
"THE LIGHT SHAFT"

November 2025



The editor pondering an engine replacement for his 7

Photo Russell Dickson

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

1-2	Sat-Sun			126 th Lake Goldsmith Steam Rally
4	Tues			Melbourne Cup Day
5	Wed	7	A	M.G.M./ Election Sub-Committees Delegates /Spares
7	Fri	7		Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven
8	Sat	7		Spares/B.B.Q.
7-9	Fri-Sun			VHRR Historic Sandown
12	Wed			Historic Winton Sub-Committee Meeting
14-16	Fri-Sun			Supercars Sandown
15	Sat			Doug Veel Remembrance Day
15-16	Sat-Sun			Bendigo National Swap Meet
16	Sun		S	33 rd Rob Roy Historic & Classic Hill Climb MGCC
17	Mon			<i>AOMC Delegates Meeting</i>
19	Wed	7	A	H.A.S./Spares - Speaker John Bennett Mobile Sheep Shearing
22	Sat	7		Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven
19-23	Wed-Sun			Energy Breakthrough - Maryborough
26	Wed			Committee Meeting
28-30	Fri-Sun		S	Geelong Revival Motoring Festival
30	Sun			MSCA Come & Try Day – Phillip Island

**THE MAILER IN DECEMBER WILL INCLUDE YOUR
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

**Please read the Renewal Form carefully and correct any entries that
are incorrect and PLEASE add your email address if there isn't one.**

DECEMBER

3	Wed	7	A	M.G.M./Spares
5	Fri	7		Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven
6	Sat	7		Spares/B.B.Q
7	Sun	7	A	Year End Luncheon – Mulgrave Country Club
10	Wed			Historic Winton Sub-Committee Meeting
12	Fri	7		Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven
17	Wed	7	A	H.A.S./Spares/Christmas Pudding/Awards Night
20	Sat			First Day of Summer School Holidays
25	Thurs			Christmas Day
26	Fri			Boxing Day

JANUARY 2026

1	Thurs			New Years Day
11	Sun			Korumburra Swap Meet
14	Wed			Committee Meeting
17-18	Sat-Sun	S		Sandown Revival
18	Sun	A		RACV Redkite AOMC Festival of Motoring – Cruden Farm
19	Sun			76 th ANNIVERSARY OF AUSTIN 7 CLUB
21	Wed	7	A	Picnic in the Park
26	Mon			Australia Day
27	Mon			Last Day of Summer School Holidays
28	Wed	7		Historic Winton Sub-Committee

Club Calendar Information

- A** Event counts towards the 750 Shield and Frank Walter Trophy
- S** Event counts towards the Sprint, Hillclimb and Doc Grosvenor trophies
- 7** An event conducted by the Austin 7 Club

Spares Hours Saturday - 12:00 Noon to 2:30pm

Spares Hours for MGM. - 7:30pm to 8:00pm sharp

Spares Hours for Hot Air Session. - 7:30pm to 9:00pm sharp

To all of you who have a car under the Club Permit Scheme.

Check your date of EXPIRY of your Permit.

ALSO check ALL details - including expiry date, addresses etc.

When paying ALWAYS retain your receipt.

Keep a scanned copy of your receipt with your logbook.

Please get a My VicRoads Account.

A My VicRoads Account also assures you of an email reminder for renewal of all your car registrations, permits and Drivers Licence.

Check your My VicRoads Account to ensure that your CPS cars appear - you may need to take some additional action, for this to happen, but it is worthwhile.

**THE AUSTIN 7 CLUB ROOMS AND CLUB SPARES
are located at**

UNIT 8/9, 19-23, KYLIE PLACE, CHELTENHAM NORTH.

All correspondence to the Secretary:

Austin 7 Club Inc. PO Box 462, MOORABBIN VIC 3189

Please do not send mail to the clubrooms

Spares are open:-

M.G.M. from 7.30 p.m. to 8.00 p.m. sharp

H.A.S. from 7.30 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. and

Saturday following the M.G.M. between 12:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m.

