



NEWSLETTER



October 2024

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



A Hello! from Central Queensland

New members Brian and Jenny Boswood are proud owners of this smart little 1929 Roadster which they are driving on local rallies in Sarina and district.

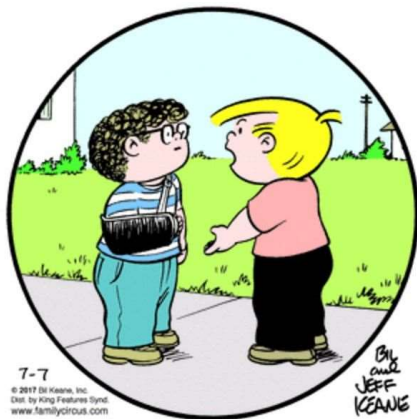
Key Austin 7 Register Club Meetings and Events

General Meeting - Friday 11th October

General Meeting - Friday 8th November

A7 Club President's Run - Sunday 10th November

Editorial Comments



"Ever since the day you broke your arm fallin' off your skateboard, I haven't been able to find mine."

It has been another action packed two months since I last put out a newsletter. Lots of events on the calendar to cover, plus two more intrepid vintage adventures Bean Adventures as Lang and Bev return home Warren Brown and Matt Benns leave London. You will also recall I had a story on Francis Birtles in our October 2023 Newsletter as Lang and Bev were preparing their trip.

My back is now a lot better, thanks to all those sent me messages. But some mothers do 'ave 'em! Last month I had a fall while pulling apart some steel shelves, breaking the wrist end of my left forearm which is in a cast for 6 weeks. I am otherwise fine and can still do a lot of things, including driving short distances, and I consider myself lucky as I know a lot of others in the club have had health concerns this past year. So it is that the committee and I wish you all the best for your recovery. We

always say it is not our cars that are getting older, it is the drivers and their families!

Tim

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The A7RQ Inc. Online

We have a website which you can view at. Here you can find past newsletters, rally reports and a regularly updated list of events.

All our websites have now been updated with photos and reports of our last runs.

austin7.org.au/events; & Face book **Austin7 Register of Qld Inc.**

AUSTIN 7 REGISTER OF QLD. CLUB EVENTS & INVITATION RUNS FOR 2023-2024

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT AUSTIN 7 REGISTER OF QLD. EVENTS

I will endeavour to keep you regularly informed of A7 Reg. Qld updates as they occur by updating our website. Please let me know if you hear about any of the "External Events" that I have listed on the A7 Website that have been cancelled or postponed.



Also Very Important: Make sure you have cancelled any accommodation bookings you may have had for any cancelled or postponed A7 Event.

Please contact me if you have any suggestions/comments etc. about our A7 Websites.

Always check our A7 Register Qld Web site for possible recent

updates/cancellations/postponements prior to attending any event. And IF IN ANY

DOUBT - contact the event organisers to find out what the situation is. Happy Motoring and stay safe & well.

Neil Thyer (ph. 0431 067 909) A7 Qld Reg. Events Coordinator & A7 Web Master.

Also note!! Some details and or dates of these events are still to be confirmed.

Please check for updates on the A7 Register Website: <http://austin7.org.au/>

Do not forget it is always recommended that while on all Events and Runs, you carry your current Membership Card along with any information about the event you are attending. It will be necessary to produce this information if you are confronted, for any reason, by a member of the Police Force while participating in an Event.

Friday 11th October: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

Saturday 12th to Sunday 13th October: External A7 Register Invitation Event: LAMA Annual Invitation Run Weekend organized by the Lockyer Antique Motor Association Inc. and commencing in Gatton. Contact The Secretary, email: sec.lama@hotmail.com for more details. Members to make their own arrangements re.travel, registration, accommodation etc. for one or both days. Entries close 20 September 2024.

Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th October: External A7 Register Invitation Event: The Heritage Truck Association Aust. has invited our members to attend the **2024 Beaudesert Heritage Truck Show** at Beaudesert Showground on Saturday 10 to 4 and Sunday 9 to 2.30. Entry \$10. For more information contact Mark (ph. 0448 111 105). Members to make own arrangements re. travel, registration etc. Contact our Secretary Robyn (ph. 0412 276 313) if you are attending.

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

Sunday 10th November: A7 Club President's Run. This event, organised by President Steve (ph. 0418 814 501), will commence at 9am from Centenary Pool Carpark. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch. Further details to be announced.

Sunday 8th December: A7 Club Christmas Lunch to be held at the Carindale Clubrooms and is to commence at 11.30am. Ham, Chicken, Salads and desert will be provided but drinks (hot or cold), cutlery and plates are BYO. As this is an A7 Register event, members are encouraged to please wear their name tags and drive their A7s. For catering it is essential that you RSVP Robyn Clark by 1 December – Ph. 0412 276 313. On the day of the party, our Raffle Organiser Valda will be conducting raffles. Valda has asked if members could donate non-perishable Christmas type items (food, gifts, vouchers etc.) to her for these raffles. Members can donate items at either the 11 October or the 8 November evening General Meetings at the Carindale Club Rooms. Members not attending these meetings can contact Valda (ph. 0439 677 379) to arrange delivery by an alternative means.

