



NEWSLETTER April 2015

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



Back on the road again, Alan Cousers 1927 Chummy at Nudgee Beach

Dear Members

It is amazing but the strange weather continues as we have had visits from two tropical Cyclones, Marci and Nathan, who visited not once but twice! We are lucky there was no loss of life, unlike what Cyclone Pam did to poor little Vanuatu, in the nearby Pacific. It is unfortunate that people in the Jambin area were flooded by an ill planned release of flood water, and now we are in another heat wave, as Easter approaches. Still we can repair houses and fences and thanks to the resilience of the human spirit and the kindness of others it appears that many of the victims are able to resume their lives back a certain level of normality.

One of the best stories I heard was from Vanuatu where an ex pat American had one of his local native gardeners show up after the cyclone helping to clear his yard of debris, he asked him how his own family had fared, the gardener told him his house was smashed completely and they had no food, so the ex pat offered half of his larder to the gardeners family, the gardener refused to take it and would only accept two tins of sardines saying that should feed his family for two days!

Aren't people amazing!

A final word, you will see mention of a proposed trip to Cape York being staged by Lang and Bev Kidby, all Austin Sevens are invited to join them, it will be a trip that will be well worth considering as a significant event in the Historic motoring world.

Editor Tim

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The A7RQ Inc. On Line

We have a web site which you can view at <http://austin7.org.au/>. Here you can find past newsletters, rally reports and a regularly updated list of events.

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

<http://austin7.org.au/>

& <http://www.shannons.com.au/club/carclubs/austin-seven-register-of-qld/>

& Facebook Austin7 Register of Qld Inc.



AUSTIN 7 REGISTER OF QLD. CLUB EVENTS

Sunday 15th March 2015:

Please note a change in the starting point - now from Veteran Car Club clubrooms, Carindale

A7 Register Rally. President's Rally organised by John Que (ph. 0409 893 305). BYO Morning Tea & Lunch.

Morning Tea will be at Doug & Robyn's house, Boronia Heights. Rally destination and lunch will be at Ron & Daphne Toy's house, Stockleigh - to check out their latest projects and workshop. Members have a choice to either proceed directly to Doug & Robyn's house for around 9.45am or travel in convoy departing the Club grounds, Carindale at 9.00am.

Sunday 12th April 2015:

A7 Register Rally. Rally organised by Trevor & Elaine Moore (ph. 3848 5575). Rally details TBA

Saturday 9th May 2015:

A7 Register Rally. Rally organised by Ian & Valda Mc Dowell (ph. 3803 2835). Rally details TBA

Sunday 14th June 2015:

A7 Register Rally. Winter Fun Run organised by Grant & Jacki Preddy (ph. 0488 375 804). Rally to commence at 9.00am. Rally details to be provided on the day. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch

Sunday 12th July 2015:

A7 Register Rally. RACQ Motorfest. Static display from 10.00am to 3.00pm at Eagle Farm Racecourse. A7 members to meet in Hamilton Hotel Carpark for departure to Motorfest entry or make own travel arrangements to venue.

Members to make own arrangements re. registration etc.

Sunday 12th July 2015:

A7 Register Rally. Breakfast at Mowbray Park, Lytton Road, East Brisbane commencing at 8.00am organised by Brett & Amanda Wilson (ph. 0402 143 420). BYO Breakfast (on site electric BBQ)

Saturday 15th August 2015:

A7 Register Rally. A7 Club Weekend Rally organised by Justin McKeering (ph. 0439 712 731) commencing from Club Room, Carindale at 9.00am and to finish at Club Room, Carindale for BYO BBQ Lunch. Rally to Bay area and return.

BYO Morning Tea & BBQ Lunch.

Sunday 16th August 2015:

A7 Register Rally. A7 Club Weekend Static Display at C.T.White Park, Kangaroo Point organised by Robyn Clark (ph. 3800 1965). Static Display to commence at 9.00am. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch. Display to conclude around 1.30pm.

Sunday 13th September 2015:

Optional/Informal A7 Register Rally: Details TBA

Sunday 20th September 2015: A7 Register Rally. All British Day at Vivian Street, Tennyson from 8.30am to 2.00pm.

Display Cars - \$15 with metal Souvenir Badge. No pre-booking required. Contact Trevor Moore (ph. 3848 5575) for details. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch. Food also available at venue. A7 members to make own arrangements re. travel, registration (on arrival) etc. Those wishing to travel as group to meet at Trevor & Elaine Moore's residence, Yeronga, for departure to venue at 8.00am.

Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th October 2015:

A7 Register Rally. LAMAI Weekend Rally organised by the Lockyer Antique Motor Association Inc. commencing from Gatton. Contact LAMAI Secretary, Jim Scott (ph. 4615 5802) or Trevor Moore (ph. 3848 5575) for details. A7 members to make own arrangements re travel, accommodation, registration etc.

Sunday 11th October 2015:

Optional/Informal A7 Register Rally. Details TBA.

