



NEWSLETTER June 2015

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



Our feature photo shows "Blinky Bill", Bill and Sue Clarkes former 1928 Chummy, now can be seen up at the Laura Roadhouse which is just inland from Cooktown. Neil and Christene Dannenberg were just up that way and took this nice photo of the little green Chummy with the cream wheels. It looks in good condition still, but in need of a little polish!

Dear Members

Those who enjoyed reading Merv and Margaret Thompson's article in the December Newsletter about the Lake Perkolilli Centenary Celebrations may be interested to read a complete report with photos in the latest Restored Cars Magazine (#230). I must also apologise that due to space requirements I will have to hold over Margaret and Merv's excellent report on Austin Over Australia based in NE Tasmania. The next issue should be a good one. Finally I would like to thank Trevor and Elaine, Robyn, Neil, and Wayne for their contributions to this newsletter. Also many thanks again to Mike and Neil who keep our website up to date, well done!

Editor Tim

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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/>

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AUSTIN 7 REGISTER OF QLD. CLUB EVENTS

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

Sunday 14th June 2015:

A7 Register Rally. Winter Fun Run organised 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

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

Sunday 12th July 2015:

A7 Register Rally. RACQ Motorfest. Static display from 10.00am to 3.00pm at Eagle Farm Racecourse. A7 members to meet in Hamilton Hotel Carpark for departure to Motorfest entry or make own travel arrangements to venue.

Members to make own arrangements re. registration etc.

Saturday 15th August 2015:

A7 Register Rally. A7 Club Weekend Rally organised by Justin McKeering (ph. 0439 712 731) commencing from Club Room, Carindale at 9.00am and to finish at Club Room, Carindale for BYO BBQ Lunch. Rally to Bay area and return. BYO Morning Tea & BBQ Lunch.

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

Sunday 16th August 2015:

A7 Register Rally. A7 Club Weekend Static Display at C.T.White Park, Kangaroo Point organised by Robyn Clark (ph. 3800 1965). Static Display to commence at 9.00am. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch. Display to conclude around 1.30pm.

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

Sunday 13th September 2015:

Optional/Informal A7 Register Rally: Details TBA

Sunday 20th September 2015: A7 Register Rally. All British Day at Vivian Street, Tennyson from 8.30am to 2.00pm. Display Cars - \$15 with metal Souvenir Badge. No pre-booking required. Contact Trevor Moore (ph. 3848 5575) for details. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch. Food also available at venue. A7 members to make own arrangements re. travel, registration (on arrival) etc. Those wishing to travel as group to meet at Trevor & Elaine Moore's residence, Yeronga, for departure to venue at 8.00am.

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

Saturday 3rd & Sunday 4th October 2015:

A7 Register Rally. LAMAI Weekend Rally organised by the Lockyer Antique Motor Association Inc. commencing from Gatton. Contact LAMAI Secretary, Jim Scott (ph. 4615 5802) or Trevor Moore (ph. 3848 5575) for details. A7 members to make own arrangements re travel, accommodation, registration etc.

Sunday 11th October 2015:

Optional/Informal A7 Register Rally. Details TBA.

Friday 13th November Club Meeting Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale, Commencing at 7:45 pm.

Sunday 15th November 2015:

A7 Register Rally. Rally organized by Alan Couser (ph. 0403 504 709) Details TBA.

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

Sunday 13th December 2015:

A7 Register Rally. A7 Club Christmas Lunch. Venue TBA. Commencing at 10.00am. Lunch organized by Robyn Clark (ph. 3800 1965). BYO Morning Tea & Lunch. A7 members to make own arrangements re travel.

INVITATION RALLIES AND SWAP MEETS

Saturday 6th June 10am-4pm **Sunday 7th** 8am-2pm 2015 Old Petrie Town Steam Fair, Dayboro Road, Petrie. Traction Engines, Steam Rollers, Vintage Petrol Engines, Vintage Cars, Trucks and Buses, and much more.

The Famous Old Petrie Town Markets will be in full swing

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Website: <http://queenslandsteamandvintagemachinerysociety.org.au/https://>

www.facebook.com/groups/484413701704670/ 6th - 8th June

Saturday 6th to Monday 8th June Goondiwindi Planes, Trains, Automobiles and Bikes Festival – Goondiwindi Customs House, includes race between Model T fords and the Steam Train! All Enquiries 0409 820 013

Saturday 6th to Monday 8th June QHMC Rally at Pittsworth, see back page of last A7 newsletter or website www.qhmc.org.au

Sunday 28th June: Vintage Car Club Static Display at Ormiston House, Ormiston commencing at 10.00am.

