



NEWSLETTER

July 2017

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



Photo above was taken in July 1992 for the Club's 25th anniversary Open Invitation Rally Weekend at the Ormiston State School. Other Veteran and Vintage car owners were welcome as we drove to Ormiston House, with friends from the QVVA, VCCQ, Austin Motor Vehicle Club and Morris Register joining in with their Veteran, Vintage and Historic cars. There were 85 entrants of which 40 were Austin 7s. The oldest car was John and Alison Day's 1910 T Ford Tourer, the youngest Terry and Val Jorgensen's 1956 Austin A30 Van

THE EDITOR'S BIT

A Golden Anniversary Spring Tour

To celebrate our Club's 50th Anniversary the Committee met and decided to hold a Tour up on the Darling Downs, at Dalby. It is for Club members only and will be held over the weekend of the 8th and 10th of September, with a special meeting to be held possibly at the Camp Kitchen at the Tourist Park on the night of Friday the 8th of September. There will also be an opportunity to stay on for a couple of days longer in the area for the retirees. A certain amount of accommodation has already been booked at the Dalby Tourist Park in anticipation. There are further details inside this newsletter.

If you think this newsletter is late, your 100% correct! We are actually one month out of synch due to the demands of the recent Tour in Toowoomba. I also have been rather busy as my elderly mother has had two falls and two visits in hospital complicated with pneumonia and mobility issues. Most of you will have faced similar family crises and know of the emotional and physical demands this entail. But Mum is now a lot better and as you read this the family will all descend on Brisbane to celebrate Mums 97th birthday.

Editor Tim

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The A7RQ Inc. On Line

We have a website which you can view at. 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/>

& Face book Austin7 Register of Qld Inc.



AUSTIN 7 REGISTER OF QLD. CLUB EVENTS

Sunday 9th July 2017: A7 Register July Event: RACQ Motorfest. Static display from 10am to 3pm at Eagle Farm Racecourse. A7 members to meet in Hamilton Hotel Carpark for departure to Motorfest entry at 7:30am. Members may also make own independent travel arrangements to venue. Members to make own arrangements re. registration etc.

Friday 14th July 2017: 50th Anniversary A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Friday 11th August 2017: A7 Register Club Weekend Annual General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Saturday 12th August 2017: A7 Register Club Weekend Fun Run. Fun Run organized by Grant & Jackie to commence from Clubroom Carpark, Carindale at 9am. Fun Run to finish at Clubroom, Carindale for BYO BBQ Lunch. BYO Morning Tea & BBQ (or other) Lunch.

Saturday 12th August 2017: A7 Register Qld 50th Anniversary Dinner. A catered dinner is to be held at the Club Room, Carindale, commencing at 6.30pm. Entertainment will be provided by musician, Bill Henderson. Cost per member is \$30. Please pay Robyn or make a bank deposit to the Club Account with Name and Dinner as a reference. BYO drinks, coffee & tea provided. Members should bring along any A7 Qld memorabilia to display. Further details this newsletter (*see page 9- Ed.*)

Sunday 13th August 2017: A7 Register Club Weekend Static Display. Display to be held at Capalaba Regional Park, Pittwin Road North, Capalaba, UBD 183 P15, (behind Bunnings). Display organized by Robyn Clark (Ph. 3800 1965). Members are to make their own way to the venue. Display to commence at 9am and conclude around 1.30pm. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch.

Friday 8th September 2017: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Dalby, at the Dalby Tourist Park Camp kitchen. BYO Dinner. There will be no meeting at Carindale!

Friday 8th to Wednesday 13th September 2017: A7RQ Golden Anniversary Spring Tour to Dalby- further details this newsletter.

Sunday 17th September 2017: All British Day at Vivian Street, Tennyson from 8.30am to 2pm. Display cars \$15 with metal Souvenir Badge. No pre-booking required. Contact Trevor Moore (Ph. 3848 5575) for more details. Byo Morning Tea & Lunch although food is also available at the venue. A7 members to make own arrangements re. travel, registration on arrival etc.

Friday 13th October 2017: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 15th October 2017: A7 Register Event: October Run. Run to commence from Centenary Pool Carpark at 9am. Run details TBA. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch.

Friday 10th November 2017: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 12th November 2017: A7 Register Event: November Run. Run to commence from Centenary Pool Carpark at 9am. Run details TBA. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch.

