



NEWSLETTER *December 2015*

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

*WISHING
ALL OUR
MEMBERS
AND
FAMILYS
A MERRY
CHRISMAS
AND A HAPPY
AND
PROPEROUS
NEW YEAR*



A REPORT FROM PRESIDENT JOHN

2017 Austin 7 National Rally

The first newsletter for the rally was issued in November to club members and persons who have lodged Expressions of Interest. The newsletter has information about the period of the rally and information about the daily events. Also included were details of different types of accommodation available in Toowoomba. This information is available on the club's website at www.austin7.org.au under the "2017 Rally" heading.

Planning is progress well and registration forms for the rally will be available next year. A meal form will be forwarded at a later date when arrangements and prices are confirmed.

Radiator Tours

In early November members of the club went on a tour of two radiator companies as arranged through the Queensland Historic Motoring Council by Greg and Christine Stevens.

The first visit was to Redback Radiators at Molendinar who manufacture copper and brass radiators. Redback Radiators supply a wide range of radiators, intercoolers and other products for mining, industrial, agricultural and other applications.

Greg used radiator examples to demonstrate the progress of radiators from the early types to the latest technology. Staff then provided a tour of the production process starting from a flat roll of material to the finished product.

After morning tea, a tour of PWR at Ormeau was conducted. The tour explained the various stages of production starting with the manufacture of fins to the testing of the finished products. PWR manufacture specialised radiators, intercoolers and oil coolers for luxury cars, motorsport applications including Formula 1, V8 Supercars, NASCAR and passenger cars. A video of the manufacturing process is available on the PWR website at www.pwr.com.au.

I would like to thank Greg and Christine Stevens for arranging the tours and the management and staff of Redback Radiators and PWR for providing informative and interesting tours.

It is impressive to see innovation, research, testing, quality control and manufacturing processes to produce products of the highest standard manufactured in Queensland and exported throughout the world.

2015 Events

I would like to thank members who came on our monthly runs this year, the organisers of the monthly runs to a variety of interesting places and Neil for co-ordinating them.

Committees

I would like thank members of the committees who have given their time, expertise and advice throughout the year to maintain our club and make improvements in 2015.

Christmas and New Year Greetings

I would like to wish all members a safe Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and great Austin 7 motoring in 2016.

*John Que
President*

Your Club Committee

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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

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

Sunday 13th December A7 Register Rally: **A7 Club Annual Christmas Lunch** to be held at the Redlands Sporting Club, Anson Road (off Birkdale Road), Wellington Point. Lunch will be held at the Buffet World restaurant within the club - cost \$23.00pp (inc. seafood). Members to meet in the Sporting Club carpark from 11.00am for entry into the restaurant at 11.30am. Members are requested to bring along a wrapped unisex Christmas gift per person to the value of \$3.00 to be shared over lunch. As this is an A7 Register Event, members are encouraged to drive their A7. For more information, contact Robyn Clark (Ph. 3800 1965).

Please note, the A7 Christmas Lunch WILL NOT BE HELD AT ORIEIGH PARK, WEST END.

Friday 8th January 2016: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale

Sunday 10th January 2016: A7 Register Rally. Annual New Year Breakfast will now be a BYO BBQ LUNCH to be held at Doug & Robyn's house at 195 Middle Road, Boronia Heights commencing at 11.00am.

Members are required to make their own way to the Clarks' and to BYO everything they require for lunch. Buy a raffle ticket to win a great prize and grab a bargain at the A7 Second hand Parts Mega Sale. As this is an A7 Register Event, members are encouraged to drive their A7. - For more information contact Robyn Clark (Ph. 3800 1965) Please note, the A7 January Breakfast WILL NOT BE HELD AT THE COLMSLIE HOTEL.

Tuesday 26th January 2016: A7 Register Rally. Australia Day Rally organized by BVRC commencing with Breakfast from 7.00am at Ormiston State School. Rally around 10.30am to follow around Moreton Bay area - finishing at Redlands Sports Club, Wellington Point for lunch. Contact Robyn Clark (ph. 3800 1965) for more details. A7 members to make own arrangements re travel, registration etc.

Friday 12th February 2016: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 14th February 2016: A7 Register Rally Valentine's Day Rally organized by Lindsay & Sharyn (ph. 0408 876 559). Rally to commence from Centenary Pool Carpark at 9.00am. Rally details TBA. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch.

Friday 11th March 2016: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 13th March 2016: A7 Register Rally. President's Rally organized by John Que (ph. 0409 893 305). BYO Morning Tea & Lunch. Rally Details TBA.