Sunday 12th July: 'The Original' Gold Coast Swap Meet Mudgeeraba

18th & 19th July 2015: 15th Annual Old Wheels In Motion Rally & Swap Meet at Biloela, Central Queensland Organised by the Callide Dawson Machinery Preservation Club Inc. For information contact CDMPC Secretary, Cindy Cooper ph. (07)4992 2400.

Saturday 25 July Nambour Swap Meet

Saturday 1 August Rockhampton Swap Meet

9th August: The Original Chev Swap Meet at Rocklea Showgrounds.

15th -16th August: Northern Rivers Vintage & Veteran Car Club Annual Weekend Rally at Italo Sport & Recreation Club, Lismore. Contact Norm Clapham (ph. 02 66215767 or 0429 115 767) for details.

Saturday 15 August Glenwood Swap Meet

Sunday 30th August 2015: Jimboomba Auto Extravaganza at Maclean Bridge from 6.00am. Swap Meet & Vehicle Show Organized by the Queensland Early Ford V-8 Club. Contact 3341 9618 for more details.

Sunday 30 August Auto Extravaganza & Swap Meet Jimboomba QLD

Saturday 12 September Gympie Swap Meet

Sunday 13 September Beaudesert Swap Meet

Saturday 26th September 2015: Bedford Trucks and John Deere Tractors - organised by The Historic Commercial Vehicle Association to be held at Gatton Showgrounds. For Details Contact Mark & Donna 07 5546 7050.

Minutes of Past A7RQ Meetings

Austin Seven Register of Queensland Inc.

Meeting No 535 – 10th April 2015

Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale.



The meeting was declared opened at 7.50 pm by the President John Que who welcomed members.

Attendance: - The Attendance book was signed by 20 members.

Apologies: – Apologies were received from, Neil Thyer & Karyn Matthew, Ian & Valda McDowell, Alan Couser, Trevor & Donna Hebblewhite, Brett & Amanda Wilson, Merv & Margaret Thompson, & Howell Whitehouse.

Previous Minutes: -The minutes of the March Meeting were read and the Secretary moved that they be accepted as a true and correct record. Seconded by Tim Braby, Carried.

Business Arising from Minutes: – The Australian Standard D Shackles are sufficient. Chains have stamp on every 4th link.

Head Gaskets have arrived from Melbourne

Correspondence:-

OUT Nil

IN

Newsletters from other clubs as tabled

Expression of Interest from Peter & Nell Dorman & Keith & Wendy Seidel

Newsletter printing invoice

Brisbane City Council re CT White Park booking 16th August invoice

VCCA re hall rent receipt

31st May Carina State School, Brisbane Swap Meet

28th June VCCQ Annual Concours , Ormiston House

9th August Chev Club Swap, Rocklea Showgrounds.

6TH-7TH June Old Petrie Town Steam Fair

The secretary moved that the inward correspondence be accepted as read. Seconded by Rodney Sims. Carried

Business Arising from Correspondence:- Janette Sims moved that the invoices for C T White Park and the newsletters be passed for payment. Seconded by Kathy McGuill. Carried.

Treasure's Report: – John read the report supplied by Amanda on the clubs finances and asked for it to be accepted. Seconded by Mike McGuill. Carried.

Queensland Historic Motoring Council Report:- John gave this report which is attached to the minutes and Tim will outline them in the newsletter.

Spare Parts Report:- Trevor reported the compensating jets have been made and the Head gaskets arrived so are now available.

Second Hand Parts Sales:- Nil

Event Organiser:- - As Neil was away the following events were noted

12th April Trevor & Elaine Moore, Meet Centenary Pool, 9am

9th May (Saturday) Ian & Valda McDowell, Meet clubrooms 9am

14th June Grant & Jackie Preddy, Winter Fun Run

Other Events:- 19th April Auto Spectacular, Show & Swap, Willowbank Raceway

3rd May David Hack Classic, Toowoomba Airport

16th-17th May Heritage Truck Show, Rocklea Showgrounds

17th May National Motoring Heritage Day

31st May Brisbane Swap, Carina State School (\$5-00 pp)

6th June Old Petrie Town Steam Fair, Dayboro Rd, Petrie

6th-8th June Planes, Trains & Automobiles, Goondiwindi

6th-8th June RACQ QHMC Rally, Pittsworth

12th July RACQ Motorfest, Eagle Farm Racecourse

9th August Chev Swap, Rocklea Showgrounds (\$5-00 pp)

22nd-23rd August Auto Spectacular, Cairns

20th September All British Day, Tennyson.

Rally Reports – Past Events:-

John was the only person at the start of his run he met up with everyone at Boronia Heights for morning tea, when they all departed for Ron Toys.

