other historic racing cars, specials, and single seaters were also on display. This took me back to my early years in following motor racing when spectators could wander around the pits area and meet the drivers and get close to the cars which was very satisfying.

The rest of the day needs to be written up in a separate article so I will merely say here that two parades of the lucky 100 Austin 7s (which included ArrowOJ3844), many of the specials and all these racing cars went up the hill in the afternoon session to demonstrate their abilities.

Thursday was planned as the picnic day outside the enormous marquee, or inside if it rained, but it stayed dry. As we sat in the sunshine tucking into our baskets or the very nice, purchased lunch hampers available in the marquee we suddenly heard Ruairidh Dunford announcing in a very loud voice from amongst the throng of picnickers that we were exactly at the moment when 100 years ago the very first Austin 7 came out of the factory gates at Longbridge. We were then asked to stand up, give a big clap and sing “Happy Birthday to you” which we felt was a nice touch.

The rest of our day was spent walking around all the various parking areas looking at an incredible number of different A7s. It was fascinating to see the difference between the ones that we know and the Dixi from Germany (father of the BMW), the Bantam from USA and Rosengart from France. Some of these were rally entrants and others could be seen in the “Pop Up” Museum in the main building which also housed the racing cars seen at Prescott.



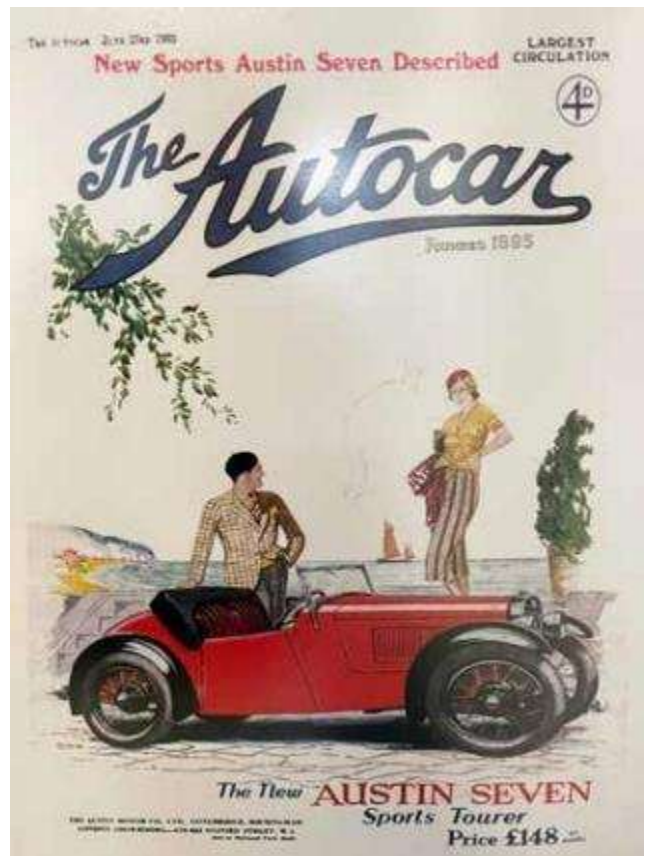
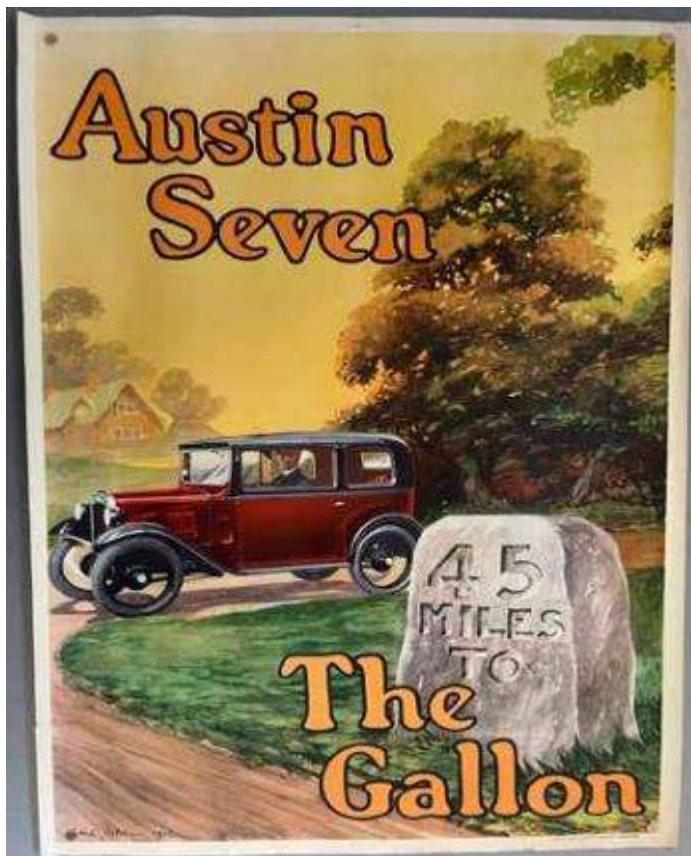
Friday was for us, exploring the beautiful Cotswold villages and we went to Bourton on the Water which is a place that is very special with its walk round miniature model village built in 1937 and still adding newer buildings in original Cotswold stone at a scale of about 1 to 20 (my guess). Unmissable for any tourists in this region. On leaving Bourton my granddaughters decided that on the return journey we should visit Diddly Squat! For those of you who do not read the Sunday Times this is a development of Jeremy Clarkson’s farm into an “Emporium of Edible Delights” which is not popular with local people. Having now seen it I can understand why. However, there were about six Austin Sevens there in the huge car park and a lot of families so perhaps it has some value to younger people. The day ended for us with the family deciding that the “Ceilidh Factor” being held in the



