



NEWSLETTER August 2014

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

Editorial

Dear Members

I find it nice to get photos of an Austin nearing completion for the newsletter after many years and much toil by a member who does not have the advantage of being to attend meetings or simply drive across town for new parts as we do in Bris-Vegas. You have seen a couple of photos just recently of Ken Burtons 1928 Chummy, but as you can see he is now getting very close to finishing. I will let Ken tell you how the car is progressing now:

"I am updating you with the progress so far, the radiator is ready to go on and I have finished the wiring & upholstery, yes the beige body & black guards has been painted by me .

The black wheels have been power coated,

I am working on the hood, the irons have already been painted, I painted them beige, instead of the usual black. I still have to sort out 2 wheels, I do have 2 brand new rims & hubs just need a good wheelwright to fit them up, or buy 2 good ones". Ken Burton, Rockhampton.



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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 Greetings All A7 Members.
All our websites have now been updated with photos and reports of our last runs.

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

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AUSTIN 7 REGISTER OF QLD. CLUB EVENTS

Friday 8th August AGM & Club Meeting Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale, Commencing at 7:45 pm.

Saturday 9th August 2014:

A7 Register Rally. A7 Club Weekend Rally organized 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 details to be confirmed. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch.

Sunday 10th August 2014:

A7 Register Rally. A7 Club Weekend Static Display at C.T.White Park, Kangaroo Point organized by Trevor Moore (ph. 3848 5575). Static Display to commence at 9.00am. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch. Display to conclude around 1.30pm.

Friday 15th, Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th August 2014:

External Event: 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. A7 members to make own arrangements re. registration, accommodation, travel etc.

Sunday 31st August 2014:

External Event: 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. Members to make own arrangements re. travel etc.

Friday 12th September Club Meeting Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale, Commencing at 7:45 pm.

Saturday 20th September 2014:

External Event: Stanthorpe Monster Motor Show Off at Stanthorpe Show Grounds hosted by Stanthorpe Historic Vehicle & Machinery Group and Local Enthusiasts commencing at 9.00am.

Entry by gold coin. For details contact Jim Baxter ph. 0427 621 302. Members to make own arrangements re. travel etc.

Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th September 2014:

External Event: Mighty Mack Trucks Muster organized by The Historic Commercial Vehicle Association to be held at Gatton Showgrounds. For details contact Mark & Donna 07 5546 7050. Members to make own arrangements re. travel, accommodation, registration etc.

Sunday 28th September 2014:

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. A7 members to make own arrangements re. travel, registration etc.

Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th October 2014:

A7 Register Rally. LAMAI Weekend Rally organized 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.

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

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

Sunday 16th November 2014:

A7 Register Rally. Rally organized by Alan Couser (ph. 0403 504 709) commencing from Club Rooms, Carindale at 9.00am? Rally destination and details to be confirmed

Friday 12th December Club Meeting Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale, Commencing at 7:45 pm.

Sunday 14th December 2014:

A7 Club event. A7 Club Christmas Lunch at Orleigh Park, West End commencing at 10.00am. Lunch organized by Trevor Moore (ph. 3848 5575). BYO Morning Tea & Lunch. A7 members to make own arrangements re travel.

INVITATION RALLIES AND SWAP MEETS

(From the QHMC Website)

Sunday 10th August 2014 Veteran and Vintage Chevrolet Swap Rocklea Showgrounds

Sunday 17th August 2014 Glenwood swap, Pepper Road, Glenwood

glenwoodswap@westnet.com.au

Sunday 31st August 2014 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. Members to make own arrangements re. travel etc.

Saturday 13th September 2014 Gympie Swap

GYMPIE HISTORIC AUTO CLUB INC 44th SWAP MEET and our 2nd CAR SHOW. Gympie Showgrounds, Exhibition Road, Southside, Gympie, Qld. Check the website

www.gympiehistoricaus@spiderweb.com.au

Sunday 14th September 2014 Beaudesert Swap

Showgrounds

Minutes of Past A7RQ Meetings

Austin Seven Register of Queensland Inc.
Meeting No.525, 13th June 2014
Held at Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale



The President declared the meeting open at 7.45pm
Attendance Book: 24 members were in attendance.