Friday 13th December: A7 Register General Meeting commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale. Members are requested to bring a plate of Christmas Food to share.

Saturday 28 December: A7 Register Event: For a few years now, our President Steve heroically embarked on a long drive in his A7 in the period between Christmas and the New Year. To follow on from his past “enthusiastic” drives, President Steve is proposing to do another **Long Drive 2024** from Brisbane south-west toward Stanthorpe commencing on Saturday 28 December 2024. President Steve is inviting other A7 members, in their A7s, to join him on this drive. If you are interested, contact President Steve (0418 814 501). Further discussions will take place at A7 meetings and as the Long Drive 2024 departure time draws closer.

MINUTES OF PAST A7REG MEETINGS

Austin 7 Register of Qld Inc

Meeting No. 639, 9th August 2024

Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale.

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

Present: 22 members signed the Attendance Book

Apologies: Trevor & Bev McC, Ross & Rhonda G, Tim B, Colin & Gay J, Peter D, Russell & Vanda C, Hugh C, Murry R, & Brett R.

Minutes: Robyn read the minutes of the July meeting & moved it be accepted as a true & correct record. Seconded by Doug. Carried

Business arising from Minutes: NIL

Correspondence IN: Newsletters from other clubs

Membership Application from William McVinish, Cairns. Also, would like any information on the car he bought from Ken Bossom.

Membership Applications from Beau & Cathy Robson, The Caves, Rockhampton & Robert & Cheryl Mauger, Alstonville, & Brian & Jenny Boswood, Sarina

Phone call from Tim re the passing of Ted Bale

Phone call from Trevor McC re the passing of Barry Akers

Email from SA Austin 7 re expression of interest for Murray Bridge

Email from Rhonda re rally information in Temora on your way or home from Murray Bridge.

Email from Tim re Apology for tonight & Editors & Dating Officers report,

Email from Ross & Sylvia Chapman re SA 2925 Rally. They are coming.

17th Aug VCCAQ Swap at clubrooms 8am.

OUT: Get Well card to Tim

Sympathy Card to Stacey Curtis & Shirley Akers

Membership reminder Invoices to various members.

Various phone calls re Club Lunch & Static Display weekend

Robyn moved the correspondence be accepted as read & the outward endorsed. Seconded by Elaine. Carried

Business arising from Correspondence: NIL

Treasurer's Report: Sharon informed the members of the club's finances, then moved her report be passed & all accounts be passed for payment. Seconded by Trevor. Carried

QHMC Report: No report received at present.

Spare Parts Report: Trevor has made some sales, & another order to be sent to Melbourne.

2nd Hand Parts Report: NIL

Editors Report: Newsletter sent out last week. John Q has kindly stepped in to print the hard copies for posting while I am recovering from back surgery. As usual I must thank my contributors for the rally reports & photos. (Neil, Karyn, Trevor & Rhonda)

Dating Officers Report: Only car this year has been Ian Warings.

Web Master Report: Neil has everything up to date.

Club Events:

10th Aug A7 Lunch at Clubrooms

11th Aug Static Display Morningside School of Arts Hall, 9am to 1pm

15th Sept All British Day, Tennyson

8th Dec A7 Christmas Lunch at Clubrooms

28th Dec Steve D driving his A7 to Stanthorpe.

(Would you like to join him?)

Other Events:

17th Aug VCCAQ Swap, Clubrooms. 8am

15th -18th Aug NRVVCC Lismore Invitational Event

23rd-25th Aug Roma Historical Motor Club "Last Run" Rally 2024

8th Sept Chrysler Expo, Rocklea Showgrounds

14th Sept Gympie Swap & Car Show

12-13th Oct LAMA Invitational Event, Gatton



Past Events:

- 14th July A7 run organized by John Q
 14th July McLeans Bridge Classic & Sports Cars & Aircraft Festival, Caboolture.
 10th-21st July Old Wheels in Motion, Biloela. Ian & Valda McD won People's Choice
 27th July Nambour Swap, John reported no A7 parts.
 27th-28th July Ipswich 59th Anniversary Rally. Ross & Rhonda & Mia attended.

Library Report: NIL

General Business: Justin McC will be a Leyburn next weekend.

Raffle: To be drawn on Saturday

Report on Cars &/car Troubles: NIL

Birthdays: Members having a Birthday in August wished Many Happy Returns.

Sick Members wished a speedy recovery.

Supper Organizer: Thank you to Steve for tonight's supper.