Friday 8th December 2017: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Sunday 10th December 2017: A7 Register Event: A7 Club Christmas Buffet Lunch to be held at Redlands Sporting Club, Anson Road, Wellington Point. Members are to meet in the Sporting Club Foyer at 11.30am. Cost for the buffet lunch (inc. seafood) is \$.pp. Members are requested to bring along a wrapped unisex Christmas gift per person to the value of \$3 to be shared over lunch. As this is an A7 Register event, members are encouraged to drive their A7s. RSVP Robyn Clark by 1 December – Ph. 3800 1965.

INVITATION TOURS AND SWAP MEETS

Saturday 15th- Sunday 16th July Old Wheels in Motion, Biloela.

Sunday 23rd July Gold Coast Swap, Mudgeeraba Showgrounds David 0428279291 John 0421185419 Email swap.gcaac@gmail.com

Saturday 29th July Nambour Swap, Showgrounds

Saturday 5th & Sunday 6th August : Gympie Fly-In 2017. Gympie Aero Club is again hosting the annual Gympie Fly-In and Community Open Day at Cumulus Airpark . A small aviation expo with the opportunity to view aircraft for sale, visit trade stalls and a few other aviation related activities is being held on the Saturday.

<http://www.cumulusairpark.com.au/fly-in-2017.html>

Friday 18th-Sunday 20th August Northern Rivers Vintage & Veteran Annual Weekend Rally Northern Rivers Vintage & Veteran Car Club PO Box 122 Lismore NSW or Contact nrvvccsecretary@gmail.com

Sunday 10th September Gympie Historic Auto Club Inc 47th Swap Meet and our 5th CAR SHOW. Gympie Showgrounds, Exhibition Road, Southside, Gympie. SWAP bookings and enquires Phone Noel (07)54822303 or 0408708321

Sunday 10th September 19th Annual Queensland Mini Muster n BMC Roundup Carina State School, 1413 Creek Rd. Carina

Sunday 16th September 24th Annual Old Truck and Tractor Show, Gatton Showgrounds – Hosted by Historic Commercial Vehicle Assn. (Qld). inc Gates open at 8am and entry for the public is \$5.00 for adults and children under 16 are free. Please visit our website www.hcvaq.com , email us at hcvaqld@hcvaq.com. you can search for our club on Face book hcvaq inc or call 0402234657,

Saturday 30th September - Sunday 1st October Bundaberg Vintage Vehicle Club Canefields Classic email to Harold Sharp secretary.bundabergvehicleclub@gmail.com. Entries close 8th September

Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th October 2017: LAMA Annual Invitation Run Weekend organized by the Lockyer Antique Motor Association Inc. and commencing in Gatton. Contact Elise Pakeman, Secretary, Ph. (07) 4697 6462. for more details. Members to make their own arrangements re. travel, registration, accommodation etc.

MINUTES OF PAST A7RQ MEETINGS

Austin Seven Register of Queensland Inc

Meeting No 559. 12th May 2017

Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale.

The meeting was opened by Trevor Moore in the absent of the President at 7.50 pm. with a welcome to members.

Apologies : Lindsay Jordan, Judy Haigh, Mike & Kathy McGuill, Tim Braby, Justin McCarthy, Sue Waller & Grant Preddy.

Attendance : 27 members signed the attendance book.

Previous Minutes : The Secretary read the minutes of the April meeting and moved that the minutes as read be adopted as a true and correct record. Seconded by Ken Folliott Carried.

Business arising from Minutes : Cloth badges have arrived.

Correspondence : OUT Membership form to Terry Summerville, Macksville
Register & Parts book to David Ure & Greg Riddell
Get Well Card to Kathy McGuill.

IN : Newsletters from other clubs as tabled

Email re clubroom cabinet key

M/ship renewal forms from Greg Riddell & David Ure

Always Professional Catering re price & Menu for August Meeting

Phone call from Justin McCarthy re cloth badges & Apology

Email - National Motoring Heritage Day, 21st May, Ipswich



Boonah Show 3rd June

20th-21st July Queensland Heritage Rally, Biloela

23rd July Gold Coast Swap, Mudgeeraba Showgrounds

15th Oct Southside Morris Minor Car Club display day, Ormiston State School

Email re numberplates for sale \$400, Brett & Amanda Wilson

9th-10th Sept New England Vintage Bi-annual Rally

Email Stolen Holden HK Premier, 11th May, Croydon Vic.

