



NEWSLETTER *December 2014*

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



Dear Members

Another eventful year is nearly over, soon to be only memories. But we have had plenty to report this year, the trip to Rockhampton and Merv and Margaret Thompson's trip up thru the middle of Australia in their model T Ford are events that come to mind, but there have also been countless miles travelled on local rallies and invitation runs for the "out of Towner's".

We also have had news of various restorations proceeding along nicely in Brisbane, Glenwood and Rockhampton.

We have also unfortunately had to bid farewell to past members Bernie Cleveland and Bill Clarke this year, it appears we are ageing quicker than our Austin Sevens.

There also have been a few changes in the top. Our new President John proves to very energetic and I think it is important that the rest of the committee gets behind John and supports him. For instance John has been doing a LOT of background work organising the National Austin Seven Rally in Toowoomba, travelling up there to personally check out various venues and attractions. Robyn is now back in the Secretary's chair and doing a mighty job doing all the work that makes the rest of the committee look good. Amanda, our treasurer is another quiet achiever, keeping our books in order and coping with all the late payers, especially with Brett being laid up with a bad back. Trevor also does a mighty job, he was our secretary for many years but has not completely let go as he is still happy to look after our spare parts department (I think he just likes to natter to people about their cars who order parts for their Austins). I think this is the year our past President Lindsay has finally hug up his mortar and gown (do teachers still wear those?) and finally getting enjoy some free time with his family without worrying about having a pile of school books to mark!

Anyway enough twaddle from me.

I will now take the opportunity to wish you all a Merry Christmas, a safe Holiday Season and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Editor Tim

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

Sunday 11th JANUARY 2015:

A7 Register Rally. Annual New Year Breakfast/Lunch organized by Neil Thyer & Karyn Matthew (ph 0431 067 909). Please check the web site (see above) for time & venue for breakfast or lunch.

Sunday 26th January 2015:

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 Alexandra Hills Hotel for lunch. Contact Robyn Clark (ph 3800 1965) for more details. A7 members to make own arrangements re travel, registration etc.

Sunday 15th February 2015:

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.

Sunday 15th March 2015:

A7 Register Rally. President's Rally organized by John Que (ph 0409 893 305). BYO Morning Tea & Lunch. Rally departs from Centenary Pool Carpark at 9.00am. Rally details TBA.

Sunday 12th April 2015:

A7 Register Rally. Rally details TBA

Saturday 9th May 2015:

A7 Register Rally. Rally details TBA

Sunday 14th June 2015:

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

Sunday 28th June 2015:

External event. Vintage Car Club Static Display at Ormiston House, Ormiston commencing at 10.00am. A7 members to make own arrangements re travel, registration etc.

INVITATION RALLIES AND SWAP MEETS

April 2015:

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

2nd & 3rd May 2015:

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

Saturday 16th & Sunday 17th May 2015:

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). Sunday 17th May 2015:

National Motoring Heritage Day. A National Day to promote & display Australia's strong motoring heritage & movement to the community, Government & business

Sunday 17th May 2015:

Brisbane Swap Meet - New Location - Carina State School corner Creek Road and Cuthred Street, CARINA. Gates open at 6.30am - \$10 Swap site including driver, \$5 per person.

4th-15th June 2015

QHMC Rally- details to be confirmed

Minutes of Past A7RQ Meetings

Austin Seven Register of Queensland Inc.

Meeting No 529 – 10th October 2014

Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale

Our President John Que declared the meeting opened at 7.50pm welcoming members.



Attendance Book: - 19 members signed the attendance book

Apologies :- Ian & Valda McDowell, Mathew Potts, Merv & Margaret Thompson, Rod & Janette Sims, Brett Wilson, Mike & Kathy McGuill, Elaine Moore, Tim Braby, June Gleadhill, and Alan & Barbara Wood.

The minutes of the September Meeting were read and the Secretary moved that they be accepted as a true and correct record. Seconded by Judy Haigh - Carried

Business Arising from Minutes: - Nil

Correspondence: - IN

Newsletters from other club as tabled

Receipts from QHMC and Veteran Car Club

Membership renewal from various members

Expression of Interest from D&C Munro, G&S Shepherdson & A Esmore

Request for Membership Application Form

QVVA 50th Anniversary Rally November 2014-10-26

Crestmead Neighbourhood Watch 19th October Road Safety Expo

OUT:-

Hand, Heart, Pocket Cheque for Prostate Cancer Nurse

QHMC Affiliation Fees

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

Seconded by Trevor Moore. Carried

Business arising from the Correspondence: - Nil

Treasurers Report: - Treasurer Amanda Wilson presented her report and moved that it be accepted. Seconded by Doug Clark. Carried

Queensland Historic Motoring Council Report: - John Que gave this report which is attached to the minutes. Neil Thyer asked for details to be included in newsletters.

Spare Parts Report: - Trevor Moore has had around \$500-00 in sales this month and has ordered replacement parts from Melbourne.

Second Hand Parts: - Doug Clark reported a Fly Wheel has been given away

Coming Events: - Neil Thyer asked if anybody wished to have a fish & Chips Run on Sunday. No one was interested as it was Bathurst Car Racing.

19th October Safety Expo, Waller Rd, Browns Plains.

16th November Alan Couser has planned the Club Run leaving the Clubrooms at 9am.

14th December A7 Club Christmas Lunch at Orleigh Park, West End at 10am. BYO Morning Tea and Lunch. Make own arrangements re travel.

26th January 2015 Australia Day Rally, Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club

20th September 2015 All British Day, Tennyson.