Friday 8th April 2016: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 10th April 2016: A7 Register Rally. Rally organized by Trevor & Elaine Moore (ph. 3848 5575). Rally to commence from Centenary Pool Carpark at 9.00am. Rally details TBA.

Friday 13th May 2016: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 15th May 2016: A7 Register Rally. Mother's Day Fun Rally organized by Grant & Jackie Preddy (ph. 0488 375 804). Rally to commence at 9.00am from Centenary Pool Carpark. Rally details to be provided on the day. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch.

Friday 10th June 2016: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 12th June 2016: A7 Register Rally. Winter Rally organized by Ian & Valda Mc Dowell (ph. 3803 2835). Rally details TBA

INVITATION RALLIES AND SWAP MEETS

6th - 7th February 2016 Toowoomba Swap Meeting (99.99% sites booked already!)

23rd - 24th January 2016 Allora Heritage Weekend - 20th Anniversary Rally. Allora Showgrounds. Warwick Veteran and Vintage Club

April 2016 Roma Historical Motor Club's Easter in the Country Rally. For details phone 0433 144 525. Members to make own arrangements re. travel, accommodation & registration.

7th - 8th May 2016 Restored Vehicle Association Dalby invitational rally. Contact Peter Evans 07 4662 4889

29th May 2016 QVVA swap - Carina State School - QVVA

Saturday 14th & Sunday 15th May 2016: Truck Show organized 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). Members to make own arrangements re. travel, registration etc.

Sunday 15th May 2016: National Motoring Heritage Day. A National Day to promote & display Australia's strong motoring heritage & movement to the community, Government & business. To be held at Queens Park, Ipswich.

Sunday 26th June 2016: Vintage Car Club Static Display at Ormiston House, Ormiston commencing at 10.00am.

Minutes of Past A7RQ Meetings

Austin Seven Register of Queensland Inc.

Meeting No 541 9th October 2015

Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale



The President John Que declared the meeting opened at 7.55 pm with a welcome to all including Kathy McGuill's sister Christine from England.

Attendance: The attendance book was signed by 27 members

Apologies: Brett Wilson, Matt Potts Doug & Robyn Clark.

Minutes The minutes of the previous meeting were read by Trevor Moore Acting Secretary and he moved that they be accepted as a true and correct record. Seconded by Alan Couser. Carried

Business arising from Minutes; Nil

Correspondence OUT Membership reminders

IN Newsletters from other clubs as tabled

Expression of interest from Bill Moxon

Membership renewals

Raffle tickets returned

Email re Austins Over Australia Newsletter 1

Receipt from Veteran Car Club

Flyer from Tasvacations 3rd-10th October 2016

Veteran Car Club re book launch 18th Oct

Advertising Material

The acting Secretary Trevor Moore moved that the inward correspondence be accepted and the outward endorsed. Seconded by Graham Gleadhill. Carried

Business Arising from Correspondence: Nil

Treasure's Report: Amanda Wilson tabled her report showing the finances of the club and moved that it be accepted. Seconded by Rhonda Guthrie. Carried.

Queensland Historic Motoring Council Report: Nil

Spare Parts Report & Second Hand Parts: Trevor Moore gave these reports as he and Doug had gone through the second hand parts listing all and \$33.05 was given to the club as some parts went for scrap metal. They were then thanked by the President.

Events Organiser: Neil Thyer told members of the following events, and asked for their thoughts.

11th October NO RUN

15th Nov To be organised by Alan Couser TBA

13th Dec Club Xmas Party. Asked if members want the same park or a different one or go to lunch at a hotel.

10th Jan 2016 Do members still want Breakfast at the Colmslie Hotel or go to lunch.

No decision was made on the December or January outings. Must be decided at the next meeting.

Other Events:

18th Oct Mossgreen Auction, Armidale

31st Oct Shannon's Car Show & Shine, Strathpine

1st Nov Wheels of the Century, Redcliff Showgrounds

7th Nov Radiator Workshops with Greg Stevens

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23-24th Jan Allora Heritage Weekend

26th Jan Bayside Australia Day Rally, Ormiston State School

26th Jan Samford District Historical Museum, Australia Day

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14-17th April Austins Over Australia, Ipswich

All these Events are in a book on the front table.

