



# NEWSLETTER

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



## ***The Editors Ravings***

Above, The Sinclair Brothers (l to R Jan, Nick, Bren and Glyn) with their family's 1929 Chummy. Nick has just written a book about living with one Austin 7 for 65 years. You can read more inside about this wonderful little car. This is a remarkable story, but one I sure can be repeated by many of us who have lived with an Austin 7 in their garage for several years. I was speaking to our Librarian, Lindsay Jordan who has also read Nick's book and he was saying our club is full of similar stories, that could be written down before Father Time has time to play tricks upon our collective memories. Perhaps we could compile a book compiling members memories of their cars, something that their families can read and treasure..

We would like your ideas, come on, it is up to you!!

***Editor Tim Braby***

## ***Presidential Patter***

***Hello Fellow members,***

Welcome to another newsletter from the Austin Seven Register of Queensland. Maybe I'm imagining things but it seems like the first signs of cooler weather are upon us and that means more A7RQ runs. For sure we have plenty of summer rallies when the run home is completed in 35+ degrees, and that's fine, but most of us

enjoy the cooler months for motoring. Like others I've been busy in the shed, fitting new tyres, tweaking the timing and making some minor adjustments to the carburettor in preparation for upcoming club runs. As many would know our last club run was postponed, but unlike in 2020, this one was moved in order to give us time for a working bee at Doug and Robyn's. Many hands make light work is an apt phrase as we had a band of members there digging, concreting, fabricating and the like. Luckily foreman Alan kept us all in line and plenty was done to construct a new home for some of our second hand parts.

I'm sure you'll all enjoy this newsletter and a big thanks to Tim for putting it together. But if you think you need just a little more A7 in your life I'd encourage you to come along to our monthly meetings, you're sure to find some friends there, you'll get a laugh and with our Covid restrictions easing you'll be able to enjoy a supper after the meeting.

***Happy motoring.***

***Steve Davidson***

### **A7 Register of Qld. Committee 2020 - 2021**

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#### **The A7RQ Inc. On Line**

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

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

**[austin7.org.au/events](http://austin7.org.au/events) & Face book Austin7 Register of Qld Inc.**

## **AUSTIN 7 REGISTER OF QLD. CLUB EVENTS & INVITATION RUNS FOR 2021 & BEYOND!!**

### **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 in these difficult times,

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

**Also note!! Some details/dates of these events are still to be confirmed.**

**A7 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 9<sup>th</sup> April - Austin 7 Register General Meeting** commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

**Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> April - A7 Register April Event: Librarian's Run.** Run to be organised by Lindsay & Sharon (ph. 0408 876 559). run is from the Clubrooms, Carindale at 9.00am. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch.

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> to Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May - Darling Downs Veteran & Vintage Motor Club 51<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Celebration** CANCELLED

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May - Austin 7 Register General Meeting** commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> May - Heritage Truck Association Annual Truck Show at Rocklea Showgrounds.** CANCELLED (due to Covid requirements)

**Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> to Monday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2021 - AUSTIN 7 REGISTER ROCKY RUN** organised by Greg & Kaye Shuker (ph. 0429 911 022). Run details, Rockhampton accommodation, general information etc. are located on our A7RQ website under the heading 'AUSTIN 7 ROCKY RUN 2021 & COUNTRY RUN 2021' **Wednesday night** - Register and Welcome Dinner. If you are arriving early the organisers can supply places to visit in Rockhampton.

**Thursday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday** there will be daily runs in the Rockhampton area.

**Monday** daily run and farewell dinner

Morning teas and lunches have been arranged for the day runs. Entrants to advise the organisers if they have special dietary requirements such as gluten free.

**Suggested Accommodation** Country Club Caravan Park at Parkhurst, the Country Club Motel, Parkhurst or Parkhurst Motel and Van Park.

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June - Austin 7 Register General Meeting** commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> June - Austin 7 Register June Event: RACQ Motorfest.** Static display from 10am to 3pm at **Brisbane Showgrounds**. A7 members to meet at Centenary Pool Carpark for departure to Motorfest "British" entry point at ...am. Members may also independently travel to this new venue. Members to make own arrangements re. registration or speak to Robyn about A7 bulk booking.

**Registration for MotorFest is now online.** To register online for MotorFest 2021: Visit [racq.com/motorfest](http://racq.com/motorfest) to access the online registration link. Due to social distancing requirements, places for this year's event are limited, so be early to avoid missing out!

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> June - A7 Register Event: President's Run** to be organized by Steve (Ph. 0418 814 501). Run to commence from Centenary Pool Carpark at 9am. and will travel around the inner western suburbs. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch.

**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June- External Event:** Our A7 Club has been invited to attend the **VCCQ Annual Concourse**. For details contact VCCQ. Members are to arrange their own travel etc. for this event **Details To be confirmed later but Planning IS underway!!!**

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> July- Austin 7 Register July General Meeting:** This meeting is to be held on weekend of 10 & 11 July at Country Run event.

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> July- Austin 7 Register Country Run.** Run organised by Joe & Margaret McCormack (ph. 0438 192 788). Come for a leisurely weekend to experience the delights and history of Boonah. Come old, come modern. Stay a day or two or more. Come and see the toys that the Australian Champion Acrobatic Pilot has in his own hangars. The Boonah Motel Managers and the Showgrounds Caretakers are happy to welcome us for the weekend. Further details of venue/runs/accommodation etc. are located on our A7RQ website under the heading 'AUSTIN 7 ROCKY RUN 2021 & COUNTRY RUN 2021'.

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> July - External Event - 8<sup>th</sup> Biennial Queensland Heritage Rally.** Rally is to be held in Biloela, Central Queensland. Members are to make own arrangements for Travel, Registration & Accommodation. For information contact Cindy Cooper, Rally Coordinator. Phone (07)4992 2400 or 0429 383 296. **Date to be confirmed!!!**

**Sunday 18th July External Event - Noosa Beach Classic Car Show 2021.** This 33rd static display event is to be held on Sunday 18 July 2021 at McKinnion Drive Sports Complex. This is an all models car show. For more information log onto [www.noosacarclub.com.au](http://www.noosacarclub.com.au). Members who wish to attend are to make their own arrangements re. registration, travel, accommodation etc.

**Thursday 22nd to Sunday 25th July - 9<sup>th</sup> Biennial Queensland Heritage Rally.** Rally is to be held in Ayr, Queensland. Members are to make own arrangements for Travel, Registration & Accommodation. For information contact Rally Coordinator. Phone 0417 746 367.

