



NEWSLETTER

JUNE 2013

EXPO 88 REVISITED



In 1988 Australia was on an all time high, the economy was booming again, and we were celebrating 200 years since the first European settlement at Sydney Cove.

To celebrate we could go on a great **International Rally for Veteran and Vintage Vehicles** which started from all the major cities, converging on Canberra for a week of motoring festivities. Several members of our club were participants and nearly all the cars made it there (and back again). I will be doing a little write up about that in the next newsletter.

But another event that possibly most of us attended was **Expo 88**, the 6 month long exhibition that brought nearly 16 million visitors to Brisbane. I was lucky to get a season pass and every Friday night (when it wasn't a A7 club meeting) I would wander over the bridge from work and grab a bite to eat at one of the many exotic eateries and explore the world for a couple of hours! As part of the ongoing activities there were

special one off festivals, including the **European Festival of motoring**.

Car clubs were invited to put on a small display to represent each member of the EEC for a Concourse d'Elegance to be held in the very centre of the Expo Site. Space was very limited, and it was decided by our club that a tourer and a sports offered a broad spectrum of the world of the Austin Seven. The actual cars were Doug and Robyn Clark in their 1929 Chummy and my 1929 Wasp Sports. There were 52 cars, many were European Exotica and British Thoroughbreds so our little cheeky cockney Sevens were lucky to be part of the chosen few at the culmination of the week long



European Community Festival. (Activities include a paper dart throwing competition where two lucky people won a trip to Europe courtesy of KLM.) We had to get our cars in before Expo opened to park in our spot near the entrance to the Great Britain pavilion, but could not leave until the fireworks end at 10:30 pm, under the guidance of "Alessandra", our chaperone for the day. Free lunch was provided and a TV set up so we could watch the 1988 Toohey 1000 Motor Race (that year the first 3 pace getters were Ford Sierras', Tony Longhurst and Tomas Mezara shared driving the winner). I don't remember what actual cars won the Concourse and I only have the one photo left, a folder of paperwork for the day and a nice little souvenir banner that is hanging in my lounge room but it must have been a very good day!

Quarter of a century on, Expo 88 was celebrated again on the 28th of April this year at the Southbank Parklands where the spirit of Expo 88 still is very strong.



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Goodbye Jack Hynd



In April long time member Jack Hynd passed away after a 15 year fight with cancer, he had been recently in Hospital as he also caught pneumonia. His daughter Judith and her two sons are keeping his Austins which is very nice. Jack was the quiet achiever, he did an excellent restoration of his 1935 Roadster which was a rusted out bucket of bits, doing most of the work himself, earning numerous "peoples choice" and "best of show" trophies at the All British and RACQ days. Once I gave Jack a very rusty old generator, and months later he showed it to me, all re-engineered and running on 12 volts, and pretty as a picture with a new polished brass cover. Jacks cars will be around for a lot longer and will remind us of the perfectionist Jack

was in all he did, from restoring another beloved Austin or playing a round of golf at Oxley Golf Club, where he was a member for 70 years, at one time there were 4 generation of Jacks family as members.

AUSTIN 7 REGISTER CLUB EVENTS

Friday 12th June Monthly Meeting 7:45 pm start

Sunday 16th June: Club Rally. "Winter Fun Run"!!! Organized by Grant & Jacki Preddy. Rally to commence from Centenary Pool Carpark at 9.00am. Details to be confirmed

Friday 12th July Monthly Meeting 7:45 pm start

Sunday 14th July: Club Event - RACQ Motorfest. Static display from 10am to 3pm at Eagle Farm Racecourse. Members to meet in Hamilton Hotel car park for departure.

Friday 8th August Monthly Meeting 7:45 pm start

Saturday 10th August: Club Weekend Saturday Rally organized by Justin McKeering and commencing from Centenary Pool Carpark at 9.00am. Destination & details to be confirmed. Rally to conclude with BYO BBQ lunch at the Carindale Clubhouse.

Sunday 11th August: Club Weekend Static Display at C.T.White Park, Kangaroo Point organized by A7 Club Secretary. Static Display commencing at 9.00am.

Friday 10th September Monthly Meeting 7:45 pm start

Sunday 15th September: Club Rally. Organized by Alan Couser. Rally to commence from Centenary Pool Carpark at 9.00am. Details to be confirmed

5th and 6th October weekend rally with Trevor and Elaine and the Lockyer Club in Gatton **10th**

November 2013: Club Rally. Rally to be organized by Ian & Valda McDowell. Details to be confirmed.