Rally Reports – Past Events

12th Sept Gympie Swap

13th Sept Beaudesert Swap

29th Sept All British Day Tim spoke about it and report in newsletter

25th Sept HCVAQ Truck Show, Gatton

27th Sept Rocklea Auto Roundup, Rocklea Showgrounds



3rd-4th Oct LAMA Rally, Gatton. Trevor spoke about it.

Web Master Report: Mike McGuill told members all was OK and more photographs on the web this weekend.

Library Report: Nil

Editors Report: Tim stated the newsletter was ready for postage.

2017 A7 Rally Report: John Que reported the committee will be having a meeting on Monday week. Dates to be sent to other clubs. Registration (Saturday) 8th April. Depart for home or to Ipswich for Austins Over Australia on the (Friday) 14th April 2017.

General Business: Amanda has contacted a couple of auditors for quotes on doing our books as she was not happy with our last one. After a discussion Amanda moved the A Marshall Chartered Accounts at Goodna be accepted, seconded by Mike McGuill Carried.

Raffle tickets are being issued to all members to raise funds for our 2017 Rally.

Report on Cars and/or Car Troubles; Nil

Birthdays: All members having a birthday in October were wished many more Happy Years.

Raffle: Valda had our meeting raffle tickets for sale.

Sick members were wished a speedy return to good health, more so Doug Clark taken to hospital today.

Supper Organiser Thank you to Rhonda Guthrie for tonight's supper. Volunteer for November meeting
NIL

Committee Meeting TBA

Next meeting: 13th November 2015

As there was no further business to bring before the meeting it was declared closed at 8.35 pm. Wishing everyone a safe trip home.

Austin Seven Register of Queensland Inc.

Meeting No 542 13th November 2015

Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale.

The president declared the meeting open at 7.5 3pm with a welcome to all

Apologies: I & V McDowell, M & K McGuill,, M Potts, R & J Sims, G & J Gleadhill, K Matthews, B Wilson, D Logan & P Goldsworthy

Attendance: The attendance book was signed by 16 members.

Minutes: Robyn thanked Trevor for standing in last month then read the minutes of the October meeting. The Secretary then moved that the minutes as read be adopted as true and correct record. Neil Thyer then Seconded. Carried

Business Arising from Minutes: 18th October Book launch by the Veteran Car Club was attended by some members. Justin McCarthy asked why the Noosa Hill Climb was not in the minutes.

Correspondence: - *OUT*

Membership form to G Pilgrim

IN- Newsletters from other clubs as tabled

Expression of Interest forms = 9 forms returned

2017 Raffle Fund Raising Tickets returned

16th April 2016 Honk! Ipswich Festival Vehicle Parade

17th April Qld Auto Spectacular, Willowbank Raceway

Cams re benefits of club affiliation

Shannon's advertising material

The secretary moved that the inward correspondence be accepted and the outward endorsed. Seconded by Trevor Moore. Carried

Business arising from Correspondence: Justin McCarthy asked why the club would not affiliate with CAMS. A discussion followed, majority against,

Treasurer's Report: Amanda Wilson read her report on the clubs finances and moved that it be accepted. Seconded by Alan Couser. Carried

Queensland Historic Motoring Council Report: John Que reported that Green & White Number Plates can now be customised.

You can check your Registration on line.

Report to Transport & Mains Road if you see misuse of vehicles on concessional rego

NSW is trialling Log Books.

Spare Parts Report: Trevor Moore had only 5 sales in the last month.

Second Hand Parts: Doug Clark stated he might have a sale on some wheels.

Events Organiser: Neil Thyer asked Alan Couser to speak on his run on Sunday and members to please note the following changes of the Dec & Jan venues.

15th Nov Meet at Centenary Pool 9am. M/T The Gap, Lunch Oxley Common.

13th Dec Redlands Sporting Club for Xmas lunch. \$23-00 PP 11.30am to 2pm. Members to make their own way. (Booked for 30). Bring a wrapped gift to the value of \$3-00.

10th Jan Clark's residents 11am Byo BBQ Lunch.

Members to make own way.

14th Feb Valentine Rally organised by Lindsay & Sharon

Other Events: 2016

23-24th Jan Allora Heritage Weekend

26th Jan Bayside Australia Day Rally, Ormiston School

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8-14th April A7 National Rally, Toowoomba

14-17th April Austins Over Australia, Ipswich

Rally Reports – Past Events

18th Oct Veteran Car Club Book launch

7th Nov Radiator Workshop visit -3 members attended report in newsletter.

Web Master Report: Nil

Library Report: Nil

Editors Report: Tim asked for a report on the Radiator Workshop for the newsletter.