Apologies: H Whitehouse, June & Graham Gleadhill, Matt Potts, Ian & Valda McDowell, Rod & Janette Sims, Peter & Gail Cahalane

Minutes:

The Minutes of the March Meeting were read and the Secretary moved that they be accepted as a true and correct record. Seconded – Brett Wilson. Carried

Business arising from the Minutes:

Correspondence:

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- Payment to BCC for CT White Park for Static display.
- Members Book & Parts Book to David Miller.
- Get well card to June Gleadhill

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- Newsletters from other clubs as tabled.
- Thank you card from June Gleadhill
- Payment from Ross Paterson for parts
- Signed deed of Agreement from Veteran car club for rent of club rooms.
- Veteran car club invoice for rent.
- Invitation to Vintage Car Club concourse display on the 29th June at Ormiston House Wellington Point.
- Expression of interest from Pater Baker, Graham Burges NSW.
- Flyer for Old Machinery Expo at Toowoomba 25th & 26th October 2014

The Secretary moved that the inward correspondence be accepted and the outward be endorsed, and the accounts passed for payment Seconded by Brett Wilson - Carried

Business arising from the Correspondence: Nil

Treasurers Report: Amanda Wilson presented her report and moved that it be accepted, Seconded Kathy McGuill – carried.

Queensland Historic Motoring Council Report: John Que reported that DOT has approved under SIVS that you can do a test drive to charge the battery.
Also that QHMC, Cams, Mustang Club and Police to meet with DOTMR at the next meeting.

Spare Parts Report: This month there have been eight new parts sales amounting to about \$990.00
An order has been placed to Melbourne this month for replacements and requested items.
I was requested to purchase some Whitworth spanners socket and ring-open end from Melbourne and the quality appeared to be satisfactory price \$58.00 per set.

Second Hand parts Nil

Run/Rally Director by Neil Thyer

- 15 June Grant & Jacky Preddy's winter fun-run. Grant mentioned that it would commence at the Mt Coot-that Planetarium at 9am and end up on the South side.
- 29th June VCCC Ormiston House
- 13th July Motorfest
- 13th July Breakfast BBQ at Mowbray Park for those not going to Motorfest.
- 9th August, Saturday Justin McKeering to arrange.
- **Other Events:** Nil

General Business:

- Annual Weekend- there was discussion if the club had an evening event or a Lunch BBQ after discussion it was decided to have a BBQ lunch.
- Mike McGill gave an update of the web Site and wanted the points allocation for the club rallies.
- Mike also stated he was disappointed with the response he got to an email he sent out regards to the Web site.
- Rhonda Guthrie brought the new cloth club badges to be sold at \$6.00 each. A Photo of the new badges to be in the next newsletter.
- Lindsay Jordan put in his apology for the July and August meetings.

Report on Cars and or Car troubles; Nil

BIRTHDAYS: - The president wished all members having a birthday best wishes.

The President wished all sick members a speedy return to good health.

Raffle tickets were sold by Robyn Clark

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 8.35 pm.

Austin Seven Register of Queensland Inc.

Meeting No.526 11th July 2014

Held at Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale

The President declared the meeting open at 7.45pm

Attendance Book: 25 members were in attendance.

Apologies: H Whitehouse, June Gleadhill, Matt Potts, J Que, L Jordan, Karyn Matthew, Peter Goldsworthy.

Minutes:

The Minutes of the June Meeting were read and the Secretary moved that they be accepted as a true and correct record. Seconded – Mike McGill. Carried

Business arising from the Minutes:

Correspondence:

IN

1. Newsletters from other clubs as tabled.
2. Thank you letter from Gil Leach thanking the club for the sympathy card re the passing of his wife Patricia.
3. Letter of resignation from Bev & Bill Bunt as they have sold their A7 which has gone to Charters Towers.

