



# NEWSLETTER October 2014

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

## Putting on the Posh!!!

Aymee Dowell arrives in style for her High School Formal, driven by her dad, Peter, in their newly restored 1937 Roadster at Buderim. Dad has a tie that is the same colour as the car.



## *AGM RESULTS*

Welcome to two new faces at the top of the committee, John Que takes over as Club President from Lindsay Jordan, and Trevor Moore steps aside for Robyn Clark as Secretary. John has had plenty of experience on the committee of the Veteran Car Club and the Honda Car Club and Robyn has previous experience with both the A7RQ and the Heritage Truck Club Committees and both bring a wealth of experience to the top table. Trevor continues as Spare Parts and Technical Support Officer. Trevor was also presented with a Lifetime Membership badge and enthusiastically acclaimed by all at the meeting! Amanda Wilson is still our ever efficient Treasurer.

All the other positions stay as listed below. Let us support and encourage John and Robyn in their new positions, as well as thank past President Lindsay and hope he enjoys his retirement from teaching, I believe he has gone boating?

*Editor Tim*

## Your Club Committee

**President:** John Que (07) 3396 0882  
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**Treasurer:** Amanda Wilson (07) 3389 3821  
**Spares/Tech:** Trevor Moore (07) 3848 5575  
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**Librarian:** Alan Couser (07) 33499628

## **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 Greetings All A7 Members.  
All our websites have now been updated with photos and reports of our last runs.

<http://austin7.org.au/>

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<http://www.shannons.com.au/club/carclubs/austin-seven-register-of-qld/>

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## **AUSTIN 7 REGISTER OF QLD. CLUB EVENTS**

### **Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th October 2014:**

A7 Register Rally. LAMAI Weekend Rally organized 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.

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> October Club Meeting Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale, Commencing at 7:45 pm.**

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November Club Meeting Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale, Commencing at 7:45 pm.**

### **Sunday 16th November 2014:**

A7 Register Rally. Rally organized by Alan Couser (ph. 0403 504 709) **Couser's Koala Country Cruise** organized by Alan Couser (ph. 0403 504 709) commencing from Club Rooms, Carindale at 9.00am. Rally through south-east bushland and finishing at Capalaba. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch or lunch is available for purchase at lunch stop.

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December Club Meeting Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale, starting at 7:45 pm.**

### **Sunday 14th December 2014:**

A7 Club event. A7 Club Christmas Lunch at Orleigh Park, West End commencing at 10.00am. Lunch organized by Trevor Moore (ph. 3848 5575). BYO Morning Tea & Lunch.

## **YOUR FEEDBACK IS WANTED PLEASE!**

### **DO YOU WANT YOUR NEWSLETTER POSTED OR EMAILED?**

This time around we are posting 76 hard copies of this newsletter and emailing it to 36 other members. Hopefully you all will receive your copy one way or the other. Because the Editor changed to a new Computer with the new-fangled Windows 8 operating system he was not able to migrate the Austin Seven Email group successfully and begs forgiveness for any slip ups. So if you are NOT receiving your newsletter the way you want it please send an email to [tim.braby@bigpond.com](mailto:tim.braby@bigpond.com). Or write to Tim Braby, 43 Arcola Street, Aspley, QLD 4034.

*Thank you for your patience, Tim*

# **Minutes of Past A7RQ Meetings**

## **Austin Seven Register of Queensland Inc**

### **Meeting No.527 8th August 2014**

#### **Held at Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale**

The Vice President Brett Wilson declared the meeting open at 7.45pm

**Attendance Book:** 25 members were in attendance.

**Apologies:** J Que, L Jordan, Peter Goldsworthy.

#### **Minutes:**

The Minutes of the July Meeting were read and the Secretary moved that they be accepted as a true and correct record. Seconded –. Carried

**Business arising from the Minutes:** Nil

#### **Correspondence:**

##### **IN:**

1. Newsletters from other clubs as tabled.
2. Email from Bill & Sue Clark advising they will not be renewing their membership due to ill health and having to sell their Austin 7.
3. Flyer from Gold Coast Antique Auto Club re their Autorama on 8th & 9th November 2014

##### **OUT:**

4. Get well card to Doug Clark.
5. Membership application forms to members.
6. Membership payments received from Nutley, Davis, Jordan,, Wilson, Guthrie, McCarthy, McDowell, Clark, Couser, Sims, Cahalane, Folliott.