2017 A7 Rally Report: John said that the first newsletter of the rally had been sent by email or post to members who had sent expression of interest and all Qld A7 members.

Suggested the committee look into a P O Box for the rally.

Justin McCarthy asked about sponsorship and cloth badges.

General Business: Amanda asked about the Parts Insurance with Alliance. Trevor Moore moved that it be paid, seconded by Doug Clark. Carried.

Suggested that a quote from Shannon's be obtained to compare pricing.

Justin McCarthy spoke about his attempts at the Noosa Hill Climb.

Reports on Cars and/or Car Troubles: Nil

Birthdays: Many Happy returns to those members having a birthday in November.

Raffle: Thank you to Alan Couser for selling the raffle tickets.

All sick members were wished a speedy return to good health.

Supper: ALL members to bring a plate of goodies for the December Supper.

Thanks to Elaine & Gail for helping in the kitchen.

Committee Meeting: Committee members will be advised of the next meeting date.

Next Meeting: 11th December 2015.

With no further business to discuss the meeting was declared closed at 9.12 pm.

Robyn



PAST RALLY REPORTS

ALAN'S COMMON RALLY 15 November 2015

If we were to believe the wet Sunday weather forecast that we checked on Saturday, Sunday would be spent indoors. Not so. Sunday morning weather was bright and clear without a cloud in the sky.

Assembling at the Centenary Pool carpark for a great morning of rallying were five A7s with their drivers and four passengers/navigators. Alan Couser had, once again, generously offered the use of one of his A7s to our President John. What's more, Neil nominated to assist John by offering his questionable navigational expertise on the day! Just after 9am, we set out on the Rally. Doug & Robyn,



Mike & Kathy, "Starter Motor" Steve & Tait, John & Neil, and Alan proceeded through the Normanby Five ways and out along Waterworks Road towards The Gap. Our morning tea stop was Walton Bridge Reserve located across from The Gap Shopping Centre and adjacent to The Gap Police Station where we enjoyed a hot cuppa, a sweet cake and stimulating conversation.

Back on the road again, we headed to the picturesque and slightly hilly Gap Creek Road. Along the way, Doug came to the



rescue of Mike & Kathy who experienced a minor solenoid connection problem. At the end of this road we emerged adjacent to the Kenmore Village Shopping Centre. Along Moggill Road, we followed our unquestionable directions and turned off to cross over Indooroopilly Bridge. After passing through Chelmer, Graceville and Sherwood, we arrived at our lunch destination, Oxley Common at Rocklea. Here we were pleased to be joined by Brett & Amanda.



Lunch stop at Oxley Common Park

Following more stimulating conversation, consumption of our BYO lunches and more minor work by Doug on Mike & Kathy's car, we all headed home under a now cloudy sky.

Thanks Alan for another interesting and well organised and instructed Rally.

Neil



“STOP PRESS

At the 18th Annual Historic Noosa Hill Climb a mixed bag of conditions reduced race suited drivers to sweaty wrecks and the Sunday morning storms made a wet and torrid (climb of) Gyndier Drive, at Tewantin. One highlight was a 1935 Austin 7 Special looking resplendent in full flight up Noosa’s (wet) hill.”
(Quotes from the Sunshine Coast Daily)



A letter to the Editor from Justin & Russell

Just an update on our activities, Austin 7 racing.

Please find attached photos of our memorable weekend participating in the Noosa Hill Climb.

This is our second event in “Alfred,” an Austin 7 Sports Special, built by Rob Gabb.

Russell and I have owned Austin 7s since we were teenagers. I still have my first car, a 1929 Austin 7 Ace Sports. Since then I have accumulated a collection of Austin 7s as has Russell.

We are entering these racing events to bring back memories for all who have experienced the pleasure of owning or being driven in an Austin 7.

The history of achievements of the



Austin 7 in racing is remarkable since winning the first Australian Grand Prix in 1928.

We won’t break any records in this era of racing but we are having a lot of fun. In our first event we came second in our class, beaten by a Ford V8 by only a ¼ of a second. Looking forward to entertaining at many more race meetings.