4. 2017 EOI from Kevin & Helen Harte and Anthony & Kim Harte.
5. Letter from Vintage car club thanking members for attending their concourse at Ormiston House.
6. Receipt from Veteran car club for rent payment.
7. Public Liability Account for \$855.15
8. Membership from Noela and Keith Collins
9. Flyer for Nambour Swap on the 26 July 2004.
10. Flyer from Summerland Sports 7 Classic Car Club day on the 3rd August 2014

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11. : Membership Book to Ray Campbell
12. Letter to Bill & Bev Bunt accepting their resignation.

The Secretary moved that the inward correspondence be accepted and the outward be endorsed, and the account for the public liability passed for payment Seconded by Robyn Clark - Carried

Business arising from the Correspondence: Nil

Treasurers Report: Amanda Wilson presented her report and moved that it be accepted, Seconded Kathy McGuill – carried.

Queensland Historic Motoring Council Report: Trevor Moore advised that SIVS registered cars can be tested for maintenance, this information from the last meeting with Queensland transport.

Spare Parts Report: This month there have been only a few sales. Doug Clark and I purchased some second hand parts from Jeff Jones and photos will be in the next newsletter.

Second Hand parts Nil

Run/Rally Director by Neil Thyer

- 13th July Motorfest meet Hamilton Hotel car park 7.30am
- 13th July Breakfast BBQ at Mowbray Park for those not going to Motorfest.
- 18th & 19th Biloela Old wheels in Motion.
- 9th August, Saturday Justin McKeering to arrange. BYO and BBQ at Club rooms.
- 10th August Static display
- 28th September All British Day at Tennyson.
- **Other Events:** Nil

General Business:

The vice President Brett Wilson advised that there were still committee positions vacant for the next year.

Mike McGuill advised of upgrades and photos on the web site as well as Shannon's site

Also 2017 rally EOI are on the web page.

Report on Cars and or Car troubles: Nil

BIRTHDAYS: - The president wished all members having a birthday best wishes.

The President wished all sick members a speedy return to good health.

Raffle tickets were sold by Valda McDowell.

There being no further business the President closed the meeting at 8.20 pm.

Changed Addresses.

John and Robin Ikin have changed their email address it is now robjohn11@bigpond.com

Ian and Valda McDowell have moved, their new home is 5 Whistler Close Heritage Park but their Preferred Postal address is still PO box 1140 Browns Plains 4118, their phone number is now 3803 2835

Toowoomba 2017 Rally Update

Report from John Que

Time for this year has gone very quickly with almost half of the year gone and now less **than 3 years to the 2017 Austin 7 National Meet.**

I have been able to confirm that the **Austins Over Australia (AOA) rally in 2017 will be at Ipswich at Easter.**

There are some obvious benefits of this event adjoining our national Austin 7 rally.

The main reason I believe is that it may encourage more **Austins Seven owners** especially those who have to travel long distances (interstate and NQ) to come and partake in both rallies.

They would of course incur additional costs including accommodation, entry fees and meals.

I understand that the Qld Austin Motor Vehicle Club will be giving out information about Austins Over Australia 2017 at AOA 2015 in Tasmania next Easter in April.

I suggest that we should meet with the Austin club and where possible, avoid duplication of similar events. For example both go to train displays and have train rides. The AOA rally routes are likely to be longer than what we prefer and more suitable to later Austins.