The Secretary moved that the inward correspondence be accepted and the outward be endorsed, and the account for the public liability passed for payment Seconded by Robyn Clark - Carried

**Business arising from the Correspondence:** Nil

**Treasurers Report:** Amanda Wilson presented her report and moved that it be accepted, Seconded – carried.

**Queensland Historic Motoring Council Report:** Nil (John in UK)

**Spare Parts Report:** This month there have been only a few sales and an order is being prepared to send to Melbourne and inquiries are being made to purchase head gaskets at a cheaper price.

**Second Hand parts** Nil

**Run/Rally Director** by Neil Thyer

- 9th August, Saturday Justin McKeering to arrange. BYO and BBQ at Club rooms.
- 10th August Static display
- 28th September All British Day at Tennyson.

**Other Events:** Nil

#### **General Business:**

- The vice President Brett Wilson advised that there were still committee positions vacant for the next year.

**Report on Cars and or Car troubles:** none.

**BIRTHDAYS:-** The president wished all members having a birthday best wishes.

The Vice President wished all sick members a speedy return to good health.

Raffle tickets were sold by Valda McDowell.

Next Committee MEETING. TBA

Next Meeting 12th September 2014

There being no further business the Vice President closed the meeting at 8. pm.



**Austin Seven Register Of Queensland Inc.**  
**Meeting No 528 – 12th September 2014**  
**Held At The Veteran Car Club Hall Carindale**

As the Vice President was absent and we didn't have a President after last month's AGM. Trevor Moore chaired the Meeting, declaring it open at 7.45 pm and welcomed members and visitors.

**Attendance Book:** 20 members were in attendance, and 1 visitor.

**Apologies:** Rod & Janette Sims. Neil Thyer & Karyn Matthew, Mike & Kathy McGuill, Lindsay Jordan, Brett Wilson, Ted Bale, Peter Goldsworthy, Ross & Rhonda Guthrie & Judi Livingston.

The minutes of the August Meeting were read and the Secretary moved that they be accepted as a true and correct record. Seconded by Alan Couser – Carried

**Business Arising from Minutes:** Nil

**Correspondence:**

**IN:** Newsletters from other clubs as tabled  
Membership renewals from members  
Custodians Rally, Maryborough 4, 5, 6th October  
Gold Coast Autorama 6-9th November  
Cairns & District Rally Easter 2015, 3rd-6th April  
Invoice = Rent for Clubrooms  
Cheque from BCC re C T White Park  
EOI from M Wellington, K & N Collins & K Burton  
Wanted Add for newsletter from Ken Burton  
Notification of Shannon's Auction & Austin 7 Centre

**OUT** Receipts for membership renewals

The Secretary moved that the inward correspondence be accepted as read and the outward be endorsed, and the accounts passed for payment. Seconded by John Que. Carried.

**Business arising from the Correspondence:** Nil

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

**Queensland Historic Motoring Council Report:** Nil

**Spare Parts Report:** Trevor Moore reported on sales of parts with one order over \$600.

**Second Hand Parts Sales:** Nil

**Coming Events:**

13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Laidley Flower Festival
13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Gympie Swap
14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Logan Village Green
14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Beaudesert Swap
20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Stanthorpe Monster Motor Show
27-28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	HCVC Mighty Mack Truck Muster, Gatton
28 <sup>th</sup> Sept	All British Day Tennyson
4-5 <sup>th</sup> Oct	LAMAI Weekend Rally

**Rally Reports on Past Events:** John Que told us of his trip to England and the Austin 7 Rally he had attended. Over 200 cars and some models of Austin 7's he had never seen before.