Web Master Report:- – Mike has been having some problems with the Shannon's website, but Neil has kept the club website up to date.

Library Report:- – Nil

Editors Report:- – Tim thanked everyone who contributed articles for the newsletter as it made his job easier. Also Neil & Mike for keeping the website up to date.

2017 A7 Rally Report:- – John gave the 2 year update stating entries from 53 cars and 105 people. Still too early for prices and entry fee. We will be looking for sponsors. Suggestions = Penrite Oils, Sausage Sizzle perhaps at Bunning's

General Business:- – Kathy McGuill thanked Doug & Ian for the work done on her car. It is now back on the road.

Lang Kidby has bought an A7 from Redcliffe with Hydraulic brakes after the deal fell through in New Zealand. This is a car none of the members have seen before.

Grant Preddy donated 2 16inch wheels to the clubs second hand parts department.

Report on Cars and/or Car Troubles:- – Nil

Birthdays:- – Members having a birthday in April were wished many more years of happy motoring.

Raffle:- – Kathy McGuill sold raffle tickets on behalf of Valda.

Sick members were wished a speedy return to good health.

Supper Organiser:- – Doug Clark for tonight and Rhonda Guthrie for May.

Committee meeting:- – TBA (Possibly 23rd April)

Next Meeting:- – 8th May 2015

There being no further business to discuss the President closed the meeting at 8.50 pm.

Austin Seven Register of Queensland Inc.

Meeting No. 536 8th MAY 2015

Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall Carindale.

John Que our president declared the meeting opened at 7.55 pm with a welcome to everyone.

Attendance:- The attendance book was signed by 29 members

Apologies:- – Apologies were received from Lindsay Jordan, Peter & Gail Cahalane, Mat Potts, Peter Goldsworthy, Mike & Kathy McGuill, Jimmy Haigh and Rod & Janette Sims.

Minutes:- – The minutes of the previous meeting were read and the Secretary moved that they be accepted as a true and correct record. Seconded by Justin McKeering. Carried

Business Arising from Minutes:- – Sponsors to be discussed later at committee meeting.

Correspondence:- –

OUT -

Cheque to BBC re C T White Park

Sympathy Card to Tony & Lois Paven

IN -

Newsletters from other clubs as tabled

Expression of Interest from Peter Baker, M&M Boatwright, P&S Boatwright, R&R Bell and K&M Bradford

Email re cancellation of Tweed Valley Rally

Thank you from Rob Brooker re parts all sold on ebay

Email from QHMC re sick and passing members

Sunshine Coast Antique Car Club Rally 16th-17th May

Secretary moved that the inward correspondence be accepted as read and the outward indorsed. Seconded by Rhonda Guthrie. Carried

Business Arising from Correspondence: – Consider moving Static Display next year.

Treasure's Report:- Amanda reported on the clubs finances and asked for it to be accepted. Seconded by Judy Haigh
Carried

Rhonda asked if emailing newsletters has saved on printing & postage. Tim replied approx. 40%

Queensland Historic Motoring Council Report:- Nil

Spare Parts Report: – Trevor will soon have more Wheel nuts in stock, also Compensating jets.

Second Hand Parts:- Thank you to Grant Preddy for wheels now in shed.

Events Organiser:- Neil informed us of the following runs:-

9th May meet clubrooms to depart 9am Approx 60km. Morning tea at nursery organised by Ian & Valda McDowell.

14th June Winter Fun Run, meet centenary pool 9am start. BYO M/T & Lunch. Grant also asked for trophy to be returned.

12th July A7 Breakfast at Mowbray Park may be cancelled.

12th July RACQ Motorfest meet Hamilton Hotel Carpark. Time TBA

Other Events: –

16th-17th May Heritage Truck Show, Rocklea Showgrounds

17th May National Motoring Heritage Day, Queens Park, Ipswich

6-8th June Planes, Trains & Automobiles, Goondiwindi

6-8th June RACQ QHMC Rally, Pittsworth

12th July RACQ Motorfest, Eagle Farm Racecourse

12th Sept All British Day, Tennyson

Rally Reports – Past Events: -.

12th April Trevor & Elaine report on web and in newsletter

Doug Clark reported on the HTA trip to Dalby which some members attended

Merv Thompson reported on Austins Over Australia. 140 Cars – 11A7's

Web Master Report: - Neil commented that both sites are up to date.

Library Report: - Nil

Editors Report: – Tim will include membership renewal forms in next newsletter.

2017 A7 Rally Report: – John has been asked about block accommodation bookings and if we can get a special price. Rhonda suggested Big 4 in Toowoomba. It will be looked into by the 2017 Committee.