Sept= David Neville

Committee Meeting: TBA

Next Meeting: 13th September 2024

Meeting Closed: 8.20 pm. AGM to follow.

AGM of the A7 Register of Qld. Committee for 2024 -2025 9th August 2024

President Steve read his summary of 2023-24 telling us that it was another good year for the club and Treasurer Sharon reported it was also a good year for us financially. The election for club officers was straightforward with only two changes, being that the Editor now has an assistant who will help with printing and collating the hard copies, and the heavy responsibility of Librarian has changed from Lindsay to Brett. The results were:

Steve Davidson - President & QHMC

Representatives

Lindsay Jordan - Vice President & Librarian

Robyn Clark - Secretary

Sharon Cowden - Treasurer

Tim Braby - Editor & North side Dating Officer

John Que - Editorial Assistant

Trevor Moore - Spares/Tech & Southside

Dating Officer

Doug Clark - Second Hand Parts

Neil Thyer - Runs & Events Coordinator &

Webmaster

Brett Reif - Librarian

Justin McKeering - QHMC Representative

Valda McDowell - Raffle "Stinger"

**Austin 7 Register of Qld Inc**

Meeting No. 640, 13th September 2024

Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale.

Meeting Opened: The President declared the meeting opened at 7.45 pm with a welcome to all.

Present: 16 members signed the attendance book

Apologies: Matt P, Tim B, Pater & Gail C, Hugh C, Peter B.

Minutes: Robyn read the minutes of the August Meeting & moved they be accepted as a true & correct record. Seconded by David. Carried.

Business arising from Minutes: NIL

Correspondence IN & OUT: Newsletters from other Clubs

Gallagher Insurance renewal. Forwarded to Steve & Sharon

QHMC August minutes. Forwarded to Tim, Neil & Steve

Email from Geoff S re change of mobile & email. Forwarded to Tim & Neil.

Email from Brian & Jenny B re Membership package received.

Email from PI Country Lixing Metal Material Co. Forwarded to Trevor M.

Email from Daryl Neumann re photos from Ipswich Run. Forwarded to Rhonda.

Email from Tim re apology for tonight & Editors & Dating Officers report.

Membership application from David & Diane Young, Eatons Hill, 1932 Austin 10/4. Forwarded M/s Card, receipt, Parts Book & Register.

OUT: Membership cards & receipts to various members.

Newsletters

Robyn moved the Correspondence be accepted as read & the outward endorsed. Seconded by Murray R. Carried

Business arising from Correspondence: Insurance paid.

Treasurer's Report: Sharon reported on the Clubs finances, asked for questions, then moved that her report be accepted & all accounts be passed for payment. Seconded by Doug. Carried

QHMC Report: August Minutes tabled.

Spare Parts Report: Trevor has had some good sales.

2nd Hand Parts Report: NIL

Editors Report: Read in correspondence.

Dating Officers Report: NIL

Web Master Report: Neil has everything up to date.

Club Events:

15th Sept All British Day, Tennyson
(9 car parks)

10th Nov Presidents Run. 9am

Centenary Pool

8th Dec A7 Christmas Party,

Clubrooms

28th Dec Presidents Drive to

Stanthorpe. (Would you like to join him?)

Other Events:

29th Sept Distinguished Gentleman's
Drive

12-13th Oct LAMA, Gatton

19-20th Oct HTA Truck Show, Beaudesert

Past Events: Photo's & Reports on the website & in the Newsletter.

Library Report: Photos of older members & runs.

General Business: Robyn to get a quote for 130 cooler bags with our Club logo on.

Robyn suggested for our Annual Weekend to have our Lunch & Static Display on the same day at the Clubrooms & have a run somewhere on the Sunday. Members to think about this.

Raffle: Valda asked if members would donate goods for our Christmas Hamper Raffle.

Steve was our tonight's raffle winner.

Report on cars &/or car Troubles: Murray was having trouble with loose spokes on the rim.

Birthdays: Members having a Birthday in September wished Many Happy Returns.

Sick members wished a speedy recovery.

Supper Organizer: Thank you to David & Molly for supper.

October = Murray R

Committee Meeting: TBA

Next Meeting: 11th October 2024

Meeting Closed: As there was no further business to discuss the meeting was closed at 7.40 pm.

Apologies for next month: Steve & Sharon.

Robyn



NEWS OF MEMBERS

Welcome to new Members



The committee would like to welcome Brian and Jenny Boswood from Sarina to our club. They have this lovely 1929 Roadster pictured left registered AUS729 which is painted in a rich red and yellow combination seen below and on our cover.



Last issue we mentioned Kriss and Leanne Henry from Bowen, they sent me a photo of “Clive,” their green 1937 Tourer.