**General Business:** Brian King wishes to sell his two Austin 7's and trailer  
Peter Cahalane explained the register book he has been keeping for the club.  
Tim Braby showed the latest die-cast A7 models he has acquired.  
Trevor Moore was presented with his Life Membership Certificate  
Alan Couser is taking his Austin to a **Probus** Meeting on the 24<sup>th</sup> September.

Members asked if the club would donate to “**Man up**” to help fund a Prostate Cancer Nurse in a program aimed to support Qld men living with Prostate Cancer. Justin McCarthy moved that the club donate \$100, seconded by Judith Haigh. Carried

The club still required a President. John Que was nominated by Amanda Wilson, seconded by Trevor Moore. As John accepted this position and all were in favour, we now have a President. THANK YOU JOHN.

**Report on Cars and or Car troubles:** Nil

The acting President wished all members having a birthday this month best wishes (*HAPPY BIRTHDAY TREVOR!*), and all sick members a speedy return to good health.

Raffle tickets were sold by Valda McDowell

There being no further business the Acting President closed the meeting at 8.42pm. *Robyn*



### **Snippets and News of Cars and Members.**

Alan Wood's 1929 Chummy has been sold and gone down south to Merimbula on the southern NSW coast, but you will see four new cars for sale this issue. Brian Callaghan regretfully has his 1935 Roadster for sale. This car belonged to Ralph Brown a few years ago, and since Brian bought the car he has given it a full bare metal repaint and had it all retrimmed, and it represents a good buy. Russell Curtis has bought himself a saloon from across the ditch in New Zealand but it will be sequestered in Melbourne, is it a vintage saloon like my 1929 RK Saloon. On TV very recently I saw an item about the Carnival of Flowers in Toowoomba and they featured a prize winning Rose Garden owned by Kevin and Diane Drew, and in the background of one shot was a little shiny blue chummy. Those who have slightly longer memories will remember Kevin as a member a few years back so it was nice to see him (and his car) looking so good! Bill Bunt has sold his 1928 Roadster. And Bill and Sue Clarke have decided to resign due to Bills recurring ill health. Brett Wilson is literally laid up after an argument with his garage door where his back came off second best, I hope all goes well mate with your recovery, we miss your sartorial spendor at every rally. And finally Brian King has decided to sell his Meteor and Nippy due to him find it harder to bend his knees and get in the cars!

### **SECURE THAT LOAD!**

**Most of you will be aware of the Qld. DMR and Police and been coming down hard on drivers using trailers that are secured to the car with non-compliant D-shackles, and issuing them with a mandatory on the spot fine of \$220. This appears to have been sparked due to a fatality caused by a horse trailer that came off its towing vehicle. This is part of the new guide that is published on the DMR website.**

**From the DMR safe Towing Guide issued August 2014**

**Safety Chain Connections (Shackles, Pins or Bolts)**

The Department of Transport and Main Roads recommends that the shackles used should meet Australian Standard AS 2741-2002 “*Shackles*”, or another equivalent recognised standard, and have a break load limit of the shackle is rated at least 1.5 times greater than the ATM of the trailer.

You can easily identify a shackle that meets AS 2741-2002 “*Shackles*” because they will be permanently marked with the following information:

- The manufacturer's name or trademark
- Quality grade of the shackle, e.g. (“M” or “4”, “S” or “6”)

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- Working Load Limit (WLL) or Rating; and
- Identification marking in order to correlate shackle to test certificate

**SEE CHART OVER PAGE**

**Note:**

- Rated bolts, chain shackles or other suitable fittings (i.e. hammerlocks) may be used as devices for connection on safety chains providing the break load limit of the device is at least 1.5 times greater than the ATM of the trailer
- Generally, the break load limit of a rated shackle will be six times greater than its work load limit.
- Pin diameter of shackle will be greater than the diameter of the main shackle body.
- Same size shackles of different quality grades will have a different WLL (i.e. 6mm “S” grade shackle



has a greater WLL than a 6mm “M” grade shackle).