Rally Reports on Past Events:-

HCVC Gatton Truck Muster = 85 Mack Trucks

All British Day = Justin McKeering reported 8 Austin 7's present and the Australian oldest Rolls Royce 1909

LAMA Rally Gatton = Trevor Moore stated that they drove 250km for the weekend. It was a very enjoyable and interesting rally.

General Business: - Members were informed Bill Clarke had passed away, but there will be no funeral. (Card to be sent to Sue.)

*******Trevor Moore was presented with his official Life Membership Badge. *******

Duncan Logan informed us Emily had entered her car in the Noosa Beach Classic Car Show on the 5th October and won. Congratulations.

Report on Cars and/or Car troubles: - Nil

The President wished all members having a birthday this month best wishes especially Neil Thyer whose birthday was today.

Raffle tickets were sold by Karyn Matthews on Valda's behalf.

Sick members were wished a speedy return to good health.

Supper Organizer: - for November Margaret Thompson

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

Committee Meeting: - TBA

Next Meeting: - 14th November 2014

Meeting closed 8.40 pm.

Austin Seven Register of Queensland Inc.

Meeting No 530 14th November 2014 (G20)

Held at Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale.

The President John Que declared the meeting opened at 7.50pm. Welcoming members and visitors. (Hannah Creer & Jack Gleadhill)

Attendance Book: 17 members signed the book

Apologies: Brett Wilson, Howell Whitehouse, Ian & Valda McDowell, Rod & Janette Sims, Mathew Potts, Ted Bale, Peter Goldsworthy, Karyn Matthew, and Ross & Rhonda Guthrie.

The minutes of the October Meeting were read and the Secretary moved that they be accepted as a true and correct record. Seconded by Graham Gleadhill. Carried

Business Arising from Minutes: Nil

Correspondence: OUT

Sympathy Card to Sue Clark

IN:

Newsletters from other clubs as tabled

Expression of Interest from Greg & Kay Shuker, Trevor Gent & Rosalie Heppner

Thank You Email from Sue Clark

Samford District Historical Museum re invitation Australia Day 2015

Limestone Insurance re Spare Parts

Don & Linda Pryor, Nambour membership application (1932 Tourer)

Receipt for donation to Hand Heart Pocket.

Prince Charles Hospital Foundation re donation

The Secretary moved that the inward correspondence be accepted as read and the outward endorsed. Seconded by Mike McGuill. Carried

Business Arising from Correspondence:

Don & Linda Pryor membership be accepted Carried

Prince Charles Hospital donation, (not at this time). Club supports the Flying Doctors but the committee will discuss donations in the near future.

Treasure's Report: Treasurer Amanda Wilson reported on the finances of the club and asked that her report be accepted. Seconded- Trevor Moore. Carried

Queensland Historic Motoring Council Report: Nil

Spare Parts Report: Trevor Moore reported a few sales this month and that more parts have arrived from Melbourne to replace those sold.

Second Hand Parts Sales: Nil

Event Organiser: Neil Thyer asked if we were still having our run on Sunday as the weather will be hot. Members agreed for it to go ahead.

18th November: Club run organized by Alan Couser. (Couser Koala Country Cruise) Meet at Clubrooms 9am. BYO M/T and Lunch

14th December: Club Christmas Party, Orleigh Park, West End. Meet at park 10am. BYO M/T and Lunch. Make own arrangements re travel.

January Club Breakfast was discussed. Arrangements to be made next meeting.

February Valentine's Day Run to be organized by Lindsay Jordan

March 15th Presidents Rally

Other Events:

26th January 2015 Australia Day Rally, Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club.

20th September 2015 All British Day, Tennyson.

Rally Reports = Past Events

19th October Road Safety Expo, Browns Plains. 3 Austins attended

Merv Thompson reported on recent trip to Kalgoorlie in his Veteran Renault and the trip from Adelaide to Darwin in a Veteran T Ford. 48 cars participated and 45 finished.

General Business: The President asked for someone to move that Lindsay Jordan and Trevor Moore's signatures be removed from the club cheque account and the President John Que and Secretary Robyn Clark's names be added. Moved by Lindsay Jordan, seconded by Trevor Moore. Carried.

Merv Thompson asked if anyone was considering going to Austins over Australia in Devonport Tasmania 3rd to 6th April 2015

There were some song sheets and past rally books on the table if anyone wished to take them.

Report on Car and/or Car troubles: Doug Clark asked if anyone could help him with a sub-frame for a 1967 Mini.

The President wished all members having a birthday in November best wishes.

Raffle: As Valda was away Hannah volunteered to sell tickets. Thank You.

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

Supper Organizer: Everyone to bring a plate of goodies for our December meeting.

Committee Meeting: TBA

Next Meeting: 12th December 2014.

The meeting was declared closed at 8.52pm.

Robyn



Please Welcome New Members

Don and Lynda Pryor 70 Panorama Drive, Nambour

They have a 1932 Tourer - Engine number M163170, date on block is 22/7/32 and date on head 3/9/32

Original Q registration is Q 182 448

CLUB SPARE PARTS

Please Note the Austin Seven Register Spare Parts will be closed between the 22nd of December thru to the 11th of January 2015



Summary of the Qld. Historic Motor Council General Meeting

Thursday 25th September 2014

We had an excellent meeting with positive input from delegates. I thank you all for attending and contributing. **Treasurer Greg Stevens** resigned due to the appearance of conflict of interest. Alex Connors was Assistant Secretary / Treasurer and was appointed Treasurer with Greg Stevens being appointed Assistant Secretary / Treasurer. Where there are casual vacancies, the committee may appoint a replacement to fill the vacancy until the next AGM.