Justin McCarthy & Russell Curtis



With Tim in the Garage

After the All British Day I decided it was time to have a look at the Nippy's rear brakes. When testing them with the back axle on wheel stands and the hand brake partly pulled on there was evidence of something was not right. The main culprit was a set of very sloppy brake cams, fitted with some non-original shims. I ordered new parts from Trev in the Shed but found that the bushes were something a bit unusual. My Saloon and just about every other A7 I have played with has 7/16 "i/d x 9/16" o/d x 1" long brass bushes. But the Nippy was fitted with a perforated zinc thin wall bush that was only 1/2" o/d. These were designed to be soaked with heavy oil before fitting. This car does not have the later semi- Girling brakes, just the standard 1 1/4 " wide alloy shoe and cable operated brakes. The back axle is a D-Type with no provision for oiling these cams.

Unfortunately the new parts book says the brass bush fits all A7s from 1923-36. According to the official Austin Service Journals these bushes were apparently changed to all cars from Chassis 140,000 in July 1931 to a thin brass outer bush with perforated zinc inner. This is still the same o/d as the previous brass bush, so the new all brass bushes will also fit these cars, but not my Nippy for some reason.

My solution was to visit the BSC bearing people at Northgate and get a set of 4 Glacier Bushes, a rolled mild steel bush with a Teflon inner coating which lasts well in service. I had to bore the axle casings out to just a whisker under 17/32" with my old adjustable reamer, the size of the new bush. A reamer is the best way to do this job to keep the hole round and straight. The bush is listed as 7/16" I/d x 17/32" o/d and only comes in 1/2" and 3/4" lengths. The 3/4" is p/n. 07DU12. I don't know if this type of bush was fitted to the normal Austin Sevens, but Peter Baker faced the same problem with his Nippy and recommended the glacier bushes as well. I would be interested to know if anyone else has struck this oddity which is proof of the statement that no two Austin Sevens are the same!

I also have made new steel caps to replace the worn ones on the brake shoes, making them about 5 thou of an inch thicker to compensate for drum wear, which is why those loose shims were put there before. What next, oh yes new tyres. Hopefully the car WILL be back on the road by Christmas!!

Tim

An amazing coincidence or What?

By Mr Wayne Styles Esq.



During the mid-1960's I was a commercial traveller in the eastern area of Australia's Victorian state. Since my teenage years I had an affection for Austin sevens and as the years passed I felt that if I was to ever learn anything about motor cars I should purchase one and attempt a restoration. Other friends during that time were also playing around with vintage cars and the lure to find an Austin, particularly around the 1929 coil ignition period and small to store was appealing. By 1969 I had purchased my 1930 chummy and the restoration commenced, but as is

often the case components were required to do the job and that is where my career path came to the

rescue. In the same year my travels took me into a small town [Corryong] in north eastern Victoria in the high country. Languishing under a pine tree very much in the distance I noticed two small derelict cars which needed to be investigated and rescued. One of the vehicles was a 1937 green Ruby and the other was an Egan bodied [Geelong, Victoria] 1931 box saloon. The owner of the cars simply left them there as they became redundant and purchased another replacement vehicle, he was the local bus owner/driver in the community, namely Stanley Arthur.

Both cars were 99% complete and were purchased for \$20 each. The ruby was still in its green livery and had been used by him for a much longer period than the box saloon thus contributing to its better condition. The box saloon was completely covered in brown surface rust but not a dent in sight. The tyres were inflated when rescued as they had simply deflated slowly over the decades.

Even though I was desperately seeking parts for my restoration I considered it sacrilege to remove bits from these two delightful cars so the following month my cousin and I collected them, I retained the Ruby and he the saloon. During the 4 year period I located a number of sevens in the bush and many times my company car returned to the office with engines and goodies to assist in my restoration but that's another story.

Within months my cousin was conscripted into the army and his father told him to sell the Austin as he didn't want to store it for the two year period. He sold the car to an elderly gent in Victoria's south west who was looking for a retirement project and then we lost track of it.

In 1979 The Austin 7 club was organising a rally in the historic homestead grounds of 'Ripponlea' in Melbourne. A 1931 box saloon was entered by 'S Pearce' which was a recently restored vehicle from Portland in south western Victoria. It was resplendent in its blue livery, polished timber trim internally and typical of an Egan manufactured car. Mr Pearce was the father in law of a western district chiropractor who was a keen collector of vintage cars and when Mr. Pearce passed away not long after the rally it was inherited by him who by this time had moved to live in suburban Melbourne. During the early eighties the Chiropractor had an urgent need to cash up and a number of his cars came up for sale including the Austin, it just happened to be the same time that my wife and I were looking to buy a short wheelbase Austin to use in



the winter months and we were happy to be its new owners.