2 Thank You cards for National Tour

Receipt re Hall rent (4-6 month)

Invoice re cloth badges

Advertising material

Secretary moved that the inwards correspondence be accepted as read and the outwards endorsed. Seconded by Rhonda Guthrie. Carried

Treasurer's Report ; John gave his report on the club finances and asked for it to be accepted and accounts to be passed for payment. Seconded by Alan Couser. Carried.

QHMC Report ; John Que gave this report.

Spare Parts Report : Trevor has been busy with sales since the National Tour

Ken Folliott reported on beads to balance tyres.

Second Hand Parts Report : Doug had sold a wheel centre.

Club Events Report : Neil Thyer reminded members of the following runs.

13th May (SATURDAY) Mothers Day Run. Organised by Peter & Sue Waller, meet Centenary Pool 9am. M/T Springfield Lakes, Lunch Kholo Botanical Gardens.

11th June Winter Run organised by Justin McKeering

9th July RACQ Motorfest. Meet Hamilton Hotel Carpark.

12th August Organised by Grant & Jackie Preddy. Meet clubroom carpark 9am

October 50th Anniversary Weekend Run. Suggestions Please

Other Events :

18th May Baysides Biggest Morning Tea, Capalaba Regional Park 9.45 am

20th-21st May Heritage Truck Show, Rocklea Showgrounds

21st May National Motoring Heritage Day, Ipswich

28th May QVVA Swap, Carina State School

3rd June Boonah Show

3rd-4th June Old Petrie Town Steam Fair

Past Events ;

12th March Presidents Run, report in newsletter

2017 National Tour Rhonda thanked members for their help on behalf of the committee.

John thanked tour committee members

Peter Baker Thank You & Congratulations on a job well done.

Trevor thanked the committee on behalf of the members.

Thank you to Albert Budworth for his help in keeping Austin7's going and running the Funkhana.

Merv stated the slide show DVD will be coming soon.

AOA Merv reported on this event. Well attended.

John stated some of the directions were misleading as there were no distances given between instructions.

Web Master Report : everything up to date.

Library Report : Alan Couser moved that the club look into our club purchasing the books mentioned in the Light Shaft from Victoria. Carried

General Business : 50th Anniversary Dinner 12th August

Set up clubroom after lunch. Caterers organised. \$30-00 pp Must be prepaid. 6pm at clubrooms, dinner served 6.30 pm

RSVP 28th July BYO drinks but tea & Coffee provided.

Trevor Moore to organise entertainment. Bill Henderson \$200. Seconded by Ian McDowell. Carried

Hope to display old Photo's, trophy's, organised tours, etc from the clubs past. (HELP)

Invite past Presidents, Secretary's, Treasurers and past members.

Do members want a 50th Anniversary Book printed. Doug Clark moved cars & people to be in book. Seconded by Margaret Thompson. Carried.

Raffle tickets to be sent to members & drawn on Sunday at static display.

Report on Cars &/or Car troubles; Nil

Birthdays : members having a birthday in May were wished a happy Birthday

Raffle : Valda had tickets for sale in tonight's raffle.

Sick members were wished a speedy return to good health.

Supper Organiser : Alan was thanked for tonight's supper.

June supper to be organised by John Que

Committee Meeting : TBA

Next meeting 9th June 2017

The meeting was declared closed at 8.45 pm.

Austin Seven Register of Queensland Inc

Meeting No 560 9th June 2017

Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale.

The President opened the meeting at 7.45 pm, with a welcome to all.

Apologies : M&K McGill, J McCarthy, P Baker, M&M Thompson

Attendance : 21 members signed the book.

Previous Minutes : The Secretary read the minutes of the May meeting and moved that they be adopted as a true and correct record. Seconded by N Thyer. Carried.

Business arising from Minutes: Members agrees to buy 2 books for the library from Wayne Styles. Moved by Trevor Moore, seconded by John Que. Carried.

Correspondence OUT Nil

IN: newsletters from other clubs as tabled

Emails re cancellation of National Motoring Day 21st May due to soft ground.

Gympie Aero Club Open Day 21st May

Northern Rivers Vintage & Veteran Car Club weekend Rally 18th-19th August

All British Day 17th Sept re options on entry fee and badges.

Invitation to Vintage Car Club Static Display, Ormiston House. 10am 25th June

Thank you from Graham Cogzel re 50th Anniversary Dinner

Veteran Car Club re rent 1/7/17-30/9/17

RACQ Motorfest re confirm bookings

Duplicate Keys for Club cabinet

Nambour Swap 29th July

Cams membership form

Secretary moved that the inward correspondence be accepted as read. Seconded by Ross Guthrie Carried

Treasurer's Report: John read his report on the club finances and moved that it be accepted and the bills passed for payment. Seconded by Trevor Moore. Carried.

