



NEWSLETTER August 2015

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



At last you can see what two of your committee look like! (the Editor has had a shave since this photo) The Editor is the one on the left holding a very small Austin Seven on a trophy, while your Club President John is on the right holding a very substantial trophy being awarded by Grant in the middle. Grant and his dear partner Jackie kindly organised the Annual Winter Fun Run which is a not to be missed event for local members.

AGM TIME

By the time most of you read this the Annual General Meeting of the Austin 7 Register for 2015 will have been conducted and the results minuted and a new or recycled committee at the helm of your club. The results could be fairly predictable, but it will be interesting to see if there are any changes to the listing below.

Have you paid your Subs?

Also this is the time of year that annual club subscriptions are required, this helps cover the cost of hiring the club meeting room, stationery, printing and postage. If you receive this newsletter by "snail mail" you may have noticed a small colour patch on your address label. This is to let you know if you are currently financial for the 2015-16 year. If it is green you are financial, if pink we have not received payment as of the beginning of August. Some may have their payment in the mail, don't worry, you will be counted. But if not you may NOT receive any newsletters from October onwards.

Finally I hope to include details of Lang and Bev's trip to Cape York in the next issue, I just ran out of space and time due to family reasons.

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

Saturday 15th August: 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.

Friday 14th August AGM & Club Meeting Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale, Commencing at 7:45 pm.

Sunday 16th August: 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.

Friday 11th September Club Meeting Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale, Commencing at 7:45 pm.

Sunday 13th September: Optional/Informal A7 Register Rally: Details TBA

Sunday 20th September: 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.

Friday 10th October Club Meeting Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale, Commencing at 7:45 pm.

Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th October: 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: Optional/Informal A7 Register Rally. Details TBA.

Friday 13th November Club Meeting Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale, Commencing at 7:45 pm.

Sunday 15th November: A7 Register Rally. Rally organized by Alan Couser (ph. 0403 504 709) Details TBA.

Friday 11th December Club Meeting Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale, Commencing at 7:45 pm.

Sunday 13th December: 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

15th -16th August: Northern Rivers Vintage & Veteran Car Club Annual Weekend Rally at Italy Sport & Recreation Club, Lismore. Contact Norm Clapham (ph. 02 66215767 or 0429 115 767) for details.

Saturday 15 August Glenwood Swap Meet

22nd-23rd August Heritage Fair at Woodford Showgrounds, this is not an invitation run, but should be a great event

Sunday 30th August: 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 Queensland Inc.

Meeting No 537 – 12th June 2015

Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale.

The President John Que declared the meeting opened at 7.47 pm, welcoming everyone. A special welcome was extended to Peter Baker who is a foundation member we have not seen for some time.



Attendance – The attendance book was signed by 22 members

Apologies – Apologies were received from Peter & Gail Cahalane, Mike & Kathy McGuill, Brett Wilson, Mat Potts, Elaine Moore, Ted Bale, Karyn Matthews, Howell Whitehouse and Ross & Rhonda Guthrie.

Minutes – The minutes of the May 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 – 2017 Rally Committee to look into block accommodation bookings.

Correspondence –

OUT Sympathy card to Brett & Amanda Wilson

IN Newsletters from other clubs as tabled

Expression of Interest 2017 from B & D Haywood

Membership Renewals from various members

Invoice for Hall Rent

30th Aug Jimboomba Auto Extravaganza

3rd-6th Sept Red Centre Nats, Alice Springs

27th Sept Bay to Birdwood

Advertising Brochures

Secretary moved that the in-ward correspondence be accepted and the outward endorsed. Seconded by Trevor Moore. Carried

Business Arising from Correspondence - Nil

Treasure's Report - Amanda Wilson tabled her report on the club finances and asked for it to be accepted. Seconded by Tim Braby. Carried.

Queensland Historic Motoring Council Report - Nil

Spare Parts Report – Trevor Moore has had a busy time selling spare parts. Melbourne Club will close their spare parts on 1st July for stock take, so orders may be delayed.