15th December 2013: Club Christmas Picnic Lunch at Orleigh Park, West End commencing at 10.00am. Organized by A7 Club Secretary.

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Sat 19th April to Sat 26th April 2014: THE A7 2014 TOUR: Departing from Warrego Highway at 9.00am on 19.4.2014 and travelling to Rockhampton and return. Organized by Brett & Amanda Wilson ph. 07 33893821 or email: bawilson@optusnet.com.au for details. Members to make own arrangements re. accommodation. Further details TBA.

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INVITATION RALLIES AND SWAP MEETS

30th June 2013: External Event. Vintage Car Club Static Display at Ormiston House. Contactfor details. Members to make own arrangements re travel, registration etc.

14th July 2013: Club Event - RACQ Motorfest. Static display from 10am to 3pm at Eagle Farm Racecourse. Members to meet in Hamilton Hotel car park.

11th August 2013: All Parts Swap – Rocklea Show grounds (42nd Year run by the Chev Club) - Free sites!

September 2013: External Event. Vintage Speed Car Club Annual Day at Market Street, New market from 10.00am to 3.00pm. Contact Secretary for details. Members to make own arrangements re. registration, travel etc.

22nd September 2013: All British Day at Vivian Street, Tennyson from 8.30am to 2.00pm. Contact Secretary for more details. Members to make own arrangements re. registration, travel etc.

5th & 6th October 2013: Rally around Gatton area organized by Lockyer Antique Motor Association Inc. For details contact Jim Scott 07 46155802. Members to make own arrangements re. registration, travel, accommodation, etc.

5th to 7th October 2013: "150 years of the Court House in Goondiwindi" - at Goondiwindi. For preliminary details contact Rhonda Guthrie. Members to make own arrangements re. registration, travel etc. SEE DETAILS THIS NEWSLETTER>

October 2013: External Event. Kilcoy Classic on Wheels at Kilcoy Show Grounds. Contact.....for details. Members to make own arrangements re. registration, travel etc.

12th-18th October Canberra Run The Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club is organising a 6 day run to Canberra as part of the QHMC attempt to get a good Qld representation at the National Rally to help celebrate Canberra's 100th Birthday. Visit the BVRC Website - Canberra Run web Pages for details



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Highlights of Minutes of Past Meetings

Austin Seven Register of Queensland Inc

Meeting No.511, 12th April 2013 - Held at Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale

Correspondence in expressions of interests for the 12017 rally, Secretary passed these to John Que.**Spare Parts**

Report: An order to be sent for parts that are not in stock for different members.

Run/Rally Director by Neil Thyer

- 14th April Doug & Robyn Clark with a visit to view a collection of pedal cars.
- May 11th Mothers Day Howell Whitehouse to arrange.
- June 16th Grant & Jacki Preddy Winter fun run

Brett Wilson suggested that we have a week rally to Rockhampton in 2014 and he was happy to arrange it. More information as it gets closer. There was a lot of interest in the idea.

Other Events:

April 21st Vintage Speed way display at Rocklea Show grounds

May 4th & 5th Tweed Valley Rally?

19th May 2013 National Heritage motoring Day.

Robyn Clark mentioned the Heritage Truck Show at Beenleigh show grounds on the 18th & 19th May 2013.

Doug Clark mentioned that they had visited a Robot dairy farm and was going to try and arranged another visit.

General Business:

John Que spoke on the 2017 National Rally and advised that during the president rally they checked out a number of sites for the 2017 National rally.

Trevor Moore mentioned that he had received A7 cut outs from Terry Woodhouse from Victoria for use at the clubs discretion.

Trevor Moore mentioned that he had received an Email from the A7 Combined Clubs Acc. Requesting we complete the chassis register. Members agreed.

Austin Seven Register of Queensland Inc

Meeting No.512, 10th May 2013 - Held at Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale

Correspondence out included:

Sympathy card to Jack Hynd's family

Letter of appreciation and certificate to Kim Kirby for the pedal car display.

Membership form to Kingsley Neale.

Application form to Don Smith at Clermont.

Correspondence in included:

Flyer form S.C.C.Club re their static display at the Big Pineapple on the 8th June 2013

Treasurers Report:

Amanda Wilson presented her report and moved that her report be accepted –

Queensland Historic Motoring Council Report:

Tim Braby reported that the seat belt legislation had now been changed to allow children over 7 to ride in vehicles without seat belts in vehicles which were not required to have seat belts fitted when manufactured.