- Stainless steel shackles are unsuitable for trailer use due to the material’s general low resistance to bending stresses.
- Bow shackles provide for greater angular usage compared with “D” shackles.
- “S” or “6” grade “D” Shackles bear similar characteristics to “S” or “6” grade Bow Shackles

**Table 3 - Safety Chain Shackle Matrix (Guide only)**

Diameter (mm)	WLL (kg)	Quality Grade Marking	Diameter (mm)	WLL (kg)	Quality Grade Marking
6	250	“M” or “4”	16	1500	“M” or “4”
	500	“S” or “6”		3200	“S” or “6”
8	750	“S” or “6”	19	2000	“M” or “4”
				4700	“S” or “6”
10	500	“M” or “4”	22	3000	“M” or “4”
	1000	“S” or “6”		6500	“S” or “6”
11	1500	“S” or “6”	25	3800	M or 4
				8500	“S” or “6”
13	750	“M” or “4”	29	5000	M or 4
	2000	“S” or “6”		9500	“S” or “6”

*(Editors Note: my Austin 7 trailer has an ATM of 750 kg, and I have a shackle that is marked with a “S” and “10 mm” which according to the table has a WLL of 1000kg., but with the Aggregate Trailer Mass of 750 kg it needs to be at least 1125 kg, so I needed to use a 11mm shackle instead which has a WWL of 1500 kg. I bought mine from Truckline of Virginia and Archerfield, also Caboolture, Mackay, Rocky, Toowoomba & T’ville.)*

## PAST RALLY REPORTS

### *Saturday Rally A7 Weekend Saturday Rally 9 August 2014*



The day dawned bright and sunny. Without a cloud in the sky, we gathered at the Clubhouse for the annual A7 Weekend Saturday Rally, hoping that the forecast showers would not come to fruition. The following members were in attendance at the start: In A7s were Blue and Elaine Moore, Justin McCarthy and Judi Livingstone with Emma the dog, Mattie, Martin and Trent Potts, Nigel and Little Love McDowall, Rod and Janette Sims, Duncan and Emily Logan, and Honey Thyer and Karyn Matthew; in moderns were Robyn and Hon Clark, Mike and Kathy McGuill, Buddha Couser, Grey Stallion Whitehouse (alias Tarzan), and Tim Tam Braby. We set off around 9.30am, weaving our way eastwards towards the Bay. We drove through the acreages of Belmont and new estates of Wakerley, before heading through the suburbs of Thorneside, Birkdale and Ormiston. The light showers along the way were fortunately not sufficient to warrant us stopping and putting up the hood on Harry. However, when we reached the foreshore at Cleveland for morning tea, there was certainly a chill to the breeze coming off the bay. As a result, morning tea was a short affair, despite the pleasant location by the water. The return trip to the Clubhouse was a direct route along Old Cleveland Road. The Saturday morning traffic was entertained by our presence along the way.





Upon arrival at the clubhouse, the BBQ was cranked up and a delicious lunch was enjoyed. As usual, there was much light-hearted banter and merriment around the BBQ and table. The weather remained threatening, but fortunately held off for the duration of lunch. With full stomachs and smiling faces, members headed home to prepare for next day's Static Display. Thank you Young Justin McKeering for organising the

rally.

*Neil Thyer and Karyn Matthew*

### *Static Display A7 Static Display C.T. White Park 10 August 2014*



**1929 A7 Meteor ( Duncan Logan Sunshine Coast. )**

Just as with yesterday's A7 Rally, the Brisbane morning weather was fine and without a cloud in the sky. The hum of baby Austin engines was heard around the Story Bridge environs as the A7 Register of Queensland members' vehicles headed for C. T. White Park for the annual Static Display to exhibit their proud A7 possessions for all to see and admire.



In all, seventeen Austins of all shapes, sizes and models arrived from around 9am. The vehicles, polished for this special yearly event, sat proudly around the park perimeter.