**Tuesday 10th to Sunday 15th August - External Event - Northern Rivers Vintage & Veteran Car Club 60th Year Anniversary Rally** in Lismore, NSW. For registration Contact the Rally Secretary, Narelle Middleton, Ph. 0266 281207 M..0412299393 Email ;nrsvccrallysecretary@gmail.com or the Rally Director Garry Johnston Ph.0419175775 Email garry@clunesautocentre.com.au

**Friday 13th August - Austin 7 Register Weekend - August General Meeting & AGM** commencing at 7.45pm at Clubroom, Carindale.

**Saturday 14th August - Austin 7 Register Event - Club Weekend Saturday BBQ Lunch.** A BBQ lunch will be provided to members at the Club Rooms, Carindale, commencing at 11am. Food will be provided but drinks (hot or cold) are BYO. As this is an A7 Reg. Event, members are encouraged to wear their name tags and drive their A7s. RSVP Robyn Clark (ph. 3800 1965) by 1 August 2021.

**Sunday 15th August - Austin 7 Register Event - Club Weekend Static Display.** Display to be held at Morningside School of Arts hall & grounds, corner Wynnum & Thynne Road, Morningside (in Morningside shopping village precinct – UBD p24 Q1) Entry off Wynnum Road. Ample trailer & public parking on site. The display is organized by Robyn Clark (Ph. 3800 1965). Members are to wear their name tags and make their own way to the venue. Display to commence at 9am and conclude around 1pm. BYO Morning Tea & Lunch but there are many food shops & cafes adjoining the venue

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> August - Austins over Australia Rally** to be held in Port Stephens, NSW.  
**THIS EVENT HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL 2022**

## **2022**

**Saturday 9th April to Thursday, 14 April 2022 - Austin 7 100 Years - Warrnambool National Rally** Any queries contact the Rally Committee at [2022rallyinfo@gmail.com](mailto:2022rallyinfo@gmail.com).

All the other Austin 7 Clubs in Australia have already made bookings for accommodation to the event, and Queensland does not want to be left behind. If you want to be with other Qld A7 folks, several have already put their names down at the Figtree c/park as the Qld Warrnambool Rally HQ, no deposit is required at this point, all that is necessary is contact details and your choice of accommodation will allocated. As of writing there were about 32 names who have chosen the Fig Tree..

You can contact Brian at the BIG4 Figtree Holiday Park at 33 Lava Street





Warrnambool Vic 3280, Telephone (03) 5561 1233 email [reservations@figtreepark.com](mailto:reservations@figtreepark.com) or look at [www.figtreepark.com](http://www.figtreepark.com).

For further info please contact Tim Braby on 0405 740 418 or Rhonda Guthrie on 0417 737 773.

**August 2021 Austins over Australia Rally** to be held in Port Stephens, NSW. Postponed from 2021

**18th July to 25th July 2022. Austin 7 Clubs Association UK rally**



## Centenary Event News - 4th April 2021

Dear Austin Seven Enthusiast,

Happy Easter; and if you are receiving a newsletter from us for the first time, welcome!

You are in good company as we already have nearly 1,000 subscribers and there are still 470 days to go until the start of what promises to be the biggest ever gathering of Austin Seven enthusiasts and their friends and families.

I am writing to bring you the latest news about the exciting activities that we are planning for The Austin Seven Centenary Celebration which runs from **19th to 24th July 2022** at the Fire Service College at Moreton in Marsh, Gloucestershire. During the event week there will be a great many things to do and something very special indeed will be taking place on **Wednesday, 20th July 2022**.

### **THE CENTENARY FESTIVAL OF AUSTIN 7 COMPETITION HISTORY**

Those who know their Austin Seven history will recall that on 7th July 1922 the Austin works driver, Louis Kings, took the Austin Seven prototype, registration OK 2950, up Shelsley Walsh Hill Climb to the 'great appreciation of the crowds'. This was in advance of the car being made available for sale to the general public and was a truly seminal moment in the development of the Austin Seven.

Louis Kings at Shelsley Walsh. (Photo courtesy of the Austin Harris Collection)

It was also the start of the wonderful Austin Seven sporting heritage that went on to touch the lives and influence the careers of so many famous people - Campbell, Moss, Hill, Chapman, McLaren, Issigonis, Cooper, and countless others.

One hundred years on - to the month - and as part of the Centenary Celebration week at Moreton in Marsh, we shall be holding the Centenary Festival of Austin 7 Competition History at Prescott Hill Climb, well known as the home of the Bugatti Owners Club who have very kindly agreed to us inundating their property with Austin Sevens.

The Festival day, which is being organised by **Charlie Plain-Jones** and a band of willing helpers, will re-create the historic moment of the Austin Seven's first competitive outing and will feature a cavalcade of competition Austin Sevens celebrating its sporting prowess over the past 100 years. And you and your Austin Seven can take part too!

*"As part of the week-long Centenary event based at Moreton in Marsh, and to celebrate 100 years of Austin 7 sporting achievements, this public event at Prescott Hill Climb on Wednesday, 20th July 2022 will bring together some of the rarest competition cars demonstrating their stuff on this famous hill climb course, plus the opportunity to drive your Austin 7 up the track.*

*Interest in the event, particularly amongst those lucky enough to own these exotic cars, is already running at a high level and visitors will be guaranteed a never to be repeated occasion of historic significance.*

*Not only will the event look back on the immense influence the Austin 7 has had on British society and even on the shape of Formula 1 to this day; it will also look forward as motoring as we know it changes beyond all recognition in only a few short years.*

*Whatever the developments in the technology, the spirit in which the Austin 7 was born – affordable personal transport for the millions - will be certain to remain.*

*We are also delighted to announce that The Festival will be benefitting one of our major charities, Parkinson's UK, who fund research and support sufferers from this most distressing of diseases. It cruelly and progressively robs a person of all their abilities including movement and speech, leaving them locked in and totally unable to communicate. Sufferers have included Billy Connolly, Muhammed Ali, Pope John-Paul II – and my dad... There will be fundraising activities taking place throughout the day and we hope that everyone attending will give generously to this deserving cause."*  
Charlie



Captain Arthur Waite and Alf Depper at the Monza Speed Festival in April 1923

Road-going Sevens will be able to take to the hill and as this is not a competitive event, and runs will not be timed, there will be no requirement for race licences or safety equipment in the vehicles.

The spirits of the Austin works drivers, including the likes of Waite, Hadley, Petre, Goodacre, Driscoll, Dodson, and designer, Murray Jamieson, will no doubt approve of us all enjoying a tantalising taste of what they experienced in-period.

Prescott Hill Climb is a picturesque twenty-mile drive through Cotswold countryside from Morton-in-Marsh. The track is nearly a mile long and has excellent viewing locations along almost the entire length. The parkland setting provides a relaxed and pleasant garden-party atmosphere for all the family and the restaurant and bar will be open throughout the day.

Those attending the Centenary Celebration at Moreton in Marsh and coming as visitors to the Festival at Prescott will have use of an exclusive parking and picnic area in the Orchard next to the start line, plus the unique opportunity to take their car and passengers up the historic hill climb track.