QHMC Report: A luxury tax on imported cars. Also make sure there is no Asbestos in cars before they are imported.

2020 AHMF National Tour 28th March to 4th April 2020. Albury-Wodonga

Spare Parts Report : Trevor reported a 3rd of last order already sold.

Second Hand Parts Report: Robyn Chippendall donated parts to club. Thank You Card to be sent. Doug & Trevor have sorted out the shed & some parts gone for scrap. Money handed to club.

Club Events Report: Neil Thyer

11th June Winter Run organized by Justin McKeering, meet Centenary Pool 9am
(If raining call Neil or Lindsay)

9th July RACQ Motorfest. Meet Hamilton Hotel carpark

12th August Organized by Grant & Jackie Preddy. Meet clubrooms 9am

13th August Static Display, Capalaba Regional Park

Other Events ; 9th-11th June RACQ QHMC, Beaudesert

17th June Caboolture Car Club Swap

15th-16th July Old Wheels in Motion, Biloela.

23rd July Gold Coast Swap, Mudgeeraba Showgrounds

29th July Nambour Swap

6th August Gympie Aerodrome Open Day

18th-20th August Northern Rivers Vintage & Veteran Annual Weekend Rally

9th-10th Sept New England V & V Bi-Annual Rally, Tenterfield

Past Events : 18th May Bayside Biggest Morning Tea

20th-21st May Heritage Truck Show

21st May National Motoring Heritage Day, CANCELLED.

28th May QVVA Swap, Carina State School

3rd June Boonah Show

3rd-4th June Old Petrie Town Steam Fair

4th June Beaudesert Motoring Enthusiast Club, Swap.

Reports given by various members.

Web Master Report : Everything up to date.

Library Report : Nil

General Business : Thank you to Tim for the 50th Anniversary Invitations. Also for tracing who owned the Qld car prior ownership requested by a fellow in Canberra. (*reported this newsletter- Ed*)

All British Day members voted for option 2 (Raise entry fee to \$20-00.)

Email from Grant & Jackie Preddy re congratulations to John Que and A7 members on the National Tour

Tim stated some A7's have now changed owners.

David Barnett would like to see special interest plates and log books made Australia wide. Not different in every state. Discussion followed.

Report on cars &/or Car Troubles: Nil

Birthdays; Members having a birthday were wished Happy Birthday

Raffle : Valda had tickets for sale. Prize donated by John Que.

Sick members were wished a speedy return to good health.

Supper Organiser : John was thanked for tonight's supper.

July Supper

organized by Gail Cahalane.

Committee Meeting : TBA

Next Meeting 14th July 2017



Robyn

A Ruby for the Pocket

This is a Meccano DINKY toys 35a Small Saloon, based on the Austin Ruby Saloon, made 1936-41 with white rubber wheels and 1946-1948 with black rubber wheels. This little example was found and rescued off a long neglected model train layout that was recently demolished and contents dispersed. The blue paint is original and in 1937 it cost Three pence in the old days of pounds shillings and pence. Another identical toy was found on the floor in the same location and will be repainted red



to match the Editor's car. Both cars have new reproduction wheels as the rubber originals had perished many years ago.



A Jubilee Quilt

Kindly designed and crafted by Amanda Wilson for the Club is this wonderful Jubilee Quilt. Amanda has used pictures from the Toowoomba tour Colouring book plus created her own additional illustrations of 8 Austin 7s in profile around the central Austin Motif. This wonderful item has been donated and is now being raffled. 2nd and 3rd prizes are models of an Ulster and a Chummy donated by Noel Wilcox of the Victorian A7 Club. We will be happy to forward these prizes to lucky winners. Tickets are \$2 each. You should have received an envelope with 5 tickets for you to purchase if you wish (plus your membership renewal form and AGM nomination form) If you did not receive these and wish to purchase some tickets please contact the Secretary at 195 Middle Rd., Boronia

Heights Qld. 4124 or ring Robyn on 07 3800 1965.

A7RQ GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY SPRING TOUR TO DALBY

Keep the week of the 9th - 13th of September clear because we are going to Dalby! Why not join us?



Where is Dalby?