The Centenary100 rally entry cost has been settled at \$125 each vehicle.

Tim Braby also advised that he was resigning as QHNC rep for the A7 Register.

Spare Parts Report: An order to be received for parts with some of the parts dispatched to members orders.

Run/Rally Director by Neil Thyer

- May 11th Mothers Day Howell Whitehouse to arrange. Howell advised to be a centenary Pool at 8.45am for a 9am start. He also mentioned that he had just become a great-great grandfather (that is correct, a Great-Great Granddaddy!)
- June 16th Grant & Jacki Preddy Winter fun runs. Grant advised it would be river theme photo rally (clues are photos), leaving Centenary Pool at 9am.
- 14th July 2013: Club Event - RACQ Motorfest. Static display from 10am to 3pm at Eagle Farm Racecourse.

Other Events:

19th May 2013 Nation Heritage motoring Day.

Heritage Truck Show at Beenleigh show grounds on the 18th & 19th May 2013.

30th June 2013: External Event. Vintage Car Club Static Display at Ormiston House.

Rhonda Guthrie also mentioned the 150year Court House Rally at Goondiwindi on the first weekend of October.

McLean's Bridge at Lakeside 18/19 May

Trevor Moore mentioned that he had received an invitation for 2 cars to be on display at the Lord Mayors Multi

Cultural dinner on the 31/5/2013. (Two cars chosen)

- As a result of Tim Braby resigning at the QHMC Rep it was decided not to fill the position until the AGM.
- Rhonda Guthrie thanked Mike McGuill for his efforts with the Web Site.
- Justin McCarthy advised that Judy McCulloch was in Prince Charles Hospital and had visited her.
- Mike McGuill advised that he was going to sell his Austin 10 and would be advertised in the next newsletter.

Report on Cars and or Car troubles;

Mike McGuill advised that he had converted his A7 to a 12 volt system.

There were also stories told of Lindsay Jordan's A7

When it was owned by his great Uncle Ernie Turner.



(This Photo was taken by the Courier Mail back in 1995 and shows Ernie and his sister Ellie).

Ernie owned the car from new and it was always garaged in the same spot in a makeshift cupboard under their old Queenslander in Red Hill. Ernie was a tram conductor, he was not considered beefy enough to be a driver who needed to have some muscle to work the brakes. The car was bought from Austin Distributors in Adelaide Street (Cnr. Creek Street, the building still exists) and was painted a light auto brown with black leatherette seats and hood and black enamelled mudguards and wheels. It was advertised as having the new slam type door locks and full vision side curtains, all for 190 pounds. (\$398)! There was a choice of 4 body colours (probably green, brown, grey or blue) and a black or grey (salt and pepper) hood.

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Ferret Gossip

A few snappy ones to make you smile?:



1. Paddy says to Mick "What are you talking to the envelope for" Mick says "I'm sending voice mail you dunce"
2. Police are looking for an offender who has stabbed six people with a knitting needle in the last 48 hours. They believe the nutter could be following some kind of pattern.
3. They say that jokes about German sausage are wurst
4. When you get a bladder infection – urin' trouble.
5. I wondered why the baseball was getting bigger – then it hit me.
6. The breech-loading gun was invented in 1751, but it took the British Admiralty 130 years before they decided to adopt the principle for naval
7. The entire content of the first gramophone record was: "Mary had a little lamb".
8. The oldest account of a chimney describes one in Venice in 1347.

It looks like Ian McDowell has changed his Austin 7 van to rat power after finding a rats nest in the engine compartment. So much of his 2 Jack Russell dogs, who sleep next to the van.

Now Howell Whitehouse is renowned for his cooking but his effort with a ginger cake with lemon icing scored him a 1 (one) as it ended up in the garbage bin and is turned out rock solid. Howell is going back to his youth as he has now purchased an Old Ariel motor bike one like he had in his youth.

And here is Alan Couser again finally he got packed for his trip to South America but it took 6 weeks, and just got finished in time to board the plane. He had an overnight stay in Sydney and was due to leave on the 26th April but had a 5 hour delay after mechanical problems with the plane. The 5 hours was spent in the Qantas lounge with free food and drink, can you imagine the vibration on the plane that was caused when he started snoring.

Now the Budda has returned but the question how long will it take him to unpack???