marquee in the evening was suitable to end the fun of the week. Brenda and I didn’t feel up to this, but the younger ones all went and reported that it was a fabulous evening during which they danced continuously and enjoyed quite a lot of liquid refreshment. They were happy to know that it was one of ScA7C’s contributions to the event.

Saturday was the big display day for the cars in lovely sunny weather. We spent the morning in the “Pop Up” Museum which in addition to the racing cars had an interesting series of displays upstairs.

In one room old films from the factory showed how various components of the A7’s were constructed by hand and reminded us how manufacturing took place in the days before robots and modern methods. The number of tradesmen and women employed and the speed at which they worked was phenomenal.



Another room presented “Art and the Seven” which covered everything from 1920’s catalogues, posters, and drawings up to splendid modern artists’ nostalgic images which are used for greetings cards, calendars, and jigsaws. I heard many people saying how much they enjoyed this display.

Some of the many trophies held in the Association Archive were on display in a third room where the beautiful Blue Monza Cup won in 1923 (yes, the first year of the A7) and the Autocar Trophy won in 1937 were two of the most impressive.

The other room contained a fascinating series of items. These included Stanley Edge's actual drawing board and tee square with one of his drawings on it. Whilst this was somewhat faded, it was visible and a fantastic souvenir of the very early days of our little cars. Other interesting historic stories, pictures and unusual components ensured a long stay here.

We moved for lunch back to the marquee again and as we sat eating we were keeping our eyes open for the



WW2 Spitfire fly-past which had been scheduled to come over. Suddenly from behind the trees at the edge of the site there was the roar of the Rolls Royce V12 Merlin engined plane racing over and fortunately for the photographers returning on a second run a few minutes later. For the oldies among us this was a very special moment.

As we carried out our last walk around the incredible selection of Austin Sevens, we were delighted by the Eureka Jazz Band playing at various checkpoints around the site during the afternoon. This band has played at many A7 anniversaries since 1972 and their selection of

Jazz from the 1930's was brilliantly played and enjoyed by all ages. My musically talented grandchildren in their early twenties were as enthusiastic about the music as those of four times their age much to my surprise and pleasure. What a lovely end to a joyous occasion.



During these few days we were delighted to meet again so many of our Scottish A7C friends that we had made during our twenty years in the club but had missed recently due to the pandemic and not having an A7 anymore. I haven't space here to mention all those we met up with at Moreton, but we would like to wish you all the best.