Then we have David and Diane Young of Eaton's Hill with a very nice early 1932 Austin 10/4 saloon. It is in maroon and Black, fitted with a sunroof and has the very first 19" wheels with the small hubcaps and exposed wheel nuts that were only used up until mid-1932 (see photo). The Youngs alternate between Brisbane and Newcastle because they have family in both places, hence their car is on NSW Historic Registration. Their car was one of the first 2500 Austin 10s made, so it has a 4-speed crash gearbox and ladder type chassis.

Ted's Send off



On the Friday the 2nd of August, a group of Club members travelled up to Redcliffe and joined the family and friends of Ted Bale for a celebration of his life. Kindly his daughter Stacey took this photo as we gathered at the hotel afterwards. Left to right we have

Gail & Peter, Doug & Robyn, Neil, Tim and Trevor. Missing from the photo are Karyn, Elaine, John and Ross and Rhonda who were off talking to others. We shared many memories of Ted with his family, one happy moment was when we all toasted Ted with his favourite Pepsi Max soft drink!!.

Goodbye to Barry Akers

We also lost another member at about the same time as we lost Ted. Barry Akers of Cooroy was the proud owner of a beautiful bright yellow 1928 Austin A7 Chummy Tourer. Barry passed away unexpectedly late July. A funeral service for Barry was held on Wednesday, 14th August at up at Gordonvale. The Club extends its sincere condolences to his wife Shirley, his children, Lorraine, and Steven and to his extended family.

Ray Foreman's Visit.

On the 12th of September Ray Foreman a member from Mackay phone me and asked if I would be home on the 17th as he would be in Brisbane and would like to meet myself and see our cars. Ray is legally blind and has 5 percent vision. He has a 1929 Chummy which is his pride and joy. He gets a friend to take him for a drive once a month.

It was mentioned at the meeting that he was coming to visit.

On the morning, I phoned my deputy spare parts man, Doug Clark, and he came up and 10.30am Ray and his nephew Peter arrived, coffee was made, and a long talk took place. Then it was a tour of the cars and the shed.

It was a very pleasing day for Ray to see the cars and I was surprised with the gift he left for me.

Ray returned home to Mackay the next day. *(in the photo we have L to R Trevor, Doug, Ray & Peter)*



Trevor Moore



AUSTIN 7 NATIONAL RALLY 2025

Newsletter Number 2

August 2024

Dear Austin 7 Enthusiast

The Austin 7 National Rally will be held from Monday 20th October to Friday 24th October 2025 at Murray Bridge.

Murray Bridge is a bustling rural town sitting in prime position on the banks of the Murray River less than an hour from Adelaide.

There is a good selection of accommodation available from Caravan parks, Cabins, Motels and Hotels within a short drive of our daily starting point.

We suggest you book your accommodation before October 2024 due to the number of events being held in and around Murray Bridge during our Rally week.

I have attached a list of accommodation that is available in Murray Bridge and recommend you do your own due diligence about the accommodation.

The Bridgeport Hotel is a large 100 room Hotel however it only has secure parking for one vehicle. Most entrants need parking for 3 vehicles Austin 7 Tow car and Trailer. We have trailer parking available in Murray Bridge if required.

The Committee will be staying at the Adelaide Road Motor Inn and Monday registrations will be in their Conference room.

The committee will be sending out regular updates and information will be available on our website.

austin7clubsa.com.au

If you would like to unsubscribe to these updates, please do so by return email.

Hope to see you in 2025!

Andrew Dawes & David Gear

spares@austin7clubsa.com.au

Accommodation options for the Murray Bridge 2025 Rally

Caravan and Cabin parks.

Murray Bridge Marina and Tourist Park		100 Roper Rd, Murray Bridge 8532 6900
Cabins	8	
House boats	3	2x4 Berth and 1x 8 Berth
Avoca Dell Caravan Park		199 Avoca Dell Dr, Avoca Dell 8532 2095
Cabins	9	The budget ones do not have an ensuite

Murray Bridge Tourist Park (top of hill) Cabins	19	313 Adelaide Rd, Murray Bridge 8532 2860
Motels		
	Number of rooms	
Adelaide Rd Motor Lodge Houses	36 2	212 Adelaide Rd, Murray Bridge 8532 1144
Murray Bridge Motor Inn	18	5341 Old Princes Hwy Murray Bridge East
Murray Bridge Oval Motel	12	4 Le Messurier St Murray Bridge 8532 2388
Central Olympic Motel cottages	14 2	34 Standen St, Murray Bridge 8532 2359
Bridgeport Hotel	100	2 Bridge St Murray Bridge 8532 2002

EVENT REPORTS

Ipswich 50th Anniversary Rally 27 & 28 July 2024

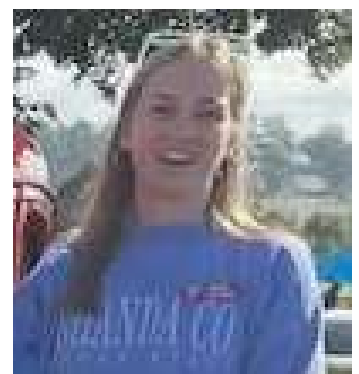


Ross & I entered 3 Austin 7's (well, we do have 3). Fortunately, at the last minute we only trailed 1 Austin

to the Ipswich Rally. The 1936 Red Saloon will eventually be Mia's. Mia is our grand-daughter – daughter of Ross Jnr. Grandpa felt Mia needed some practice driving this “baby Austin.” Mia invited one of her friends, Karly, to join her for the weekend adventure.