Visitors will also be able to enjoy the on-site Bugatti Trust museum, which is dedicated to Ettore Bugatti's engineering achievements on the road, on water, in the air, and even on rails!

Booking for the Centenary Festival of Austin 7 Competition History day will open in September 2021 on the Centenary Celebration event website.

*Right Sir Algernon Guinness congratulates Kay Petre after a race at Brooklands. Kay is in a sidevalve racer while Charles Goodacre (centre) and Bert Hadley (right) drove twin-cams. (Photo courtesy of the Austin Harris Collection)*



#### **A word about Centenary Year merchandise.**

Towards the end of this year we shall have a full range of merchandise available to purchase. We recommend that you only purchase through the Centenary website – because we shall be able to approve and maintain the quality of the goods on offer. Unfortunately, we have already had to deal with some unauthorised use of the Centenary logo – which is the copyright of the Austin Seven Clubs' Association.

#### **Useless, but interesting, trivia...**

Did you know that Moreton in Marsh's wartime RAF station (on the site of where the Fire Service College now stands) is reputed to have inspired the BBC and Radio Luxembourg series 'Much-Binding-in-the-Marsh'?

Starring Kenneth Horne and Richard Murdoch along with Nicholas Parsons, Maurice Denham, Sam Costa, and Dora Bryan, the radio series began in 1944 and lasted until 1954. Its theme tune is still fondly remembered by many.

The weekly episodes followed the antics on a fictional RAF station as its staff battled red tape and wartime inconveniences. 'Binding' was RAF slang for complaining vociferously about problems.

Kenneth Horne joined the RAF during the war and served on a barrage balloon unit. Before the war he had a career with Triplex – the firm responsible for so many safety glass windscreens – and after the war became chairman of Chad Valley, the toy manufacturer. Until 1958 he kept broadcasting as a sideline interest but following a stroke he gave up business to concentrate on entertainment – including, of course, the wonderful 'Round the Horne'. Charlie has written to tell us the latest news about this thrilling part of the Centenary week programme

#### **Reminder about bookings**

We know that you are all very eager to secure your places at the Centenary event but you need to be patient for a while longer. We won't be opening up the online booking system until September of this year and at that time we will be letting you know prices for entry and accommodation etc.

For those of us fortunate enough to be easing out of lockdown and able to enjoy our cars again, the National Austin Seven Rally at Beaulieu is on Sunday 4th July (details and entry forms will be on the Pre-War Austin Seven Club website later this month). Hope we see you there!

Kind regards,

Nick Salmon

For The Austin Seven Centenary Organising Committee.

**Spread the word! Please forward this email on to any other A7 owners that you know. We already have close to 1,000 subscribers to these newsletters!**



## **The Austin 7 Centenary Celebration & Rally**

**18th – 25th July 2022**

The Fire Service College, Moreton-in-Marsh, Gloucestershire

A week-long programme of activities and entertainments, runs, and displays,  
organised by The Austin Seven Clubs' Association

**[www.A7centenary.com](http://www.A7centenary.com)**

**Any queries contact the Rally Committee at [2022rallyinfo@gmail.com](mailto:2022rallyinfo@gmail.com)**

## OTHER NON-CLUB RELATED EVENTS

Please note these dates came from other sources outside our club, and may not be verified

**Sun 2nd May Queensland Autospectacular** Willowbank Raceway

**Sun 2nd May All British Car Day** Mudgeeraba Showgrounds (not the official event, but a spin off)

**Sun 2nd May Laidley Swap** Laidley Showgrounds

**Sat 15th May Bundaberg Heritage Car, Bike and Machinery Show** at Bundaberg Recreational Precinct

**Sat 15th May Laidley Charity Car Show** at Laidley Showgrounds

**Sun 16th May Warwick Swap Meet** at Showgrounds

**Sun 16th May David Hack Classic Aircraft and Car Meet** at Aerotec Hanger, Toowoomba Airport

**Sun 16th May Fine Iron Show and Swap** Ipswich Knights Soccer Club, Railway Street, Ebbw Vale

**Sun 23rd May MacLean's Bridge Sports and Classic Car Festival** Belmont Rifle Range

**~~Sun 30th May Rocklea Swap~~ at Rocklea Showgrounds ~~Cancelled~~**

**Late May QVVA Swap at Carina State School?** Not listed yet

**Sat 19th June Caboolture Swap Meet** - Caboolture showgrounds, Beerburum Road

**Sun 4th July Ipswich swap Meet** - Ipswich North State School, Downs Street, Nth Ipswich

**Sat 10th July Qld. Transport Museum Open Day just out of Gatton on the old Toowoomba Road**

**Sun 18th July Jumpers and jazz Festival , Queens Park, Warwick**

**Sun 25th July Original Gold Coast Swap** - Mudgeeraba Showgrounds

**Sun 31st July Nambour Swap Meet** - Nambour Showgrounds

## **MINUTES OF PAST A7R9 MEETINGS**

Austin Seven Register of Queensland Inc

Meeting No. 599, 12<sup>th</sup> February 2021

Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale

**Meeting Opened:** At 7.50 pm the President Steve welcomed everyone to the meeting after a very long & trying time due to Covid, & hoped everyone had a Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year!

**Attendance:** 20 members signed the attendance book

**Apologies:** Sharon Jordan

**Minutes:** Robyn read the minutes of the December meeting then moved they be accepted as a true and correct record. Seconded by Peter Baker. Carried

**Business arising from Minutes:** Nil

**Correspondence IN:** Newsletters from other clubs

Membership renewals from I Holthouse, M&M Thompson & M&C Noble

Membership applications from David Cross & Keith Ryan

Membership card from Melbourne A7 Club

Email re Breakfast Invitation from Veteran Car Club, 8am clubrooms, 21<sup>st</sup> Feb

Email re Bay to Birdwood, 26<sup>th</sup> Sept 2021

Email re Easter in the Country, Roma & Austins Over Australia, both CANCELLED

Royal Flying Doctors re donation

Veteran Car Club re Hall Rules

**OUT:** 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Card to Peter & Nell Dorman

Sympathy Card to Vanda & Russell Curtis

Phone call to Veteran Car Club re booking hall for the 10<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021, another for 14<sup>th</sup> Feb

Robyn moved the inward correspondence be accepted as read & the outward endorsed. Seconded by Tim Braby. Carried

**Business arising from Correspondence:** \$30-00 to be donated to Flying Doctors

**Treasurer's Report:** John acting treasurer gave the report and asked for it to be accepted. Seconded by Trevor Moore. Carried

**QHMC Report:** Purchased QHMC Constitution for Library. \$5-00. Justin then stated meetings going smoothly.

**Spare Parts Report:** Trevor has a new order coming from Melbourne.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Parts Report:** Doug has made a sale of springs for Ken Bells car being repaired by Peter Baker.