Regional clubs – do you have a delegate representing your club? If you would like somebody to represent your club and provide you with a report after meetings, please contact president, Christine Stevens.

DTMF

- There are no windscreen registration labels from 1st October. There is a website to check if a vehicle is registered – showing make, model, registration status, rego due and VIN number
- The Dating Certificate has been modified to a simplified 1 page form. Club secretaries to forward club logo & address to be added onto form. The requirement where cars must be sighted has been removed though the dating officer MUST be satisfied as to the identity of the vehicle, e.g. detailed photos, import permit.

QHMC Rally

- **URGENT** – Host club needed for SEQ Rally 2015 – June Queens Birthday weekend. 2 or 3 clubs may wish to join forces to host the rally and it can be hosted in any location of your clubs' choice. The committee have rallies set out from previous events in Pittsworth, Nymboida & Mullumbimby and can pass on information to assist – i.e. accommodation, rally routes, contact names, etc.
- 2015 NQ QHMC Rally is being hosted by Cairns & District Vehicle Club
- Roma Historical Motor Club volunteered for 2016, Easter weekend. QHMC will consider Easter as a one-off exception with some additional activities add to the itinerary. Awaiting response from Roma.

National Heritage Motoring Day, 17th May 2015 – The committee are organising a destination for SEQ Clubs to meet. The clubs organise their individual runs to a location and gather for a display. We are in discussions with Ipswich City Council and are favouring Queens Park due to the additional activities in this park. Await more information. Please mark this into your calendars and make this your club's event for the month.

Australian Historic Motoring Federation (AHMF)

- National Cultural Heritage Commission – AHMF has undertaken to provide information regarding the export of historic motor vehicles and machinery as, currently, the majority of people are not aware of the act, rules and regulations. The Act is not intended to restrict normal and legitimate trade in cultural property and does not affect an individual's right to own or sell objects within Australia. (Since 1986 only 10 motor vehicles/machinery items have been retained in Australia)

Robert Shannon Foundation (RSF)

- Funds available for grants are to the maximum of the interest earned and the principal is not used. The Trust holds \$110,000 so at approx. 3.5% pa, this is only \$3,850pa. Application for grant are on AHMF website – www.ahmf.org.au – and there is a sample application on the site.
- Applicants must be under the age of 30 years & members of a QHMC member club
- RSF may provide in each year ONE payment contributing to fees applicable to courses relating to automotive or engineering training, and provided at a TAFE or other accredited training facility – for a club member of an AHMF Affiliated council (i.e. under 30 years of age)
- All applicants for Grants should first be assessed at club level for suitability; then forwarded to QHMD for endorsement by 1st May; QHMC is to ensure applications are sent to the RSF by 1st June

Next General Meeting to be held at Veteran Car Cub Rooms, Thursday 27th November 2014

President: Christine Stevens Phone 0419 789 151 president@qhmc.org.au

Secretary: Trevor Shields Phone 07 3408 2364 secretary@qhmc.org.au

Webmaster: Scott Fagg Phone 07 3823 1794 webmaster@qhmc.org

General Business: Russell Manning advised that there is no legislation that covers shackles on trailers or caravans. He also advised that there is no legislation that requires cargo nets over trailer loads. The requirement is that the load is secured

Queensland Historic Motoring Council Inc.

Minutes of General Meeting Thursday 27th November 2014

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Secretary: Trevor Shields (SCACC) Ph: 07 3408 2364 secretary@qhmc.org.au

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Treasurer: Alex Connors (BSMM) treasurer@qhmc.org.au

Asst.Sec/Treas: Greg Stevens (MOQ) Ph: 07 3260 6197 assistsectreas@qhmc.org.au

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Asst. DTMR Liaison: Alex Connors (BSMM)

Webmaster: Scott Fagg (Bayside) Ph: 3823 1794 webmaster@qhmc.org.au

Meeting Opened at: 7:40pm

Present: 26 Delegates as per attendance sheet.

Apologies: S. Fagg, G. Bristow, L. Bennett, R. Whitney.

New Delegates: Ray Burrows (Riley Club), L. Pugsley (Sunstate Panel van Club).

Visitors: Nil

SECRETARIES REPORT

Minutes

The minutes of the September General Meeting have been emailed or Mailed to Clubs and Delegates and tabled.

Moved: T. Shields that the minutes be accepted. Seconded: V. Sharp. Carried

There are no new applications for affiliation.

Inwards Correspondence:

1. 24 newsletters by mail and email.
2. BOQ Bank statement.
3. Notice of MOCC Meeting 9th December.
4. Notice of donations to Prostate Cancer Fund from Cairns Motor Cycle Club, Mt. Warning Club, Dalby Club, All American Car Club Cairns.
5. Flyer for Yarra Glen swap meet.
6. Flyer for Great Australian Rally Melbourne to Mornington. 18th January 2015. Sponsored by RACV.
7. Flyer for Shannon's Aussie Classic Car Show 26th January 2015. Mornington Racecourse.
8. Newsletter from AOMC.
9. All British Car Club request for dating certificate.
10. Account for Trophies for QHMC Rallies 2015. From V. Toonen. \$240.
11. Eight reaffiliations received. Making total to date seventy-six.