As the day warmed up, many members opted to picnic under the shade of the park trees to partake not only in congenial conversation, but also to indulge themselves in their many and varied home-prepared morning teas and lunches. Alternatively, other members were content to stand around their vehicles and discuss important matters of a mechanical nature.

As usual there was much interest in our cars from pedestrians as they walked along the very popular pathway adjacent to the Brisbane River.

Following lunch we all assembled for the presentation of prizes and trophies. The following presentations were made:

Members' Choice (for 1929 Meteor): **Duncan Logan**

Lucky Entry Number: **Ian & Valda McDowell**

Cam McCulloch Memorial Best Rally Supporter Annual Trophy: **Trevor & Elaine Moore**

Raffle Prize (Fruit Basket): **Peter & Nell Dorman**

Following the presentations, members slowly packed their A7's and headed home under a now cloudy afternoon sky. As in the past, the Display was highly successful and it was great to see so many Austins assembled together representing our great club. Our thanks go to Trevor for organising the park for the display and to Robyn for undertaking the other essential bits and pieces on the day. *Neil Thyer*

### **Old Wheels in Motion, Biloela and MG Car Club of Yeppoon** **(A Combined Run with the Austin 7 Register and the Heritage Truck Club.)**

Some members and vehicles left on Thursday taking 2 days to reach Biloela. Mike and Kathy McGuill (in their campervan) met up with Colin & Nancy Jones (modern towing their vintage Caravan) and stopped at the Barambah Lake for the night.



Ian & Valda McDowell ( in their campervan towing Doug & Robyn's caravan), Ron & Daphne Toy in their 1959 Austin Truck with their 1929 Chummy & Sports on the back towing their caravan, along with Dennis Higgins in Ron's ute, and Keith & Veronica Connors (1970 International Truck) stayed at a free camp just north of Gayndah. Trevor Davies drove his Benz with the other Benz on the tray while brother Garry (modern with caravan) and Andy & Nardia Soutar in their Kenworth stayed a bit further north for the night.

*(Photo left is Doug and Robyn's Big Inter with 3 VIPs on board)*  
Friday morning Rod & Janette Sims (modern towing van),

Doug & Robyn in their 1964 R190 International with 3 Austin 7's on board (1929 Sports, Ian & Valda's 1937 Van & Rod & Janette's 1938 Big 7 Utility) met up with Lang & Bev Kidby in their Volvo 8 wheeler with a vintage T Ford and van on tray. Also Trevor & Elaine Moore passed us towing their A7 Taxi.



We all reached Biloela by Friday night and were joined by Brett & Amanda Wilson who had their 1930 A7 Roadster and Jim Williamson who had travelled modern. Our big family enjoyed the complimentary dinner supplied by the Old Wheels in Motion Rally organisation.



Saturday Morning with more trucks, tractors and machinery arriving the Rally was in full swing. They had everything from the Light Horse, Stationary engines, wood chopping, a display of how to put a rim on a wagon wheel, rope making, camp cooking, horse drawn water pumping and flour milling, and swap. Other activities were tractor balancing, tractor pull, slow tractor race, Gymkhana for vehicles, slide obstacle course for horses and an observation run around the Biloela district for registered vehicles. (This was won by Andy.)

*(Photo left Ron and Daphne's Austin Truck with their Sports and Chummy)*

Sunday was the same but after lunch a lot of the people were packing up and heading for home but it was good to catch up with people we had not seen for some time. That night 25 (people) headed across the road for our evening meal and to celebrate Doug's Birthday.

Monday morning we said goodbye and some of us headed to Rockhampton to see Tony Champion's collection of Mack's then on to Yeppoon Showgrounds where we camped for 3 nights. The Austin 7's were unloaded along with Bev & Lang's caravan which nearly ended up in the creek.