**Editors Report:** Tim would like members to send him reports & photos on things they have been doing. Latest newsletter either emailed or posted.

**Dating Officer Report:** Nil

**Web Master Report:** Neil asked for the Membership Application Form to be updated on the website. All agreed.

**Club Events:**

14<sup>th</sup> Feb Valentine's Day Brunch 9.30 am Clubrooms. (Name badges to be worn)

14<sup>th</sup> March Presidents Run, 9am Centenary Pool. BYO M/T & Lunch

11<sup>th</sup> April Lindsay & Sharon to organize

19<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> May Rocky Run organized by Greg & Kay Shuker

10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> July Boonah Run organized by Jo & Margaret McCormack

**Other Events:**

21<sup>st</sup> Feb Veteran Car Club Breakfast 8am, Clubrooms

21<sup>st</sup> March Chrysler Expo, Rocklea Showgrounds

28<sup>th</sup> March Bayside Swap, Ormiston State School

**Past Events:**

23<sup>rd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> Jan Allora Heritage Weekend

26<sup>th</sup> Jan Australia Day, Bayside Car Club

Reports on the website, & in newsletter.

**Library Report: Nil**

**General Business:** Robyn has booked the C/rooms 14<sup>th</sup> Aug., & Morningside School of Arts Hall 15<sup>th</sup> Aug., also C/rooms for Xmas 12<sup>th</sup> Dec

Can we please have an inventory of club regalia? What do we have & who hold it? Who buys what & where? Thank you to Ross & Rhonda Guthrie for old photos of members & club outings donated to club.

Some clubs have been having Zoom Meeting.

Peter Goldsworthy wants to drive his Austin to Rocky. John asked if we are going as a group & which way we will be traveling. Members to make up their own minds.

**Report of cars &/or car troubles: Nil**

**Birthdays:** Members having or have had a Birthday were wished Many Happy Returns.

**Raffle:** Valda selling tickets tonight but will be drawn on Sunday at the Brunch.

Sick members wished a speedy recovery.

**Supper Organiser:** Nil (Kitchen closed at clubrooms)

**Committee Meeting:** TBA

**Next Meeting:** 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021

**Meeting closed:** AS there was no further business to discuss Steve closed the meeting at 9.05 pm thanking everyone for coming & hoping to see them at the Brunch.

**Austin Seven Register of Queensland Inc**

**Meeting No 600, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

**Held at the Veteran Car Club Hall, Carindale.**

The President declared the meeting opened at 7.50 pm with a welcome to our 600<sup>th</sup> Meeting.

**Attendance:** 26 members signed the attendance book with 1 visitor.

**Apologies:** Sharon J, Karyn M, Mike H, Kylie R, David B.

**Minutes:** Robyn read the minutes of the February Meeting & moved it 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 or emailed to members.

Membership Application from John Holloway



**OUT:** Nil

Robyn moved the correspondence be accepted as read & welcomed John who had been approved by the committee. Seconded by Justin McKeering. Carried

**Business arising from Correspondence:** Nil

**Treasurer's Report:** John acting treasurer gave the report on the club finances & moved it be accepted. Seconded by Rhonda Guthrie. Carried

**QHMC Report:** Nil

**Spare Parts Report:** Trevor has placed a order for 40 wheel nuts.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Parts Report:** Nil

**Editors Report:** Nil

**Dating Officers Report:** Nil

**Web Master Report:** Up to date but please inform Neil if you hear of any cancelled functions.

**Club Events:**

14<sup>th</sup> March Working Bee at Clark's residents, Boronia Heights. 9am BYO M/t & L

11<sup>th</sup> April Lindsay & Sharon. Meet Centenary Pool 9am, BYO M/t & L

19<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> May Rocky Run

20<sup>th</sup> June Presidents Run, 9am Centenary Pool, BYO M/t & L

10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> July Boonah Run

**Other Events:**

21<sup>st</sup> March Chrysler Expo, Rocklea Showgrounds

28<sup>th</sup> March Bayside Swap, Ormiston State School

15<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> May Heritage Truck Show. CANCELLED

22<sup>nd</sup> May Bayside Biggest Morning Tea

13<sup>th</sup> June RACQ Motorfest, Brisbane Showgrounds

Past Events:

14<sup>th</sup> Feb A7 Valentine's Day Brunch

21<sup>st</sup> Feb Veteran Car Club Breakfast

Members reminded to check the website for updates on events.

**Library Report:** Nil

**General Business:**

Steve told members of things discussed at committee meeting;

1. MYOB to cost \$35-00 per month
2. M/s form to be updated, no dates included & m/s fees to stay at \$45
3. Some members receiving bogus emails from Steve.
4. Offer members to pay for expenses when organizing runs. (most don't accept)

Rhonda told of a Veteran car & trailer burnt at Boonah on the way home.

**Report on cars &/or car troubles:** Nil

**Birthdays:** Members having a Birthday were wished Many Happy Returns.

**Raffle:** Valda stated Hugh Cullen had donated the raffle prize (oil & Wine) Thank You

Sick members wished a speedy recovery.

**Supper Organizer:** Nil (kitchen closed)

Next month = Steve

**Committee Meeting:** TBA

**Next Meeting;** 9<sup>th</sup> April 2021

**Meeting Closed:** Guthrie's, Thompson's & Ryan apologized for next month. With on other business to discuss, Steve then declared the meeting closed at 8.30 p.m.

*Robyn*



# NEWS OF MEMBERS AND CARS

## Welcome To our New Members

#372 John and Maria Holloway at Chandler own a 1929 Chummy. Complete and was running but in need of some TLC. John owned the Moore's Sports before Trevor and Elaine bought it!

## Vale Geoff Larkham

*"It is with great regret that must pass on to you the passing of Geoff Larkham. When I joined the Register in the early days at Peter Bakers house where the meetings were held, Geoff was an active member. From memory I think he had 4 Austin Sevens, and only 1 incomplete. That one being a 1929 sports built by the same body builder as my blue sports."*

*"In the past I have called in to see him at Bogan Gate, and Tamworth. We often crossed paths at rallies here and N.Z. Geoff and Graham Cogzell were great buddies also."*

## From Keith Collins (Via Email)

*Geoff and Beth were members of the Austin 7 Register from the early days up till 1980, even while they were in NSW. Geoff owned 4 Austin 7s, one, the 1930 Roadster was garaged at my parent's house at Ascot in the late 1970s for a A7RQ Static Weekend. Geoff rejoined for a couple of years in the mid 1990s, but in later years he turned to more modern vehicles.(Editor Tim)*

*(The following article is courtesy of the newsletter of The Tamworth & Districts Antique Motor Club Inc.)*

## **GEOFF LARKHAM 19-6-1941 to 8-11-2020**

It is with great sadness that we have lost a long-time club member and friend to many due to cancer. Geoff joined TDAMC in the late 1970's and had taken on many roles on the club's committee. He has been our registration officer since 2002 and on the social committee since 2011.