Dalby is approximately 208 kilometres (roughly 3 hours) north northwest of Brisbane, at the junction of the Warrego, Moonie and Bunya Highways. and the centre of Australia's richest grain and cotton growing area. At the 2011 census, Dalby had a population of 12,299. In September the weather is cool but clear. Temperatures average 8 min to 24 max. This month is the second lowest for rainfall in the area.

Where are we all staying?

Dalby Tourist Park's Located at 32 Myall St, DALBY

The Committee have booked several cabins.

There (A) are single bedroom cabins, suitable for a husband and wife or a single man, (B) Two bed room cabins suitable for a small family or two singles and (C) powered sites for those who enjoy camping.

There are plenty of motels available also

Country Pathfinder Motor Inn 62 Condamine St, Dalby, 4405

Dalby Mid Town Motor Inn 60 Condamine St.

Motel Myall Cnr. Drayton & Myall Sts.

Dalby Manor Motor Inn 18 Drayton St

Kobbers Motor Inn 37A Nicholson St

Dalby Fairway Motor Inn 34 Myall St

Drovers Motor Inn 87 Drayton St

Dalby Homestead Motel 27 Drayton St

What are we doing?

Friday 8th of September, drive or trailer your Austin up to Dalby.

In the evening we will have a normal Austin 7 Register General Club Meeting in the Country in the Camp Kitchen at the Dalby Tourist Park Camp Kitchen.

Saturday 9th thru to Tuesday 12th September, touring around Dalby, venues will include historic Jimbour House and Lake Broadwater and possibly the Dalby Pioneer village and Myall Park?

Those who have family and work commitments can return home on Sunday the 10th in the afternoon.

BUT

On Monday 11th thru to Tuesday 12th we will cater for the retirees who wish to linger longer and tour around the area on other planned tours, and drive home on the Wednesday the 13th.

What do you need to do?

Please send us your expressions of interest letting us know:

1. Do you intend to bring your Austin or will you be driving modern
2. Your best contact details
3. What type of accommodation you will need (cabin/motel, powered site, camping)
4. How long would you like to be with us. (Most of us will be going to Dalby on Fri 8th for the meeting that night and an "early" start the next day and most will stay thru to the Wednesday.

Expressions of interest in joining the A7RQ Jubilee Spring Tour must be received by the Committee by the 9th of August.

Send to A7RQ

c/- Tim Braby, 43 Arcola Street, Aspley Q4034, mobile 0405 740 418

email tim.braby@optusnet.com.au



Dalby Tourist Attractions - Lake Broadwater Drive

Lake Broadwater Conservation Park is perfect for bird watching and walks along the south west track. The only naturally occurring water body of this type on the Darling Downs, the lake covers approx 350ha when full.



A bush campground, Wilga Bush Camping Area, is located 2km north of the lake adjacent to the road with fire places, tank water, shelter shed and amenities. A recreation area is situated on the lake shore with function hall, amenities, boat ramp, fireplaces and camping ground. A camping permit is required. Boating and water skiing are permitted when quantity of water allows from 6am to sundown - boating permit required.

Walk or drive the 3km track, looking out for the flora and fauna including the uncommon baird ferns. The names of the native trees are marked. Lake Broadwater is a valuable breeding ground for waterfowl and attracts water birds including ducks, moorhens, grebes, cormorants, darters,

herons, swans, stilts, jabirus and brolgas. Just past the lake, many eastern grey kangaroos can be seen at sundown in the conservation park. Visitors to the lake are also likely to see the red necked wallaby, swamp wallaby, koala, brush-tailed possum and echidna. Dam outside of Dalby



Historic Jimbour House

Jimbour is both a tiny village 26 km north of Dalby and also the location of one of the nation's most gracious historical homes – Jimbour – built in 1876.

Today heritage-listed Jimbour House remains a private residence with its interior open only for special events.

Visitors are welcome to tour the grounds and magnificent gardens which are open daily for a donation upon entry. The garden entry donation includes access to the “Living History Walk” – an experience of historical plaques, sights and sounds that bring a rich and colorful heritage to life.



Camp fire at the caravan park Dalby
Merv and Margaret Thompson and other members of the Veteran car Club of Qld.. enjoy the Campfire at the Dalby Tourist Park at a past Country Tour.