Tuesday morning we were joined by the MG Car Club for morning tea. This was followed by a tour through Yeppoon's main street then along the beach front onto Cooe Bay's Wreck point look out for a photo shoot and



*(Photo left- Glen Blair's Austin 7)*

all were surprised by having the opportunity of watching hang gliders doing their thing. Then on to Lammermoor's Reservoir hill which gave us a view of Yeppoon and Roslyn Bay's Harbour and Marina. On to Emu Park via the (Mini great ocean road) to the singing Ship, followed by lunch at the Pine Beach Hotel. After saying goodbye to some of the MG members we were escorted to Allan & Evelyn Morrison to view the Austin 7 that Allan is restoring, his MG B Midget and the huge amount of his railway memorabilia collection. Then off to Cawarral to have a look at Glen Blair's beautifully restored white Austin 7 and his MG B that is under restoration before heading back to Yeppoon.

Wednesday was a quiet day except for Ron Toy having to go to the hospital to have his eyes rinsed out after replacing his radiator water, Lang & Bev, along with Ian and Valda unable to get into their caravan, discovering why Keith left an oil trail out of the showgrounds the day before.

Thursday we all headed for home after a very enjoyable few days.

*Robyn Clark*



## *Adelaide to Darwin Veteran Rally*

After the success of the Veteran 2012 Expedition Across Australia, some of the participants asked a South North Rally be organised for this year

The rally started August 3rd from National Motor Museum Birdwood SA and ended August 24th at the old Qantas hangar that is now the Motor Vehicle Enthusiasts Club "Shed" in Darwin.

Entry was for any vehicle built before 1919 or any "feeble" Vintage (pre 1930) vehicle for example a cycle car or small 2 stroke motorcycle.

50 entries started from the National Motor Museum at Birdwood Mill on the 3rd of August and reached Darwin 3 weeks later. One of the entries was Merv Thompson in his 1915 Model T Ford and he kindly sent the Editor



photos from various stages of the Rally.

The background history of the rally is as follows –

The First motorist Adelaide to Darwin 1907. Harry H. Dutton (driving) and Murray Auger in 12-16 Talbot car which reached Tennant Creek and was abandoned.

In 1908 a 24 hp Talbot car was driven by Dutton and Auger from Adelaide (30 June 1908) to Darwin (20 August 1908). The 12-16 Talbot car being repaired on route and driven on to Darwin.

*Photo left shows the 12-16 Talbot at the Criterion*

*Hotel, Quorn, South Australia en route to Tennant Creek in 1907 at the start of its near disastrous run north.*



*(Photo Left Merv and Lizzie at "Three Ways" located at the junction of the Stuart and Barkly Highways, 25 kilometres north of Tennant Creek. The point of interest is the Flynn Memorial - Reverend John Flynn pioneered the Royal Australian Flying Doctors Service. )*