General Business:- Lang Kidby spoke about his upcoming trip to Cape York and the Lakefield National Park arrangements. Also their recent trip to Albury for the Morris Minor Rally.

Report on Cars and/or Car troubles: – Steve Davidson has bought Brian King's 1929 Meteor, and Tim Braby his 1934 Nippy.

Justin McCarthy said that Russell Curtis has another Saloon from New Zealand.

Grant Preddy has a Ruby Chassis for sale.

Birthdays: – Members having a birthday in May were wish many more years of happy motoring, and all Mothers wished Happy Mothers Day for Sunday.

Raffle: – Valda sold raffle tickets for a lovely Pot Plant.

Sick members were wished a speedy return to good health.

Supper Organiser: – Thanks to Rhonda for tonight's supper.

Judy Haigh will organise June's supper.

Committee Meeting:- 17th May Park at Rocklea, if raining Trevor Moore's.

Next Meeting: – 12th June 2015.



Robyn

News of Members and cars, or "THE EDITORS NEW CAR"

So who did buy Brian and Rita Kings cars?

Well I can now tell you that Steven and Helen Davidson of Fig Tree Pocket no longer are looking for a car as they own the 1929 Meteor and hopefully we will see it soon.

As for the 1934 Nippy, that now lives permanently with the Editors 1929 Saloon. Initially there were problems with the car's fuel system and Brian wanted to get that fixed so I could test drive the car. This has now been sorted but I did not



get to drive the car until the day I picked it up! Left is a photo of "the Captain"/Brian King giving the Nippy one last pat, on the morning we picked up the car. One problem being that the car is lowered so much it could not go up on the trailer on sloping ramps. Much playing with blocks of wood and bricks! Luckily I have a sloping drive at home and was able to park the trailer so the ramps were straight with the help of my neighbour who came to help me pick up the car. He reckons if he had the garage room he would love one also!! His two little twin girls (6) are confirmed fans now as well! Even though it is mechanically not far removed from my 1929 Saloon, the Nippy certainly

lives up to its name! It has a very interesting history, both in Brisbane and in the UK. The colour is a pleasant reddish brown, and the body, boot and doors are aluminium on a timber frame over a steel panelled floor with steel mudguards and bonnet. Most Nippies have steel panels, only the earlier but identical 1933 Austin "65" Sports had alloy panels, so the history of the car is somewhat blurred as the car was first registered in November 1934, there was some major rebuilding going on between 1965 and 1969 according to the UK log book that came with the car, with the engine, colour and other details being changed, but the car has been in its present form now for 45 plus years except for a major engine rebuild after it came to Brisbane, and the motor now has a Phoenix Crankshaft with Renault Rods with extractors being fitted at the same time. Not many of these little cars have survived in their original form, as they say no two

Austin Sevens are the same!!!!!! While checking the brakes I have decided I would like to change the front brakes from the existing Bowdenex conversion, back to the original simplified single cable system used on all standard A7s from 1931 on. See my advert if you can help me obtain the bits I require.

Tim

SEEN UP IN HERBERTON

Recently the refurbished Elderslie House was opened at Herberton Historical village. The new owners Craig and Connie Kimberley (founders of the Just Jeans emporium) have transformed an abandoned collection in rotting buildings back into something of national status. Spotted at the opening was this pleasant little green A7 Sports, and looking thru the register it belongs to fellow



members Michael & Barbara Biggs of Herberton. Nice to see another Austin showing the flag in North Queensland. Looking at the website and according to my informant, the Grahams of Mareeba, the Village is now a must see.

News of past members.

I ran into Trevor McCulloch (Cams brother) who still owns Gus, a nice yellow 1929 Chummy that was very actively used in the 1980s on many rallies. Trevor tells me he has finally sold up his house at Banyo and moving with wife Beverly to Nambour.

Older members will remember Robert Dix, another member back in the 1970s and 80s who was building an Ulster., Robert has finally lost his battle with Prostate Cancer and left us for the big Garage in the Sky at the age of 73. Robert was a staunch advocate for the fight against prostate cancer, and as a survivor myself I strongly advocate the screening for this silent killer. It is not just an older persons disease, it can strike people in their 40s.

Finally you will be saddened to know that it was Tony and Lois Pavan's oldest son Rob who died in the recent crash of his Jabiru aircraft in mountainous terrain a few kms. North-West of Gympie on the 21st of April. Kindest Condolences to Tony and Lois and their family.