Recently I went to the **Farmfest** at Kingsthorpe just west of Toowoomba. I thought I would take advantage of the trip and also again look at the possible 2017 rally route to the Oakey Aviation Museum and Jondaryan Woolshed. From the Darling Downs club rooms I went through Gowrie Junction, Glencoe, and Kingsthorpe to Oakey. I went in to the Army museum to look at the parking and outside seating layout and the possibility for a morning tea stop. Outside were 2 staff members and I inquired about group tours and one of them **Scott**, is the curator of the museum. He advised that they don't sell food but have relations with organisations who can provide morning tea. There are 2 tours available of the museum. The main one is \$7 in which Scott gives an interesting talk about the role of the Army now and previously and the other is a workshop tour for \$3 which also takes about 45 minutes. For security reasons, the Army would provide small buses to transport entrants to do the workshop tour. They would be interested in us going there to provide much needed funds to restore their historic aircraft. He said they work on a yearly calendar and to get in touch about 12 months before. I suggest more regularly than that.

I went to Oakey and stopped at the Oakey Cultural Centre about 2kms from the Aviation Museum. It was open and had a gallery sign was outside. I met **Karen King**, the centre co-ordinator who showed me around the centre and was very helpful. The centre is large inside, about the size of the City Golf Club room we looked at and plenty of parking outside around the centre adequate for our needs. You can hire the centre for a half or a full day. There also can get organisations e.g. Girl Guides/CWA to cater. She also recommended **Christine Buckley**, a private caterer who provides good food at reasonable prices - worth keeping in mind for other catering locations.

I then went back to Toowoomba via the Jondaryan Woolshed, Jondaryan - Evansleigh Road and Cecil Plains Road. The Jondaryan - Evansleigh Road is a one lane bitumen for part of it but did not see one car along it.

The route travels along the Warrego Highway with only about 5kms to the Gowrie Junction turnoff and after leaving the Aviation Museum, going through Oakey and joining the highway and turning at Jondaryan.

Distances	Club rooms to Oakey Aviation Museum	about 36kms
	Aviation Museum to Jondaryan Woolshed	about 20kms
	Jondaryan Woolshed to Toowoomba	about 57kms
Total		about 113kms

Overall I think this route is a good possibility, It avoids the main highway traffic where possible, it is all bitumen and scenic. Although Gowrie Junction, Glencoe and Kingsthorpe do not have any particular attractions, they provide more interest than a straight run.

The bitumen width varies but is mostly dual lane with only a small amount of single lane bitumen. It will require quite a few signs as there are T junctions and some sharp turns.

One possible problem is the overall cost for the day. For the Aviation Museum \$10 if you do both tours, plus cost to hire the Cultural Centre for half a day if we use it, Woolshed entry fee and meals etc.

An alternative may be to go to the Woolshed first, have morning tea and lunch there and the Aviation Museum after lunch.

With the Annual Meeting coming up it will be time to review the 2017 rally committee.

With now under 3 years to go, I think it is time to progress arrangements. I suggest that it is preferable to have most major decisions on dates, rally routes, catering, places to visit etc. almost finalised as much as possible before next Easter when it will be 2 years to go.

At the May general meeting, Judy the late **Jack Hynd**'s daughter Judy advised me that she is a professional cake decorator and offered to make the 2017 rally and 50th Anniversary cakes which I gratefully accepted. I suggested that the club would pay for ingredients and if possible would like one cake similar to the club's badge. Whilst the offer should go through the committee before acceptance of an offer, I took the liberty of accepting the offer. Judy has recently been attending club meetings and it may help her to become more integrated with the club. I will seek approval at the next rally and committee meetings.

I recently found out that the Weetwood Handicap, the largest and main race for the Clifford Park Turf Club was held this year on 12 April. The turf club is one of the possible locations for the welcome or presentation dinner. I will be away all of July and August on holidays. When I come back I will be able to devote more time to the rally assuming that I am still on the committee after the annual meeting.

The next main items to progress I think are;

starting point - still the Darling Downs Car Club rooms? Do we get marquee in case it rains?

- rally routes and places of interest
- once the rally routes are finalised, it will enable catering locations and suppliers and prices to move forward
- design of rally badge and logo for stationery
- layout of rally route book and entrant booklet and software required.

The club's website now has some general information about the rally.