Second Hand Parts Sales - Nil

Events Organiser – Neil Thyer informed us of the following runs:-

14th June Grant & Jackie Preddy, Winter Fun Run. Meet Centenary Pool 9am start. BYO m/t & Lunch.
(If raining ring John)

12th July RACQ Motorfest, meet Hamilton Hotel Car park. Time TBA

12th July A7 Breakfast at Mowbray Park CANCELLED

15th Aug Justin McKeering to organise club run. Meet clubrooms 9am.

Other Events –

28th June Vintage Car Club Static Display, Ormiston House 10 am.

18th-19th July Old Wheels in Motion, Biloela

9th Aug Chev Swap, Rocklea Show Grounds. (\$5-00pp)

22nd-23rd Aug Auto Spectacular, Cairns

20th Sept All British Day, Tennyson

Rally Reports – PAST EVENTS

9th May Ian & Valda McDowell run on website

16th-17th May Sunshine Coast Rally – Reported on by Justin McCarthy, 70 cars

HTA Truck Show Doug thanked A7 members for coming

17th May National Motoring Heritage Day, Ipswich. 150 Cars attended
Old Petrie Steam Fair – 3 A7 attended (Tim Braby, Justin McKeering & William Knapp)
6th - 8th June Planes, Trains & Automobiles, Goondiwindi Reported by Merv Thompson
6th – 8th June QHMC Rally, Pittsworth, attended by Steve Davidson.

Web Master Report – Neil Thyer reported on Mike's behalf that web sites are up to date. They appreciate members giving reports on runs, and will place them on the website.

Library Report - Alan Couser NIL

Editors Report - Tim reported newsletters had membership renewal forms, Annual Weekend Nomination forms and AGM Nomination forms in and are ready for posting. He enjoys doing the newsletters but would like some feedback from members. Also articles or reports on runs.

2017 A7 Rally Report – John Que reported the expression of interest forms are still coming in. Committee to have a meeting in the near future.

General Business – Members reminded to remove old Rego Labels as there is \$100 fine if left on.

Tim has donated a steering wheel cover for a raffle prize. Thanks Tim. (*That's OK!*)

Justin McCarthy (1957) & Peter Baker (1964) both did their driving licence test in an A7.

Lang & Bev Kidby have their gearbox back and are ready to depart for Cape York.

Report on Cars and/or Car troubles - John Que has new springs, bushes & shackles for his car which we hope to see back on the road soon.

Birthdays – Members having a birthday in June were wished many more year of good health.

Raffle – Valda was selling tickets for tonight's raffle

Sick members were wished a speedy return to good health, with special thoughts to Barry Neville.

Supper Organiser - Thank you to Judy Haig for tonight's supper.

July supper to be organised by Ian & Valda McDowell.

Committee Meeting – TBA

Next meeting – 19th July 2015.

As there were no further business to discuss John declared the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

Austin Seven Register of Queensland Inc.

Meeting No. 538 10th JULY 2015

Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall Carindale.

The meeting was declared opened at 7.40 pm by the President John Que. A welcome was extended to all members as well as Steve Davidson and Duncan & Crystal Logan.

Attendance – The attendance book was signed by 26 members

Apologies – Apologies were noted from M & K McGill, R & J Sims, M & M Thompson, B Wilson, T Bale, P Goldsworthy, H Whitehouse & K Matthew

Minutes – The minutes of the June 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 – Nil

Correspondence -

OUT Cheque for hall rent

IN Newsletters from other clubs as tabled

Membership renewals

Receipt from VCCA re hall rent

Letter from Melbourne Club re club logo colours

Email Australian Historic Motoring Federation re American trip

Advertising material

The Secretary moved that the in-ward correspondence be accepted and the outward endorsed. Seconded by Ross Guthrie. Carried

Business Arising from Correspondence - Nil

Treasure's Report - Amanda Wilson told the members about the club finances and tabled her report asking for it to be accepted. Seconded by Alan Couser. Carried

Queensland Historic Motoring Council Report – John Que spoke about the Trip to America next year. (24th September to 9th October)

Spare Parts Report - Trevor reported sales quiet last month. Thanked Lindsay Jordan for helping with the stock take for the end of the financial year.