Sunday 15th November 2015:

A7 Register Rally. Rally organized by Alan Couser (ph. 0403 504 709) Details TBA.

Sunday 13th December 2015:

A7 Register Rally. A7 Club Christmas Lunch. Venue TBA. Commencing at 10.00am. Lunch organized by Robyn Clark (ph. 3800 1965). BYO Morning Tea & Lunch. A7 members to make own arrangements re travel.

INVITATION RALLIES AND SWAP MEETS

4th April 2015:

Easter in the Country Rally organised by the Roma Historical Motor Club. Event to be held at Roma, Queensland. For details phone 0433 144 525. Members to make own arrangements regards travel, accommodation & registration.

2nd & 3rd May:

Tweed Valley Vehicle Restorers Club Invitation Rally. Contact Trevor Moore (ph. 3848 5575) for details. A7 members to make own arrangements re travel, registration etc.

Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th May:

Truck Show organised by the Heritage Truck Association Australia Inc. to be held at Rocklea Show Grounds from 8.00am. For details contact Phyllis Davies (ph. 0417 002 386).

Sunday 17th May:

National Motoring Heritage Day. Drive and display your historic vehicle, have a fun day and “share the passion” with the public. Queens Park, Ipswich. Promoted by the QHMC. Contact our events organiser or the QHMC at president@qhmc.org.au or ring 07 3260 6197 (after hours only).

Sunday 17th May Lockyer Swap Meet

Sunday 31st May: Brisbane Swap Meet - New Location - Carina State School corner Creek Road and Cuthred Street, CARINA. Gates open at 6.30am - \$10 Swap site including driver, \$5 per person. Ph.: Graham 0407 257 440, John 0412 124 980 or Robert 0421 565 20

Saturday 6th June 10am-4pm **Sunday 7th 8am-2pm 2015** Old Petrie Town Steam Fair, Dayboro Road, Petrie.

Traction Engines, Steam Rollers, Vintage Petrol Engines, Vintage Cars, Trucks and Buses, and much more.

The Famous Old Petrie Town Markets will be in full swing

Enquiries: livesteam001@yahoo.com.au

Website: <http://queenslandsteamandvintagemachinerysociety.org.au/https://www.facebook.com/groups/484413701704670/> 6th - 8th June

Saturday 6th to Monday 8th June QHMC Rally at Pittsworth, see back page of last A7 newsletter or website

www.qhmc.org.au

Sunday 28th June:

Vintage Car Club Static Display at Ormiston House, Ormiston commencing at 10.00am.

Saturday 6th to Monday 8th June Goondiwindi Planes, Trains, Automobiles and Bikes Festival – Goondiwindi Customs House, includes race between Model T fords and the Steam Train! All Enquiries 0409 820 013

18th & 19th July 2015: 15th Annual Old Wheels In Motion Rally & Swap Meet at Biloela, Central Queensland

Organised by the Callide Dawson Machinery Preservation Club Inc. For information contact CDMPC Secretary, Cindy Cooper ph. (07)4992 2400.

Saturday 11th to Sunday 19th July ‘The Original’ Gold Coast Swap Meet Mudgeeraba

Saturday 25 July Nambour Swap Meet

Saturday 1 August Rockhampton Swap Meet

9th August: The Original Chev Swap Meet at Rocklea Showgrounds.

12th -16th August: Northern Rivers Vintage & Veteran Car Club Annual Weekend Rally at Italo Sport & Recreation Club, Lismore. Contact Norm Clapham (ph. 02 66215767 or 0429 115 767) for details.

Saturday 15 August Glenwood Swap Meet

Sunday 30th August 2015: Jimboomba Auto Extravaganza at Maclean Bridge from 6.00am. Swap Meet & Vehicle Show Organized by the Queensland Early Ford V-8 Club. Contact 3341 9618 for more details.

Sunday 30 August Auto Extravaganza & Swap Meet Jimboomba QLD

Saturday 12 September Gympie Swap Meet

Sunday 13 September Beaudesert Swap Meet

Saturday 26th September 2015: Bedford Trucks and John Deere Tractors - organised by The Historic Commercial Vehicle Association to be held at Gatton Showgrounds. For Details Contact Mark & Donna 07 5546 7050.

Minutes of Past A7RQ Meetings

Austin Seven Register of Qld Inc.

Meeting No 533 – 13th February 2015

Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale



The President John Que welcomed everyone and declared the meeting opened at 7.50pm.

Attendance:

The attendance book was signed by 25 members, and 3 visitors. (Lang & Bev Kidby and Crystal Logan)

Apologies:

Brett Wilson, Mike & Kathy McGuill, Howell Whitehouse, Graham & June Gleadhill, Karyn Matthew & Peter Goldsworthy.

Previous Minutes:

The minutes of the January Meeting were read and the Secretary moved that they be accepted as a true and correct record. Seconded by Tim Braby. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes: – Nil

Correspondence:

OUT Nil

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Magazines from other clubs as tabled

Membership Application from Will Knapp, Kingsthorpe

Parts payment from Ted Bale

Receipt from Veteran Car Club re club rooms hire.