Trevor and Elaine's new little roadster is done up as a black and white cab, with door signs and an illuminated taxi sign on the roof. Now was the real reason the car broke down on the May Rally just at the limit of the Brisbane City on Samford roads because Taxis don't like taking fares, and it merely wanted to see the colour of the money before it proceeded.

The Editor had trouble starting his car after the same rally, and was going thru the regime of cleaning plugs and points, cleaning the carburettor out, when a kind soul mentioned you are supposed to do that before you go on a rally as part of a regular maintenance, not after you get home again!

QLD HISTORIC MOTOR COUNCIL NEWS

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Seat Belt Rules in Queensland – Amendment to Legislation Approved

1. There are two levels of road rule in Australia – Federal and State/Territory. The Federal road rules are called Australian Road Rules (ARR). To make the rules enforceable, each State/Territory then has their own legislation, which should mirror the Federal legislation. For a number of years, the Queensland Road Rules (QRR) has been out of step with the ARR in relation to the carriage of children from the age of seven in our veteran, vintage and historic vehicles. A vast number of our old club vehicles do not have, and are not required to have, seat belts fitted to them.

2. The ARR and all States and Territories (except Queensland) have allowed an exemption for these vehicles of ours to carry anyone seven years of age and above where no seat belts have been fitted and there is no requirement for them to be fitted.

3. QHMC lobbied various LNP candidates in the lead up to the March 2012 State elections including the Parliamentary leader of the LNP. The LNP came to power in March 2012 following a landslide victory in the Queensland elections and a new Minister for Transport, Mr Scott Emerson, was appointed. QHMC subsequently made separate representations to the new Minister and the new Premier, Mr Campbell Newman. In the meantime, some of our clubs and individual members made representations to their local members on the matter. Some time later, the Minister agreed to progress an amendment to Executive Council for approval in the first quarter of 2013. We are grateful to the Minister for following through on his undertaking. Our thanks also go out to those clubs and individuals who added weight to the QHMC representations on the matter.

AMENDMENT TO LEGISLATION

Queensland Road Rules are contained in the document found at the following DTMR website.

<http://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/LEGISLTN/CURRENT/T/TrantOpRURR09.pdf>

Section 267 paragraph 1(B) of QRR has been amended, effective 5th April 2013, to read “7” instead of “16”. All of your members are encouraged to visit the site by using the above link, in order to make themselves familiar with QRR, particularly Sections 266 and 267.

Clubs should continually remind their members that this amendment to QRR carries with it an implied duty to act responsibly and to exercise the utmost care in the carriage of children in their club cars.

By gaining parity with the road rules in other States and Territories, historic vehicle events conducted in Queensland should once again benefit from family participation and it is trusted that interstate families in the movement will again support our rallies here in Queensland.

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Special Interest Vehicles & Support to Schools, Charities and the Community – policy guidance

Over the last several years, QHMC has been approached by affiliated clubs for interpretation of the Special Interest Vehicle registration arrangements (SIV) guidelines in relation to the use of SIV vehicles in support of schools conducting formals and similar events. Recently, a couple of our clubs bypassed the QHMC committee and sought their own guidance direct from DTMR. The results have been less than encouraging to those clubs.

The SIV guidelines are clear enough. All clubs need to do is to sensibly interpret them in order to remain within the guidelines and within the spirit of the SIV arrangements. If clubs require further guidance in arriving at a decision, then the first point of contact must necessarily be our own QHMC committee. Rod Graydon is currently our DTMR Liaison Officer on the QHMC committee. Rod has the experience and knowledge of dealing with DTMR in such matters. Rod will provide most guidance immediately. If not, he knows where to find answers very quickly. If contacting Rod by email,

send a cc to the QHMC Secretary and President also. Our affiliated clubs should avail themselves of this service where further interpretation and guidance is required.

INTERPRETATION AND CLARIFICATION OF EXISTING GUIDELINES

QHMC consulted DTMR last week at its quarterly liaison meeting and came away with an agreed interpretation as explained below relating to SIV Support to Schools, Charities and the Community – non relative (does not alter the existing SIV guideline in relation to ceremonies for immediate family).

The overarching requirements for an **event for non-relatives** are that the event is to be conducted as an official club event, have an educational value, a charitable endeavour and be within the spirit of the SIV guidelines.

Clubs and members must also abide by the following detailed guidelines:

- (i) Event must be recorded and promoted through the car club newsletter,
- (ii) No direct payment to the SIVS vehicle owner is permitted (donations may be made to a charity nominated in the event flyer, newsletter listing),
- (iii) Event must commence from a common point; no door to door service,
- (iv) Event must terminate at a common point, e.g. at the venue,
- (v) Display vehicles at the termination point, and
- (vi) Charity collection at the car display or termination point (charity must be a recognised charity; and event co coordinator or designated person must have authorisation from the relevant charity to act as a fundraiser at this event).