Second Hand Parts Sales - Nil

Events Organiser – Neil Thyer informed us of the following runs:-

12th July RACQ Motorfest, meet Hamilton Hotel Car Park to depart 7.30 am
12th July A7 Breakfast at Mowbray Park CANCELLED
15th August Organised by Justin McKeering. Meet clubrooms 9 am
16th August A7 Static Display C T White Park

Other Events

18-19th July Old Wheels in Motion, Biloela
19th July Jumpers & Jazz Festival, Warwick
9th August Chev Swap, Rocklea Show Grounds. (\$5-00pp)
22nd-23rd Aug Auto Spectacular, Cairns
30th August Jimboomba Auto Extravaganza, Swap meet & Vehicle Show
3rd-6th September Red Centre Nat's, Alice Springs
20th September All British Day, Tennyson
27th September Bay to Birdwood Classic, South Australia.

Rally Reports – Past Events

Neil Thyer thanked Grant & Jackie Preddy for organizing the Winter Fun Run and we all learnt more about our Anzacs, after answering questions at many memorials. Grant then presented Tim & John (as passenger) with the trophy for winning.

29th June some members attended the Vintage Car Club Static Display at Ormiston House

Web Master Report – Nil

Library Report – Nil

Editors Report – Nil

2017 A7 Rally Report – John reported the committee now has the destinations all planned for each day's run and are going to send out a newsletter in the near future.

General Business – Lang & Bev Kidby have completed their trip to Cape York and back to Cairns. You can read about their adventure on www.next-horizon.org

Members reminded about membership renewals, Static display forms, also AGM next month so nominations for positions welcome.

Report on Cars and/or Car troubles - Tim informed us that Justin McCarthy has bought an A7 Special from Rob Gabb. Justin was looking at it at the Vintage Car Club Static Display.

Birthdays – Members having a birthday in July were wished many more years of good health.

Raffle – Valda had organised tonight's raffle

Sick members were wished a speedy return to good health.

Supper Organiser – Thank you to Ian & Valda for tonight's supper.

August supper to be supplied by Elaine Moore, and Sept Joe & Margaret McCormack.

Committee Meeting – TBA

Next Meeting – 14th August 2015 (Meeting followed by AGM)

As there was no further business to discuss, the President closed the meeting at 8.35pm. wishing everyone safe motoring.

Robyn



GOODBYE REX DANNENBERG

Longtime members will be saddened to hear of the sudden death of Rex Dannenberg early this month. One time President and all round good guy in the club, Rex and his “missus” Joyce were regular rally goers in “Chocolate Monty”, a 1929 Roadster that blew a bit of smoke and had a brick for a handbrake, but was a willing little car, even though more than once Joyce had to jump out either to lighten the load or push the car up a hill, or as Rex said “roll under the back in case Monty stalled and ran backwards”! Joyce’s despair at Rex’s antics and liking for an ice cold beer or three are legendary in the club and even though a severe stroke left Rex disabled 20 years ago, the family kept in contact with the club. Rex’s stroke also affected his ability to swallow and I recall him one day saying how he missed his cold beer and a nice bit of steak. Our club sends their kindest condolences to Joyce and family. The club attended Rex’s send off at the Albany Creek Crematorium on the 13th of August with some Austins driven to show their respects.



CLUB SPARE PARTS

Please Note the Austin Seven Register Spare Parts will be closed between the 1st until the 22nd of September

PAST RALLY REPORTS

AOA DEVONPORT

Our journey to AOA commenced on Thursday 26th March with Merv driving the Freeway to Sydney and meeting up with Margaret who was already in Sydney on a conference. After an overnight stay we both departed Sydney early Saturday morning 28th March in the Freeway and drive to Albury/ Wodonga where we stayed with friends and Merv going to a local swap meet with Jim on Sunday morning where he purchased a handsome set of spanners.

After lunch we left Wodonga for a delightful afternoon drive to Bright where we stopped the night in a cabin at the Riverside Caravan Park, a beautiful spot on the banks of the Omeo River. The gentleman in reception took pity on us driving an old car and gave us a \$15 discount.

Monday morning 30th March we headed towards Bairnsdale travelling the Great Alpine Way over Mt Hotham and had lunch at Omeo, it was a glorious day and the scenery was magnificent.