The rally commenced with morning tea at the showgrounds, we then drove out into the country for a BBQ lunch at the Milbong and District Tractor Club. As it happened Mia led quite a group of classic cars to the lunch stop. From then on, all weekend she

had lots of folks coming up to her asking if she is driving the little red car – “Yes” she would say very proudly. They would come back and say that she was doing very well, and she would beam. She is only 19, has a manual license, but has not driven the saloon very often.



She drove the 1929 Saloon on the Brunswick Heads Club Rally last year but does find the “little red car” much easier.



We enjoyed the special dinner on the Saturday evening where we all won special gifts. Sunday turned out to be COLD & WINDY. Mia once again managed the “little red” car beautifully to the Cooneana Heritage Village Museum in Ipswich. That was a great museum to visit with lots of interesting buildings to explore. After morning tea, as Mia & Karly were sitting in the Austin to get out of the wind, still more folks came up and asked her if she was the driver. I think she was beaming all weekend. The girls loved the adventure.

Rhonda Guthrie



(The 50th Anniversary Rally was certainly a great event. There were 63 cars and 106 members and visitors who took part. Editor Tim)

Annual A7 Club Weekend Lunch Saturday 10 August 2024

From around 9am on Saturday morning, the Clubrooms were abuzz with preparations for the Annual A7 Club Weekend Saturday Lunch. The tables and chairs had already been set out following the previous night's AGM, so most of the action was occurring in the kitchen – onions being cut up, salads being prepared, and rolls being buttered.

Once preparations were complete, it was time for a cuppa and a chat. Enjoying their BYO morning teas, the group got bigger as more members started to arrive. In their A7s were the Curtis family (trailed), Murray & Fiona (trailed), Justin & Patti (trailed), and Merv with Bob in Merv's Tourer, while Ian & Valda arrived in their Austin Lancer and Peter in his Wolseley Hornet. Another 25 members and guests arrived in their modern cars, bringing the total number of members and guests in attendance to 38.

Following morning tea, the BBQ was fired up outside. A group of experts gathered around the BBQ to share their culinary knowledge and BBQ tips, ensuring the best cooking results. The aroma of fried onions and cooking meat soon filled the air, whetting everyone's appetites.



the "Galloping Gourmet"

Eventually, members lined up at the outside buffet table to be served a delicious selection of beef patties,



juicy sausages, fried onions, lettuce, tomato, cucumber, beetroot, pineapple, cheese, coleslaw and bread rolls, along with a range of condiments. Everyone then returned to their inside tables to enjoy the feast and the company of

Pretty in Green, The Rix's 1934 Sports and Stacy and Jamies Curtis's 1937 Ruby Saloon has its first outing with the club after a most comprehensive restoration

their fellow members.



Special thanks goes to CEA (Construction Engineers Australia) for kindly providing the meat for the lunch.

Dessert was an individual apple or blackcurrant pie, served with vanilla ice cream and custard. However, prior to the serving of dessert, Robyn distributed a challenging wordsearch puzzle, containing some unusual and tricky words with lots of vowels. Members set to work, with Karyn and Molly each winning a prize. The front table was laden with a selection of raffle prizes – a fruit and vegetable basket (first prize), a 1kg bag of macadamia nuts, a

six-pack of beer, a tin of biscuits, a towel set, and a four-pack of mixed sodas. Raffle Coordinator Valda had been busy selling tickets both at last night's meeting and throughout the day. Following lunch, President Steve coordinated the raffle draw, with first prize aptly being won by Valda. However, when the second ticket that came out belonged to Ian, questions were humorously asked about the validity of the draw! At Ian & Valda's insistence, there was a redraw, and the remaining prizes were claimed by David, Justin, Patti, Twink and Tim. It should also be mentioned that young Trent had to be stopped before the draw from innocently adding his half of the raffle tickets to the raffle draw, hence doubling his odds of winning.



At the conclusion of the lunch, President Steve thanked everyone for their attendance and all those who had contributed to this successful day – in particular, Secretary Robyn whose organisation and hard work does not go unnoticed.

With many hands making light work, it was not long before tables were put away, chairs set up again, floors vacuumed and packing up completed. Everyone then started to say their goodbyes and head for their respective homes. It was fortunate that, after Robyn had locked the lavatories, Trevor decided he wanted to go to the Men's, as Robyn had unwittingly locked up with Ian inside! I wonder how long it would have been until Valda had missed him?