5. The above requirements are not new, they are simply an extrapolation of the existing published SIV guidelines resulting in an approved interpretation for your club's use. They are very close to the guidance provided by the QHMC Executive to one of our country clubs back in 2010 – further reason that QHMC has to be the first point of contact for consistent and accurate interpretation of guidelines.

6. I trust this information is of value to your club and will provide you with greater scope to support your community. Please contact myself or Rod Graydon for further clarification if required.

A LETTER TO OUR EDITOR

Letter to the Editor As the foundation President and the inaugural editor of the Austin 7 register of Queensland I look forward to reading each addition of the Newsletter as it keeps me up to date with what's happening in A7 circles.

The last addition was particularly informative and brought back many fond memories of the early days of the Club and its active members at that time.

When I moved to the Gold Coast some 20 years ago I brought with me 2 Austin Sevens and they were a regular feature in rallies around the southeast part of Queensland and northern NSW. Whilst I no longer have these



vehicles I am still a dedicated enthusiast and promote the Register as much as possible in the circles of the Gold Coast Antique Auto Club. We have just had an A7 owner join our Club so you can look forward to supplying him with parts for his restoration.

The major event of this Gold Coast Club is Autorama this year being held at Tugun on 16th & 17th November. This event has been going for 44 years and on the first Autorama in 1969 Barry Neville attended in Alice.

I would like to extend an invitation to members of the Register to join us on this action packed occasion. There would be nothing better than seeing a number of A7s on the rally days and in the static display. There is plenty of cost effective accommodation in the area and the rallies will be A7 friendly. Also a great dinner dance and lots of prizes given out.

Thanks once again Tim for a great magazine. Keep up the Good work.

Graham Cogzell.

INVITATION TO RALLY IN GOONDIWINDI IN OCTOBER

To Celebrate Goondiwindi Customs House 150th Anniversary

Rhonda Guthrie sent me this information about a forthcoming rally out at Goondiwindi as she thought some of the Austin 7 members might like to join with other clubs, in celebrating 150 years of the Court House.

Rhonda says

"David Mc Mahon, Councillor with the GOONDIWINDI REGIONAL COUNCIL is asking quite a few different clubs to participate.

If you open the proposed schedule it does sound very interesting. He knows I'm including the Austin 7 club in the invitation. I'm trying to get a few of the veteran club members to attend. Anyway it is worth thinking about.

Rhonda Guthrie"

David McMahon also adds: "The Saturday afternoon and night program is all about the Customs House 150th birthday. As I said I have the band, the photography club on board, camp oven dinner organised (as well as other choices). There is also the arrival of the Great Goondiwindi Train Race that afternoon. I'm sure that this day will be great and I want to finish with fireworks as soon as possible on dark and finish it up then I can organise another run for the club if you don't want to do the tour on the Thursday. The club could do a 110km run to Texas to view the historic Rabbit Works? This is an amazing building and worth the look.

Regards,

David McMahon

Councillor



Highlight; will include Civic Welcome to Goondiwindi, "Taste of Goondiwindi", Guided Tour of Gunsynd Museum, BBQ dinner supplied by Goondiwindi and District Historical Society Breakfast on the veranda of the Historic Customs House with breakfast and join in the fun as ABC Toowoomba broadcast their breakfast show, trip to Yelarbon (50kms east) along Border Tourist Route following the Macintyre River to Yelarbon for morning tea at the Soldier Memorial Hall. Lunch at Yelarbon Lagoon. Street parade down Marshall Street (under police escort) in Goondiwindi followed Show and Shine in front of historic Customs House. Customs House 150th celebration- includes band, photographic displays, fire works on dusk Including the arrival of the Steam Train at 3pm and the conclusion of "The Great Goondiwindi Train Race".