Tuesday 31st March after leaving Bairnsdale we travelled through Sale, Traralgon, Morwell, and Leongatha to Korumburra for our last overnight stop on the mainland.

Wednesday 1st April our last day of touring Victoria took us through Leongatha, Inverloch, Philip Island then to Port Melbourne where we met up with our Austineer friends and checked in ready to board the Spirit of Tasmania for the overnight crossing to Devonport which was very smooth.

Thursday 2nd April the ferry docked at 6am it was dark and looking for some breakfast, the Wrights and us knocked on the door of our sleeping club president at the Big4 Caravan Park. After a cup of coffee pity was taken upon us, out came the saucepan and beautiful bowls of porridge were cooked which we were so appreciative of as it was cold and pouring rain.

Checked into our accommodation and headed to the Axeman's Hall of Fame in Latrobe for rally sign in and collection of our Rally packs. We were pleasantly surprised with the venue which had a magnificent display of the history of Tasmanian champion axemen and their achievements as well Tasmanian timbers.

There was also a great display of craft stalls around the room which kept us busy for some time.

Day1 – Friday 3rd April. We assembled in the City of Devonport to be flagged off by the Mayor and headed to Sheffield for morning tea and lunch. Sheffield is a town known for its murals where they have a competition for artists which have to be invited to paint a mural on a particular theme.

On our way back to Devonport we visited Lake Barrington which is an artificial lake 20 klm long and hosted the 1990 World Rowing Championships and several Australian Rowing Championships. It is truly an amazing lake.

This was a relatively short day as the Welcome dinner & supper followed in the evening.



Day2 – Saturday 4th April. Today was assembled at the Axeman's Hall of Fame for a briefing before heading off to Penguin for morning tea at the local school, then onto Wings Wildlife Park for lunch and a tour of the park where we learned about the Tasmanian Devil. We see first-hand how aggressive they can be fighting over a Wallaby leg which is one of their favourite foods. They do not kill but live off road kill and leftovers from other animals. *Yippee daylight saving finishes tonight.*

Day 3 – Sunday 5th April. Display Day at the Axeman's Hall of Fame with local markets, Rocker Cover Race and Easter Bonnet Parade.

It was a great display day as the Latrobe town-ship was within walking distance and also had shops and markets operating so there was plenty to see today.

The Gala Dinner with a Roaring 20s theme was held in the evening and many of us joined in the spirit and dressed in costume. The meal was excellent and dancing followed.



Day4 – Monday 6th April. Today we visited the Villarett Gardens for morning tea which are set in 4 hectares of unique modern formal gardens on the side of a hill which was hard to walk around let alone do the mowing. After leaving the gardens we travelled onto Railton for lunch which is known for its Topiary and a visit to Seven Shed Brewery.

A farewell dinner was held in the evening. Tuesday 7th April we departed on our own tour along the north west of Tasmania towards Stanley and see “The Nut”. First stop was to look at “The Hat” which is a lighthouse on the mouth of the Mersey River in Devonport.



Once again it was a beautiful day for a drive in the Freeway passing through Ulverstone, Burnie, and Wynyard before arriving at Stanley in a beautiful seaside village setting. We were only going to stay 1 night but with so much to see and do we stayed 2 nights.

Wednesday 8th April. The Tarkine Forest drive was next on our list travelling from Stanley through the wilderness forest area to Arthur River and standing on The Edge of the World and nearly getting blown into the ocean, then back to Stanley. This drive takes a minimum of 5 hours but really worth it on new sealed roads completed on 6 months ago.

Thursday 9th April. This morning we took the chairlift to the top of “The Nut” and walked around the top, this has now been ticked off the bucket list.

After lunch we head back to Devonport for an overnight stop.

Friday 10th April. Today we headed east along the top of Tasmania to Beaconsfield and toured the famous Beaconsfield Mine, another must do off the bucket list. Crossed over the Tamar River on the Batman Bridge up to Georgetown to Low Head for the night.

Saturday 11th April. We headed back to Launceston where Merv dropped Margaret off at the airport to fly home. Merv drove the Freeway back to Devonport ready for the ferry crossing on Sunday morning, a daytime sailing which he enjoyed immensely, better than being locked in a cabin all night.