Advertising Brochures

29th March Bayside Swap

17th May MacLean's Bridge Sports & Classic Car Festival, Logan Campus of the Griffith University

The Secretary moved that the inward correspondence be accepted as read.

Seconded Neil Thyer.

Business Arising from Correspondence:

Will Knapp membership be accepted. Carried

Treasure's Report:

Our Treasurer Amanda read her report on the club finances and asked for it to be accepted. Seconded, Alan Couser. Carried.

Queensland Historic Motoring Council Report:

John stated that there was nothing of interest to us discussed at this meeting.

Spare Parts Report:

Trevor Moore discussed Fabric Universals and how to replace them.

Second Hand Parts: Nil

Events Organizer:

Neil Thyer advised us of the following runs

15th February - Valentine's Day Rally. Lindsay Jordan to organize. Meet Centenary Pool 9am. BYO M/T & Lunch. Finish at Nudgee Beach.

15th March - Presidents Rally. Have been invited to Ron Toy's for lunch to join the Austin Car Club. Morning Tea at Boronia Heights.

12th April - to be organized by Trevor & Elaine Moore.

9th May (Saturday - to be organized by Ian & Valda McDowell

Other Events:

29th March Bayside Club Swap, Ormiston School

3-6th April Austins over Australia, Devonport, Tasmania.

3-6th April NQ QHMC Rally, Cairns

3rd May David Hack Classic, Toowoomba airport

16-17th May Heritage Truck Show, Rocklea Showgrounds (Club invited)

17th May National Motoring Heritage Day, Queens Park, Ipswich.

6-8th June Planes, Trains & Automobiles, Goondiwindi

6-8th June RACQ QHMC Rally, Pittsworth

12th July RACQ Motorfest, Eagle Farm Racecourse

20th September All British Day, Tennyson.

Rally Reports – Past Events:

Full reports in newsletter

New Year Breakfast for the club well attended (20 people) Russel Curtis had his Saloon on a trailer and Ian & Valda had their Van taken home on a Tilt tray truck.

Bayside Australia Day Rally – Over 500 cars attended on a very HOT day. Trevor, Alan & Doug helped cook over 18kg of sausages, while Elaine & Robyn sold raffle tickets.

Web Master Report:

Neil reported on behalf of Mike stating everything was up to date with the club website.

Library Report:

The book, We and the Baby by Ian Itter. It was discussed if the club should buy it, \$30-00

2017 A7 Rally Report:

John had attended Toowoomba Swap and visited a few places while there like Spring Bluff Station to see if anything was suitable for the rally.

General Business:

Our visitors Lang & Bev Kidby have bought an A7 in New Zealand and plan on a trip to Cape York recreating the first Austin 7 to go there.

Club invited to display cars at Heritage Truck Show 16-17th May

Report on Cars and/or Car troubles:

Alan Couser has his Yellow A7 back on the road after 5 years.

Birthdays:

Members having a birthday in February were wished all the best.

Raffle:

Valda had a Valentine Raffle prize, and sold tickets.

Sick members were wished a speedy return to good health.

Supper Organiser:

Thank you Judy for tonight's supper.

John Que volunteered for March supper.

Rhonda Guthrie for May.

Committee Meeting:

TBA

Next Meeting:

13th March. Apologies for this meeting Alan Couser, Lindsay Jordan, Ross & Rhonda Guthrie.

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 8.40 pm.

Austin Seven Register of Qld Inc.,

Meeting No 534 – 13th March 2015

Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale.

The meeting was open at 7.48pm by the President John Que welcoming everyone.

Attendance:

The attendance book was signed by 22 members.

Apologies:

Alan Couser, Lindsay Jordan, Ross & Rhonda Guthrie, Mike & Kathy McGuill, Ted Bale and Merv Thompson.

Previous Minutes:

The minutes of the February Meeting were read and the Secretary moved that they be accepted as a true and correct record. Seconded by Trevor Moore. Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes:

John has purchased the books, "We and the Baby", "Herbert Austin his Life Story", and "Austin the Old Man".

Correspondence – OUT:

Newsletter, Parts Book & 2015 Register.

Correspondence – IN:

Newsletters from other clubs as tabled

A7 Parts for sale, Bulla Victoria.

Phone call from Will Knapp re his purchase of a 1929 Chummy from SA.

19th April Auto Spectacular, Show & Swap Meet, Willowbank Raceway.

16th – 26th July Jumpers & Jazz Festival, Warwick.

22nd-23rd August Auto Spectacular, Cairns

Qld Auto Museum, Toowoomba

Invoice for hall rent from the Veteran Car Club.



The Secretary moved that the inward correspondence be accepted and the outward endorsed. Seconded by Rodney Sims. Carried.

Business Arising from Correspondence:

Hall rent to be paid. Moved by Amanda Wilson, seconded by Trevor Moore. Carried

Treasurer's Report:

Our Treasurer read the report on the club finances and asked for it to be accepted. Seconded by Neil Thyer. Carried.