DO NOT FORGET TO RESERVE YOUR SEATS FOR THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

A7 Register Qld. 50th Anniversary Dinner. A catered dinner is to be held at the Club Room, Carindale, commencing at 6.30pm. Entertainment will be provided by musician, Bill Henderson. Cost per member is \$30. Please pay Robyn ASAP either with cash, cheque posted to Secretary at 195 Middle Rd., Boronia Heights Qld. 4124 or direct deposit to BSB 124 007, Account No. 90081115. BYO drinks, coffee & tea provided. Members should bring along any A7 Qld. memorabilia to display.



NEWS OF MEMBERS AND CARS

the club received a call from a chap in Canberra, who is trying to find out any history he could about a "1929" chummy with a 1931 engine, luckily he was able to quote the car's identity numbers and a quick look at my



own records shows that the car belonged to John and Daphne Hoerlein of Ipswich several years ago, but was subsequently sold and went of the Clubs membership, and as you will recall ,unfortunately, both John and Daphne are no longer with us. The confusion with the car's identity arose from the fact that the car was incomplete and in pieces when John restored it, using the back of a 1928-30 Chummy. The identification numbers and the front body panels and radiator all match up as a 1931 model,

which is actually a lot rarer than a 1929 model. The new owner is Howard Taylor, and he would like to know of any history we have on the car, can any help to tell us where John got the car from?



We do not like to hear about Austin7s in accidents , but with the increase in volume of traffic and the size of vehicles with limited lower peripheral vision, we are just that more vulnerable. This is what happened to Will Knapp and his mate Mardy in their 1929 Chummy just the weekend after the Toowoomba Tour they were going to the Highfields Pioneer Village for their Easter Festival. Just as they were being directed where to park, a nice new D max ute with a big bull bar decided the Chummy looked like a good target and shunted them forward about 6 feet.

A New 1936 Austin Seven "Ruby"

Saloon for the Editor

Above is my new toy, a 1936 Ruby Saloon. From new it was assembled in the Austin Factory, Birmingham, England and Exported to New Zealand. Colour was originally black. it was bought from a little town called

Clareville, in the Wairarapa Region of New Zealand, about 1 hour north of Wellington in the North island and dismantled for restoration by Kevin and Glenys Messer, who were members of the **Vintage Austin Register of New Zealand**. In the mid 1980s their daughter announced she wanted the car restored for her wedding, and eventually it was back on the road in 1985 with the paint that is on it now. Later the car went to Dannevirke (where **Joh Bjelke-Petersen** was born in 1911) up in the Hawkes Bay region to a man who was after an Austin Ruby because he owned one where he was in his courting days! After that the car went to Nelson at the top of NZ's South Island, where it was owned by R.A.Eaton, who later sold the car online to Russell and Vanda Curtis of Wamuran in Queensland in 2015. I bought the car in May 2017, after hearing Russ wanted to sell the Ruby because he had bought another one soon after. (I think the reason was that he wanted a car with a sunroof.) When I brought it home just after a week after the 2017 Austin 7 National Tour in Toowoomba the car was not running, so three of us had to push it on and off my trailer. The problem turned out to be stale petrol (modern fuel goes rotten very quickly unless you use a fuel stabiliser.) According to the latest "Baby Torque" Magazine in WA (thank you Alex) ***"If you do not use your car regularly and are not refilling the tank with new fuel then fine microbial threads can form relatively quickly in the tank and block the fuel system in several places."***



Lots of little jobs still to attend to, mainly mechanical, as the car has not been used much for a very long time. Registration was easy as I took along a photo of the car to show the counter clerk at the DMR. No need to have the numbers verified for new registration, the club dating certificate covered all that. The tail light on the car is not correct, but Trevor ordered a new reproduction tail light from Melbourne, the only difference to the original is that the lens is now plastic not glass, but still looks perfect.

Information wanted; Merv Boatwright rang me wanting to know if anyone heard of a 1937 Roadster Utility that is in Queensland. He is looking to purchase one and says it may have been built in Brisbane. The vehicle is totally original and has steel sides and tail gate, rather than the usual timber well side model.

PAST RALLY REPORTS

Mothers' Day Run 13 May 2017



On Saturday 13th May, we all awoke to an overcast sky with a suggestion that there may be showers. This not so perfect weather forecast was not enough to deter three gleaming A7s and two modern cars arriving at the Centenary Pool

carpark, for the start of a run that had previously been postponed due to extreme hot weather in February. Those present in their A7s were Trev & Elaine, Alan and Peter & Sue. Those present in their modern cars were John and Neil & Karyn.