Merv & Margaret Thompson

*The photo of the sign and the white car are courtesy of the online newspaper
<http://www.theadvocate.com.au/>*

Petrie Steam Fair - 6 and 7th

June

The Queensland Steam & Vintage Machinery Society Museum is located at Old Petrie Town in Kurwongbah. It's open from 9.00am -1.00pm on Wednesdays, Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. They also have regular “Live Steam Days” where the big engines build up pressure and parade around. William Knapp who recently



joined the A7 RQ with his 1929 Chummy, invited us to come along and join in the fun at their June open day, which held in junction with the Petrie Market made for a busy day. On the Saturday Justin McKeering drove in his 1929 Chummy and parked alongside Wills chummy for the day, whereas the Editor took Nigella out for her first official run on the Sunday. It was a very interesting day watching someone else's vehicles be the star attraction for a while, although on the Sunday Nigella and the Chummy did attract a most interesting group of younger ladies who were into 'Steam Punk'

("Steam Punk" is very hard to explain, it is retro futurism fashion inspired by the visions



of HG Wells and Jules Verne, with fashions that combine Victorian styles with an alternate twist. MAYBE we could use it as a theme for the final dinner at the 2017 National rally?

"My Other Car is an Austin 7" was once seen on a bumper sticker and this case William's other vehicle is a 1950s Steam Roller made in France. Albaret have been making engines since the late 19th century. It is amazing a steam roller was still being made so late but when you find out it was to be used in Thailand in a country where fuel was a bit harder to source it all makes sense.



Fun Run 14 June 2015

The grey sky and light drizzle of rain didn't deter the enthusiasm of many A7 members fronting up to the Centenary Pool car park on the morning of 14th June to participate in the popular annual A7 Fun Run. This run was once again organized by Grant & Jackie Preddy. This year, because of the 100th Anniversary of the ANZAC landings at Gallipoli, the rally had a military theme.

At the rally assembly point in their A7s were Lindsay & Sharon, Ian & Valda, Doug & Robyn, Trevor & Elaine, Howell & Hayley, Tim & John and Alan Couser. Others of us in our "modern" cars were Grant & Jackie, Mike & Kathy, Joe &



Margaret and Neil & Karyn.



With instructions and questionnaires in hand and following a briefing by Grant & Jackie, cars departed from the car park at around 9.15am at 5 minute intervals. The first stop was the Gallipoli, Vietnam & Tobruk Memorials within the Roma Street Parklands. Here, like all future

stops, participants were required to answer questions about each particular venue. General knowledge questions along the way also required answers.

Along our way to the morning tea stop at Davies Park, we also visited the Windmill on Wickham Terrace, the Sandakan War memorial in New Farm Park, South Eastern District RSL Memorial at New Farm, Wilson Outlook Reserve and the Anzac Square Memorial on Ann Street.

After a brief morning tea stop and with the weather now clearing, we proceeded to a quick stop beside Memorial Park on Vulture Street, Scout Place on Kangaroo Point Cliffs, National Servicemen Memorial at Norman Park, Balmoral Cemetery and East Brisbane War Memorial at Mowbray Park where we collectively enjoyed our BYO lunches and prize presentations.

Following Grant & Jackie's questionnaire result collation, the Rally results were announced.

Alan Couser – received a box of chocolates for showing up in an Austin even though on his own (without a navigator) he could not participate in the rally.

Trevor & Elaine - received chocolates for providing the funniest answer: To the question 'when did the Japanese surrender', they replied: '1945 –the Aussies beat them!'

Both Howell & Hayley and Joe & Margaret received chocolates for being the only ones providing an answer to a question.

Howell & Hayley were the only ones who could tell us what R.S.S. & A.I.L.A. stands for (Returning Sailors, Soldiers & Airmen's Imperial League of Australia)

Joe & Margaret were the only ones who found the answer to the question at the cemetery 'What was Pte John Deazeley's occupation'? He was a photographer.

Third place was won by Howell & Hayley who answered 63.5 (out of 100) questions correctly.

Second place went to Neil & Karyn who answered 78 (out of 100) questions correctly

And the winners this year were Tim & John who got 82.5 (out of 100) questions correct.