After Geoff left school, he became a qualified mechanic and then became a Service Advisor at McGrath Motors in Liverpool where he met Beth. He gained a wide knowledge of Holdens and Chevrolets. After he and Beth were married they moved to Bogan Gate, near Parkes, and managed the shop which had been run down. They then moved to Tamworth with their sons in the 1970's where Geoff set up his own business: Gem Engines, travelling the North West, and later developed into Engines 4U and Imports 4U. His sons now run the business since he retired.

His knowledge of historic cars was immense. He restored Austin Sevens in his early days of TDAMC as well as a few other makes of cars. Then he had Holdens, a Dodge,

Mustang, Nash Metropolitan, Chevrolets and Morris Minor Travellers. Many of which he had to rebuild parts, panel beat, spray paint and carry out mechanical work. He imported some of his cars from overseas and then had to rebuild them due to having lots of rust. The car he was last working on was his third Morris Minor Traveller which he had almost completed. He had lots of energy and would have cars restored quite quickly. Sometimes he would still be doing running repairs when going on a rally and Beth would wait patiently, doing her crocheting, as she knew Geoff would be able to sort out the problem.

As well as restoring cars he loved going on our local club runs as well as many rallies away from home. Especially enjoyed the Hat Head Rally. He won numerous trophies for his restorations as well as ones from our club, even our club's Dyke Award for mishaps; such as using a piece of garden hose at a motel to replace a broken bush in his Morrie. He loved music and on one rally, at the motel, he connected up speakers to run a Mpeg-4 USB flash drive, so he had music while travelling. In fact, most of his cars were set up that way.

If you wanted information on old cars you just had to ask Geoff. He would tell you how to fix things on your car and let you know where to source parts.

The funeral for Geoff was held on 18th November at the Open- Air Chapel, Showground Rd. Our club members formed a guard of honour and many of them turned up in their classic cars. Geoff's sons and their families arrived in his cars:

He had a great sense of humour, cheerful, was a good conversationalist, a friend to many and like a family member to some of us in our car club. We will miss him immensely; we will forever remember him.

Geoff was a loving husband and father, a mentor to his sons and would often attend their music gigs. A huge loss to Beth, the boys and their families and also our car club. Our condolences go out to Beth, Dion, Stuart, Brent, Vaughan (Chook) and their families. - Val Grout

*Below is an advert from the TDAMC of two of Geoff's cars. I do not think the family will mind repeating it.*

**FOR SALE -**

1x **1933 AUSTIN SEVEN** box saloon ready for restoration 99% complete (dismantled) comes with spares \$4,500

1x **1933 AUSTIN SEVEN** (no body from dash back) would make a great "C" cab panel van, comes with spares \$3,000

Ph Stuart 02 67613636 Tamworth

## **PAST RALLYS AND EVENTS REPORTS**

### **January 2021 A7 Register Valentine's Day Brunch – 14 February**

It was third time lucky for the Austin Seven Register of Queensland's Club Brunch. For those not in the know, the December (Christmas Brunch) attempt was cancelled due to severe weather; the January (New Year Brunch) attempt was cancelled due to a snap COVID lockdown; but fortunately, despite the forecast of showers, the third (Valentine's Day Brunch) attempt went ahead and was a huge success. And so, it was on Sunday 14 February that Cupid not only brought us love, but also some good weather luck!



A record 45 members attended the Brunch. In their A7s were Trevor & Bev (trailed), Merv & Margaret, and Young Justin; in their Lancer were Ian & Valda; and in moderns were Doug & Robyn, Steve, Trevor & Elaine, Lindsay & Sharon, Alan, Tim, John, Twink, the Potts family, Peter & Cathy, Peter & Gail, Mike &



Kathy, Justin & Patti, Ted & Daphne, Ron & Daphne, Peter & Nell, Ken & Irene, Peter & Jo, Joe & Margaret, Hugh, and Neil & Karyn.

Although the sky was overcast, the forecast showers held off, enabling the Committee Chefs to cook a sumptuous brunch on the outdoor BBQ. Members feasted on bacon, sausages, fried eggs, cooked mushrooms, fried onions, tomatoes and fresh bread rolls. This was followed by dessert of mince pies and plum pudding served with vanilla ice-cream, custard and cream.

Our hard-working Secretary, Robyn, suffered an identity crisis brought on by the ever-changing date of the Brunch. She began the event wearing Christmas reindeer antlers and giving out beautifully hand-crafted bonbons full of chocolates and toffees, made by Bev McCulloch, together with Xmas cards containing a poem and tea bag; next Robyn was wearing Australia Day ears; and finally, wearing a Valentine halo, she was assisted by Librarian Lindsay with the distribution of roses. And the gifts did not stop there, with Sharon also distributing Valentine's chocolate hearts to everyone present.

After a speech by our President, Steve, Neil presented the lady helpers (Robyn, Elaine, Valda, Sharon, Bev and Karyn) with beautiful stained glass Valentine's roses. The multi-prize raffle was then drawn. Winners could choose from a lovely blanket made by our member, Brett Wilson, gift hampers, wine, beer or 'lucky dip' bags. Congratulations to the raffle winners: Tim, Ted, the Potts family, Twink, Karyn & Neil, Joe & Margaret, and Peter & Gail.

To finish off, everyone enjoyed munching on delicious, sweet watermelon slices.

With many thanks to the Committee and helpers for their hard work and to everyone for taking the time to attend this enjoyable social event.

## **VCCAQ Breakfast Invitation Breakfast – 21 February**



**A GROUP OF VETERANS WITH SOME NICE OLD CARS**



**THE LADIES OF THE REGISTER**



**TREVOR AND ELAINE BROUGHT THEIR TRUCK TO COPE WITH THE ANTICIPATED EXTRA WEIGHT AFTER BREAKFAST**



**ABOVE DOUG CLARK AND JOHN DAY COMPARE THEIR CURVED DASHED OLDSMOBILES. JOHN'S IS THE REAL DEAL WHILE DOUG'S IS A BEAUTIFUL HAND CRAFTED 1/2 SCALE RUNNING REPLICA**



The Veteran Car Club of Australia Qld invited our Club to a Breakfast to be held at the Carindale Clubrooms at 8am on a lovely summers day . The Breakfast was followed by a short run around the local area. Those attending in their Austins were Doug and Robyn Clark, Lindsay and Sharon Jordan, Justin McKeering, Merv and Margaret Thompson, Trevor and Elaine Moore & Brett Reif and family.