For nearly thirty years we have been using this car but it was only in the last two years that I started to look for some answers to my thoughts. When the engine was dismantled every component has the same number, the car reappeared in a relatively short restoration time frame possibly due to it being so complete in the first place, it emerged from the same district as where my cousin sold it to, It is the only known 1931 Egan box saloon in Australia, It's the same original colour [except for the rust] and has no signs of accidents from the past. Could I have bought back the same car that I bought as a twenty year old all that time ago? GO FIGURE!.



The End!!!!!!!!!!

Wayne Styles.

CAPE YORK BY 1929 AUSTIN SEVEN - Part 2



WE MAKE CAPE YORK

2nd July 2015 - Lang headed off to the garage and worked there all day with Mark at Top End Motors rebuilding the brakes and the leaking radiator. I went down to the wharf and managed to get on the ferry over to Thursday Island where I spent the day. It certainly has changed since we were here 30 years ago!

3rd July - We are off early to head for the tip. The road is pretty rough but we cover the 34kms to Cape York by 09.30 despite drowning Daisy in a deep creek crossing. As it was low tide we were



able to take Daisy onto the beach for photos of our arrival. Lang and I walked out to the tip and by the time we returned the car park was filling up and on the way out we passed dozens of 4WD's all heading to set foot on Australia's northern most point. The road from Bamaga to the tip is the roughest so far and we were limited to second and third gear on the corrugations. We are still having radiator problems so it is back to Top End Motors for some more repairs.



HOME AGAIN, HOME AGAIN, JIGGEDY JIG

4th July - We did not get away from Seisia until early afternoon but decided to head south as far as we can during the afternoon. We are the only car on the ferry and at about 4pm we turned off on the Old Telegraph track to Sailors Creek to find a great spot beside the water with nobody for miles. We had a refreshing swim in the creek followed by a nice meal under the stars. The car has been running well all day

5th July - Set off from our camp site and after refuelling at Bramwell Junction we decided to go into Bramwell Station again as they have had a horse race, bull riding, greasy pig etc. festival on all weekend. After lunch we are off and all-but reach the main road when Lang detected a strange lurch and crunch and realised we had broken the right rear axle housing completely off the differential.

We limped back into the homestead and Lang and the station truck driver welded the crack. The light axle was also fitted with a neat cross support brace under the differential like off-road race trucks to cope with any further excess overloads. We decided to stay the night at Bramwell Station and enjoy the live entertainment once more.



6th July - Off again with Daisy fixed and raring to go. Called into Moreton Telegraph Station and selected breakfast from their vast menu of pies or pies. Despite the culinary paucity it is a lovely green place for travellers to stay under shady trees with friendly staff. The road is still pretty crook and we decided not to side-track into Weipa for an extra couple of hundred km of corrugations. Just north of Archer River Daisy died and we discovered a fuel union had worked loose and all our petrol had slowly run out on the road (no fuel gauge in 1928 Austin 7's). A young couple with a couple of kids

stopped and I jumped in with a jerry can to go 25km to Archer River for petrol and hitch a ride to return to Lang who was fixing the fuel line.

Before I could leave Archer River Lang appeared having been refuelled by Shane who was passing on his way to Weipa with a can of chainsaw fuel – Austin 7's will run on anything it seems. Having a petrol engine is becoming a serious remote area planning issue in this day of diesel engines in 90% of 4x4's.

7th July - Leaving the Archer we bounced over a terrible road towards Coen. There was no generator charge and after a bit of investigation it seems the primitive cut-out had failed although the generator was still working. We managed to get a charge by Lang revving the engine with me under the bonnet pushing the contact in but the rough road and gear changes caused the engine revs to drop and the contact to pop out. We figure the car will run for days on a full battery and we have switched off our stereo, Engel fridge, air-conditioning and electric seat adjustment to reduce electrical consumption.



Musgrave Telegraph Station is a nice break with good food and a welcome cold beer.

ON TO MUSGRAVE

8th July - In deference to Daisy we elected to travel the shortest distance to the bitumen straight south to Laura. There are some bitumen strips several kms long but in between it is the roughest section of road we have encountered. We stopped at Hann Roadhouse for a break before arriving at Laura late morning.

Here we took more photos of the two Austin 7's together. The store owner at Laura has had one parked outside his roadhouse for many years so it is symbolic being able to have them side by side.

From Laura we are back on a lovely smooth road surface with no more white knuckle, heart in the mouth, bone rattling travel. We stopped at Palmer River roadhouse for a late lunch then made it to Mount Carbine where we checked into the caravan park and are able to secure a cabin overnight. This is not just two beds in a donga but the cheapest accommodation so far and the size of a small unit with all mod cons, very welcome.