Thank you Grant & Jackie for yet another popular, successful and FUN A7 event.

Neil



The 2015 Vintage Car Club Concourse de 'Elegance in Photos

Dateline 28th June 2015, Ormiston House, weather, very wet, but a very good attendance of all sorts of cars including all these Austin Sevens



Rob Gabb's A7 Special - since sold and now living on Bribie Island with Justin McCarthy



1929 Chummies belonging to Justin McKeering and Doug and Robyn Clarke



The Wegener Family Ruby Tourer- a very original car in good running order



Jon Vollers Austin 7 Race car is an Austin with a bark!



Peter Bakers 1935 Nippy & 1933 Wolseley Hornet (can you see President John in shot behind?)



Robyn Chippendalls Sports - a very well-known car in Brisbane for many years

RACQ Motorfest 2015

Sunday morning dawned clear but cold with excited media forecasts warning it would be one of the coldest days ever due to an Antarctic Vortex. We know how much Austins love their Antarctic Vortexes but not so their owners and so it was that at 7am, Austineers rugged up in the warmest clothing they could find and gathered in the Hamilton Hotel car park.



Hidden by scarves, beanies and under layers of clothing we think were: - Tim Braby, Neil Thyer, Justin McKeering, Robyn and Doug Clark, Valda and Ian McDowell, Janette and Rod Sims, Elaine and Trevor Moore, and Alan Couser.

Sensibly turning up later in more modern contrivances with heaters came President John Que and our Sunshine Coast member, Duncan Logan with daughter, Krystal.

At 7:35am, Austineers squeezed into their cars and after the usual swerving and cutting off to avoid leading, made their way in somewhat more orderly fashion to the designated entry point at the western gates of Eagle Farm Racecourse.

Once again, RACQ had done a wonderful job organising the event and attendants directed cars to their respective positions for the day - ours being in front of the grandstand in the British section.

Austineers attached their 'Look but Don't Touch' signs and display boards to their cars, proudly admired their handiwork and then bolted to the nearest food van for some hot brekkie.

A feature of the show was the very rare 1935 Packard, once owned by aviatrix Amelia Earhart who disappeared in 1937 whilst attempting to be the first person to fly around the world... not in the Packard of course. Amazingly, the car now lives on the Gold Coast. As the day wore on, admiring crowds gathered around the Austins, sticking their heads inside, putting sticky fingers on the paintwork,



spilling soft drink on the seats.....

Each person with a story of someone in their family once owning an Austin just like that Chev over there. Members came and went. As soon as somebody showed up with a new badge others sprinted off to get one too. Free RACQ loot comprising of key rings, maps, pencils etc. were all displayed by happy gatherers. It must be said though, that upon reaching home, they go straight into the drawer with all the other free RACQ loot from previous years.

It turned out to be one of those beautiful winter days that Brisbane is famous for. The temperature was just right. Lots of cars, lots of people and lots of food kept everyone happy. The presentations began at 2:30pm with special guest, Allan Moffatt, of Ford V8 Bathurst fame, doing the honours and presenting some awards. Unfortunately, no Austin Sevens received a prize prompting Alan Couser to mutter in the best British tradition of sportsmanship that it was *% rigged and he wasn't #@% coming again. Well, I think he said that.

All up an enjoyable day was had by all especially those who waited to witness the exit of 1000 cars through three gates.

Lindsay Jordan

Why the Nippy was running hot

Severe Arterial Sclerosis due to a build-up of rust and aluminium salts in the inside water jacket, (sacrificial anode.) Time for a new one from club spares, luckily I bought one years ago! Tim



Save The Austin Seven - Start your Collection now!!!

The (so far) full range of 1/43rd Scale 1932 Austin 7 vans and Deluxe Saloons from Oxford Diecast.

Liptons Tea Van and AA van excel while the saloon comes in Beige, blue and claret red. There will be also a London Midland and Scottish Railway version.

Austin Seven Classifieds

For Sale Austin 7 Ruby Saloon Mk 1, 1935. Genuine English body with history and log book, goes well, looks fantastic, colour white. A well-known participant in most of the national rallies. \$11500.
Wayne Styles. 03 9592 1672.