Queensland Historic Motoring Council Report: NIL

Spare Parts Report:

An order for Head Gaskets has been sent, and Trevor will be ordering 10 compensating jets to be made.

Aluminium Diff Housing on EBay.

Second Hand Parts Report:

Doug stated that the Pick & Pay will be opened on Sunday.

Events Organiser:

Neil Thyer advised us of the following runs.

15th March Presidents Run - Meet at clubrooms 9am or make own way to Boronia Heights for M/T. Directions to Ron Toys place will be handed out. Meet Austin Car Club for lunch there and inspect Ron's collection.

12th April - Trevor & Elaine Moore. Meet Centenary Pool 9am.

9th May (Saturday) - Ian & Valda McDowell

14th June - Winter Fun Run, Grant & Jackie Preddy

Other Events:

3rd-6th April Austins over Australia, Tasmania. (Merv & Margaret Thompson going)

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20th Sept All British Day

Rally Reports - Past Events:

Report on Valentine Day Rally organised by Lindsay. Janette Sims has written report for newsletter. (10 Austin 7's present on the day)

Web Master Report:

Mike absent, so Neil reported everything up to date.

Library Report:

Alan Couser away. John will hold books until his return

Editors Report:

Tim Braby reported everything OK. Will wait for report on Sundays run, for the newsletter

2017 A7 Rally Report:

John reminded us it will be 2 years next month, for the rally. He had spent 2 hours following brown signs around Toowoomba looking for new places of interest to visit.

General Business: Discussion of D shackles and chains on trailers etc. Neil and Brett stated this is a rumour if you look on the internet, and the RACQ newsletter. John had been to a Field Day at Willowbank and disagrees. Will be looked into to see if Australian Standard is sufficient or not.

Report on Car and/or Car Troubles: Nil

Birthdays:

Members with a birthday in March were wished Happy Returns.

Raffle:

Valda had tickets for sale with an Easter Raffle prize.

Sick members were wished a speedy return to good health.

Supper Organiser:

Thank you John for tonight's supper.

Robyn & Doug - April

Rhonda Guthrie - May

Committee Meeting - TBA

Next Meeting:

10th April 2015-03-17

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 8.43pm.

Robyn



News of Members and cars

Firstly I am happy to tell you that I have heard from some of our members in Rockhampton after Cyclone Marcia came blasting thru their neighbourhood. Sue and Brian Clancy and Ken Burton report that the power, including phone and internet was off for a week, but there was no structural damage to either of their properties and toy sheds, but there was plenty of cleaning up to do. The Clancys were lucky to be able to live off the generator in their motor home.

Brian and Lynne Callahan have sold their 1935 Roadster, a West Australian enthusiast snapped it up and it travelled in comfort via transport across the continent.

It is also nice to note that Brian and Rita have also sold their 1929 Ace and 1934 Nippy plus trailer, all are staying local but have gone to separate homes.

Sorry to new member William Knapp who wanted to buy a Chummy, I got his mobile number wrong, it should be 0423 699 847. You may be interested to know that Will has already bought a nice red Chummy from SA.

Interesting to talk to the owners of a nicely restored (and now rare) Austin 8hp tourer on the Presidents run at Ron and Daphne Toy's place. The owners had just purchased the car from Bellerive, Hobart, via Gumtree!! So there seems to be a healthy interest in buying and selling the earlier Austins.

It is also very nice to see that Alan Couser was able to get his 1927 Chummy back on the road, just before leaving on holiday to visit his family in Hobart.

In our Classified Section you will see that Brett and Amanda Wilson have to sell their cars as Brett is no longer able work on them as he is now confined to a wheel chair due to complications with his back. Unfortunately this situation will not improve and we can only hope that Brett's discomfort can be alleviated in the future as he and Amanda have been a very welcome addition to our club for several years now with their little two toned blue 1930 Roadster and their wonderful happy go lucky attitude.

Intrepid international adventurers Lang and Bev Kibny have just joined our ranks, and were all set to buy a Chummy from NZ, but the deal was not meant to happen, but luckily it seems they have found another Chummy closer to home, Brisbane in fact, so hopefully the Trip to Cape York will still be ALL GO!!!!!!



John Pizzey- A life passion for the Austin marque

Following a short but tough fight with cancer we were informed by his daughter Rozi that John had passed away.

John was only 69 and leaves behind a loving family.

Rozi tells his story:-

"He actually began a lifelong love affair with Austin's of all kinds when his dad Jack Pizzey, who was Minister for Police, Education, and Aboriginal and Islander affairs, and later, the Premier of Queensland (in 1968), would drive from Childers to Brisbane each week in his Austin A40 for parliamentary sittings, and drive all the way back for weekends with the family, before they moved to Brisbane. Dad has very fond memories of drives with his own dad in the Austin.

We have all kinds of Austins here at the farm. A30, A40, A90, Austin 7, Austin trucks. You name it, we have it, all in various stages of restoration. Unfortunately dad didn't realise his dream of complete restorations, but boy oh boy he loved getting his hands dirty tinkering in his shed, working on his beloved Austins, imagining how amazing they would be when finished.