Karyn

Annual A7 Club Weekend Static Display – Sunday 11 August 2024

The forecast showers fortunately held off for the Static Display which is part of our annual A7 Club Weekend. In fact, Sunday was a pleasant Brisbane winter's day with sunshine and light winds.



From 9am our little A7s started to roll into the Morningside School of Arts carpark on Wynnum Road, lining up to create a small but impressive display. On display were the A7s of Sharon & Lindsay, Doug & Robyn, Trevor & Elaine, Justin & Patti, Neil & Karyn, Matt (with son Trent) and Ian (with son Jared), as well as Lyn's Austin 20 and Peter & Jo's Wolseley. Also in attendance in their modern cars were Ian & Valda, John, Twink, Mike & Jo, Greg, and Karyn's mum, bringing the total number of members and guests in attendance to 25.

The morning passed quickly with the usual banter, along with coffees and morning tea either brought from home or purchased at the local coffee shop. Our Club members also chatted with members of the public who stopped by to admire the cars on display. Attendees also had to undertake the task of completing their voting slips for the People's Choice Award. An issue with the distributor on Doug & Robyn's A7 was a welcome distraction for Dr Baker and his assistant mechanics, with the problem eventually being fixed.

Following lunch, Vice-President Lindsay commenced the formal part of the day, welcoming everyone to the event. Rally Coordinator Neil then took the stage, thanking those who had organised runs in the past year and those who had attended. He then announced the 2024 winner of the Cam & Judy McCulloch Memorial Trophy for best run supporter, which went to Doug & Robyn for the ninth time – a fantastic effort! After

this presentation, Vice-President Lindsay announced that the winner of the 2024 People's Choice Award was Trevor & Elaine for their well-presented A7 and gave them their prize of a gift card. Lindsay then handed out commemorative brass car badges to those attending in vintage cars and thanked everyone for their attendance, as well as Secretary Robyn for her efforts in organising the A7 Club Weekend.



On conclusion of the formalities, members gathered their belongings and jumped in their cars to head home. There was one final check to ensure

that no one had been locked in the toilets!



Karyn

Sunday 15th September – All British Day

The weather boded well for a nice and warm spring day at Tennyson. Our display cars were there from 7-7:30 am so missed the traffic back up along Vivian Street spilling onto King Arthur Terrace. Club cars include Trevor and Elaine in the Tri-Axle 1935 A7 Lorry, David in “Alice” Mk.2 -1928 Saloon, Doug and Robyn in “Hector” - 1929 Chummy), Lindsay and Sharon in “Ernie” - 1929 Chummy, Steve in the 1929 Meteor, Brett, Kylie, Clare and Tessa in their 1934 Saloon and Matthew and Trent in their 1930 Chummy. Keeping watch over the “babies” was Lyn in his 1926 Austin 20hp “Open Road” Tourer, being the “Mother Austin”. Like previous years there was a fine selection of Britain’s finest motor cars with the everyday cars like our Austins, Morris’s, Landrovers and MGs neatly parked like schoolboys at assembly, the owners quietly eating their sandwiches and bottles of stout, whilst down on the lower playing fields the elite in their



Jaguars, Rolls Royce's and Aston Martins were sipping on bottles of Moet et Chandon champagne and supping on fine French fromage from their Fortnum and Masons hampers. Everyone was happy and ready to pounce on anyone taking more than a passing interest in the vehicle. After lunch there was a presentation of prizes, and I see by a report in the VCCQ "Oily Rag" (thanks David) that the pre-WW2 contingent did well in the awards. For those interested these included: Best Veteran/Vintage Vehicle – 1929 Austin Meteor Steve Davidson, Best Sports car - MGPA Barry and Julie Evans, Best Thoroughbred -m Rolls Royce Silver Ghost Graham and Dorothy Singer, and the People's Choice was a nice 1936 Morris Eight Convertible from Toowoomba. There is a photo of Steves car being pushed to the Winners circle by a gaggle of people from the VCCQ. Nothing wrong with Steves car, just that due to the closure of the Walter Taylor Bridge due to maintenance Steve was conserving petrol for his trip hope the long way!



Tim

Lang and Bev Kidby and Bean visit Brisbane during the 1927 England to Australia recreation

Our Queensland adventurers, Lang and Bev Kidby attended the Veteran Car Club clubrooms in mid-August in their 1923 Bean. The stop was on the way to Melbourne to finish their reenactment of a 22,000 km journey from England to Australia carried out by Francis Birtles in an identical 1924 model English Bean 14 car in 1927/28.

The adventure started in May 2023 when the Kidbys bought a 1923 Bean car with a long-range tank up to 1,000km. The car is a close replica of Francis Birtle's 1927 trip car. The original Bean is in the Australian National Museum in Canberra.