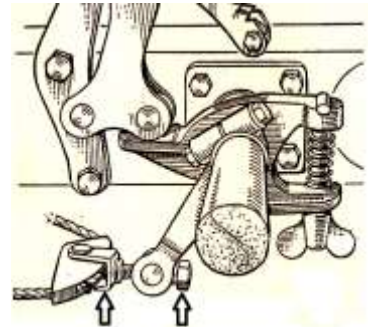
For Sale Ruby Chassis – no mechanicals included -Grant Preddy 07 3202 7110

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

Wanted 3-5 useable 3.50 x 19" wheels type with a stainless steel centre, have 5 good 16" rims to swap. Also **Wanted 19" wheels** with s/s centre as used on 1932-34 A7s, can trade 16" wheels.

Also wanted a hand brake swivel fork BK68,) (have aluminium swivel) as used on Ruby model front brake cable. Also two end caps from brake cables (BK34)

Tim Braby 0405 740 418 or tim.braby @bigpond.com



Also give away old 1928-30 Chassis, rusty with some welding in the middle, no mechanicals attached, some members ok, make good clothes prop or large artists easel. Tim 0405 740 418 or tim.braby @bigpond.com

Also Offered For Sale by a Club Member

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

If interested in any of the above please contact

Brett and Amanda Wilson bawilson@optusnet.com.au 36 Caroline Street, Riverview 4303, mob. 0402 143 420

PLEASE NOTE WHEN ORDERING NEW SPARES PARTS BY EMAIL

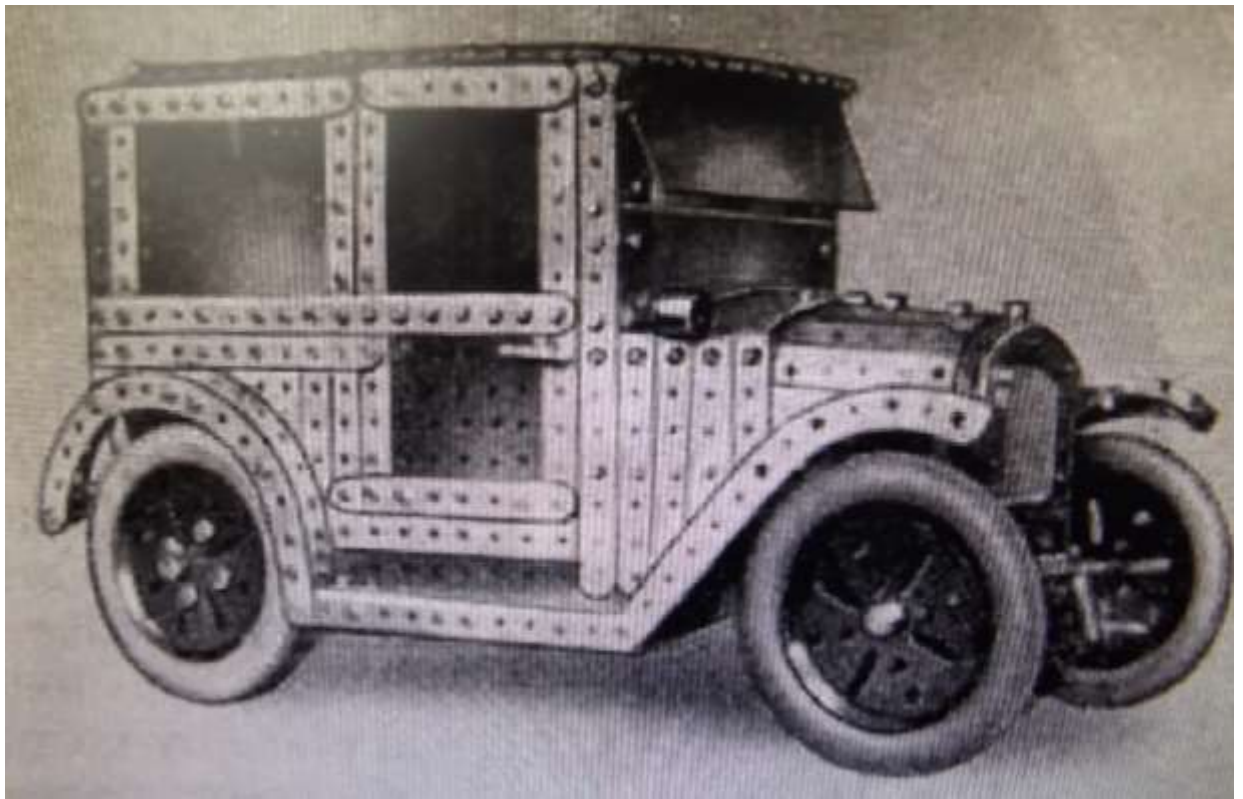
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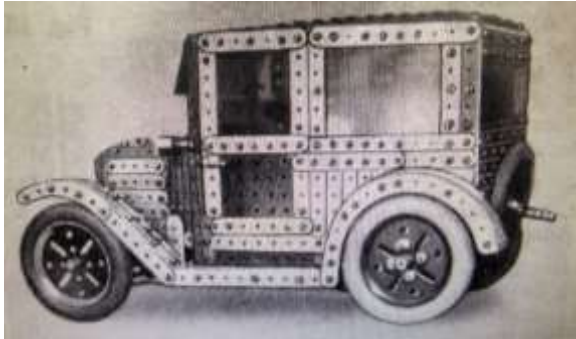
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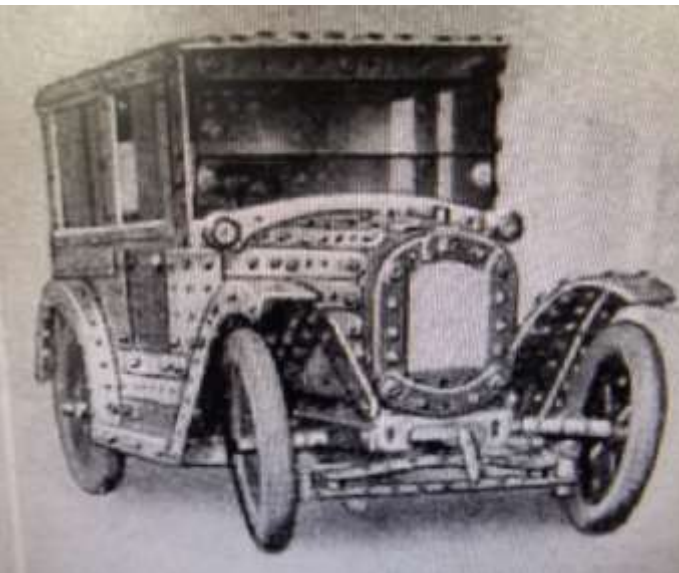
The Meccano Austin Seven