(OR the following Saturday if the former clashes with a Club Event)

Spares can be ordered by mail from:

Janne and Robert Humphreys, at mailorderparts@austin7club.org

LIGHTSHAFT COPY CLOSING

Copy for December Lightshaft **closes** late on

Monday 17 November 2025.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I am writing this from the National Rally. At our October MGM meeting we also had an: AGM, SGM(1) and SGM(2). We progressed through the AGM with the Presidents Report, which covered all sections of our Club. Our Financial Review from Treasurer, Paul Goethel was not presented at this time (as our books have not yet been finalised). Therefore, it has been deferred to our November meeting. In the SGM(1) elections were held for the General Committee and all current members were re-elected. The OST formula remained unchanged and was accepted as it stands. In the SGM(2) Membership fees were proposed to increase slightly (to cover rises in insurance, utilities and maintenance of our properties) and this was voted on. Lightshaft and A7CA (UK) magazines also increased slightly due to increased postage costs. A show of hands resulted in these being passed, with one against.

Well, it's already November and Christmas is just around the corner. We have had a lot of events recently. The Rolls Royce Drive/Be Driven Day was well attended with 12 members and their Austin 7s. Our Annual Rally to celebrate the Clubs 75th anniversary at "The Briars" was likewise well attended. Bev Logan's Memorial afternoon with her family at Red Hill was a lovely celebration of her life. It was an incredible afternoon with so many friends in attendance for such a special lady. Two days later we all took off for the National Rally at Murray Bridge. The Logan clan drove multiple cars there and their trip was most eventful (just ask them). The Austin 7 Club of South Australia put on a fabulous week. Their organisational skills were to be admired. Philosophies of: "Keeping it simple" and: "Less is More" was very evident. There were around 90 cars of all descriptions that took over Murray Bridge, Strathalbyn, Tailem Bend and visited Monarto Safari Park. It was a gathering from all parts of Australia and demonstrated that our hobby is alive and well.

If not mentioned elsewhere in this edition, just a reminder that there is a

Remembrance afternoon for our longtime member, Doug Veel on Saturday 15th November at 2pm.

So, get out and drive in 2025.

Glynis Gibbons President

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We are pleased to welcome the following to the Austin 7 Club.

Whilst Scott Ballan from Batesford just out of Geelong has a wide variety of historic vehicles, he is missing an Austin 7. He has joined as an Associate Member and with a number of Austin 7s currently for sale we hope he will be adding one of our favourite cars to his fleet soon.

It was good to have Daniel Cheesman take part in the National Rally at Murray Bridge in his parent's green Sports. With Colin's roadster breaking down on Day1, both seats of the Sports were full for the rest of the Rally. Those who attended the Castlemaine Pub Crawl in 2023 were treated to a visit to Daniel's home and spectacular gardens at McKenzie Hill just out of Castlemaine.

After quite a number of years away from the Club, Janet Clarke from Maldon has rejoined. She has a blue 1926 Chummy.

Welcome to you all.

Russell

EDITOR'S NOTES

For Editor's Notes, please see Page 31, as it got bumped out by a glitch in communications sent to an email address completely unknown to Editor.

Please always us editor@austin7club.org

SECRETARY'S REPORT

So, I'm back for another year. Thank you to everyone for choosing not to nominate anyone else for my role on the committee. I hope this is because you're happy with the job I've done and not just because nobody else wants to do it.

I've been somewhat remiss in adding content to Lightshaft, and although I don't want to set too many expectations, I hope that this is the first of a string of articles I'll be submitting. I'll try to cover some of the parts of my role as Secretary, but also mention some of the other interests I have outside of the club. This is a much longer article than I anticipate writing in future, but brevity in writing has never been one of my strong points.




As you're all aware, we didn't have the opportunity to present the financial reports at the AGM last month. Since the AGM the committee has received the un-audited reports and once audited they will be presented to the club. A huge thank you to Paul for getting this sorted and then to Robert for questioning one of the values, finding the issue and getting it resolved before it got to the auditors. Overall the club

seems to be in good financial health, but we need to ensure we maintain this position in case one of our income streams falters.

This month I completed my first season as an OST official. The start of the season had a significant learning curve, especially about the rules, but I'm feeling comfortable with my ability as a judge of fact at the events and I appreciated the chance to undertake the event secretary role for one event. I've still got more to learn and intend to continue this in coming seasons. For those who haven't been to an OST for a while (or ever) I highly encourage you to come along next year and support this unique, historic sport. OSTs have been a part of the club since shortly after its inception; I'm still trying to verify it, but there is a chance we're the 3rd oldest

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motorsport championship in the world with the  oldest being Turismo Carretera in Argentina which was started in August 1937 and second oldest being Formula 1 which started in May 1950. I have found records of our first trial in October 1950, but I am yet to locate the exact date we formalised the event into a championship.