Following an attempt by Alan's car, not parked in gear, to run down Trevor, the run organisers, Peter & Sue, briefed participants about the forthcoming run prior to departure from the carpark at 9am.

The interesting run route took us via Coronation Drive, through Indooroopilly, over the Walter Taylor Bridge, through Sherwood, over the Ipswich Motorway and through what the run organizers described as "the lovely industrial area". The morning run finished at the picturesque Springfield Lakes, where we were met by three more Austineers in their A7s. Those at the morning tea stop were Doug & Robyn, Jo & Margaret and Ian & Valda.

Following morning tea, the run proceeded through Springfield Central, Redbank and Ipswich Central, with an important stop at Gislens Pie Shop to purchase lunch. Armed with pies, we continued over the Warrego Highway, following the signs to Kholo Botanical Gardens for our lunch stop.

After we had settled into a shelter near a small lagoon, Alan was seen in the distance seemingly lost and wandering aimlessly. Alan's misadventure was not due to the lack of a navigator from the car to the lunch shelter, but because he had coincidentally met up with Nicola, from Lifeflight, the Rescue Service which the Toowoomba Tour supported by the Special Raffle of the New A7 Radiator and other goodies.

At around 1pm and as that predicted shower (the first one of the day) was passing over, we all headed off home.

Thank you, Peter & Sue, for a most interesting and successful Mothers' Day Run.



Neil

Sunday 11th June 2017: Winter Run.

washed out due to unseasonal rain!!!



The "Worlds Fastest Austin"

Very recently in New Zealand Roger Donaldson ("The Producer of 'The Worlds Fastest Indian'") made a movie about the late Bruce McLaren (30 August 1937 – 2 June 1970), a New Zealand race-car designer, driver, engineer and inventor.

Bruce's name lives on in the McLaren team which has been one of the most successful in Formula One championship history, winning a total of 8 constructors' world championships and 12 drivers' world championships. McLaren cars totally dominated Can Am sports car racing with 56 wins, a considerable number of them with him behind the wheel, between 1967 and 1972 (and five Constructors' Championships), and have won three Indianapolis 500 races, as well as the 24 Hours of Le Mans and 12 Hours of Sebring.

Bruce's father, Les McLaren restored an aging Austin 7 Ulster, which 14-year-old Bruce used in 1952 when he entered his first competition, a hill climb. Two years later, he took part in his first real race and showed promise. He moved up from the Austin to a Ford 10 special and an Austin-Healey, then an F2 Cooper-Climax sports. He immediately began to modify and improve — and master — it, so much so that he was runner-up in the 1957–8 New Zealand championship series. McLaren founded McLaren Automotive in 1963.



Left: The replica put through its paces on the gravel.
Above: One of the original photos used when recreating the car.
PHOTOS/JACQUI MADELIN, SUPPLIED

World's fastest Austin

HOW MANY AUSTINS DOES IT TAKE TO MAKE A MOVIE-READY REPLICA?

Film director Roger Donaldson may have a thing about Kiwi men and sheds — first with *The World's Fastest Indian*, and now the McLaren doco that premiered yesterday.

But in this case both men and sheds were very much behind the scenes.

It all started in March 2016 when art director Roger Guise rang friend Richard McWhannell.

"He wanted to talk urgently about cars for the McLaren film," McWhannell said. "He wanted to know if my Austin was the same as the McLaren Ulster."

He had to find one urgently, but there is only one, in a museum in the UK, for it was a "Special", an Austin 7 base, on which goes a one-off body and unique ancillaries, often home-built.

"I told him the only way to get one is to make one, and I knew a man who could make a body."

Joss Campbell agreed he could build the car, and it'd take four to six weeks. Donaldson rolled his eyes... Campbell cut it to three, and Guise took the concept to Donaldson's team.

Meanwhile Campbell contacted Ian Williams, who has raced Austin Specials, and has the mechanical skills needed.

To cut a long story short, the shooting schedule didn't allow a month to build a car, and late on Good Friday, March 26, the trio was given 10 days to create a mock-up, "Basically string and cardboard, that might withstand a casual background glance."

The Austin trio were outraged. "There's no way you can do that, it'd be a shambles," and, moreover, any true Austin or McLaren fan would spot the subterfuge.

A quick overnight meeting resulted in a plan to build a car, using parts from their own vintage vehicles, within the timeframe.

McWhannell's Dieppe Special was already apart, "The body was off and the engine in 1000 bits."

