



Centenary Event News - 10th July 2021

Dear Austin Seven Enthusiast,

I am writing on behalf of the organising team to bring you the latest news about the Austin Seven Centenary Event - which is taking place from **July 19th to 24th 2022** at the Fire Service College, Moreton in Marsh, Gloucestershire.

We start with a plea from Hugh Barnes, who is the Archivist of the Austin Seven Clubs' Association.



ARCHIVE DISPLAYS AT THE CENTENARY

Those of you who have been following the planning of the Centenary Event will know by now that the group organizing the gathering are working their hardest to make the celebration as extraordinary as possible. We are making sure every aspect is planned to the highest possible standard and want to make it an event that will live long in the minds of those that attend.



[Top left: August 1923 Small Car Handicap, 3rd prize. Top Right: Austin dealer bronze wall plaque. Bottom Left: Austin Golden Jubilee 1905-1955. Bottom Right: Bert Hadley, Edinburgh Trial 1937]

Again, those of you who have been keeping abreast of developments will be aware that, as Archivist, I am responsible for delivering an Archive display at the Centenary Event the like of which has not been seen before. I am planning a number of different strands to the displays, all of which will require considerable planning, items sourcing, layouts designed and finally displays assembled in a short space of time and dismantled in an even shorter space of time.

Clearly, this is not a job for one.

I am writing today to appeal to a number of you who would like to play a part in delivering the displays; who would like to help plan and design them and bear some of the responsibility for assembling them. Ideally, I am looking for a team of 5 or 6 volunteers, each of whom would take responsibility for one section of the display and ultimately put together their own merry band of helpers who would be responsible for the assembly and dismantling of the displays. Ideally, you may have had some experience in putting on similar displays and can contribute to the 'ideas' phase when we start planning in earnest.

This is a genuine appeal and as I say, not a job that can be done by one, I will need help. The whole ethos of the event is one of organized by enthusiasts, for enthusiasts and the event will only be a success by the hard work and enthusiasm of those volunteers.

Please, if you have an interest in the task and joining in the volunteer spirit of the organizing team, do get in touch with me, by sending an email to archivist@a7ca.org. In the first instance, I suggest that we could arrange a Zoom meeting that I will invite all interested parties to attend to discuss the project.

Hugh Barnes
Association Archivist



TRADE STANDS AT THE CENTENARY EVENT - NO CHARGE

Owning an Austin Seven would be a far less attractive proposition were it not for the 'cherished suppliers' who help to keep us on the road. We are hoping that many of them will be peddling their wares during the Centenary Event week - and we also hope that you will make it very much worth their while to be there by purchasing lots of bits and pieces!

For those wishing to have a trade stand for Austin Seven-related items, there will be NO CHARGE for the stand area - which, within reason, can be tailored in size to individual needs. Traders will need to purchase an entry ticket and will be required to pay the going rate for either camping or staying in the on-site accommodation. We trust that Traders will appreciate this gesture and make every effort to join us at Moreton in Marsh.



CAR LOAN SCHEME

As we have so many new subscribers to these newsletters I thought it worthwhile to repeat the information about this scheme - and to say that we are now ready to receive requests from those who would like to arrange to borrow a Seven for the duration of the Centenary Event.

Those coming from abroad have the option to ship their cars to the U.K. but of course this is not something that everyone will wish to contemplate.

We therefore have a 'Loan Scheme' to enable overseas-based A7 owners to have the use of an Austin Seven at the Centenary. No money will be involved but suitable insurance and safeguards will be in place.



U.K. owners with more than one Austin Seven are invited to join the loan scheme by contacting Chris Garner (ulster29@hotmail.co.uk. 07774 780293).

Prospective borrowers will be required to provide references from their local A7 club, proof of A7 ownership in their home country, and a copy of their driving licence and insurance certificate. They will need to have the use of another vehicle (presumably a hire car) during their visit. RH Insurance will then be contacted to provide U.K insurance cover during the loan period.

Please let Chris know if you can lend an Austin Seven - or if you would like to borrow one.



BOOKINGS WILL OPEN 'IN SEPTEMBER'

The online booking form for the Centenary Event is expected to go live some time in September 2021. Slightly unfortunately, without our prior knowledge, it has been stated in some publications as being set to open on September 1st but this may not be correct. We do not yet know the date as there is a huge task underway to build the booking system and we cannot be certain yet about the exact date it will be ready to use.

As a subscriber to this newsletter you will be the first to be told the exact date on which the bookings will open. The date will also be published on the event website.

We will give you as much notice as possible.



NATIONAL AUSTIN SEVEN RALLY

The rally was held at Beaulieu last weekend and was a huge success. Entries were well up on recent years and it was clear that everyone was simply delighted to be there.

As promised, we held an informal gathering of the Centenary Event organisers who attended the rally and quite a number of people came to have a chat about what will be happening in July 2022 - all of it exciting!

I was doing the photography at the rally and you can see the fun and games here:

Winners

<https://flic.kr/s/aHsmWdv3Df>

Driving Tests

<https://flic.kr/s/aHsmW97Q3Y>

Cars & Displays

<https://flic.kr/s/aHsmW8CdLd>

People & Friends

<https://flic.kr/s/aHsmWdupZP>



"SEND THREE-AND-FOURPENCE, WE'RE GOING TO A DANCE..."

You remember the old game of 'Chinese Whispers' - where a message is passed from person to person and ends up as something totally different to how it started out. The more people it passes through, the more distorted it becomes. In the above case, 'Send reinforcements, we're going to advance'.

The reason for mentioning this is that, almost inevitably, there are the odd chinese whispers that start up around aspects of the Centenary Event and while social media is a blessing for getting messages across, it can be a curse if those messages are incorrect!

So this is just to say - In relation to the Centenary Event, if something isn't on the event website, or it hasn't been put on social media or internet forums by me or by someone who identifies themselves as part of the organising team, it may very well not be entirely accurate...

If in doubt you can always check with us by emailing: info@a7centenary.com

Kind regards,

Nick Salmon

For The Austin Seven Centenary Organising Team.

Spread the word! Please forward this email on to any other A7 owners that you know.

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THE AUSTIN 7 CENTENARY CELEBRATION

19th - 24th July 2022

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

Our mailing address is:

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