That leads me into another task I've undertaken over the last couple of months; the club calendar. I submitted an initial draft to the committee in late September and published version 1 before the end of the month. As happens with these documents, I'm already up to version 6, but it's ready for publication on the website if it hasn't already made it up there. I've tried to stay true to the amazing format Robert has developed over the years, but added a start time and location to most events; I've also added a revision history at the end so you don't have to hunt for changes.



Those of you with keen eyes will see that I've included Formula SAE-A in the calendar along with the Energy Breakthrough event. Whilst we all love our historic vehicles we also need to look to the future and support the next generations.

I'm sure much has been said about Energy Breakthrough in the past, and I'd love for us to be able to provide some volunteers to help the education of the younger generations for their future events. Similarly, the university students involved in Formula SAE-A could always do with



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some help. Formula SAE-A is run by the Society of Automotive Engineers – Australasia and is held at Calder Park each year. Perhaps next year we can provide a team of Motorsport Australia accredited officials to help with the Technical Inspection/Scrutineering roles.

Speaking of Motorsport Australia accreditation, I recently passed my Bronze Fire/Rescue event assessment which means I'm now permitted to undertake fire/rescue activities at Motorsport Australia events without supervision. Normally the fire/rescue assessments are based on historical observation as fires and rescue operations are relatively infrequent. This wasn't the case for me with a critical incident happening last on the Sunday afternoon. Throughout the incident we discharged several fire extinguishers (for fire prevention) and had the vehicle based firefighting foam supply on standby throughout the entire recovery operation. I was also heavily involved in the removal of the doors and part of the rollcage from the car and then the extraction of the driver whilst still in his seat. Thankfully the driver has been released from hospital and is intending to return to racing as soon as possible.

I've also signed up for my Bronze Circuit event assessment at the upcoming VHRR Historic Sandown event and I am applying for Course Presenter accreditation soon with a view to hosting a General Official's course at the clubrooms for our members.

In other club related news, as well as being affiliated with Association of Motoring Clubs (AOMC); Federation of Veteran, Vintage and Classic Vehicle Clubs (Federation); and Motorsport Australia (formerly CAMS), we are now a founding member of Historic Motorsport Promoters (HMP). HMP has been started by VHRR, HSRCA, SCCSA, HRCC, Motorsports Tasmania and Austin 7 Club as a non-sanctioning body aligned group to promote historic motorsports and ensure the continuation of historic motorsports events. As part of establishing this association I will be

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compiling the calendar and helping all clubs involved to understand how everyone plans their event dates with the hope we'll have better distribution of events throughout the year.



I'd like to congratulate my wife (Michelle) on successfully competing in two hillclimbs recently. Michelle entered in the VSCC Vintage Hillclimb in September and was grouped into the "Austin

7 Racing" class with a Model T; I'm pleased to say she beat it by more than 10 seconds! Then it was off to Mt Tarrengower for a weekend of fun where Michelle competed in the hillclimb and I ended up as an official at the paddock entry. There were a couple of issues with the car, but they were resolved with help from fellow Austin 7 owners David Bishop, Dallas Bassett, Mark Sycamnias, Brent Sutherland and Walter Raschle; but once they were resolved her times improved by 10 seconds per run.

Speaking of Mt Tarrengower, our very own Walter Raschle was awarded the Sportsman Award for going "above and beyond" at the event. Nominations for the award can be made by anybody attending the event and anybody at the event can be nominated. Walter turned up to put his chummy on display, but ended up helping all the Austin 7 owners fix issues with their cars from cooling issues to battery issues and even replacing wheelnuts.



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Although I'll be officiating at the Supercars, Michelle's entered the upcoming 33rd Rob Roy Historic and Classic Hillclimb on 16th November. The OST group will also be demonstrating their cars and skills at this event, so please head along and show your support everyone involved.



My other achievement since the last Lightshaft was sprung upon me at the last minute and meant I had to miss the RROCA Drive and be Driven Day. Quite a while ago I expressed interest in undertaking the Radio Operators course for the CFA incident control centre; on Grand Final eve I got a message that there would be a course on the Sunday morning. In short, I'm now approved to operate one of the

radio workstations at a CFA ICC on days of Extreme and Catastrophic fire danger and during major incidents. Key parts of this role are tracking vehicle and strike-team movements, logging all radio communications, clearly communicating across multiple radio channels simultaneously and keeping incident controllers informed of critical information. The CFA is in desperate need of additional radio operators, so if it's something that you'd consider then feel free to have a chat to me about it any time.