*(Below Most of the Qld contingent photographed at Coomalie Farm Aerodrome)*





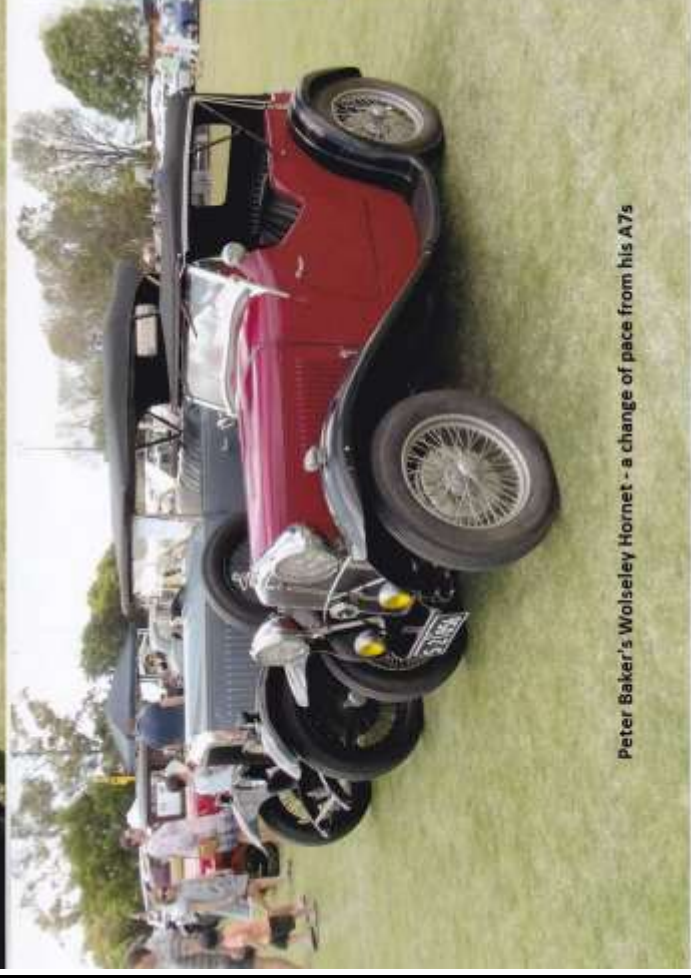
# ALL BRITISH DAY 2014



Justin's Austin Chummy & some serious discussion about the Editors saloon



Aymee Dowell's 1937 Roadster heads the lineup



Peter Baker's Wolseley Hornet - a change of pace from his A7s



A gaggle of 8 Austin 7s & 1 Austin 10/4



## *34<sup>th</sup> All British Day 2014*

I find it difficult to appreciate that this year's event was the 34th All British Day, but that is what it says on the badge I was given at the gate and I been thinking what was the origin of this event, was it the Motoring of Yesteryear Festival which was run by the Armstrong Sidle Owners Club of Qld, the first event may have been held at the Taringa Rovers Soccer Club and I think I won some quality Castrol Oil Products with my 1930 Chummy as a door prize. Somewhere in between the event became the All British (Car clubs) Day and for a couple of years was out at the former Woolshed Complex at Ferny Grove before moving to its present venue at the St Joseph's College Sports Fields off Vivian Street, Tennyson. Anyway no matter what its origin the display seem to be getting better and bigger each year as many clubs make an effort to get as many of their members and their cars to the display, taking their inspiration from the bigger motoring Festivals in the UK. I do recall one year the Austin Motor Vehicle Club actually erected a full false frontage of a 1950s Austin Motor Company sales building complete with original signage.

Anyway this year the stand outs were the Rolls Royce's, Jaguars, Morgan's, Morris's, Mini Minors and Rootes Group Clubs who fielded a full inventory of vehicles of all ages and colours from their back "cattle dogs". And then there were the rest of us, including our own collection of 10 club cars built from 1929 to 1938, from a tiny little cheeky Taxi belonging to Trevor and Elaine Moore, to Rod and Janette Sims' Austin 10, as well as Judy & Ernie Haigh and family who brought their 1935 Roadster plus two later model Austin A30s (which after all are direct descendants of the Austin Seven Ruby).

I started getting my car ready the day before by giving it a wash and then driving it on to its trailer as there is something not working as it should that I cannot fathom out with its running, perhaps it needs restoring again, but there is 100 psi in each cylinder! Anyway it does not behave in traffic anymore, slight hills cause it to wilt and the endless red lights of Brisbane do not improve the drivers temper when he has to fight a dying idle and fluttering acceleration (or lack thereof).

Sunday morning of the display I was up bright and early with "Macca" and trailered my car across town, first to Trevor and Elaine's where I must have missed the more mobile contingent by only a few minutes. I then did a round trip around Yeronga where I found a red Singer Roadster also going to the display who was very lost!! I was able to lead him back in an easterly direction away from the river and towards Fairfield Road and our destination. Parking was easy as I was able to join the trailer crew and soon had the car off and running to join its little Mates in a line.

Those attending were Messes Dowell, Clarke, McDowell, Sims, Moore, Couser, the Haigh family in 3 Austins, McKeering, Braby and Logan. Later we were joined by Peter and Jo Baker, in their Wolseley Hornet Special (Peter is one of the original founders of our club) and we all had a right old natter. And that seemed to be the tone of the whole day, sitting around, nattering, drinking coffee, eating, nattering some more and occasionally having a stroll around to admire some of the classic, unusual, historic, iconic and willing workhorses that make up the universe of British Motoring that we enjoy.