He was restoring his Austin 7 Ute - it was called 'the Beaut'"

'This pic was taken in my lounge room. His new wheels had just been delivered, and was listening to the theme of Route 66 played by Nelson Riddle.'

"Dad had a lifelong love affair with Austins of all kinds, and I'm sure he would wish you all happy, safe, and fun driving in the future."

Glad you like the pic. It is a fond memory of Dad for me and Mum."

"Rozi."



Our kindest condolences to his wife Helen, their children Bob, Annette and Rozi and their families. A Celebration of Life for John was held at Tewantin on the 27th of February.

The “We and the Baby – Revisited” Book

This is the story of a pioneering trip made by two New Zealanders to the top of Australia on Cape York in a 1928 Baby Austin car. This little car, called Emily made the journey in 1929 and it was this trip, and his recollections of the journey that (Captain) Hector MacQuarrie wrote of so entertainingly in several instalments for the ‘Sydney Mail’



Following the completion of this trip, the little car was afterwards sold to a resident of Thursday Island, a Mrs. Vidgen daughter of the great Frank Jardine of Jardine’s Inlet. It was with difficulty that the Austin agents bought the car back again, so attached was Mrs. Vidgen to the tiny car, the car was then put on show in Sydney and afterwards presented by the Austin agents to Mr. Hector MacQuarrie and Mr. Richard Matthews. The original Baby Austin (*Emily*) which made the arduous trip now rests beneath the waves, with the wrecked ship ‘The Tahiti’

Written by Hector MacQuarrie

Price \$40 Aus. plus postage. This book is not a reprint of the original book, but a transcript of a series of articles published in the Sydney Mail of 1929, with acknowledged excerpts from the book “Little Wheels”, with photos from that book and a

few extras about the car and the travellers. 154 pages.

You can order this book and others by Ian Itter about Herbert Austin and Wolseley from Ian J. Itter at ianitter.com

Note: The club has purchased several copies and has one in the library. This book has arrived at an appropriate time as Lang and Bev Kidby as planning their own trip to Cape York in an Austin Seven Chummy. See the article on page 9.

News of Interest from the QHMC

VEHICLE REGISTRATION – CTP CLASS

Be aware that when changing from full registration to SIVS, or vice versa, it is necessary to ensure that the CTP class is also changed to match the registration type.

Fully registered passenger vehicles (other than those for hire) are Class 1 while SIVS vehicles are Class 5.

If you change to SIVS registration and leave the CTP as Class 1, the fee charged will be considerably higher than if Class 5 had been applied.

If you change from SIVS to full registration, the CTP class must change to Class 1.

This change may not be made automatically as it relies on the DTMR customer service officer remembering to do it.

The vehicle’s CTP class is shown on the vehicle registration papers. If your vehicle has the incorrect CTP class applied you need to contact DTMR immediately to have it changed. Note: Changes to CTP class can only be made by DTMR.

There is no facility for automatic refunds of overpayments resulting from such errors. Each case must be investigated and assessed individually.

If you have any doubt about the correct cost of your vehicle’s registration, it can be checked by following this link:

<https://www.service.transport.qld.gov.au/eQuote/eQuote.jsp>, enter vehicle details and then elect concession as ‘Special Interest vehicles’ for SIVS or ‘no concession’ for full registration. For CTP Insurance select ‘Class 5 – Vintage’ for SIVS or ‘Class 1’ for full registration.

Certification of imported vehicles prior to first Australian registration.

For vehicles made prior to 1969 (pre ADR) certification for a “blue plate” by an “Approved Person” is no longer required and the necessary vehicle standards requirements will be assessed by an Approved Examiner during the normal Qld DTMR Safety Certificate inspection.

Australian Passenger Motor Vehicle Registrations from 1926 to 1939

Year	1926	1927	1928	1929	1930	1931	1932	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939
Ford	8,580	6,762	6,127	8,692	5,028	1,433	1,666	2,574	5,201	6,417	7,496	8,303	7,452	5,279
Chev	11,383	14,253	13,003	10,526	4,717	1,647	1,264	1,842	4,140	7,812	9,689	10,088	8,918	7,191
Morris	3,800	4,574	2,979	2,964	1,478	536	550	573	614	1,014	1,748	3,757	4,716	3,190
Austin	-	-	-	-	1,194	522	416	704	679	1,419	1,828	2,913	3,449	3,073

Source “Beneath the Bonnet”, by J.D.Beruldsen, Publ. Longman Cheshire, for Federation of Automotive Products Manufacturers Canberra 1989

Unfortunately there are no figures for Austin cars in the 1920s as they were included under “other US and UK” but we could assume the number would be similar to that for Morris. Interesting to see the effect of the Great Depression in the lean years from 1930 to 1934, followed by a rapid expansion in sales before the War. Austin was generally ranked 7th in sales, except for 1935 when it was 5th. Ford and Chevrolet swapped places for 1st and 2nd regularly. Most cars in Australia were primarily of North American Origin, (including Ford of Canada) but nearly all were of about 60% local content including bodies, tires, upholstery and batteries.