PAST RALLY REPORTS

North Side Rally 12 April 2015



The 12.04.2015 Austin 7 Rally commenced at the Centenary Pool on a slightly cool morning. There were 6 Austin 7's (Howell Whitehouse, Trevor & Elaine Moore, Kath & Mike McGill, Tim Braby, Duncan Logan and his daughter and Alan Couser). Lindsay Jordan came modern (Lindsay was of the opinion that he did not have time to get fuel in his A7 "Ernie" on the way to the start, a poor excuse), Peter & Gail Cahalane in their MG and John Que also modern. Also attending was Alan Couser's son Geoff and wife Kieran and their children Thomas and Grace who were visiting from the Apple Isle.

After the normal chitter chatter we were on our way through some of the inner northern suburbs and in no time we arrived at Howell Whitehouse's place at Everton Park, to check out his motorbike projects. Here we saw his Ariel and side car, a BSA in WW2 colours and another BSA which was on the rebuild stand. Howell gave an interesting talk about the bikes.

After a short time he was convinced to start the Ariel and then it was ride time. First was Thomas Couser in the side car then his sister Grace and next was Kath McGill for a short trip in the streets. ‘

Next it was a short drive for our morning tea stop at Teralba Park at Pullen Road.

After morning tea we went on to travel through Mitchelton, Keperra and Ferny Grove and Woolshed Grave Estate the site of the old Wool Shed then turning right into Iron Bark Picnic Ground. As normal we follow the leader and some missed the turn to the park, names will not be mentioned.



Kath McGuill was happy with the way her A7 performed after Doug Clark changed the Carby. Trevor Moore had to stop on the way to the lunch break as the nut holding the brake pedal disc had come undone. Thanks to Howell for letting us view his projects and rides, and to all who attended.

Trevor & Elaine Moore

Mother's Day Rally 9 May 2015



There could not have been a better Autumn day for rallying in an Austin 7 than on Saturday the 9th May 2015. Six A7's lined up at the Club Grounds, Carindale for a 9am start. The A7 participants were Ian & Valda McDowell, Trev & Elaine Moore, Alan Couser, Doug & Robyn Clark, Russell & Vanda Curtis and Neil Thyer. We were all especially impressed to see Russell & Vanda arrive at the start point trailering their "new" A7 Saloon, recently arrived on our shores from New Zealand. Other A7 members who were present in their modern vehicles were Mike & Kathy McGuill, Joe & Margaret McCormack and John Que.

After dealing with a couple of hiccups, like Alan's flat battery and Neil's non-charging generator and following Doug's presentation of Mothers' Day flowers (and a peck on the cheek!) to all the ladies present, we departed at around 9.10am, travelling along Old Cleveland Road and turning off into Tilley Road. Over the next hour we travelled in a southerly direction through the beautiful and leafy suburbs of Burbank, Mt Cotton, Cornubia and Loganholme.



Around 10am we arrived collectively and safely at Neilsen's Native Nursery, Loganholme where we were joined by

Graham & June Gleadhill. Ian & Valda had organized several reserved tables for morning tea, and we all enjoyed fresh coffee and cakes. Some members even partook of a late breakfast of bacon and eggs! After morning tea we toured the nursery with its large and interesting range of plants, gifts and birdlife. The Moores then headed off to another engagement while the rest of us set out in a northerly direction via another route back towards Capalaba.

Our journey from morning tea to the lunch stop was not as uneventful as our previous morning run. A hill of seemingly “mammoth” proportions offered a challenge to our A7’s and their respective lower gear ratios. All made it up the hill except for Ian & Valda, who experienced a “driver misjudgement” and required the assistance of a rope thoughtfully carried by them and connected to the vehicle of Graham & June.

Despite Alan’s flat battery and Neil’s non-charging generator, we all arrived safely at our lunch stop at Capalaba Regional Park, where we were joined by Karyn with an important package (Neil’s lunch). After the usual robust and entertaining conversation while consuming our BYO lunches, we all headed home at around 1.30pm. Well done Ian & Valda for an interesting and successful rally, and thanks especially for adopting the lead position along the rally route so we, as followers, were able to confirm that your rally directions were accurate!! *Neil*

A History of the “Latrobe” Bodied Austin Seven



It is well documented that Herbert Austin had the desire to have an interest in the distribution of his ‘seven’ model thus his involvement in the American Austin company by 1929. Until 1928 imported Austin sports models were sold in Melbourne by ‘Light cars, Australia’ in Queen street and chummies sold by ‘Morrison motors’ of Bourke street. During 1927 the director of the Morris importer [Cheney] visited Herbert Austin with the intention of attaining the sole distributorship. You can only

imagine that Herbert having spent 8 years of his youth in Melbourne and the desire to retain a level of control of his product in the colony showed a keen interest particularly as Longbridge would retain some control as his son in law and south Australian born Arthur Waite was to be sent to set the operation up and be managing director of ‘Austin distributors’ of Bourke street Melbourne.