If readers haven't seen the magazines produced by the A7CA for the Rally - the Centenary Programme, the Exhibition Guide, and the Prescott Hill Climb programme, I strongly recommend that you find copies and read them in detail. I have found them very helpful when writing these notes and will close with a note of thanks to their authors. *Michael Pell*

Having acquired "OJ" four years ago, from Michael Pell, I have kept in touch, sending photographs, stories and adventures that I have had with "OJ", as I know how passionate Michael was about the car, he only sold it due to his health. The Centenary event provided us with a perfect opportunity to meet-up. At Prescott, Michael accompanied me on the hill climb, which was a fantastic experience for us both. Michael and Brenda owned "OJ" for over twenty years! and I'm sure that connecting with "OJ" again brought back many a fond memory for them both.

Allan Morrice from the Scottish Austin Seven Club "Meshing Point" magazine August 2022

Next Newsletter: Beaulieu Austin 7 59th
National Rally July 3rd 2022 and more Moreton
in the Marsh Memories!

FROM THE ARCHIVES - A MYSTERY CLUB FOR AUSTIN 7 OWNERS IN QUEENSLAND

Forms club for Austin 7 owners

A Queensland branch of the A7C (Austin Seven Club) of England has been affiliated with the English club.

It is proposed by the founder, Mr. F. W. Chapman, of 17 Shaftesbury Street, Ekibin, to hold sporting and social events for owners of small Austins and similar cars.

Mr. Chapman has called a meeting at his home for April 21, when a programme for the season will be discussed. A similar club has received excellent support in Melbourne.

I received an enquiry a week or so ago from Tony Press of the Victorian A7 club about an item that came from Tony Johns in the UK about the newspaper item adjacent.

One for the experts or longer memories? Have any of you heard of Mr. Chapman of Ekibin and his Qld. Austin 7 club in 1954 and what happened to it? I think someone told me many years ago there was an earlier club, but it failed due a lack of interest? I do not think there was any link to the previous Queensland Austin club which was around certainly in 1928 when they were holding social runs for owners of Austins and even produced a very nice (and heavy) bumper badge. (I have badge number 36 and Greg Riddel badge number 40. Greg says there was an Austin 7 residing in Ekibin in the 1960s.

The clipping came From the Brisbane Telegraph 2/4/1954 page 24.

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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 wanted item, PLEASE do tell the Editor.



FOR SALE 1927 Austin 7 Chummy in Restored Condition

Alan Couser has decided it is time to sell his 1927 Chummy. The car was professionally restored 20 plus years ago by Guthrie Crash Repairs for Ron and Joan Gliddon. but is still in excellent running order on club registration. The body is pale yellow with black mudguards (previously grey as seen in this photo) It has been in the club for many years. Asking price is \$16000 ONO. Please contact Alan on 0403 504 709 or (07) 3349 9628, Mansfield, Brisbane.

FOR SALE 1927 Austin 7 Chummy project car

Older members will remember Rob and Josie Wilke. Rob has a 1927 Chummy which he has been collecting parts for at least 40 years. Unfortunately, time has come for their house to be cleared which means that this and other cars must go. The Chummy has new tires and the body has been bead blasted and undercoated. I recollect it is a Holden body with the short scuttle. For details, please contact Doug and Robyn Clark who are helping the Wilkes clear the vehicles so the house can be sold. The body and other parts need to be extricated from storage with other vehicle parts. Please contact the Clarks on 3800 1965 for more details.

FOR SALE 1938 Austin 7 Ruby tourer (part restored)

Former member Don Macintyre met up with our club at the All British Day last month and tells us he wants to sell his 1938 Ruby which is in pieces but pretty much all there with a few extras.

Motor: there are two complete motors. There are two reground crankshafts and 4 matching rods that have been re metalled and ground to suit. There is a set of new 20 thou o/s. pistons

The body has been painted light blue with dark blue mudguards about 20 years ago by a retired spray painter. **The seats** were redone about 20 years ago but filled with foam rubber. The fronts are modified buckets from an Austin A30. Being a 1938 tourer, it has the sporty cut down doors which makes more comfortable driving

Lights and correct instruments are all there as well.