Regards

John Que

Old Historic Motoring Council
SPECIAL BULLETIN 19 JUNE 2014
TMR ADVISES SIVS DECISION

At the MOCC (Motoring Organisation Car Club) meeting on Wednesday 17 June TMR (Transport and Main Roads) advised that a decision had been made by Government on the status of the SIVS (Special Interest Vehicle Scheme).

Consideration was made with the following options:-

- 1/ Retain the current scheme.
- 2/ Enhance the current scheme with an optional extra cost log book scheme for 14 days additional use
- 3/ Replace the current scheme completely with a log book scheme.

TMR's decision is to retain the current SIV scheme in its current form.

This decision was based on the following:-

- 1/ Cost to develop and implement a new or modified scheme in the current economic climate was prohibitive.
- 2/ Results of surveys through the MOCC member groups indicated that the majority of members wished to retain the current scheme and no extra costs.
- 3/TMR's reluctance to lumber member clubs with extra costs and administration of a log book scheme.

TMR thanked the groups for the response and advised that whilst the current SIVS scheme will remain at present that they may revisit the situation in the future when the budget and registration system modifications make the possibility more feasible.

At this meeting QHMC also raised two other agenda items.

1/ Request to modify the following SIVS FAQ Frequently Asked Question on the TMR website

Can I road test the vehicle after maintenance work to keep mechanical parts working?

“Travel is allowed within a radius of 15kms from where the vehicle is garaged. The purpose of the travel must be to road test the vehicle following repair or restoration, or maintaining car batteries and not for any other purpose. Such travel must be reasonable and able to be justified by the registered operator.”

QHMC requested removal of ‘or maintaining car batteries’ and replace with ‘for general maintenance’ and explained that historic vehicles often sat idle for long periods of time and driving the vehicle ‘for general maintenance’ was necessary to ensure that all lubricants were circulated to keep the vehicle in proper working order.

TMR agreed and advised they will modify the FAQ on their website.

2/ Request by QHMC to simplify the current approved ‘Dating Certificate’ and remove the onus on the Dating Officer to prove the actual date of manufacture. This was explained as many historic vehicles may not have compliance plates and with some models being produced over several years that verifying the actual year of manufacture may be difficult to prove and places unnecessary onus upon the dating officer to prove the date and further that the actual SIVS requirement was to prove a vehicle was over 30 years of age.

TMR advised they will work with QHMC who will provide a modified Dating Certificate with year of manufacture to include ‘if known’

QHMC will continue to liaise with TMR and other Motoring organisations to assist QHMC affiliated clubs and their members with registration and identification issues. All queries should be sent through the QHMC secretary via email to secretary@qhmc.org.au

Rod Graydon TMR Liaison QHMC

Authorised John TRASK – President QHMC

PAST RALLY REPORTS

Austin 7 Run Winter Fun Run

Participants: We had a total of 13 cars 7 x Austin 7s, 3 x Moderns & 3 others but what others we had, 1 x Austin 10, 1 x Morris 10 & 1 x Austin Van. Austin 7s – Trevor & Elaine, Neil & Karyn, Lindsay & Sharon, Doug & Robyn, Allan Couser & John Que, Matthew, Martin & Trent Potts and Amanda & me. Austin Van - Judy & James, Austin 10 - Rod & Jeanette, Morris - Desley & Richard, Modern - Jackie & Grant, Mike & Kathy and Tim





Oh My Goodness is what I wanted to start the story with as Grant and Jackie's Winter Fun Run is so well organized and so well done there is no other way to start the story. It was the best day for an Austin 7 Run you could pick, sunny but cool for an Austin 7 that must be good. We started at the Botanical Gardens Mt Coo-tha and we set off at 2 minute intervals so no one could cheat and headed out into the suburbs after quite a few hills & miles done we had morning tea at Greniers cemetery (God's Acre) at Archerfield Airport and a history lesson, with a lot of fun as well. Although some people were

definitely put to the test when it came to the paper airplane challenge.