9th July - We have a pleasant trip down the range into Mossman and then along the coast, arriving back in Cairns at midday having completed our circle with Daisy purring along and the two of us feeling very much more relaxed.

The trip has been great fun and we have been able to bring history alive which is what we set out to do, and we achieved our aim. Driving old cars though, especially under such rough conditions, you are constantly aware that you are testing the boundaries. Lang did a fantastic job driving the entire route and attending to all the mechanical needs Daisy required. Of our two New Zealanders in 1928 Hector only learnt to drive between Sydney and Cairns and he said in his book he was always happy, like me, to be the passenger. I can only imagine how difficult it was for them, no communications, no roads and no idea of what lay ahead, true pioneers who should not be forgotten.

Total distance covered from Cairns to Cape York and back was 1,624 miles (2,598km). Total fuel used was 58 gallons/230 litres giving 43mpg in the old money – pretty good seeing we spent a lot of time crawling in third and even second gear. On the good sections we played it conservative and although Daisy would do much more, we sat on 35mph/60kmh. Several of our problems were caused by the huge load she was forced to carry. The corrugations are constant throughout the trip and although the Austin 7 rides nicely, effectively

having no shock absorbers results in regular out of control "drift driving", particularly on corners.

A great little car for its day and it would have been a winner on the English country lanes for which it was designed. Just goes to show you can take any car anywhere as Dick and Hector proved in 1928. Back to the 4x4 for us for a while until we feel in the need of more punishment.

THE END!!!

(Text and pictures taken with Kind permission from Bev and Lang Kidby's Web at next-

horizon.org)

STOP PRESS "Daisy" was sold online to Northern NSW and Bev and Lang have now "bought a Jeep!!



A letter to the Editor about a Car and Parts for sale at Kin Kin

Dear Tim

Thank you for taking the time to chat with me about (my husband) John's collection and the proposed advertising in the Austin 7 club newsletter a little while ago. I'm attaching a list that Ken Bradford helped me with earlier in the year and also Peter Goldsworthy from Gympie was very kind and came out to Kin Kin with my brother-in-law to see John's collection. Peter gave



me and Graeme, some important information regarding engine numbers etc. I am attaching a photo of the ute which John called "The Bute", (it is full of A7 parts, bits and pieces now). This photo shows the ute with its motorcycle tyres, and alloy rims after they were fitted.

After much discussion with like-minded enthusiasts of old cars I would like to achieve a price of \$4000 o.n.o. for the entire collection. I am not willing to sell off any individual item – I would like it to go in its entirety to somebody who has a vision to complete a project of course, but at the end of the day the components just need to be with the A7 enthusiasts. I do have some books too on Austin 7's that may be of interest to a buyer.

As mentioned in our chat Tim, I also have an Austin Truck which I believe is around the 1950's vintage. The motor was able to run about 3 years ago and the brakes weren't working – the timber tray has some dry rot – but basically it is original. I think I have a manual on the truck too (I'll have to check) and I am enclosing a photo taken a while back which shows the basic shape of the old thing. I'm asking \$600 for old "Blue" so maybe someone in the club may be interested in it. We found it in Tenterfield and had it delivered to Kin Kin to join our Austin fleet.

1937 chassis cut down tourer body to make ute style body with radiator and cowl. Wheels respoked on alloy rims with motor cycle tyres x 4 and stainless steel spokes

Also a 1935/6 complete chassis with wheels 15" no tyres {non Girling brakes} has lowered front axle and steering box.

Plus all these parts included

2 Radiators 1935/7 tourer with cowl.

Crank case 1933/4 one 5/16 crank size front starter pistons

1 Gear box 4 speed including tail shaft hardy/Spicer

Wheels 4 size 16" with worn tyres & tubes

Blocks x 4 all de studded rings"

Zenith carby complete with air cleaner

Steering box

Fan & pulleys

Collection of rods

Helen Pizzey

2 Fly wheels

Crank case 36/37 3 bearing lower end with rods &

1 Gear box 3 speed crash type

2 size 16" rims only {no centres}

Set J.P. pistons "new" 40 thou over sizes with

starter motor (front entry

Box assorted bits and pieces

Generator support

PLEASE NOTE THE ABOVE WAS SOLD AFTER THE NEWSLETTER WENT TO PRINT

More Austin Seven Classifieds

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

For Sale.Crankcase 2 bearing, 1935, degreased and good condition plus front nose piece and crank handle. \$300. Wayne Styles. 03 95921672.