By 1928 the organisation was up and running, they were distributing sevens to small country dealers and their newly appointed salesman Cyril Dickason [who went on to become managing director and finally the director] became famous with his Australian racing exploits.

Waite was aware of the impending ‘super sports’ model that Longbridge were working on and as he too was a keen participant in the racing scene he placed an order with James Flood of neighbouring Footscray to build a sports body that could be fitted onto a standard rolling chassis. The first of these 1928 all aluminium bodied sports were fitted with a ‘v’ windscreen and 5 inch headlights and was campaigned by their employee ‘Clarry May’ at Phillip Island. From the first version the model was improved slightly for the 1929 season and by late 1930 had altered to a single flat windscreen but otherwise the same, all to be produced as a standard model to be retailed in volume and called ‘standard sports’. The early ones were all polished aluminium with red guards and wheels, later, painted red over black.

During 1928 two blocks away in Latrobe street Melbourne ‘Latrobe motors’ had been watching what was transpiring from Cheney’s Longbridge operation and for reasons only known to themselves as subagents decided to access their

own chummies and not purchase from the new distributor. It is assumed that they acquired rolling chassis from Austin distributors and then chose to have their bodies built by J.W George in neighbouring Richmond. They were released in time for the Christmas period in 1928. It was around the same period when 'Holden' of Adelaide purchased 'Melbourne body works' who had been churning out chummy bodies and were more mass produced and suitable to our conditions. The George body on the other hand had been made in small numbers and on heavy timber bearers following the chassis rails which was the method applied to the sports cars. A Holden body of the period is identified by a single swage line from door to door whereas the George body had two.

Latrobe motors is not believed to have had a long existence but not before leaving its mark on the Austin seven sports as we know of them today. They too sold the 'Standard sports' model and placed in the same script as Austin used, the word 'Latrobe' on the radiator of each car sold, hence how this particular sports car obtained its nickname in Victoria, they are all referred to as 'latrobes'.

Finally, the 'Latrobe' is the most common sports model in Victoria followed by Meteors then Wasp models but in much smaller numbers. In addition to the genuine Latrobes still surviving they are helped along by the manufacture of new bodies being readily available in Melbourne to acquire and build a replica, but that is another story.

Wayne Styles.



Austins Over Australia 2015

Another photo by Margaret and Merv Thompson-

Their AOA write up is definitely coming in the next newsletter



ROCK AND ROLL REG'S FIRST CAR

Many Brisbane car enthusiasts should know Rock and Roll Reg's black Twin Spinner 1952 Ford with Elvis and Marilyn Monroe painted on the bonnet and boot. Well Reg maintains a presence on Facebook and posted this photo of his first car, a very nice little (white?) 1933-34 Austin Seven Roadster. It may be fix up day as in front is a 12 volt battery and a valve grinding tool.

(thanks to "Ray" for this one)

Austin Seven Classifieds

For Sale Austin 7 Ruby Saloon Mk 1, 1935. Genuine English body with history and log book, goes well, looks fantastic, colour white. A well-known participant in most of the national rallies. \$11500.
Wayne Styles. 03 9592 1672.

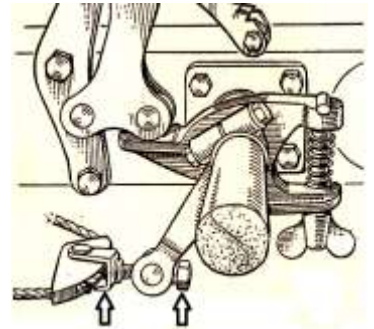
For Sale Ruby Chassis – no mechanicals included -Grant Preddy 07 3202 7110

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

Wanted 3-5 useable 3.50 x 19" wheels type with a stainless steel centre, have 5 good 16" rims to swap. Also **Wanted 19" wheels** with s/s centre as used on 1932-34 A7s, can trade 16" wheels.

Also wanted a hand brake swivel fork BK68,) (have aluminium swivel) as used on Ruby model front brake cable. Also two end caps from brake cables (BK34)

Tim Braby 0405 740 418 or tim.braby @bigpond.com



Also give away old 1928-30 Chassis, rusty with some welding in the middle, no mechanicals attached, some members ok, make good clothes prop or large artists easel. Tim 0405 740 418 or tim.braby @bigpond.com

Also Offered For Sale By A Club Member

1934 Vauxhall ASX dicky seat coup hard top, very rare car, all mechanicals are done, need paint and timber and upholstery. 161 ASX Vauxhalls made in 1934 only 4 are known to survive, this is one of 2 we know of in dicky seat coup hard top, so rare car. Asking \$9k