After morning tea we then headed off for Mt Gravatt and ended up at the Mt Gravatt lookout. Our car was coughing & spluttering with bad fuel (we thought we'd gotten rid of it on the way to Rocky but no such luck) so we did a slow crawl up the hill to the lookout holding up a line of cars but we eventually



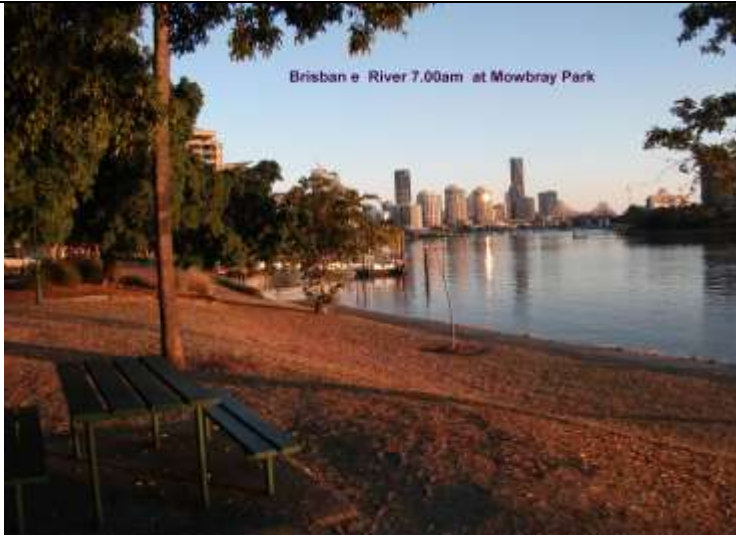
made it. After the winners were announced, which were Amanda & I – much to our surprise, Grant gave us the correct answers to the questions for the observation run. We all thanked Grant and Jackie for a great day but all was not over yet. When we tried to start the

car to leave she wouldn't idle & we ended up having to pull the jets out of the carby only to find that one was completely blocked hence the very slow crawl up the hill. With the jets cleared once again we could for head home which we did so without any further issues.

Thanks to all for a great time & especially to Jackie & Grant but next time not so many hills please.

Bret and Amanda (did tell you there were some hills?) Wilson

Austin 7 Breakfast Run Mowbray Park 13/7/14



We had another great morning out for the Austin 7, It loved it, the cold air the 1 deg start to Sunday morning, 6am start was the best thing for the Austin 7, the people on the other hand it was cold very cold, so next year it will be 8am start so we can stay in bed a little longer.

We had Mike and Kathy, (modern) Justin and Judy, (modern) Brett and Amanda (Austin 7) for breakfast at Mowbray Park East Brisbane at 7am, we meet and started cooking, it was cold but we had a good chat and cupper Tea before heading home to enjoy the rest of the day.

It is more a social event than a big run for the Austin 7 but we do enjoy the run so why don't you join us next time for breakfast and a chat, keep an eye on coming events for the Summer BBQ breakfasts, and see you there.

Brett Wilson

RACQ Motorfest 13 July 2014

It was freezing cold when 5 Austin 7's met at the Hamilton Hotel ready for the RACQ Motorfest. Doug & Robyn, Elaine & Trevor, Alan, Justin McK and Ian & Valda. We survived the 45 minutes until it was time for the British cars to make their entry.

Parking the 760 entrants seemed to be well organised as the lines kept



moving and we were parked in place at our allocated time.

At 10am, with the sun now shining, they removed the barricades and the public poured in.

It was a good day inspecting cars, catching up with people, eating, hunting out the “freebies” and for two of our members having their photo taken with the RACQ girls (watch for the centrefold!)(Watch for the staples in the tummy, boys)

Margaret & Merv Thompson & Ross Guthrie were also present with their veteran vehicles and Justin McK & Judy, Neil and Grant came along to check out the cars.