Much planning and paperwork was required to transport the car from Australia to England and to return travelling through 14 countries especially in a vintage car.



After a delayed start because of shipping delays, the Kidbys were waved off on the 18th of April from the Brooklands Museum (about 25 miles west of London) by a FIVA group and Friends.

This was a fitting location as the Vickers Vimy which flew from England to Australia in 1919 is located there (photo below on the left). Lang co-piloted a replica Vickers Vimy trip 30 years ago. A photo of Birtles' Bean leaving on his trip is on the right.

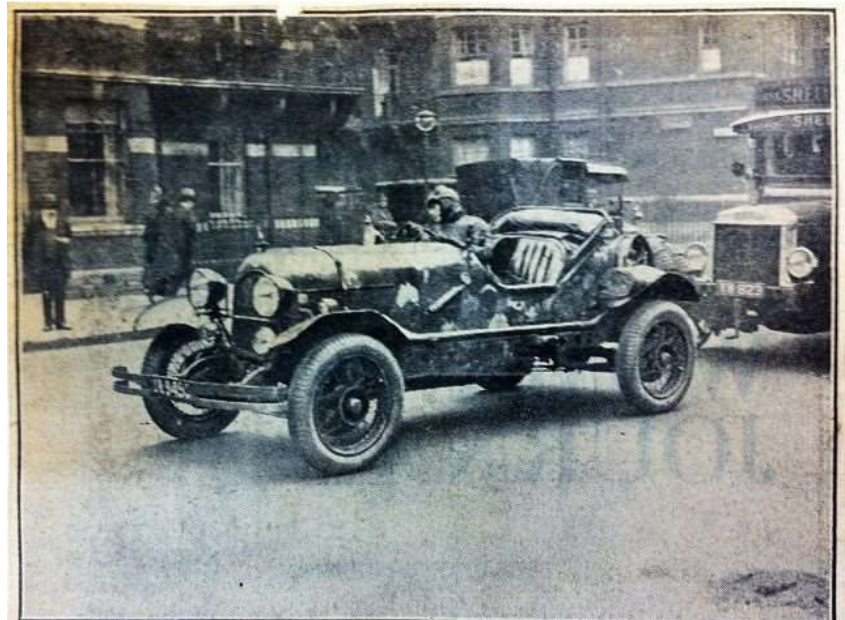
On the trip through 14 countries, they experienced differing conditions crossing mountains and deserts. There was a wide range of temperatures from -2

degrees early in the trip and rain and snow and up to 55 degrees in India resulting in the Bean boiling and steaming.

Some problems encountered with the car included the motor boiling, starter motor, magneto, distributor cap, overdrive, broken front spring and fuel blockages. No problems with tyres.

On 10th June a major stage from London to Calcutta was completed in 100% humidity and 36 degrees driving through Calcutta's traffic.

The car was shipped to Singapore and then on to Darwin because of many transport operational processes,



ADVENTURE BY CAR.—Mr. Francis Birtles, the Australian motorist, leaving Olympia, London, on his attempt to make the first overland journey to Australia—with some necessary assistance from shipping.



probable delays and a very substantial cost for 2 days driving.

On 10th August the start of the Australian leg of the trip began when the Kidbys left Darwin with about 5000kms to the finish in Melbourne.

They attended the Veteran Car Club grounds in Brisbane on 18th August. Club members greeting them were Ross & Rhonda Guthrie, Doug and Robyn Clark, Brett Reif, Justin Mc Keering and John Que. Members from various car clubs also attended. A Jelly-BEAN cake was devoured.

A map on the bonnet enabled the Kidbys to show interested people the route of the trip. There were vinyl badges and flags from numerous car clubs on the Bean's rear.

A week later after Brisbane the Bean was on display on the Shannon's Auto Classic at Eastern Creek Raceway.

On 31st August the Bean arrived at the Vintage Drivers Club rooms and the Kidbys received an official welcome from the club, an official FIVA welcome and a letter from the International President.

The final destination was the Linfox Car Collection at Docklands, Melbourne.

Some extracts from the Kidby daily blog:

"FIVA were the driving force behind alerting and encouraging a hundred car clubs across the world to take an interest in our journey. As anybody who has read our Facebook reports, now fully transferred to our web site www.next-horizon.org will know, they were fantastically successful."

"The brotherhood (and sisterhood) of classic motoring transcends all borders and nationality. Rich or poor, young or old they welcomed, hosted and aided us in every one of the 14 countries we crossed."

"We can never repay their hospitality other than to remember a thousand smiling faces and think back on a wonderful 22,000km of vintage motoring".

I recommend reading the daily blog from the trip on their website - www.next-horizon.org. There you can also follow their other adventures.

The trip was entirely self-funded with no corporate sponsor, press team or support crew. The Bean is to be sold to recoup expenses from the trip.