1947 H model sedan Vauxhall Wyvern, on club plates only done 100 miles in the last 8 years, great club car. \$10k

If interested in any of the above please contact

Brett and Amanda Wilson bawilson@optusnet.com.au 36 Caroline Street, Riverview 4303, mob. 0402 143 420

PLEASE NOTE WHEN ORDERING NEW SPARES PARTS BY EMAIL

Just to advise that our only email address is temoore@live.com.au

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOMINATION FORM
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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NOMINATION FORM
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President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Editor, Rally Coordinator, Technical/Dating Officer, Spare Parts Officer, Librarian, Web Officer

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If you use this form please return it to the Secretary, Austin 7 Register, 195 Middle Road, Boronia Heights Qld, 4124 BEFORE the Annual General Meeting. It is not compulsory to use this form.



AUSTIN SEVEN REGISTER OF QUEENSLAND Inc

RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2015-2016

FAMILY NAME

First Name..... Month of Birth.....

Spouse/Partner.....Month of Birth.....

Address..... Post Code.....

Phone No..... Mobile.....

Phone No. Work.....Fax.....

E-Mail address

Dependant Children

Name..... Month of Birth.....

Name.....Month of Birth.....

Subscription fees per financial year (please tick type of membership):

- | | |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Full Membership | \$45.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Remote Membership | \$35.00 (outside 60km radius of Brisbane) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New membership joining fee | \$ 5.00 |

PAYMENT OPTIONS – please indicate how payment made:

- ☐ Payment by cheque or cash at a general meeting or
- ☐ Direct deposit Bank: BOQ BSB 124007 Account No 90081115 and enter amount, **name** and renewal membership or
- ☐ Cheque payable to Austin Seven Register of Queensland.

For membership renewal, please complete this page and the vehicle details on reverse page. Then hand in or post the pages with payment (unless payment made by direct deposit) to;

Austin Seven Register of Queensland
36 Caroline Street,
Riverview Qld 4303

**** NOTE: Yearly Membership fees are due for payment each year at the July meeting. If fees have not been paid at or prior to the October meeting then your membership will have lapsed & you will then be required to pay the Joining Fee again in addition to your Membership fees. ****

AUSTIN SEVEN REGISTER OF QUEENSLAND Inc. RENEWAL /NEW APPLICATION VEHICLE DETAILS 2015/2016

Please enter details below for all eligible owned vehicles – restored & unrestored

Model ie Chummy/ Ruby	Year	Body Type	Engine No	Chassis No	Colour	Condition	Rego Type

Body Type: Roadster, Saloon, Sports, Special, Tourer, Utility, Van
Condition: Original, Restored, Unrestored, Under Restoration, Parts
Registration Type: Concessional, Personal, Full

Please enter all details on both pages. To assist the Secretary and Dating Officer and to keep records current, it would be appreciated if the full vehicle details were entered rather than the “same as last year”.

The annual fees have been kept as low as possible. As costs are increasing each year, it would be appreciated if the newsletter may be emailed to you where possible to assist in keeping costs down. In addition, email allows you to view and print off the newsletter in glorious colour and admire the cars even further.

The Register maintains a library of technical and interesting books for the use of all members. A list of books will be supplied on written application to the Register.

Meetings are held on the second Friday of each month at the clubhouse of the Veteran Car Club of Qld, 1376 Old Cleveland Road, Carindale at 7.45pm.

Bi-monthly club newsletters are posted or emailed out to all financial club members.
A Spare Parts Book and a Member Register are posted to members yearly.

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ANNUAL WEEKEND – NOMINATION FORM

15th-16th AUGUST 2015

PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN TO THE ADDRESS BELOW BY 25th JULY 2015

Saturday 15th August 2015 – MORNING AUSTIN SEVEN RUN

Saturday morning run, assemble at the Veteran Car Club Clubrooms at 1376 Old Cleveland Road, Carindale (next to the Gateway Church) at 8.30am for a 9.00am start.

Yes/No I _____ and _____ will / will not be attending the morning run. BYO morning tea and lunch. The barbeque at the clubrooms will available for use.

Sunday 16th August 2015

STATIC DISPLAY of AUSTINS SEVENS in C.T. WHITE PARK, Hamilton Street, KANGAROO POINT and presentation of trophies.

This is the best opportunity to view other Austin Sevens during the year.

10AM TO 2.30PM

Yes / No I.....andwill / will not be there.

Please complete and return to the club by the 25th July.

There is no fee for the morning run and static display.

Completion and return of the nomination form assists the Secretary to organise plaques for the Austin Sevens attending.

Post to;

Secretary,
Austin 7 Register,
195 Middle Road,
Boronia Heights Qld, 4124.
by 25 July.