After lunch it was time for the awards and our members did well. Ross won Best Veteran Vehicle, Margaret was a finalist for the best costume matching the era of their vehicle and our ruby van won the Best Commercial Vehicle. With good company and lots to see the day went quickly until it was time to say our goodbyes and head for home.



Alan Couser learns the virtues of being in the RACQ



Doug Clark discusses the virtues of owning his Austin Seven

Valda & Ian Mc Dowell

A mystery Austin from Mt. Morgan

Hello Tim,

I figure you know a lot more than I do about Austin 7's so thought I'd ask you if you can help me identify some Austin 7 bits.

I have the remains of a short wheel base Austin 7, (no chassis extension), remains of a tourer body (rough but savable) and back guards. The floor pan is very sad but good for a pattern and the seat remains.

I have the rear axle halves, both sides, complete with hubs and brake shoes but no brake drums, and the centre diff housing, (may have the internal bits, bit rough but may be able to save, don't have the axles or Brake Drum.

I have one wheel with the centre bit being steel with Austin engraved on it and one other wheel centre the same. Also have the front steering links etc. and maybe the axle.

Anyway, got a bit side tracked there, when I was cleaning up the diff halves I noticed that the brake set up is a bit strange. Appears to have 6" back plate with the brake shoe being more of a one piece band going all the way around lined with very thin asbestos or similar brake material. Don't think it has any provision for shock absorbers fitting but have to check on that bit.

I also noticed that the "hub" piece that the axle fits into is very thin, not thick like the later ones. On the back of the brake backing plate it has "steel webs" welded from the backing plate to the axle housing, like a brace effect. There is also a Part number stamped on the back plate, "XL576" or could be a 5 at the end. The axle housing on the other side is the same setup and I also have a torque tube which is different from the later ones. I have pics of these (not in my computer), of when I first got them years back so I'll see if I can get some onto my computer to send to you. I'm thinking that it may be an early Austin, like 1923 or 24 but need more info.

I believe that the engine was taken from the car many years back before my brother got it from the property where it lay. (I got the car from him and he is deceased now). I have a few leads on the motor, so will see if I can track it down as I think this car, despite its poor condition is worth saving.

*Look forward to hearing from you, Cheers,
Geoff Rogers, Struck Oil, Mt. Morgan*

For Sale

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

Austin 7 Lights & Parts, complete pair of vintage 7" Lucas chummy headlights with glass plus parts for 3 more lights \$60, assorted Ruby sidelights and parts \$20, Ruby headlight parts and two lenses \$20, pair of modern 6" quartz halogen lamps in chrome with 6 volt globes to suit special \$40, 4 inch Lucas side lamps with glass to suit vintage Austin 12/4, 16/6 or Morris Cowley etc. \$40. Also a 1930-33 Radiator chromed brass surround (no core) in very good condition) \$60, 1928-30 Dash panel with glove box but no instruments \$25, switch for bacon slicer starter \$15, two old vintage fuel tanks, \$20 each. Books, Seven Years with Samantha by Clive Ball (around the world in a 1929 Saloon) \$25 (rare only one edition) and Building My Racing Seven by RJ Stevens \$10, both with dust covers. Tim Braby 0405 740 418

1929 Austin 7 Chummy Tourer with SU carby Green with black mudguards, good intact canopy, mechanically



good, body OK but needs some work. Always garaged on stands. Repairs: new kingpins and bushes, front spring shackles and bushes, front shock absorber bushes, most engine oil seals and gaskets. New clutch disks, gearbox bearings, oil seals and gaskets replaced, magneto tubes in steering column replaced, new magneto control plate, new muffler. Turn indicators installed, carpet and battery isolators installed. Extra spare wheel. Currently not registered.