The photos show a model A7 Top Hat Saloon that was built by A.M. Johnston for the 1930 Meccano Magazine 100 Pound Model Building Competition and reported in the then very popular boys magazine

Frank Hornby patented his “Mechanics Made Easy” building system using metal plates and strips with holes arranged at ½” centres fixed together with standard 5/32nd” Whitworth bolts and nuts in 1901 and by 1908 Meccano Ltd was founded in Liverpool, UK. Now Meccano is manufactured in China for Meccano SN of France, part of a Canadian toy company. Meccano at one time was the universal mechanical engineering toy with imitators in many countries (In Australia we had Ezy-Bilt and Buzz Builder which are completely interchangeable with the British product, in fact Ezy-Bilt copied Meccano parts, numbers and instructions and your editor can



state that it is equal in quality as he has a treasured set No. 8 in its tin box). The company published its own magazine “The Meccano Magazine” from 1916 to its lingering death in the 1970s when the Liverpool factory finally closed-down for good in 1980, along with Dinky Toys, (The Hornby Train system was sold off to Tri-Ang Rovex in the mid-1960s). It is said that the decline in the popularity of Meccano from 1960-80 saw a decline in engineering excellence in the UK. The reason was that unlike modern toys that give full step by step instructions Meccano instruction booklets only gave a photo or two, a list of parts and a brief instruction outline, leaving it up to the builder to nut out the details, especially the installation of motors and other working features. One Day the Editor may like to find a No 10 Meccano set in its Wooden Box!



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