## **Doug's A7 Parts Storage Area Working Bee Run 14 March 2021**

It was a warm sunny Sunday morning as many A7 Reg. Qld members headed to the Clark's residence at Boronia Heights to assist with a working bee. The purpose of the event was to erect a lean-to roof off an existing shed and to assemble a garden shed donated by a neighbour of the Clarks. The reason for undertaking these mammoth construction projects was to provide additional storage of our second-hand A7 parts being accumulated by and generously stored at the Clark's residence.



Around 25 members assembled from 9am onwards on the Clark's rear patio to partake of morning tea, prior to commencement of work. As this was an official A7 event, it was good to see three of our smart vehicles parked on the driveway. Those driving their A7s were Merv & Margaret, Ian & Valda and Ken B.

At around 10am, an energetic male contingent rolled up their sleeves (figuratively!) and proceeded to the backyard to commence work, while our ex-Librarian chose to remain on the patio, from where he believed he could capably supervise the construction works.



During the morning, post holes were dug and five pre-prepared posts were installed in concrete footings. A top rail was then bolted to the top of posts along the boundary line.

At around 11.30am, a deserved break was called. As it was almost lunchtime, we proceeded to partake of a cold drink and our BYO lunches on the patio.



Following lunch, work continued with the installation of the lean-to roof rafters and the assembly of the stand-alone storage shed. Shelving donated by Tim was then positioned in the semi-completed lean-to area. The shed was successfully assembled, leaving only some minor work to be completed at a later stage.

In all, the day was a huge success, leaving Doug with just some finishing off to do. Thanks go to the team of anchoring the Ladies' Discussion Group on the day.

*Neil*

## **Ormiston Swap Meet 28 March 2021**

Now we are slowly getting back to the new normal it was nice to go to a swap meet for the first time in many a month.

These days it takes your editor a bit longer to get moving in the morning with a regime of tablets before and after breakfast, plus a series of stretching exercises for neck and limbs to stop me from seizing up completely. So here's to the hearty souls who were able to get to the school and set up by the advertised time of 6 am as the bargain hunters descend upon them. These days swaps have less vintage car parts and more trash and treasure, from carpet tiles to cereal toys. The weather was kind and the crowds had abated by 8 am when I wheeled in a one of choice of parks at the Ormiston Railway Station carpark. Both Ovals were fairly full, although the number of sellers may have been down from the last swap in 2019. I made my way first up to the school hall



where the antiques and collectables were gathered in the cool. Not much to do with cars in here, but I did see some of those old metal screw together larger 1/20 scale "Hubley" Model A Ford and Packard car models of



the 1960s to 70s. But they wanted \$125 for something I paid \$4.50 for new at a shop 40 years ago! I then spied Nancy Soden and her family selling fine china and even two old movie projectors and cameras. Nearby was Greg and Yuriko selling older European toy and model cars. All were selling moderately well..

Wandering outside the hall, I ran into Robyn Clark talking to Joe and Margaret McCormack, and next John Que and his sister Twink, and finally Doug Clark caught with me as well.



After I went around the oval at least twice but only bought some very fine s/s nuts and bolts (micro sizes that Bunning's do not stock) and some lovely old British Flight magazines of 1944. Then as I was leaving I noticed 2 ladies selling carpet mats, obviously remnants from a carpet business, as many of the traders were actually



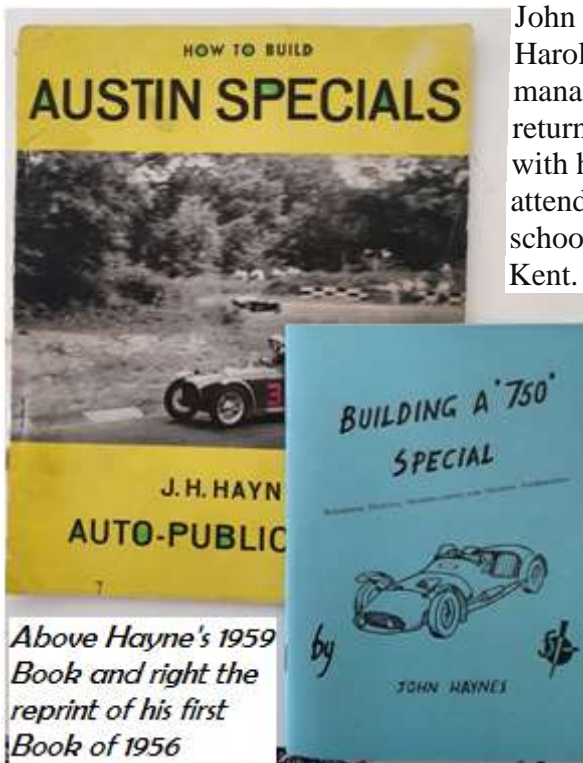
locals from the Redlands area. I bought two to supplement the overpriced ones the carpet layer made me when I had the house redecorated two years ago.

I should bought that box of cereal toys, about 40 items for 10 dollars, later I was told they sell individually for \$7 each. (But if they were such a bargain, how come none of the bargain hunter grabbed them? )

People were packing up by 10:15 and actually rolling out at 10:30, so much for the 6am to noon advertised opening times! I was home for lunch with plenty to spare! **Tim**

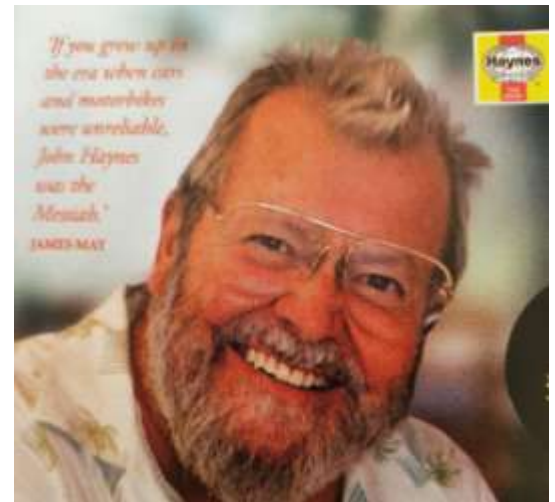
## The Birth of The Haynes Manuals

The Haynes manuals are named after John Harold Haynes (1938–2019).



John Haynes was born in Ceylon (now Sri Lanka) to Violette and Harold, a tea plantation manager. In 1950 the family returned to the UK, where, with his brother David, John attended Sutton Valence school near Maidstone in Kent. There John persuaded

his headmaster to allow him to miss his rugby lessons so that he could rebuild his £15 Austin 7 saloon into one of the lightweight 750 “specials” that were many a young man’s fancy in those impecunious times.



Not only did the 17-year-old sell the finished car at a profit; he decided he would write a booklet about the project. Drawing all the illustrations himself, he ran off 250 copies on a stencil duplicator in 1956. The 44 page book on "Building a 750 Special" sold out in 10 days at five shillings a copy.