All aboard to Toobeah- 1 trip leaves 8.30am and other at 12 noon. Option to either drive or boarding the steam Train. MG Car Club is encouraging their people to do the same thing. Toobeah 50 kms west Goondiwindi on Barwon Highway- not usually busy that time of the year. Contact Ross and Rhonda Guthrie for more details

April Rally to see Kim's Kiddie Kar Kollection

Back in December when we had our cub Xmas break at West End, we were approached by Kim, a friendly local, who just happens to collect Pedal cars of all ages and types. Kim suggested if we planned to come back one day she would put on a display of her collection for us to see. Doug and Robin Clark made arrangements with Kim to allow us to pop in for a visit on our April Rally. Kim says her collection started with a toy Vespa, which was like her full sized daily commuter vehicle. Brought up in a family that owned a panel Beating business Kim found that she liked applying the skills employed on full sized cars to repair & restore pedal cars and other ride on toys, and now spends every chance she can to work on restoring her collection.



Starting from the centenary pool we arrived to find the whole footpath out side Kim's house (and part of the neighbours as well) covered in childhood treasures of all types. There were pedals cars, trains, an aircraft, even a pedal powered horse! A couple of members even brought some of their own treasures (besides wives and girl friends that are!) Doug and Robyn brought out their miniature Morris Commercial and Leyland Badger and an Austin Seven inspired creation, Peter Cahalane had his old tricycle, (restored and featuring a photo of a much younger Peter and his sister) and Matt Potts brought along a preloved big red fire engine.

MAYMADNESS & MAYHEM- HOWELLS GO WESTRALLY!!



Held on a Saturday because of the clash with Mother's Day, this was a nice bit of driving that included some city (unavoidable, hilly (also unavoidable if you need to get anywhere on the west side of town) and country (very enjoyable, good exercise for the car without out wearing out the driver) roads.

Planned by Mr Howell Whitehouse Esq. (did you know he is now a great-great grandfather?), the route instructions were

definitely not overly complicated or designed to confuse with over weighty verbiage

We had a good turnout for the run, 8 Austin Sevens and a couple of moderns, Out thru the Gap, up Settlement Road, (Two cars had great trouble holding on at the lights!), onto Ironbark Gully for Smoko, then out thru Samford to Andy Williams Park almost at the end of Cedar Creek Road. (NICE country). Trevor's newly commissioned Roadster bailed up at Wahminda Park, it had a short somewhere which was chewing up fuses, but the brains trust



soon sorted it out. Not far to Iron Bark Gully for Smoko, coffee and a few photos (check out our club website on Shannon's for more). Next part of the journey continued out thru Samford and onto the Dayboro Road and turn off to Cedar Creek to arrive at a nice little rest spot next to a dramatic rock lined creek. Interestingly this is Andy Williams Park, but no body broke in a verse of "Moon River" (or am I the only person who remembers this stuff?)

We lunched at the park under a nice shelter, the weather not particularly sunny. After a short break to let our food settled we were soon all firing up our little cars and heading home.

My car went well, although the battery is on its last legs, I had to crank it every time. Then it would not start at all after lunch, but I managed to clutch start it. John Quesaid it blew a bit of smoke (unburnt fuel?) and got home ok in spite of the afternoon rain which I hit just after coming along Eaton's Crossing Rd back home. Got home and decided to wash the car since it was still dripping wet, and rolled back down the drive, guess what it would not start again!!! Oh well, as my great grand pappy said, "Such is Life".

Tim

VINTAGE DREAMS AT LAKESIDE

Through an association outside the world of Austin Sevens I was asked to be a field judge at the MacLean's Bridge at Lakeside Festival held over the weekend of the 18/19th May. My allocated category was the "heritage" vehicles, which was pretty well any that was built pre 1946, or was continuation of a model that was produced before 1946, so definitely no Holdens! The cars had to be mostly as they were built, points off for the wrong paint, incorrect wheels and size of tires, and it must be an original body, so any specials were out of the class!

The title of the event may be confusing, for some of you who are also motoring veterans there has always been a yearly informal get together of sporting vehicles at Macleans Bridge halfway to Beaudesert and anything else that could be considered interesting such as quaint old Austins which some of us have attended (my first visit was in 1976, not in an Austin, but the back seat of a 1926 Chrysler laden with XXXX, an event I prefer to forget!)