Outwards Correspondence:

1. Cairns Club cheque for \$1000 sponsorship for Nth. Qld. QHMC Rally Easter 2015
2. Annual return to Office of Fair Trading.
3. Minutes sent to all delegates and clubs.
4. Dating certificates to all club secretaries.
5. Logo insertion to dating forms for several clubs. Clubs are reminded that if you wish to have your logo inserted on the dating certificate you may send it to Christine at info@ftsr.com.au

Moved: T. Shields, that the inward correspondence be received and the outward adopted. Seconded by F. Clark. Carried

TREASURERS REPORT

Opening Balance General a/c 25th September 2014 \$ 2,508.10

Plus Income Affiliation Fees \$ 1,945.00

Interest \$ 0.32 \$ 1,945.32

\$ 4,453.42

Less Payments #963 VCCA (Q) – hall rental \$ 240.00

#964 Don Combie – Auditor \$ 330.00

#965 Russell Manning – AHMF \$ 373.00

#966 Cheryl Nott – Supper \$ 23.20

#968 Cairns Historical Vehicle Club \$ 1,000.00

#969 G Stevens – CS AHMF Expenses \$ 404.05

#970 Trevor Shields – postage \$ 35.00

Jardine Lloyd Thompson – ins. \$ 810.00 \$ 3,215.25

Closing Balance of General account as at 27th Nov 2014 \$ 1,238.17

Term deposits 21543420 (renewed 15/11 @ 3.3%)

\$12,686.73

20255840 (renewed 21/10 @ 3.3%) \$22,508.50 \$35,195.23

Total in general account & 2 term deposits \$38,410.48

Cheques to be passed for payment

Cheryl Nott – Supper \$ 45.80

Alex Connors – postage, photo-copying, etc. \$ 96.95

Cooroy Locksmith – Trophies \$ 240.00

Office of Fair Trading – Fee for Alt. to constitution \$ 18.20

It was moved by A. Connors seconded by C. Gregory, that the Treasurer's Report be accepted and payments to be ratified and cheques passed for payment. Carried.

DTMR REPORT

The DTMR Liaison Officer's Report is a separate attachment.

Rod Graydon, John Green and Val Sharp spoke on the method of identification of vehicles by photo and supplied information and it was decided that the matter needs further clarification. Rod to report after next meeting with DTMR.

Greg Stevens suggested Rod ask DTMR to have Concessional/full Registration added to their APP for searching registration numbers.

WEBMASTER

In the absence of the Webmaster, Christine Stevens reported the following.

- Some colour has been added to the website and cars have been added to the Banner;
- Some news items have been added and some outstanding updates have been posted;
- More will be added in the near future;
- The Dating Certificate has been loaded onto the website for member Clubs to access. NATIONAL MOTORING HERITAGE DAY, 17th May 2015.

After a meeting with the Ipswich City Council, QHMC has decided to proceed with holding the function in Queens Park, Ipswich. Zones 1 and 2. Access is via Goleby Avenue, Ipswich.

This park has many attractions. Café/Kiosk, Ipswich Nature Centre with native animals and rainforest bird aviary, Japanese themed garden, bush chapel, BBQs, gazebos, and shelters and a children's playground. Additional entertainment is currently being worked on.

Entry will be free but the Ipswich City Council requests entry forms to be used so that they may use this information in their promotion of the event.

Online entry at <http://fs12.formsite.com/discoverIpswich/form15/index.html>

Entry forms will also be sent to all clubs and delegates.

QHMC RALLIES

After communications with the Roma Club they have decided against hosting the QHMC Rallies for either 2015 or 2016 as it is felt they do not want to change their Easter in the Country Rally, held at Easter, in any way. We thank the Roma Club for considering the option and we wish them well with their Easter in the Country Rally 2015. The 2015 North Queensland QHMC Rally is to be held in Cairns at Easter 2015 and nomination forms and accommodation list is available on the website. These have been sent to clubs and will be resent in the near future.



The 2015 South Queensland QHMC Rally will be hosted by the QHMC Committee and delegates on the Queensland birthday weekend, from Saturday 6th to Monday 8th June 2015, and based in Pittsworth. Pittsworth has ample accommodation and agreeable countryside for the needs of the rally. The committee to proceed with this arrangement. Please enter this event into your calendars. Further details and entry forms will be available in the New Year.

2016 Secretary is to write to the Mackay club to ask if they would like to combine the 2016 NQ QHMC Rally with the Hub Rally they are hosting.

2016 QVVA President has unofficially advised that they will host the 2016 Sth Qld QHMC Rally.

Official confirmation has not yet been received.

Any clubs wishing to take on the future rallies – 2017 and beyond – for North Queensland or Southern Queensland, please contact President Christine Stevens – Email info@ftrs.com.au – Phone 0419 789 151

AHMF REPORT:

AHMF will be supplying a Poster for National Motoring Heritage Day to be used by State and Territory Councils and Clubs.

Russell Manning spoke on the work of the sub- committee in relation to the export of vehicles over 30 years.

Greg Stevens spoke on the 2016 USA Swap Tour, taking in both Carlisle and Hershey Swaps, late September – early October 2016. This was discussed at an AHMF meeting and has support from members from NSW and Victoria. Greg requested feedback from those who may be interested, advising what they want included in their holiday. Greg has been speaking with a Tour organiser in Melbourne and the tour will be designed around what we want. Feedback to Greg Stevens – email info@ftrs.com.au

GENERAL BUSINESS:

David James brought to the attention of the committee a few errors on the website. These to be rectified.

Christine explained that the website is very much a job in progress.

David also requested that Newsletters be a monthly production and that the minutes be produced sooner. These matters will be attended to and Newsletters will be sent where there is additional information to be updated.