He then wrote two further books while performing national service in the Royal Air Force and later joined the Air Force for a further period, receiving a good grounding in business and logistical skills and finding time to race his Elva Courier car.. In 1959 John then published an expanded book on "How to build Austin Specials" published under the "Auto-Publications" name. The book must have been popular as there were 3 editions printed in 1959 alone. These are the books that launched a thousand specials.



He also got married: his wedding present in 1963 to Annette (nee Coleman-Brown) was a second hand IBM proportional-spacing typewriter, which she used to produce the early Haynes manuals.

Johns First book as J. H. Haynes & Co. Limited was founded on 18 May 1960 and the first manual actually entitled "Haynes Owners Workshop Manual", for the Austin-Healey Sprite, was published in 1965. Haynes was made an Officer of Order of the British Empire in the Queen's Birthday Honours List 1995 for services to publishing. He died on 8 February 2019, aged 80.

Many Haynes Manuals bear a cover illustration of a cutaway view technical drawing of the vehicle, hand-drawn by Terry Davey.

In 2013, Haynes acquired Clymer repair manuals from Penton Media. In 2020, Haynes was acquired by Infopro Digital, a technical data company owned by TowerBrook Capital Partners, for £114.5 million. *(info from the Guardian and Wikipedia)*

*A reproduction of Hayne's 1956 book was recently included with TKC (Track, Kit, Custom) magazine for Jan/Feb 2021. (Published by British company CAR PR Ltd.) I went back for a second copy but they had all gone!!! The magazine has a red Mini on the cover.*

## **"The Sinclair Family Austin Seven Odyssey"**

**1956 - WANGANUI - NEW ZEALAND**

*"you will never fix that", the neighbour said as Rod Sinclair towed the Austin 7 into the driveway of the family home.*

*If were a person it would have been in intensive care. The entire body was pushed in from the rear where a truck had run into it, leaving only room to sit behind the steering wheel."*

And so begins the 65 year association of the Sinclair family with a 1929 Chummy The little Austin chassis number 94050, had 9 owners over 27 years and was bought to wreck for spare parts for Rod's wrecking yard, but instead he decided to keep it for the family, being the ideal car for his 4 young sons to learn to drive with its sudden in and out clutch, reasoning that if they could drive the Austin they could drive anything. It was repaired and towed behind the family's 1938 Maple Leaf Chevrolet Bus to many of New Zealand's North Island camp spots, from Northland down to the Bay of Islands thru the late 1950s until it was retired in 1971 as the boys Nick, Jan, Bren and Glynn, grew up and branched away.

Then in 1981 It was driven down from Wanganui to Wellington and back by Nick and his patient wife Roseanne , a 380 km return trip, with one door missing, and boiling its head off just after leaving Wellington to climb over the infamous Ngauranga Gorge to reach the Kapiti Coast. Then in 1982 it returned to Wellington and was transhipped on a pallet inside an aircraft to quarantine at Brisbane Airport. Next day, the car cleared Customs and Nick and Roseanne then filled the fuel tank, installed a charged battery and drove the tatty but almost complete Chummy to Labrador, on the Gold Coast where they stopped under trees pouring steam again!

Nick joined the A7 Register in 1984 when he started the "3 Bs rebuild (buggered, broken or bent)" . having the body repaired by Syd Wickham at Currumbin, nick then working thru the chassis and the motor finally got a complete rebuild in the 1990s, using parts sourced thru the register.

Forward to last year Nick finally completed a project that was hanging around for several years, a book about his families' ownership of their little Cream and brown "Chum". The result is a lovely little story about a remarkable car, told with humour by Nick as he relates growing up with an Austin in the family. Nick has donated a copy to our club library and I also have a cherished copy. Nick is selling copies for \$15 each. The book is 50 pages A5 size and has several colour photos taken during the 65 year ownership.

You can contact Nick & Roseanne Sinclair  
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Email: mail@sinclairempire.com





# A Early History of Number Plates in Queensland

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Queensland first introduced registration numbers on 10th September 1906. Early registration plates were not provided by the Government, but generally made by the car owner or local garage and were made from a variety of materials including tin, wood or leather.

The first plate A1 was assigned to A. Carmichael of Peel Street, South Brisbane. Different Towns in Queensland were allocated different prefix letters:



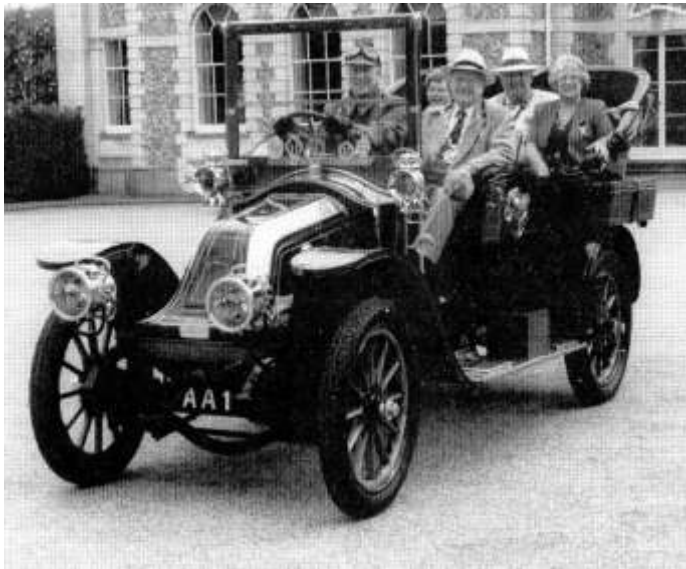
A **Brisbane**, B Rockhampton, C Toowoomba ,D Townsville, E Ipswich, F Maryborough, G Warwick, H Cairns, J Bundaberg, K Mackay, M Clermont, N Gympie, P Hughenden, R Dalby and Redcliffe.

On 1st July 1921, the system changed and the first Q plate appeared and issued to James McGuire of the Newmarket Hotel for his 1921 Crossley and Q7 went to George Perry of Windermere rd., Hamilton for his Wolseley. These first Q plates had both the Q and the numerals painted white on a black background. From 1st April 1925, the Q was painted black on a white background and the numerals remained white. Most

existing Q plates were then repainted so that the Q was painted black to keep the system standard.

Year of issue: 1921 Q1, 1922 Q8-183, 1923 Q13-923, 1924 Q21-435, 1925 Q32-725, 1926 Q47-921, 1927 Q67-736 1928, Q86-510 1929, Q104-716 The system continued with 6 numerals after the Q until the last plate Q687-612 was issued on 31st May 1955.