For the last three years the event has moved north right across town to the to the Lakeside Motor Racing circuit just outside Petrie. So on the Sunday the 19th of May I literally cranked up the saloon, and headed out in the crisp air, the car had a nice little burble as we soon arrived at our destination, wondering where all the anticipated arrivals were. Numbers were definitely down on last year, was it the recent cold snap or was there something more interesting on TV in the way of footy game. I actually arrived nearly One hour later than recommended and was able to park anywhere I liked, other than actually on the race track itself. I soon met up with my fellow judges, we were "field judges", rather than "concourse judges", which is something completely different again, that is on a much more serious level again. There were not that many cars for me to look at in the pre 1946 category, and I was also told only to judge a car if it had the allotted "H" car on it's windscreen, there was actually only 3 cars that did this, me, a nice Jaguar Saloon (a borderline car, that even though registered in 1948, was the same as the pre-war Jaguar SS Saloon), & Gavin Mutton's cute little 1913 Swift Cycle car. There were also other pre WW2 cars, including Justin McKeerings Austin 7, and numerous other nice exotic vintage cars, but only two had the aforementioned placard! I did see a bevy of pre-war beauties in a caged off area, but these were the strictly off limits "Concourse Judging" only

cars as I was informed by one of the official "white coats"! Vintage and pre-war classic cars but only two were carrying the aforementioned sign of the H.

So I eventually picked the Jaguar, this one ticked all the correct selection criteria boxes for me, the owner did all his own restoration (except the interior) over 38 years from rolling wreck and having a wooden floor and wood frames shell, it was not an easy job, especially being a four door saloon! Another car I did really like as well was the lovely Azania-Bugatti Special of Doctor Bob King, (not in my judging class unfortunately, it is to be considered a special) lucky Justin McKeering had a trip this car driven by the good Doctor's son. The photo, of the car, although not of the car at Lakeside, shows it's under speed at a Speed on Tweed event. Originally a Type 35 its providence includes



running 5th at the Grand Prix de Provence in 1925 and supposedly the first Bugatti to ever run at Brooklands, at respectable 176 kph (that must have tested the tyres out on the embankments, , subsequently coming to Australia, well after its original but little straight 8 Bugatti motor blew up one day and was replaced by an equally bespoke British Anzani twin ohc 1500 cc four by Lyndon Duckett in 1938 in Melbourne, and the Anzani Bugatti was born!

Proceedings included "Happy Laps" around the racetrack, but with all that modern machinery showing off, it was not the place for a humble little

cockney sparrer of an Austin Seven. The Marshalls were heard to say, that some people refused to stay in a line and were overpassing, and refusing to come off after their allotted laps.

We lucky Judges were treated to a buffet lunch up stars away from the beer and meat pie set, but it rather cold watching the cars on the track on the veranda after as there was a terrible Westerly blowing all day!

All too soon it was time to pack up the toys and go home, my saloon decided it did NOT want to leave, it was running like a hairy goat on the way home and even conked out at the lights in the middle of the busy Strathpine shopping strip (GRRR). Luckily a good Samaritan took pity on my car and helped give it a push shove start . My bet is fuel, but the battery is also knackered (or we are not charging properly). Oh well something to do these cool winter evenings. (Should have fixed it last time!!!!)

Tim



Swap Meet Reports

Ormiston Swap (Run by the Bayside Restorers Club)

Lovely weather and a very popular swap means parking is at a premium for miles around. But the problem is that quantity does not always equal quality, I think I only bought some old magazines and a couple of little tow trucks for the collection. Talked to some Austin Seven owners, past and present including Doug and Nancy Soden.

Banyo Swap (run by the EH & EJ Holden Club)

First time for this club at this venue (previously used by the QVVA for a few years until they moved to Capalaba). Small event, with room to grow, no Austin 7 Parts, but the usual assortment of tool and modern car parts. Nice coffee though. Went home with a working wind up "Rexport" suitcase model gramophone player to tidy up. Parking easy, spot by the gate.

Capalaba Swap (run by the QVVA)

They shifted the position for this one away from the previous site on the north side of the oval. Reasonable array of sellers, but not a lot of new stuff, and again a dearth of vintage car parts, except for overpriced Ford Parts trying to catch the eye (and wallet) of the hot rudders and customizers. The totally original 1930 Ford Town Sedan seen at Toowoomba (and also pictured in the current Restored Cars magazine) was there with a sold sign, they were asking \$18,000! The Totally Organic Coffee was good, the owner with dreadlocks had a good line of banter, he was also at Banyo!!! Haul included a distributor condenser, some new light globe fittings and some more little cars for restoration.

A little Scuttle Buck



Some people are very clever.

Goldsworthy has been silently beaver away the last month or so making this stylish wooden buck to help fabricate aluminium scuttles for a mid 1928-mid 1930 Austin Sevens. The pattern was based on two original panels, one from the Editors Chummy, the other a Saloon. "The firewall" is removable so the panel can be removed as when finished there are flanges around most of it. Peter also will build one for the 1926-early 1928 short radiator cars. The first product will be a new panel to replace the old cracked and worn one from my 1930 Chummy.