CLUB SPARE PARTS

Please Note the Austin Seven Register Spare Parts will be closed from 21st December to 6th January.

Thanks to all that support our club spares.

Cheers *Trevor Moore*



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List of Austin 7 Second Hand Spare Parts for Sale to Club Members
At Moore's, 174 Hyde Road, Yeronga Ph. 38485575.

3 x late manifolds	1 x early aluminium carb intake
1 x Front shock absorber complete from mounting bracket to axle bolts	
Mixture of front and rear shock absorber arms	2 x Shock absorber bolts
1 x Magneto strap	1 x early hand brake bracket
3 x Second hand short axles	1 x 3 Piece sports windscreen posts
1 x Pair repaired front spring shackles.	1 x Front axle needs repair, one king pin eye cracked.
4 x radius rod arms (need some repair).	Assorted engine valves.
1 x late crank dog.	1 x early crank dog.
2 x Girling backing plates, brake shoes	1 x Oil pump gear.
1 generator gear	2 x Generator / starter covers.
7 x Starter generator bolts.	2 x Top half section of A7 fuel pump.
1 x Bottom half centre main bearing for 3 bearing crank.	1 x Oil pump.
1 x 2 Blade fan	2 x 26va Carburettor float bowls.
1 x Big 7, Lucas C35M 6 volt starter motor.	1 x Torque tube socket and nut.
3 Generator slinger washers.	1 x Lucas C35M, 6 volt generator housing.
1 x BTH magneto for parts only, had covers, no points.	2 x Aluminium steering box housings.
1 x 1931 Starter motor case one end missing, could be repaired	1 x Set oil baffles good condition.
1 x Pair of cast brass radius rod arms for sports bowed front axle.	2 x 3 Speed gear box input shaft outer ring bearing with rollers good condition.
3 x Brake/Clutch pedal discs.	1 x Starter motor Bendix gear for bacon slicer starter.
1 x 6½ headlight glass + 1 rim.	2 x Ruby rear brake cable pulley and brackets.
1 x Bacon slicer starter motor locating pin.	1 x Rist horn mounting bracket.
2 x Front brake shoe pivot	3 x Crank case oil gauge fittings.
4 x Sump plugs.	1 x Ignition control rod.
3 x Hub felt seal retainer washers	1 x Carburettor brass control lever (manual throttle control)
1 x Throttle control lever connecting rod.	
Assorted valve collets and valve spring cups.	

List of Austin 7 Second Hand Spare Parts for Sale to Club Members at Doug Clark's
195 Middle Road, Boronia Heights, Ph. 38001965.

3 x cylinder blocks	7 x cylinder heads
2 x diff centres.	Assortment of conrods.
1 x Ruby offside differential tube.	2 x Ruby Radiator support brackets.
2 x Ruby front guards	1 x Ruby front cross member.
1x Ruby cow horn.	1 x Ruby saloon windscreen frame
1 x early windscreen frame	1 x Ruby L/H front guard support bracket.
1 x Ruby dipping switch	1 x Ruby crank case front cover and crank handle shaft.
4 x 3 speed gear boxes complete	1 x 3 speed gear box casings.
Assortment of 3 speed gear box gears and shafts.	3 x Bacon slicer starters & housing.
1 x Bacon slicer starter housing.	1 x Magneto.
2 x Exhaust manifolds, 1 early, 1 late.	1 x 1929 engine seized has crank & flywheel.
3 x Front springs	1 x Pair lowered rear springs.
4 x Wheel centres	7 x Brake drums
4 x Torque tubes.	1 x steering box column.
Assortment of diff centres and planetary gears.	4 x Camshafts, one is for 3 bearing engine.
1 x Updraught aluminium inlet manifold.	1 x Crank dog.
4 x sets of Timing gears not matched.	3 x generator mounting housing.
3 x early backing plates.	Assortment of rear main bearing retainers.
1 x Cut-out.	1 x Fuel pump.
2 x early fly-wheels.	1 x late fly-wheel.
Clutch pressure plate parts.	3 x 3 Speed clutch throw out bearing housings.
4 x Front crank shaft bearing retaining plates.	2 x Ruby 16inch wheels & tyres.
2 x 19inch wheels one needs some spokes.	6 x ruby wheels condition?



Expression of Interest Form

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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

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

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

For enquiries contact John Que by phone on 07 3396 0882

Only 16 months to GO!!!