*In 1985 the Qld. MRD in a fit of frenzy had a big Auction of legally reissued Q1 to Q100 plates plus other number combinations likely to appeal to people who wanted a date to go with their car, (Q1948) or model type such as a Porsche (Q356) thus possibly tainting the historical significance of the few cars that still carried an original Q plate. On top of this you also paid \$500 to \$1000 transfer fee!*



*1905 Renault owned by the AA in the UK since 1965. They also own AA-1 and AA-3 which they bought from the Winchester Council*

The first numberplate registered in the UK was A-1. The idea of number plates didn't originate in the UK but was an idea adopted from the Dutch. The very first number plate ever registered was the "A1"

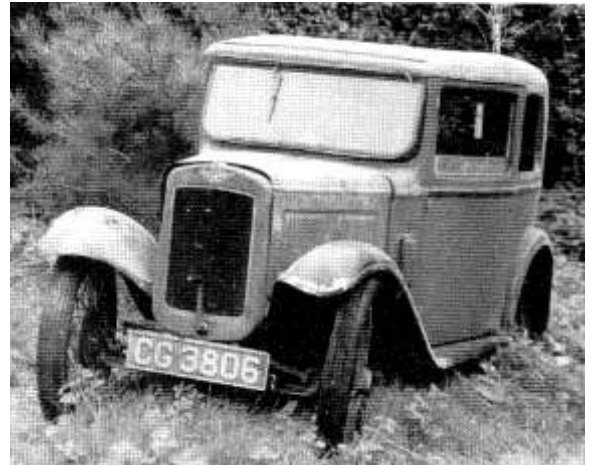


plate. When the system was first introduced in 1903 thanks to the Motor Car Act of that year, this now famous plate was claimed by the

*A dormant Austin 7 box Saloon still carries its 1933 registration plates*

Earl Russell. Or rather, it was claimed by his butler, who was commanded to queue overnight at the London County Council to receive it. The A1 plate still remains an intensely collectable item, currently belonging to the brother of the Sultan of Brunei. The first plates ever issued in the USA were released by Massachusetts in 1903. They gave drivers porcelain plates, as this was before the invention of metal stamped plates. The numbers began with one and this first license plate was issued to Fredrick Tudor.

*Article "borrowed" from the Cairns "Bearing Chatter" who also "borrowed" it from the VCCAQ "Torque" magazine.*

## **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 or found that item you wanted PLEASE do tell the Editor.

### **FOR SALE 1929 Austin 7 Chummy Tourer**



Restored 1929 Chummy, valves lapped head skimmed and new head gasket 2 months ago. Full set of side curtains, upholstery 9 1/2, paint 10/10, engine 9 1/2. Tyres plenty of tread but old. Drives nicely. Fun baby Austin! Have various spares for the car also, including books and manuals. I bought it from Windsor, Sydney about 25 yrs ago. \$19,900

Contact John Davies at "Braeside", 3964 Esk-Kingaroy Rd, HAZLEDEAN QLD 4515 0407141845.

### **FOR SALE 1929 Austin 7 Chummy Tourer**



Our Austin 7 is for sale and \$16,000 is our hope figure. The original restoration was done by Bob Hopkins in the mid seventies. It hasn't done a real lot of work. We did the A7 National Rallies

at Mudgee and at Toowoomba, and occasional runs locally. We are "downsizing" our residence.

Attached are some photos taken in 2017. Please contact Dennis & Lyn Gillbard, 26 Cawdor Road HIGHFIELDS QLD 4352 Phone 07 4630 8228 EMAIL [dgillbar@bigpond.net.au](mailto:dgillbar@bigpond.net.au)



## **FOR SALE 1928/32 Austin 7 Sports Special.**

12 months Qld. Historic rego., and a truck load of spares. "Pig sty" racing engine (England – Google them. <https://pigsty-racing.com/>) with billet crank, Carello style rods, Honda pistons, sports cam, alloy head. aluminium flywheel, and high volume / high pressure oiling system. 4 speed. New radiator and new Blockley tyres. All built by Joe. Come and see if you can fit in!! \$20,000 neg.



Contact Joe Wilson 07 3378 5379 [jbwilson62@optusnet.com.au](mailto:jbwilson62@optusnet.com.au)

## **FOR SALE 1938 Austin "Big 7" Tourer**

Painted red with black mudguards and cream seats and black folding hood.

Restored by Trevor Hebblewhite (motor, brakes, differential and gearbox reconditioned ) Brand new hood, done when car reconditioned., new tires fitted. Car called "Big Red" also "Red Back" Currently on QLD. Historic plates QH3664.

Owned by the Leach family for over 15 years. Price \$12,000 but negotiable. (cont'd over)

(from previous page) Please contact Maggie Leach (daughter of owner) on 0432 575 633.

email [maggiemai69@gmail.com](mailto:maggiemai69@gmail.com)



**For Sale Ruby running board covers** (for 1934 to 39 Austin 7 with painted radiator cowl, not chrome radiator models)

Ken Bell bought a pair of rubber running board covers for his 1934 Box Saloon, not realising the new ones he ordered from Melbourne are for the Ruby which was introduced later in 1934. Ken is now a motivated seller and can be contacted on 0428 458 575 should your Ruby have need of a new set of lovely running boards.. He lives at Stretton, on Brisbane's Southside



**Wanted Ruby model Austin 7 Speedo** (drum type, rather than needle type). 63mm across the Bezel. Please contact Ron Anderson of Maryborough on Mobile: 0490 795 079 or Email: [ronand0647@icloud.com](mailto:ronand0647@icloud.com)

**For Sale Austin 7 Cylinder Head Gaskets** - Made of Klingerite 1000 to early (low compression) pattern, can be trimmed for later head if needed. Price \$35 each plus post or \$150 for a pack of 5 plus post. Telephone John Smith (0480 274 512) Cooran, Nth. Sunshine Coast. (I also have 5 left at home at Aspley, will bring to meeting- Tim Braby)

**Note Mike Hawthorne's "Coleman's Drive" book has now been sold.**

## Photos from the Archives - The Sinclair Chummy's Early Days



1962 - The "Bomb" Taylor street, Wanganui, NI,  
New Zealand

(all photos copyright of Nick Sinclair)



Xmas 1956 Young Bren Driving Nick and Jan on  
the sands at Sandy Bay, Northland

(The car is registered and NZ has always had a  
yearly Warrant of fitness test.)

### ***The Mighty Atoms!***



Kay Petre and her fellow Austin Racing Team mentioned on page 6 of this newsletter. Kay was a star at the legendary English Brooklands track, and the exploits of this 4' 10" lady caused a media sensation at the time. The abiding image of Kay is a tiny woman seated in a huge 10.5 litre V12 Delage.

Lord Austin had given Kay Petre a place in his works Austin racing team, appointing her to drive the blown side-valve car while the men raced the Jamieson twin-cam Austins. As an official Austin driver Kay chalked-up notable successes for the Birmingham manufacturer.

**I hope to bring you a full account of Kay's career next Newsletter.**

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