Bill Ryan (SCACC) asked about the legality of rallies advertised as attend “anytime” which are becoming quite popular recently. Rod Graydon advised that all rallies must be advertised in club magazines with a meeting place, time and address of the venue. It is not sufficient to advertise the event just once as a visit anytime rally. The President and Committee would like to congratulate Queensland Vintage Vehicle Assn. for achieving 50 years. Their next meeting on 30th November is the start of the next 50 years.

President, Christine Stevens, would also like to acknowledge the contribution of Past President John Trask as President and Vice President over the past years. We would also like to wish him well with his upcoming heart surgery.

Cheryl Nott wished all a Happy Christmas and Festive Season.

President Christine wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year and as there was no other business the meeting closed at 9.10pm.

The next General Meeting will be held Thursday 22nd January 2015.

Please Note:

There are still quite a few member clubs who have not sent in their re-affiliation forms and payment for 2014-15 which were sent out in August. It is important that these be returned advising of change to Club Officers due to AGM's etc. If you have mislaid the form, please contact the secretary and another form will be sent to you. If you have made payment via the internet you must still send your form containing the club's latest information.

Thanking you

Trevor Shields

Sec QHMC. Events to be added to your calendar

Fri 3rd – Mon 6th April NOR'EASTER HUB MEET/NQ QHMC Rally – hosted by Cairns & District Historic Vehicle

Club Inc. in Cairns. Details are on QHMC website – Entry details

<http://qhmc.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/Registration-form-2015.pdf> AND

<http://qhmc.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/ACCOMMODATION-OPTIONS-INCAIRNS.pdf>

Enquiries Dawn May 07 4057 8100 or Dian Hill 07 4055 4171

Further details and entry forms will be available in the New Year. See QHMC Website for current information. Enquiries Greg & Christine Stevens, Phone 07 3260 6197,

Email info@ftrs.com.au

Sunday 17th May 2015 National Motoring Heritage Day Car Display, Queens Park, Ipswich – hosted by QHMC for Veteran, Vintage & Historic vehicles. Free entry, pre-registration is required - <http://fs12.formsite.com/discoverIpswich/form15/index.html> or post completed entry form. This event is organised at NO COST to you or your club. See QHMC Website for more information – www.qhmc.org.au

Sat 6th – Mon 8th June Sth Qld QHMC Rally – hosted by QHMC Committee and delegates, in Pittsworth. Further details and entry forms will be available in the New Year. See QHMC Website for current information – www.qhmc.org.au. Enquiries Greg & Christine Stevens, Phone 07 3260 6197, Email info@ftrs.com.au

Bill Clarke

Members will be saddened to hear of the recent loss of Bill Clarke who recently passed away peacefully in full time care on the Sunshine Coast after a long battle with his illness. Bill and Sue first joined the Register with their 1928 Chummy about 15 years ago when they lived in suburban Kedron with a fluffy white “frizzle” chook roaming the back yard. They had moved around a bit since then, living on a yacht “Somewhere up North” and retiring on the Sunshine Coast. They bought a lovely 1928 Van and Bill and Sue negotiated with Castrol to obtain permission to paint it in a period Castrol Oil delivery van style, inspired by a Matchbox Models of Yesteryear Austin Van.



The family had a private gathering to celebrate Bill's life, including a ceremonial releasing of balloons from a boat.

The club sent a card to Sue.



PAST RALLY

REPORTS

LAMA - Gatton Rally 4th & 5th October 2014.

We arrived at about 8am along with Doug & Robyn Clark and Robert & Ferne Callow, members from Highfields in their MG TF and other club members from Bayside, Warwick, Darling Downs, Dalby & Ipswich clubs. All were welcomed to the usual morning tea and at 9am we

were all, about 40 cars, flagged off out of the Gatton Society Historic complex. There were two runs a 150km run and a 120km run. Clarks and us took the short run along with 5 other vintage cars. Travelling though Gatton and onto the

Gatton Esk road travelling about 37km to Esk. After a short stop we headed for Fernvale arriving at the Brisbane Valley Tavern for lunch where alternative drops of steak, chips and salad or chicken parmigana, chips and salad were served.

After lunch it was along the Brisbane Valley Highway passing over the Wivenhoe dam wall and then headed for and travelling through Lowood and onto Lake Clarendon Way on to the Gatton-Esk Road crossing over the highway and back into Gatton. The evening meal was held at the Gatton Uni Campus dining hall, another big buffet meal.

Sunday morning was an early start with breakfast at 7am. After breakfast we all travelled back into Gatton onto Tent Hill Road and travelling through the country side on Ma Ma /Lilydale Road and onto Flagstone Creek Road and after about 40 Km we arrived at the Barn to view a collection of classic cars and memorabilia. After spending about an hour or so we wandered our way back to Helidon and onto Grantham School where morning tea was provided by the local P & C serving fresh sandwiches, cakes, pikelets with tea and coffee. Then it was back to the Gatton Uni Campus dining hall, for the farewell buffet lunch.

Saturday was about 120km and the Sunday run was about 100km

Trevor & Elaine Moore

COUSER'S KOALA COUNTRY CRUISE

Even though the forecasts promised a stinker of a day with temperatures expected to soar into the 40's, members travelled from far and wide to participate in the Couser Koala Country Cruise. Smart ones came modern to be in air conditioned comfort and when questioned on where their Austins were, they fired off excuses like.... "the Austin wouldn't start" or "the Austin wouldn't stop" and even "I don't own an Austin, I'm here to mow the lawn".