*Tim*

## **New Members for Old Chassis**

The Austin 7 Club of SA are manufacturing new chassis rails to suit a 1929 Austin 7

These are being drawn up and will be stamped out with all holes. The process is all being done with computers so they will be correct. The price should be less than \$200 per rail as it is being done by one of our members. Please register your interest so we have an idea of the number to press.

Regards

David Gear of the Austin 7 Club of SA

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## Those Austin 7 Models

I was very happy when my two little Oxford Diecast model Austin 7s arrived at my doorstep at the beginning of September in time for my birthday. I can tell you they are simply brilliant for a price of around \$25 each. Unfortunately they had all sold out before they even reached the shops in Brisbane. The ones I received are a fawn and black 1932-33 RN Deluxe Saloon, and a similar aged RP Van in cream. Also out at the same time are a blue and black saloon and a yellow AA van, both of which look very smart. My ONLY critique of these models are the wheels which are only clear plastic disks with the spokes etched on, but for the more talented the wheels could be swapped for those from the Matchbox Austin Seven vans as they are the same size, but have a chrome effect, so to be correct you will have to spray them black. Terry Hicks took these photos of his models and unfortunately Mark the Rally Marshall is not an optional extra.



## Austin Seven Classifieds



### For Sale 1935 Ruby Roadster

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

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

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

**Sell Austin 7 Parts**, pair of modern 6" quartz halogen lamps in chrome with 6 volt globes to suit special \$40.

Also a 1930-33 Radiator chromed brass surround (no core) in good condition \$60, 1928-30 Dash panel with glove box but no instruments \$25, switch for bacon slicer starter \$15, two old vintage fuel tanks, \$20 each.

Book "Building My Racing Seven by RJ Stevens" \$10. Tim Braby 0405 740 418

## UNIQUE COLLECTION OF AUSTIN SPORTS FOR SALE



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

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

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

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



### *For Sale*

#### *1935 Ruby Saloon.*

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

Price \$10,000 firm

**WANTED for 1927 Austin 7** 2 x 19" wheels (GOOD CONDITION ONLY, PLEASE)

1 x vintage bonnet to suit small radiator, 2" longer than usual to suit an Australian body (see photo last newsletter) Ken Burton, North Rocky, 0407 017 187

**WANTED** Wood parts or patterns for wood work in the rear of a 1936-38 Ruby Saloon.

John Perham, PO Box 100, Glenwood, Q4570 email [j.pglenwood@gmail.com](mailto:j.pglenwood@gmail.com)

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# Expression of Interest Form

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## 2017 Austin 7 National Rally, Toowoomba

I wish to express my interest in attending the Austin 7 National Rally to be held  
in  
April 2017 in Toowoomba.

Name/s			
Postal Address			Postcode
Phone	Home Number	Mobile Number	
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Number attending			
Club			
Signed			Date / /

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

For enquiries contact John Que by phone on 07 3396 0882

## Photos from the Archives



This series of photos was sent to me from a mate who found them on Facebook. The first photo is taken at the famous Mt. Crosby Weir, which was built in 1892 at the instigation of John Petrie. This interesting little chummy has a name painted on its number plate, which may not reproduce too well in the newsletter, but I can tell you it is called "THE-INSECT"!!



Not too sure of the date but looking at the style of the clothes and the condition of the tires of the car, it may be anywhere from the late 1930s to early 1950s, my bet is later rather than earlier.



Something to notice is the early style of windscreen uprights with provision for fitting side mounted 5" headlights, this was a still a feature of Austin Sevens in 1929/30 as they used up the older style windscreen parts. I am also interested in the white paint in the wheel hubs, maybe this was a war time measure for driving in a blackout?

## IT IS NOT A CRIME

*A chap went up to the bank teller and said very quietly "can I open an account with a million dollars?" "Certainly Sir," replied the teller, "but there is no need to whisper .....poverty is not a crime, you know."*