Price: \$8,000 neg. Contact: Alan Wood, Golden Beach, Caloundra
Phone: 07 54924498 Mobile: 0400195049\

Wanted

Wood parts or patterns for wood work in the rear of a 1936-38 Ruby Saloon.
John Perham, PO Box 100, Glenwood, Q4570 email j.pglenwood@gmail.com



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			Postcode
Phone	Home Number	Mobile Number	
Email address			
Number attending			
Club			
Signed	Date / /		

Please return the completed Expression of Interest form by

Post to; Austin Seven Register of Queensland Inc,
1376 Old Cleveland Road,
Carindale Qld 4152

Or by email to; ique@bigpond.net.au

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

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Photos from the Archives

Now it is the month of August we are being showered with TV programmes, magazines and newspapers articles commemorating the Centenary of the Great War of 1914-1918, culminating in the multi-media event to commemorate Centenary of the landing of Anzac and other Allied Troops on the Gallipoli Peninsula next year. All the troops from Australia in WW1 were volunteers, where 38% of the male Australian population aged 18 to 44 joined up and 65 % of those men suffered casualties. The boys went off to a "Grand Adventure to see the World and to help their Mother Country" and were eager to get in early in case the war was over in 6 months. When in 1915 the horrific casualty reports from Gallipoli were published in the papers the numbers enlisting actually went up as every able bodied man wanted to help their mates. As General Hamilton, the British Commander wryly said in 1915 "Before the war, who had ever heard of Anzac, hereafter who will ever forget it!"

I am very proud to be the grandson of one those brave men who went ashore at Gallipoli in the third wave of Anzacs on the 25th of April 1915, No. 114 Private Roy Braby of the 4th Inf. Battalion, 6 days later he was taken off a hospital ship in Alexandria, Egypt, with a bullet thru his shoulder.

The Austin Armoured Car of 1914-1918



In August 1914, just after the beginning of the First World War, the army of the Russian Empire started to form armoured car units. Due to limited production capabilities of the country's automotive industry it was decided to order a number of vehicles abroad. A committee was sent to the United Kingdom, but didn't find an armoured car which met their requirements for overhead protection and two machine gun turrets.

To meet these requirements, the Austin Motor Company designed a new armoured car. The vehicle, known as **Austin 1st series**, was based on a passenger car chassis with rear axle drive. Wheels were wooden, spoked, with

pneumatic tires and an additional set of wheels with full rubber tires for use in combat was carried. Two Maxim machine guns were mounted in separate turrets placed on both sides of the hull behind the driver's cab. The vehicle was protected by armour plates 3.5–4 mm thick screwed to a body frame. The crew of four - commander, driver and two gunners - could enter or leave the vehicle via a door on the left side of the cab or via big two-leaf rear door. On 29 September 1914, 48 armoured cars were ordered. One car cost 1,150 pounds. After arrival in Russia the front and turret armour was replaced with 7 mm plates. First combat experience, however, revealed that the protection was still too weak and the vehicles were fully rearmoured at *Izhorski Works*, Izhorsk. The improved armour made the Austins much heavier, resulting in limited mobility and occasionally in chassis damage. However, the car was still considered more successful than alternative designs by, among others, Armstrong Whitworth, Renault and Sheffield-Simplex.

On 6 March 1915 the Russians ordered 60 vehicles of an improved design, known as **Austin 2nd series**. This time the chassis of a 1.5 ton truck with a more powerful engine was used. The hull was shorter, with thicker armour, the



driver's cab roof was modified to improve machine guns' angle of fire. Less welcome was a removal of rear access door. The army also decided it wanted a rear driving post, so after arrival to Russia all vehicles were fitted with a redesigned rear hull section, which housed a second driving post and additional hatch. Another upgrade was the addition of side shields to the machine guns.

Sixty units of **Austin 3rd series** were ordered on 25 August 1916. The vehicles were similar in characteristics to the 2nd series, but had modified rear hull with driving post, MG shields, bullet proof glass in the front vision slots and lacked big side windows.

Yet another version, with strengthened chassis and double rear wheels, sometimes referred to as **Austin model 1918**, was ordered in 1917 but due to events in Russia none were delivered.

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