However, there were those with more resilience who rolled up in their Austins (and never stopped complaining about how hot it was!)

Austineers were Doug and Robyn Clark, Trevor and Elaine Moore, Duncan Logan, who travelled 100 kilometres from the Sunshine Coast and of course, the organiser of the run, Alan Couser, who travelled 1 kilometre from Mansfield. Those who travelled in comfort were President John Que, Neil Thyer, Mike and

Kathy McGuill and yours truly.



After cooling off under the veranda, Alan issued his instructions and then followed a typical Austin start where everyone moves to their cars and then begin talking again. It's an Austin thing. Finally though we were on our way. We meandered through the urban acreages of Rochedale admiring the peaceful rural settings (and grizzling that we got caught behind Alan who meanders on the meanders), until

turning into the grounds of Brisbane Koala Bushland Reserve. There we met up with Tim Braby who was taking his parents along for the drive too.

Alan had chosen well as here were clean, well maintained shelters with information displays for everybody to enjoy whilst eating morning tea. Eager eyes turned towards the trees searching for some koalas but alas none were seen. Experts amongst us put that down to drought, climate change, time of day but it was more likely that they were actually looking at a nice patch of wattle trees. Trevor thought he saw a koala until it flew to another tree - anyone can make that mistake!

But it was here that John Que cracked the worst joke ever by asking, "What do koalas like to drink?" Answer - "Coca-Koala". He thought it was worth telling - anyone can make that mistake!

With no more jokes thankfully and no more morning tea left to eat, Alan rounded up the now reluctant-to-go-anywhere-in-the-heat Austin drivers and forced them into their cars whilst the modernists waited patiently in air-conditioned comfort to begin Round Two - the drive to lunch.

Back through the same sort of country we meandered again and after a short drive in kilometres, we neared the lunch stop at Redlands Indigiscapes Centre.

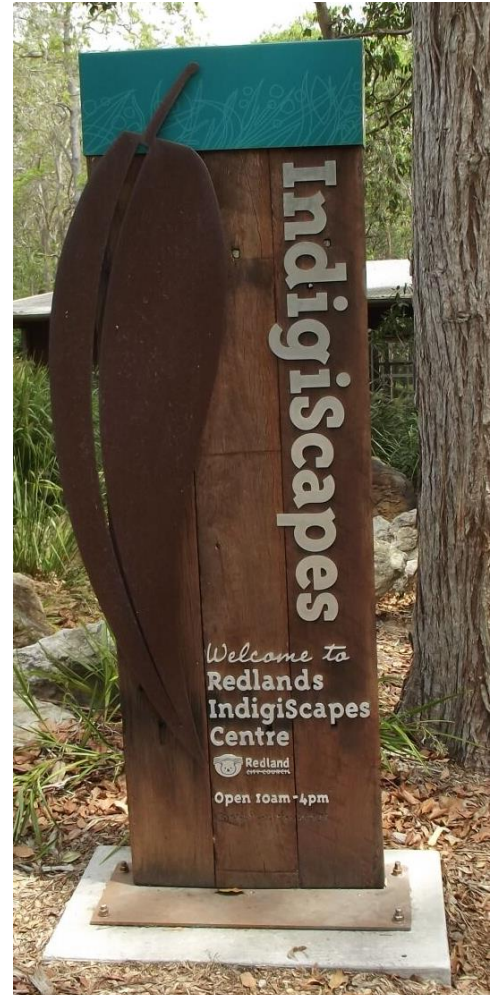
Here President Que thought he knew of a shortcut and exercising his newly acquired Presidential Privilege, suddenly parked his car on the side of the road and briskly strode through the grounds of a large building surrounded by cars. He was halfway across when he suddenly realised he was in the hallowed grounds of a church which, it being a Sunday and all that, caused him to do a hasty about-turn that would make any snarling sergeant-major gleam with pride, and sprint back to his car like he was being chased by "the devil himself".

He burnt rubber so urgently he arrived at the Indigiscapes car park at the same time as the still sedately meandering Austins!

A friendly guide, who had been admiring the long renowned feat of multiple Austins jamming into one car space, directed us towards a shelter for lunch whilst a different guide directed Alan to a different shelter across the laneway. This is where he stubbornly sat. After much encouragement and the promise of no more jokes from John Que who had now regained his composure, Alan finally joined everybody else. We ate our lunches in almost silence, modern drivers sweating litres and Austineers remarking that it was not as hot as they had expected (when your Austin produces 100° heat, 40° is a breeze) and then settled into the usual friendly banter of criticising each other's driving, especially Alan's mysterious reverse park on that busy roundabout entry???

Finally, President Que, who had just been remarking on President Obama's recent Brisbane speech, looked as though he was preparing to do better by warming up the crowd with another joke. Luckily, everybody recognised the signs and suddenly remembering urgent appointments elsewhere, quickly packed and departed.

Actually, John was only going to say thank-you to Alan for a relaxed and pleasant drive to two very interesting places, so from all of us, thank you Alan. A great run - just right for a very hot day.



And now the warm-up joke from President Que that nobody heard -

Q "Where are all the Austineers?"

A "Under their Austin hats."

Lindsay Jordan.

Tim's post script. My Parents and I found a very nice lunch time refuge under shelter with fans overhead at the very nice café on site at Indigiscapes. It comes very highly recommended for everything from a coffee and a snack to full lunch. The staff were very nice, including the curious water dragon who came to look for our food scraps!