Editor Tim

AUSTIN 7 TRIBUTE TRIP TO CAPE YORK



In late July, early August, Lang and Bev Kidby are driving a 1928 Austin 7 Chummy to Cape York as a tribute to Hector MacQuarrie's first ever car trip to the Cape in a similar vehicle (and to have some fun). They are used to organising such trips, see the web site www.next-horizon.org

They would be more than happy to have other Austin 7 owners join them on the trip. It is about 1,000km from Cairns (the start point) to Cape York. Most of this is on reasonably good, if at times corrugated, road. Daily distances should not exceed 300km often much less and the 2 week period will give plenty of time to smell the roses along the way. We will follow MacQuarrie's route through beautiful Lakeland National Park.

No other makes, support vehicles or camp followers! This is an Austin 7 trip so leave your car and trailer in Cairns. This means a light swag or pup tent although there are several opportunities to book overnight accommodation along the way. Fuel is available at reasonable distances.

You will be responsible for everything as it is not a tour but a group of individuals with a common interest. Lang and Bev will sort out the route, advise on maps, stopping places etc. Some camp sites require pre-booking so they will do that.

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14 February 2015

PAST RALLY REPORTS



Trains, Boats and Planes – romantic travel to exotic places

The Austin 7 Valentine's Day run commenced at 9am from Centenary Pool and love was definitely in the air as we had a very nice roll up of 10 Austin 7s (Tim Braby, Doug & Robyn Clark, Alan Couser, Lindsay Jordan & Sharon, Duncan & Crystal Logan, Trevor & Elaine Moore, Ian & Valda McDowell, Justin McKeering, Matt, Martin & Trent Potts and Rod & Janette Sims) along with Merv & Margaret Thompson in their Austin Freeway and Ron & Daphne Toy in their

Austin Healy Sprite. In moderns were, Peter & Gail Cahalane, Mike & Kathy McGuill, John Que, Neil Thyer & Karyn and Howell Whitehouse. Also in attendance for the fun and frivolity were Lang & Bev Kidby in their Fiat Spider and nice to welcome them along on the run.

In the carpark prior to the rally departure, usual car discussions and a replacement carby jet fitted to Justin's baby, a quick test run and then Lindsay called a start to the rally.



A pleasant run through the Roma Street Parklands observing the wonderful gardens, past Roma Street Station and continuing through Fortitude Valley onto Kingsford-Smith Drive. It really wouldn't be a run if there wasn't an issue with an Austin 7 – keeps us on our toes and reminds us all that whilst we think these beauties are perfect, apparently they aren't (well not quite).....so for those who missed the action, our Big 7 ute cut out at a set of lights and had to be pushed across a busy Kingsford-Smith Drive intersection and into a side street out of the



way.

Didn't take long for the ute to get going again and catch up to the other vehicles who were finding a carpark for the morning tea stop at Northshore Riverside Park. Everyone enjoyed the stop for a cuppa, the confectionery treats handed around and the ambience of the area at this stretch of the Brisbane River with a great boardwalk and City Cats cruising past (unfortunately no cruise liners present). We were back on the road again at 10:30am heading past the airport terminals to the 'plane spotters' location to watch planes take-off and land along with many aircraft enthusiasts.



After this short stop we were on our way heading northbound on the M1 towards the Sunshine Coast to the lunch stop at Nudgee Beach Reserve with views of the Bay and Moreton Island. We arrived at approximately 11:35am and it was an impressive line-up 10 Austin 7s and 2 Austins. All in all it was an enjoyable rally and the surroundings at Nudgee Beach Reserve were relaxing and time for lots of chatter, catching up and lunch.

Then it was time to head for homeOur ute must have known we were homeward bound as it did not miss a beat and we were hotly followed by Ian & Valda, Alan in his Chummy (having its first run for some time), and Doug & Robyn. Alan's Chummy was running exceptionally well, overtaking Ian & Valda on the southern approach to the



Gateway Bridge and anyone else he could. Received many respectful looks, waves and toots as we travelled along. A special thanks to Lindsay and Sharon for organizing the day and providing an excellent run sheet for the navigators. Another well organized and extremely well attended run. Thanks to all who came in support of the monthly Club run and it is days like this that make the Austin Seven Register of Qld Inc. what it is and hoping that the trains, boats and planes inspired you to book that romantic travel to exotic places -- it is never too late.

Rod & Janette Sims

The Presidents Southside Run to the Clarks and the Toys - President's Run

The President's run commenced from the Veteran Car Clubrooms at Carindale. The run to morning tea went via Rochedale, Runcorn and Sunnybank to Boronia Heights.