Tim

Peter

Who was it?



A regular Rally Man!

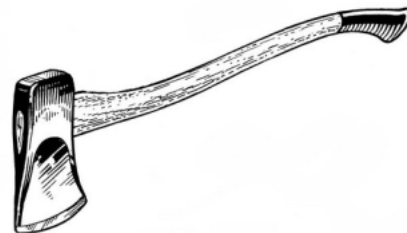
Peter Dorman with a little TQ midget racer in the backyard with the washing in Horton Street, Toowoomba. The date was 1954, and that little boy is now 61! The reference to "Mr. Everything" is from when Peter worked for James ("Mr. Everything") Campbell Hardware when the family moved to Maroochydore.

Peter writes, "That was indeed me and our 3 year old son in the photo with the TQ or Gnat speedway car. I built this car which was powered with a 500 cc twin Aerial motor bike engine used on speedways around Queensland in the 1950s. After I sold it, it's greatest success was a Qld. Championship, although some "Paddy's Axe" changes were made (see poem

below). Many Austin Sevens met their doom during this period as the front axle, steering and chassis met the builder's specifications (NOT GUILTY!). Happy Auctioneering PETER DORMAN

PADDY's AXE

"That axe of mine", old Paddy said, "It leaves the modern world for dead. Yes, they were good in days gone past, the tools they made were meant to last. With this same axe held in his hand my great-grandfather cleared the land, and after him his son, and then my sainted father -all good men! I tell you, this old axe was good, the way it sliced its way through wood like cutting butter, so to speak. It's quite a genuine antique!"



I rubbed the blade against my thumb: "What brand of head? Ah, it's a Plumb. To see that blade, you'd never know it dates back all those years ago. I must admit it's stood the test. Myself, I like the Kelly best."

"Why sure", said Paddy. "Kelly brand is good as any in the land. In fact the last head this axe had, it was a Kelly; and my Dad Was real upset the day a stone made a big gap he couldn't hone, and my grandfather always said He liked an axe named after "Ned".

"But hold on, Paddy! Half a mo' your axe is very old, I know, But is this here the self-same one your great-grandfather gave his son? It used to have a Kelly head, At least that's what I think you said, and now it's plainly got a Plumb In good condition too. How come?

"Why, sure", said Paddy. "Sure it's plain, and faith it's easy to explain, for when the head was gapped and gone they had to put a new head on; and when the handle split or cracked they got another one. In fact I've had to put in one or two and now it's just as good as new. But it's the same axe you can see my father handed on to me that he was given by his dad, the one my great-grandfather had."

Alf Wood, Buderim, (Courtesy of Peter and Nell Dorman)

CARS FOR SALE

For Sale 1935 Austin 10/4 Tourer,

Mechanically restored (motor, brakes, etc, new tires. Some panels repaired and primed.

Obviously there is still a lot of bodywork to be done. and trim to be remade.

Mike & Kathy McGuill. Ferny Hills.

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For Sale \$3,000





For sale 1929 Chummy,

restored, but not registered, offers around \$11,000. Contact Peter Dorman on 07 5443 2262. Seen at last Static Display. Grey paint with light blue interior. Car at Maroochydore.



For Sale 1937 Roadster,

Car No. A/S 265 661. 100 % complete and original but in need of total restoration due to storage in a leaky shed. Interesting history, Larke Hoskins Muller business roadster, Two owners only for nearly 60s. Bought 1950s in Sydney and retired in 1959, Must be sold as losing present garage storage and owner buying a farm. Starting price \$5000 but can negotiate. Ted & Daphne Bale, ph 3351 4737. (Car in Brisbane)

Wanted your new letter contributions!

AUSTIN SEVEN REPAIR SERVICES

Engine reconditioning services, heads and blocks cleaned and shaved, valve seats cut, general engineering work (except white metal bearings). Very friendly service from Michael at Northside Cylinder Head Specialists, 17a Delta Street, Geebung, phone Mike on 3265 2311.

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you will see we have included several forms for you this time . **One** is our membership renewal form with room for you to update your vehicle details (Note there are 3 parts to fill (A,B & C)

Second an Entry Form for the 2013 Static Display Weekend, this is not till August, but the next newsletter will only just come out then, no time to post any entries!

Third, but also very important, two nomination forms for our Committee, please consider this one, as some of the old dinosaurs would like a rest!!!!