Kiwi Këns Klassik Kar



Trevor sent me this wonderful photo of Ken Bells 1934 RN Saloon. Interesting the number plate is a New Zealand Issue so I rang Ken and he told me it belonged to his father in Auckland. Typical of so many cars that come from "over the Ditch" this car has had a long and varied life due to the fact that new cars were unprocurable in New Zealand for many years after the War, for instance cars of the 1930s were still a very common sight into the mid-1970s. Ken's Dad did a total nut and bolt restoration but unfortunately he passed on without hearing the car run. Ken brought the car over to

Brisbane a few years ago and eventually was spurned to finishing the car when his present wife suggested she would like the Austin to be her bridal car! So a few favours were called in, the car was painted off white rather than the old dark brown and a sympathetic mechanic got the car running and reliable. On the day of the wedding in October Ken's brother who knew how unreliable old cars can be suggested they get the car to the church early in case it played up on the run. Ken tells me the car ran faultlessly on the way to the church and more importantly after the ceremony when it

whisked Ken and his new bride away in faultless Austin dependability!

RIAMA MODEL COMES HOME TO AUSTRALIA



Many members will remember the crash of the Riama in October 2012, the De-Havilland Dragon that operated out of Caboolture Airfield, and a select few of us have actually travelled in Riama and will remember our flight with great fondness and it is sad to know that the full sized Riama is now lost to us for ever.

Former member and one of the original founders

of the Austin Seven Register Terry Hicks of Caloundra relates the news that Scott Porter (son of Des Porter who was the pilot of the crashed plane) has recently purchased a 1/6th scale model of the DH84. Built by Roger Farley from Maryland, USA this 8 foot flying model is a testament to Roger's skills as a master in the construction of these planes. Roger is so generous in recently allowing his treasure to come to Australia and find a new home with the Porter Family. Roger constructed a special 150 lb 6ft x 4ft x 2 ft Box for transportation and arranged free transport across to California of Riana for shipping to Australia and its safe arrival down under. As luck would have it space was found in a container of specialised motor vehicle parts on their way to Brisbane. A constant log of e-mails and communications to Terry & Scott and on arrival a comprehensive and detailed e-mail about unpacking and assembly of Riana was received. The safe arrival of the plane was truly credited to Rogers's skills and ability in constructing the box. Lastly even before Riana was to leave the shores of USA Roger was at it again. Realising the model was not fully authentic to the original Riana Roger made some model adjustments to Riana before sealing her up in her travel pod. So now a piece of Australia's Flying History through the Generosity of an American friend has finally come home.

Specifications

Wingspan = 94.66 inches

Length = 68.6 inches

Wing area = 1700 square inches

Weight = 14.5lbs take-off weight, 12.5 lbs without motor or batteries



The Mount Perkolilli Centenary of Speed, WA



Held in conjunction with the 2014 National Veteran rally, the Lake Perkolilli 1914-2014 Centenary of Speed. The Veteran Rally was expecting to attract over 100 pre 1919 vehicles to the Kalgoorlie-Boulder area. It was hoped that any original cars and motorbikes that have raced at the historic Mt.

Perkolilli from 1914 to 1939 would come along for the celebration Merv and Margaret Thompson were attending the Veteran Rally and report that the Lake Perkolilli Centenary of Speed had to be

cancelled due to a severe thunderstorm the night before. Merv continues "and the cars moved this morning to the showgrounds where we are camped and continued their racing around the track.





The Austin 7's strutted their stuff in grand style. Attached is a line up for the start. We think they are even quicker than the horses that were racing on the same track last night!"

Cheers

Merv & Margaret

GOODBYE GUMDROP

The children's author and illustrator Val Biro, who has died aged 92, was best known as the creator of Gumdrop, an aged vintage car with very human characteristics and a remarkable capacity for adventures. Drawing on his passion for the 1926 Austin 12-4 that he owned, Biro wrote and illustrated *Gumdrop: The Adventures of a Vintage Car* (1966). His vigorous illustrations and eventful text begin with Gumdrop under threat after he has been stolen and crashed by burglars and had smaller parts removed by shady characters. These attacks on the elderly car leave Gumdrop in sad decline and ready for little but the scrapheap. The arrival of Mr Oldcastle, a vintage car fanatic clearly modelled on Biro himself, leads to the rescue and rebuilding of Gumdrop just in time for him to win a vintage car rally. The final spread shows a cross-section of a 1926 Austin – just in case any eager readers want to try their own car maintenance.*



The idea for the book had been proposed to Biro by a publisher who heard him talking animatedly about his newly acquired vintage car. The notion was a good one; the car was quickly a star and more than 35 picture books followed, including *Gumdrop Forever* (1988), *Gumdrop and the Martians* (1998) and *Gumdrop's School Adventure* (2001). For Biro, the car was an endless source of inspiration and he effortlessly created new titles at the rate of more than one a year, adding new adventures and also keeping up with changes in contemporary life. He said:

"As with other vintage car nuts, the old vehicle is my pride and joy, so it is very natural that I should go on writing about it, and feel enthusiastic about doing so."

The adventurous Gumdrop was modelled on Biro's 1926 Austin 12-4.

Val was born in Budapest and his parents were worried by the rise of



Adolf Hitler, in 1939 Biro's family arranged for him to go to the Central School of Art in London to study. He

was on holiday with an English family in Cornwall in the weeks before term began when the outbreak of the Second World War was announced. His student status protected him from being interned as an enemy to national security and allowed him to enrol at the Central School, then in London but soon evacuated to the Midlands. Graduating in 1942, Biro planned to join the armed forces but was limited to working as an ambulance driver or for the National Fire Service. He joined the latter and also began work in the design side of publishing, first as a studio manager and latterly as art director at the publishers John Lehmann until it went out of business in 1953. Biro was offered the chance of other employment but took the opportunity to go freelance, building on his excellent contacts for commissions.