Most members took the opportunity to go direct to Doug and Robyn Clarks' residence at Boronia Heights. There was



five Austin Sevens on the run which was down from last month's high attendance of ten cars. The longest driven were Duncan Logan in his Sports from the Sunshine Coast and Justin Mc McCarthy from Bribie Island. Some members had their first viewing of Doug's scale model of Tom Kruse's 1936 Leyland Badger Truck used on the Birdsville track and his Mini project.

Close to home were Rod and Janette Sims in their utility, Ian and Valda McDowall in their van and Doug and Robyn Clark in their sports. Merv and Margaret Thompson were in their Austin Freeway station sedan. The run after morning tea was via Boronia Heights, Greenbank, North Maclean and Stockleigh. Most of the run had large acreage blocks.

In moderns were Trevor and Elaine Moore, Neil Thyer, Tim Braby, Mike and Kathy McGuill, Brett and Amanda Wilson, Justin McKeering and new member Will Knapp. Will recently bought a 1929 Chummy and came down from Kingsthorpe near Toowoomba to see other sevens and obtain some information. Judging by photos, Will's red chummy will be a great addition to the club.

At Toys shed, members inspected Ron and Daphne's extensive collection of restored and unrestored trucks including some Austin trucks.

Outside the shed was the Toy's blue Seven sports, and beside it was their maroon 29 chummy. Also there was their original Austin 12/4 and the resemblance to the Seven was clearly evident.



We were joined by members and cars from the Austin Motor Vehicle Club. There was a wide range of cars including Austin A30's, Austin Lancer, Morris Major, Austin Princess, A40 van, Austin A40 and a nice red 1940s Austin 8

Tourer that was just brought up from Tasmania only a few weeks before.



Ron and Doug easily started two of the early trucks. A green Leyland with solid rubber tyres and a later orange Thornycroft. It is great to see and hear the sound of early engines going. Ron with Kathy's

assistance turned a winch handle to demonstrate how the tipping body worked on the Thornycroft. No hydraulics here.

Regrettably these trucks probably carried a much higher proportion of Australian made machinery, groceries and farm produce then compared to the quantity carried now.

It was good to meet with members of the other Qld Austin club and see their cars. After lunch, it was time to go and everyone headed for home.

I would like to thank Doug and Robyn Clark and Ron and Daphne Toy for providing their residences and vehicles for viewing. Also thanks to members for attending.

John

A REQUEST FROM THE UK

Stephen Wright is a member of the Vintage Austin Register of Great Britain and is chasing a set of the correct wheels for his 1911 Austin 15. The Austin 15 was built from 1911/13 with a 2864cc four cylinder motor. He writes



Dear Tim,

I am a member of the Vintage Austin Register in the UK and am looking for some Austin Sankey wheels for my 1911 Austin 15. I wonder if you could put an ad in your newsletter for me. Any help would be appreciated and wheels in any condition would be considered. The wheel takes an 815 x 105 BE tire. I have included a photo of an Austin Sankey wheel with the correct centre although it has been fitted into a 1920s 21inch Austin wheel, these are what are on my car now. The correct wheels will look the same at the centers but will have slightly larger and beaded edge rims giving a larger tire diameter. As you can see they do not fit

with studs but are clamped onto a row of what look like gear teeth. The central hole fits snugly on the hub. I live in Heswall which is half way between Chester and Liverpool.

Many thanks

STEPHEN WRIGHT
brackendale21@talktalk.net

I believe this is a photo of Stephen's Austin 12 at a WWI commemoration at Brooklands last year. The aircraft is a SE5a Scout, of the type that were actually made in the Austin Factory during WW1.



THE SATNAV - by Pam Ayres

I have a little Satnav,
It sits there in my car
A Satnav is a driver's friend,
It tells you where you are.
I have a little Satnav,
I've had it all my life
It's better than the normal ones,
My Satnav is my wife.
It gives me full instructions,
Especially how to drive
"It's sixty miles an hour", it says,
"You're doing sixty five".
It tells me when to stop and start,
And when to use the brake
And tells me that it's never ever,
Safe to overtake.
It tells me when a light is red,
And when it goes to green
It seems to know instinctively,
Just when to intervene.

It lists the vehicles just in front,
And all those to the rear
And taking this into account,
It specifies my gear.
I'm sure no other driver,
Has so helpful a device
For when we leave and lock the car,
It still gives its advice.
It fills me up with counselling,
Each journey's pretty fraught
So why don't I exchange it,
And get a quieter sort?
Ah well, you see, it cleans the house,
Makes sure I'm properly fed
It washes all my shirts and things,
And keeps me warm in bed!
Despite all these advantages,
And my tendency to scoff,
I only wish that now and then,
I could turn the bugger off.