Charles Hope by W. Ross Johnston

This article was published in *Australian Dictionary of Biography*, Volume 14, (MUP), 1996

Lowther Charles Hope (1892-1969), manufacturer, was born on 4 August 1892 at Fairford, Gloucestershire, England, one of five children of George Marfield Hope, an illiterate gardener and domestic servant, and his wife Mary Ann, née May. Charles was educated at the local Farmers' Endowed and Church of England schools until he was 12 years old. Determined to become an engineer, he helped out at a blacksmith's shop in his spare time. After labouring for two years on his father's farm and attending night-school, he served an apprenticeship in a small coach- and body-building factory at Fairford. During this period he developed into a resourceful, practical and 'tough' individual, being influenced by his mother who stressed that hard work and independent action would reap their rewards. Aged 17, he was employed as an engineering smith by a vehicle body-building factory at Farnham, Surrey. Six months later he went to Hooper & Co., London, where bodies were made for Daimler and Rolls-Royce. In 1910 he joined his elder brother Stanley at another motor-body works at Coventry.

Concluding that, if he were to make his fortune, he needed to emigrate, Hope read about the British colonies. Australia became his preferred destination, especially after his uncle John May returned from New South Wales with stories of opportunity. Sponsored by May, he reached Sydney in 1912 to find opportunities somewhat limited. He took a succession of jobs in Sydney and at Warialda, and cut sugar-cane along the Richmond River, before finding work, first as a blacksmith, and then in a coach- and body-building factory at Lismore. There, in 1914 he opened his own business, Charles Hope Ltd, making sulkies and motorcar springs. On 11 September 1915 at St Andrew's Anglican Church, Lismore, he married Gladys Hart; they were to have three children. On the outbreak of World War I, he obtained a supply of spring steel and expanded his business (under the trade slogan, 'Hope springs eternal') through agents at Newcastle, Sydney and Brisbane.

In 1921 he visited England to examine engineering and design developments, and to acquire spring-making machinery. He opened the Monarch Engineering Works in Brisbane in April 1924 to manufacture springs for motor vehicles and railway rolling stock; he also diversified into iron and steel fabrication, as well as electroplating. Drawing upon his flair for technology and design, he ordered special presses to meet the demands of various clients. Hope continued to improve his techniques, and learned much from his trips in 1925 and 1929 to Britain and the United States of America. In 1927 he had opened a spring factory in Sydney and soon claimed to be supplying about 80 per cent of springs required by motorcar importers. That year, realizing that profits could be made from producing a light utility vehicle, he sent for his younger brother Harold, a body-designer, and Hope's Body Works Pty Ltd was established. In 1932 the factory and the works were merged. The Depression and a large, unpaid order by General Motors-Holden's Ltd severely affected Hope's operations. Following a brief entry into the Melbourne market, he concentrated on Queensland. Recovery was helped by Harold who designed a body to fit the new Morris (People's) car.

The design and manufacture of domestic refrigerators became Hope's next challenge. By 1939, with the help of a European designer, he was producing a kerosene-powered, air-cooled, absorption refrigerator. During World War II manufacturing was interrupted to allow his Brisbane factory to service American military vehicles, at considerable profit. Production of the Charles Hope Cold Flame refrigerator resumed in 1946; by 1953 he had supplied over 100,000 households. Charles Hope Ltd, floated as a public company in 1948, kept innovating. A contribution was made to door insulation through development of a laminated plastic, Panelyte, made under licence from 1952. Hope's postwar motor-body business prospered, aided by a Brisbane City Council contract for the bodywork for its buses. In the mid-1950s the company was also assembling Austin 95 motorcars for the British Motor Corporation. By 1960 Hope was prepared to enjoy his success. In that year his company, one of Queensland's largest metal industries, was sold to Australian Consolidated Industries Ltd on the basis of two A.C.I. shares for every three of Charles Hope Ltd's—or, as Hope put it, the equivalent of 'a million and a half b— quid'. He retired in 1962.

Keenly interested in sport, as a young man Hope had tried cricket, soccer, boxing, bare-knuckle fighting and bicycle racing. In 1948 he established the Cotswold Hills Thoroughbred Stud at Toowoomba. President (from 1960) of the Bloodhorse Breeders' Association of Queensland, he remained active in horse- and cattle-breeding after retirement from business and published an engaging autobiography, *Hope Springs Eternal* (Brisbane, 1965). He died on 18 April 1969 at Toowoomba and was cremated; his wife, son and one of his two daughters survived him.

There were a couple of errors in my article in the last newsletter, this is a more definitive story about Charles Hope and his works. Tim