• Val Biro (Balint Stephen Biro), writer and illustrator, born 6 October 1921; died 4 July 2014

*(From the Guardian Newspaper Website) *The editor may put some of Val's excellent drawings in the next newsletter if anyone is interested, in particular the Austin 12 disassembled.*

Austin Seven Classifieds



For Sale 1935 Ruby Roadster

Very little use since full restoration, full motor overhaul including new carby. Bare metal re-spray (2 pack) Red Body and Black Mudguards and Wheels. Side curtains plus all new trim. \$12750 neg. Brian and Lynne Callaghan phone 07 5441 1084, Dulong (North Sunshine Coast)

A UNIQUE COLLECTION OF AUSTIN SPORTS CARS FOR SALE

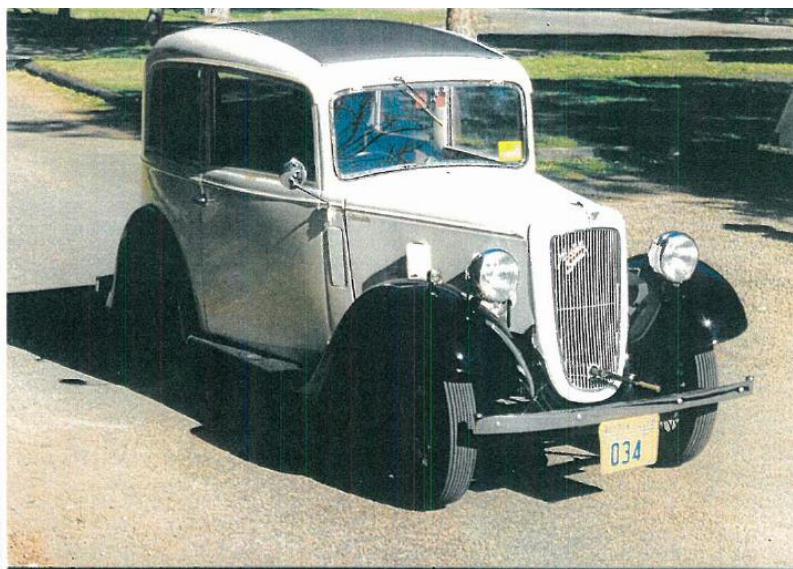


1. 1929 Ace Sports previous owners include Tony Pavan, Gary Schulz, etc. Fully restored. Painted red with white seats, roof and wheels. Little use and stored in a dry garage for the last 20 years

2. 1935 Nippy Sports imported from the UK complete with full history. Not original Nippy "9E" motor but fully worked touring A7 motor with Renault rods and pistons, Phoenix crank etc. On full registration

3. Austin 7 car trailer (to move these toys around the country side) currently registered

For details and prices for all the above please contact Brian King 3344 3285 (Sunnybank)



For Sale **1935 Ruby Saloon.**

Genuine English body and original registration documentation. Road registered in NSW. Well known Austin 7 Car Club member since 1999. Car in good order and condition. Refer Max Bell, Telephone (02) 8850 1984.
Price \$10,000 firm

WANTED for 1927 Austin 1 x vintage bonnet to suit small radiator, 2" longer than usual to suit an Australian body 19" along top hinge. Ken Burton, North Rocky, 0407 017 187

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

For sale 1934 Austin 7 Saloon, complete but in need of restoration & **1929 Austin 7 Roadster** in need of restoration. Contact Eddie Abrahams on 0427 455 961 or 5465 5381 (Mt. Tamborine)

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

Sell Chummy for parts or restoration, missing front guards. Fred Long, 07 5519 3712 (Helensvale)

Sell Parts Washer- 70 Litre size with electric recycle pump, never used. \$60 you take it away, all steel construction on stand and shelf underneath. – Xmas present for the Missus? - Tim Braby 0405 740 418



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

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**Season's
Greetings**



Photos from the Silver Screen



Now and Forever is a 1956 British drama film directed by Mario Zampi and starring Janette Scott (Daughter of the late great Thora Hird, and at one time married to Mel Tormé, “the velvet fog”), Vernon Gray and Kay Walsh. It is based on the play *The Orchard Walls* by R.F. Delderfield (A Horseman Riding By and To Serve all My Days) and a screenplay by Michael Pertwee (brother of Jon “Dr. Who” Pertwee). An upper class girl becomes romantically involved with a poor boy, and they elope together to Gretna Green. Other actors included a very young Bryan Forbes (later a critically acclaimed director and writer) and veteran actor Jack Warner, (star of the Blue Lamp and Dixon of Dock Green). But the star for me was VV1987, a hotted up little 193? Austin Seven Special. With its oversized headlamps, an array of musical horns that fail to stop and its habit of stalling midway across a



floodway it steals every scene it appears in! I wonder if VV 1987 still exists. Sorry for the quality of the photos, they were taken in a hurry as the images flashed by on the TV one lunchtime on GEM.

Full blown specs, complete with a sectioned 1932-34 radiator, radically lowered front and rear end and a Bowden brake conversion.



The moment the Austin stalls mid-stream and the modern young lady offers to push the car out, ends in disaster as she ends up falling into the water as well! – weren't old rom-coms great!





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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
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Club			
Signed			Date / /

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

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