Congratulations to Lang and Bev Kidby for an outstanding achievement of planning, undertaking and completing a 22,000 km journey through 14 countries in a 100-year-old two-seater Bean car.

The photo on left is at the Veteran Car Club Brisbane and at right the finish at the Linfox Car Collection,



Docklands Melbourne. The Bean is receiving a well-earned drop of champagne.

John Que (thank you very much John for your report (Lang and Bev were members of our club when they did a re-enactment of Hector McQuarrie's trip to Cape York in 1928)



STOP PRESS news has just come to hand that another pair of intrepid motorists in a Bean 14 hp are doing a re-enactment of Birtles trip which due to a lack of space (and extra postage costs) I will leave that story until another newsletter!

There's Historic... and there's HISTORIC!!

August 9, 2024

“The oldest driver in the oldest and slowest car at the Leyburn Sprints, is a mantle Justin McCarthy wears proudly.

Justin is aged 84 and his Austin Seven Sports Special dates from 1925 – that’s 99 years old!



With a puny 749 cc side-valve, four-cylinder engine, the little Seven tootles around the one-kilometre Sprints course in about one minute 30 seconds, stone motherless last.

But at Leyburn it’s the spirit of competition that counts – and Justin has plenty of that.

“I didn’t start racing until I was 75. As well as the Sprints, I’ve competed at the Noosa Hillclimb

and Morgan Park. At Morgan Park they told me I couldn’t race because the Austin was too slow!”

Justin is literally a lifelong Austin Seven enthusiast. He owns a second example he’s had since he was 16 and points out – appropriately for the weekend’s 75th AGP Anniversary celebrations – that the winner of the first Australian Grand Prix, at Phillip Island in 1928, was.. an Austin Seven.

When not racing he takes one of his machines to retirement villages and talks to residents about motoring in the old days.

Justin and his Seven have the honour of being Car 1 on the Leyburn entry list and first starter for every run cycle. And the Seven enjoys one further distinction – it’s the only competing car with a crank handle.

“I’ll be 85 next year and was thinking of pulling the pin, but I’ll see how I’m going,” he says.

Come back, Justin – we want to see your Austin Seven turn 100 next year.”

www.leyburnmotorsprints.com.au/news/article/theres-historic-and-theres-historic”

(I am not sure which part of Justin’s car is from 1925, but don’t let the facts get in the way of a good story- The Editor)

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Austin 7 Classifieds

Please note: to avoid congestion, adverts may only be printed for 3 issues (6 months) depending on space. If you have also sold your car, PLEASE do tell the Editor, DO NOT assume I know! I have deleted a couple of adverts over the year as we have other members who wish to showcase their cars.

Box trailer to suit Austin 7

Tandem trailer to suit a short wheelbase Austin 7, internal dimensions 3.9 m. long x 1.8 m. wide by 1.74 m. high, overall length from the tow hitch to the tailgate is 5.32 m. Steel rear door doubles as loading ramp, floor all steel with built in tie points.



Fitted with over rider

brakes on all 4 wheels. Has solar panels for the internal lights, and 240-volt power outlet. Asking Price \$10,000. For exact details, please contact Trevor & Bev McCulloch (ph. 0409 637 290), email bevandtrev7@bigpond.com Trailer located at Perwilloween, near Nambour.

FOR SALE 1938 Austin 10 Cambridge Saloon



Jeanette and Rod Sims are downsizing, and they wish to sell "Anastasia" *, their Austin 10 Saloon. This car has not had a lot of use in the 10 years that the Sims have owned it, but the



maintenance has been kept up and some cosmetic restoration, such as plating, etc has been carried out.

The car was originally sold by Mackintosh Motors of Brisbane and still retains its original 1938 Q plate registration. It was repainted in British Racing Green. The motor has the original aluminium head only fitted to the 1938/39 models.

The 1938 Austin 10 has an 1100cc motor, 4 speed gearbox, Girling Brakes and top speed of 60 mph. Your editor saw the car in 2013 and took it for a test drive. It has comfortable seats, and all controls easily fall to hand. The car will pull away in 2nd gear as the motor is quite flexible. The car was happy to cruise at 35 to 45 mph. The design of the car allows easy and straightforward maintenance.



Please contact the Sims on 07 3345 4275 or 0418 758 917 or Email simsenterprises@bigpond.com Price is negotiable but starting at \$15,000.

(*Named after a former owner, not a former State Premier!)

FOR SALE 1928/1929? Chummy



Last driven 1982 and completely dismantled for transport and storage by the previous owner's father. Assume all parts are there. Very little rust present. Suitable for project or spare parts. Will consider offers. Now in Brisbane.

Phone Trevor Moore 0407 485 575

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From the Archives.

Francis Birtles in a younger and less stressful stage of life and his canine travelling companion "Wowser".



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