They knew they could cobble together a running replica that worked and looked correct.

"We are perfectionists, we wanted to do it right, as good as we could in one and a half weeks."

The trio hit three Mitre 10s to buy enough pipe for the frame, and got to work, using the photo files they'd put together.

Williams has a background in toolmaking, Campbell is a metal magician, and all three have built Specials.

By Sunday evening they had the elements of a tube frame and McWhannell had got the Vintage Austin Register (VAR) to open its spares shed on Easter Sunday to obtain an Austin 7 Ruby bonnet.

"It was the right length and just needed a trim, and Ian had

the louvred section from a Box Saloon bonnet, and by 30th we had the frame finished and most of the panels done — Don at Fagan & Hannay got some sheet aluminium in a rush" said McWhannell.

The guys were so determined the car would look right — and not over-restored or over-finished — that Campbell even rolled the metal on tube pipe and over his leg, but it was done.

On the 31st, Williams and Richard Bampton, from the Vintage Austin Register, collected the chassis while McWhannell collected the engine block from engineer Brian Blackie, who had put in long hours to get it ready.

While McWhannell put the engine back together and Campbell finished the panels, Williams was fabricating the unique exhaust manifold.

The body was then taken to Fagan & Hannay for paint — matching the colour to photos of the original car — and dried outside for speed while Richard replicated the radiator number.

Other parts were filched from their cars — the seats from Williams' Austin 7 racing Special, off the road after a crash at Hampton Downs, the front wheels off his Austin 7 Nippy as the tread matched. The bonnet strap started out as Campbell's belt — "I was hitching my trousers up for the rest of the day".

The men had insisted they retain ownership, they had to, to

put their own cars back together.

"Roger Donaldson asked who owned it and we said, 'Which bit?'"

After not much sleep and a nightmare schedule, the car was ready, and delivered to the set on Muriwai Beach on time.

Donaldson's first words when he saw it were, "Wrong colour!" and an overstressed Williams said, "Right, put it on the trailer, we're leaving!" but sense prevailed, they started it — and once the crew realised how well it went, they all got behind it — by the sound of it, its 10 seconds of fame may have grown.

McWhannell taught the stunt driver the rudiments, and they were off.

"Roger and the camera crew were in the bed of a ute driving at 100km/h down Muriwai Beach with Roger shouting 'Faster, faster!' as the Austin rapidly caught up, overtook, and headed into the distance!"

No wonder the famous director signed the body, with "The world's fastest Austin".

After the lads brief time on set, filming hill-climb and garage scenes, it was over, and a week later their replica had been stripped, and their own cars were back together.

But the body still remains, a talking point in the Fagan & Hannay workshop, complete with autograph and surrounded by quips about the panels rolled on a Kiwi metal-worker's thighs.

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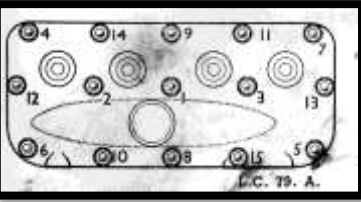
Thanks to Ken Bell for originally alerting me to the story of Bruce McLaren, The film and the news articles.

Austin 7 Classifieds

For Sale: QLD personalised plates **AUS 30** you can use on concessional plates. Asking \$400 as they are in good condition, but no longer useful as we now live in NSW!

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Amanda 0413 848 909, Brett 0402 143 420 email 63bawilson@gmail.com



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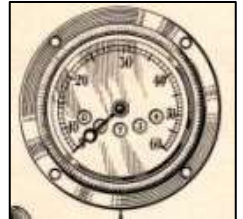
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Photos from the Archives



The picture on the left is member Ken Bell and his brother Bruce in Ken's first A7, a 1934 Ulster (at a pinch) replica. Circa 1968. Ken says " The replica Ulster had a frame made of electrical conduit. The motor had a Cambridge head and twin SUs and the brakes were Bowden cable. I had it for two years and only sold it when my then girlfriend who wore

miniskirts was not happy about climbing in over the side. To placate her I bought a 1934 opal which is still on the road in Auckland . I later learnt that the Ulster fell apart when the conduit brazing gave way when the owner had to slam on the brakes one day, the chassis stayed put and the body kept going!"



Another photo from the 1992 Silver Anniversary with contestants for the Period Costume prize. L to R Ken Folliott, the Editor, Myrtle Que, Tony & Lois Pavan, Nell and Peter Dorman and Bernice and Myles Walters

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