Austin Over Australia 2015 – 4 Chummies in a row
Photo sent by Margaret and Merv Thompson- write up next newsletter

Austin Seven Classifieds

Sell New Ruby Austin 7 radiator core never used \$375.00 no top or bottom tanks. Contact Trevor Moore 07 38485575

Wanted 1928-30 Bonnet or panels to suit 1928 (?) Roadster. Contact David Barnett Esq. 07 3398 1174

ALSO FOR SALE BY A CLUB MEMBER

Austin 1949 truck x 1 rolling chassis, engine runs well, new valves, gear box rebuilt, new radiator, part restored make an offer for photos email me and I send you some. bawilson@optusnet.com.au

1934 Vauxhall ASX dicky seat coup hard top, very rare car, all mechanicals are done, need paint and timber and upholstery. 161 ASX Vauxhalls made in 1934 only 4 are known to survive, this is one of 2 we know of in dicky seat coup hard top, so rare car. Asking \$9k

1947 H model sedan Vauxhall Wyvern, on club plates only done 100 miles in the last 8 years, great club car. \$10k

Brett is now in a wheelchair to get about, so he is now unable to anything with his automobiles.

If interested in any of the above please contact

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Photos from the Archives - Hopes Body Works - Brisbane

Charles Hope started life as a blacksmiths apprentice from the Cotswolds' in the UK, he moved to Australia and started



business in 1925 in Lismore by hand forging replacement leaf springs, and by 1929 he had businesses in Sydney and Brisbane. The firm's slogan was "Hope's

Springs Eternal".

The manager Charles Niblett left about this to join up with John Storey to form National Motor Springs in 1930 to take advantage of a new tariff on imported vehicle road springs, later becoming the first company to manufacture a coiled road spring in the country. It may have been about this time that Charles Hope then formed the Hope Body Works at Wandoo Street, Fortitude Valley, while still carrying on the spring business.

Besides repairing smashed cars and repairing springs Hopes built roadster, touring, and utility bodies on Austin 7, 10s, and Big sevens., and similar Morris Cars. They also built ambulance bodies for the QATB on larger Austin 12s and 16s. They appear to have switched over to building the "Silent Knight" cold flame refrigerator, first it ran off kerosene but this proved dangerous and many a home owner came home to a "black wall" in the kitchen, later they switched to electrical power.

Charles Hope later wrote a book about his early days and later ventures called "Hope Springs Eternal". Years ago I found this book at the library and read it and would love to buy or borrow a copy to reread.

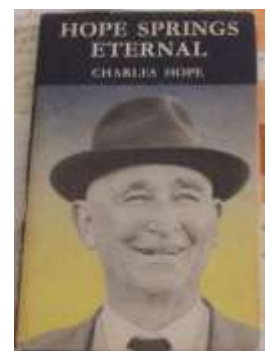
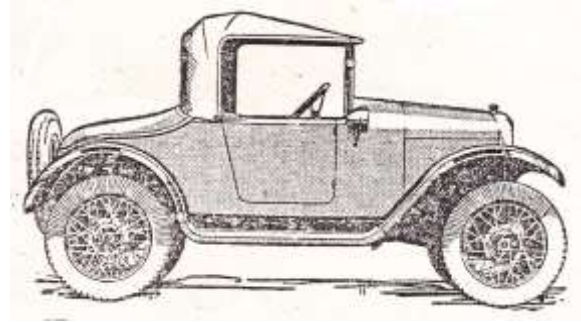


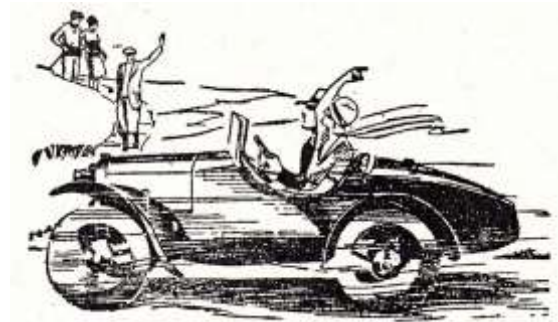
Photo on the page before is the Repair Division where they also offer camping body and utility conversions on older vehicles, a towing service along with their own chrome plating section. The youngest car is the 1936 Ford at the right. These cars appear to be in for repair.



At left is the body repair area, where an Austin 10 is having a polish with a buffing wheel.



Early A7 roadsters are known as having a "Brisbane body", this style is attributed to Hopes



A 1929 A7 Sports, again attributed to Hopes. This advert was found in the Nudgee College year book for 1929, being recommended as the ideal present for the school leaver.



at left In the body assembly room, 3 Austin 7 tourers are on the right, and an Austin 10 facing us, with larger 12s etc. on the right, in the background can be seen a new ambulance. Photo could be 1937.

at right This is one car we defiantly know has a 'Body by Hope', a 1938 Big 7 tourer, with the Hope "Flying Horse" badge on the door.+





Expression of Interest Form

Austin Seven Register of Queensland Inc.

2017 Austin 7 National Rally, Toowoomba

I wish to express my interest in attending the Austin 7 National Rally to be held in
April 2017 in Toowoomba.

Name/s		
Postal Address	Better to start this latest newsletter than by wishing you all a very happy	Postcode
Phone	Home Number	Mobile Number
Email address		
Number attending		
Club		
Signed	Date / /	

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On receipt of the Expression of Interest form we will add you to our mailing list and send updates.

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