Wheels and tires: There is one set with 40-year-old tires and another full set of wheels that have been painted.

Spares: Don says there is 20 plastic boxes of spare parts which have been kept shut and everything is all together and been in dry storage and ready to inspect by any prospective buyer or buyers?

Gearboxes: there are two

Missing Hood (but there may be some bows?) and it will need to be all rewired as there is no harness!

Price \$8000 ono for car and all spares

If you want to know more, please ring Don and Jenny McIntyre on 0406 047 327

FOR SALE 1936 Austin 7 Tourer (restored)

The chassis no. is 283414 (which dates as 1938 according to Wyatt's Book) the miles on the speed are 61350. The colour is BRG. With black guards and new grey upholstery. It is a 4-seater. It runs quite well except for a bit of a flat spot in the carby.

The last previous owner passed away a few years ago. He spent a lot of money on it. Including a new wiring harness, 4 new tyres and had the differential overhauled. He also had the upholstery done as the original. The hood is in good condition and folds easily. Also has a full set of side curtains I believe that the clutch needs replacing and would like to do it myself, but health issues don't permit me. I live in Bowen and am asking \$15000 firm new owner to arrange for pick-up.

Regards Al. Anderson

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FOR SALE 1932 Austin 10/4 Deluxe Saloon 'The Duchess'



Bought new in New Zealand by a small-town garage owner, it was rescued from storage and completely restored in 1976-1980 by Peter Hobart, who then shipped it to the Gold Coast where Peter drove the car on rallies for about 6 years until Doug and Nancy Soden bought it. Nancy drove the car on several rallies till your Editor bought it in 1991 and after enjoying its use on club runs it was then sold to Daphne in 1998. Not driven since 2000 due to other interests. Long term storage in a dry garage but engine now seized and will need dismantling to inspect what must be done. (The engine was pulled down and the bottom end was re-metaled about 25 years ago and

driven on rallies before the car was laid up.) Gearbox is out of car, overhauled by Peter Baker. Diff has also been overhauled and is back in the car to move it about but has no oil in it. Fuel tank and radiator will need to be removed and professionally flushed out. Brakes, transmission, and other items need to be reconnected. Former club car for many years, having been owned by the Editor 1991 to 1998. Two tone blue with black interior. Some repairs Nice older restoration with sunroof, clock, luggage rack and indicators.



1100cc side valve motor with 4 speed crash gearbox. To be sold as is. Asking price \$12000 ONO. This grand old Lady (nicknamed "the Duchess") needs TLC but deserves saving! Potentially a nice car that has a bit more leg room than a Seven!

Please contact Daphne Bale on 0411 241 557. Car at Samford (just outside Brisbane)

FOR SALE 1934 Austin 7 "Opal' Roadster" (restored)



We have owned our Austin 7 since 1998, and have rallied it in from Tasmania to Bundaberg, including the Shannon's Rally in 2001, and the A7 National events in Mudgee in 2007 and the Barossa in 2012. An older restoration in dark green with black mudguards and tan interior. Car currently in Port Macquarie and for sale due to health concerns (the owner, not the car!).

Please contact Dawn Abell 0411 584 332 Port Macquarie. (Photo taken on the Bundaberg Rally in 2019) Asking \$18,000 ono. Included also is a box of spare parts

FOR SALE Box trailer to suit Austin 7

Tandem trailer to suit a short wheelbase Austin 7, internal dimensions 3.9 m. long x 1.8 m. wide by 1.74 m. high, overall length from the tow hitch to the tailgate is 5.32 m. Steel rear door doubles as loading ramp, floor all steel with built in tie points.



Fitted with over rider brakes on all 4 wheels. Has solar panels for the internal lights, and 240-volt power outlet. Asking Price \$13,500 For exact details, please contact Trevor & Bev McCulloch (ph. 0409 637 290), email

bevandtrev7@bigpond.com Trailer located at Perwilloween, near Nambour.



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