A WARNING, IN ADVANCE

DO NOT THROW OUT YOUR MAILER IN DECEMBER?

It will have a RENEWAL OF MEMBERSHIP form attached.

More Photos and news on the website

www.austin7club.org/

And you can check for up-to-date information on events and news.

VALE - BASIL VAN DONGEN

Long time Austin 7 enthusiast and club member Basil van Dongen passed away on

8th of October, peacefully at Baw Baw Views nursing home in Moe., after a long battle with severe Alzheimer disease.

A small service at St Mary's Church in Trafalgar was followed by a private cremation.

Basil was a busy member of our Club, serving 6 years on Committee, as Membership Secretary in 1984 and 1985, Competition Secretary in 1995, and Club Secretary for 1996 to 1997. He also served on a number of Sub-Committees.

He was a frequent supplier of Renault parts to Club Spares.

Competing, for many years, racing the Dalshaw Austin 7, always being urged to drive faster, he was regularly accused of being a mobile chicane.

COMING EVENTS



Monthly General Meeting Wednesday 5 November 2025

A host of special events, and partnerships have resulted in a change of pace for the Club, so come and hear about how everyone has reacted to these events and whether you can help to make them happen, or would like to attend next time.

COMING EVENTS

Monthly General Meeting – Election of Sub-committees and Delegates

At the November Monthly General Meeting it is proposed to form all 2026 sub-committees, other than Historic Winton sub-committee, and nominate club delegates for the coming year.

Nominations are invited for positions on the Sub-Committees and as Delegates.

Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven - Friday 7 November 2025

Did the National Rally reveal some loving care that is needed, some help required, and guidance, and a batch of enthusiastic advisors.

Spares / BBQ Saturday 8 November 2025

Time to talk about your ambitions over a nice snag.

Some searching in Club Spares may reveal an update that your Austin is begging for, or perhaps just a few parts for regular maintenance.

Doug Veel Remembrance Day. (Life Member)

The Club will hold a remembrance gathering for Doug at the club rooms
Saturday 15th November 2025 commencing at 2pm

All members are encourage to attend bring along photos and anything else that represents your connection with Doug and the club including stories of shared experiences.

**Please spread the news of the occasion
between current and past members**

RSVP: John McMillan

Email : mcmillanjp9@bigpond.com

Mobile 0408 994 510 "

COMING EVENTS

BENDIGO NATIONAL SWAP MEET

Saturday/Sunday 15-16 November 2025

The Bendigo National Swap Meet is one of Australia's largest swap meets. It has been held in Bendigo every year since 1975.



The Swap is owned by the Federation of Veteran Vintage and Classic Clubs of Victoria and managed by the Veteran, Vintage and Classic Club Bendigo.

Federation member clubs from around Victoria and some service clubs in Bendigo provide additional voluntary assistance. Catering is provided by the Rotary Clubs of Bendigo.

From the Swap income the Federation supports 115 clubs with trophy donations and grants for equipment, picnic days, displays, and meeting expenses.

33rd Rob Roy Historic & Classic Hillclimb Sunday 16 November 2025

At the time of its construction, Rob Roy was one of only three bitumen surfaced purpose built hillclimbs in the world, the other two being **Shelsley Walsh** and **Prescott** (UK).

Its origins go back to 1935, when representatives from the then [Light Car Club of Australia](#) inspected the property known as **Clinton's Pleasure Grounds**, with a view to establishing a suitable venue for the hillclimb meetings.



COMING EVENTS

Hot Air Session / Spares Wednesday 19 November 2025

Should be a special evening, as we have a guest speaker.

John Bailey - Mobile Shearing shed

John will speak about his involvement in designing, planning and building a 5 stand mobile shearing shed on a semi- trailer.

This shearing shed is located on a Station Property in central South Australia.



Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven - Saturday 22 November 2025

Why not come along and catch up with some friends, check the progress on the many rebuilds, rejuvenations and repairs.

It's very likely that you may realise that you could adopt a new skill, in a well equipped workplace, with others to provide support.

Perhaps you will see a new solution to a mechanical issue.

PARKING AT CLUBROOMS

In the interests of all members could those attending meetings please park only ***in the marked spaces***. Please leave the forecourt for ***AUSTIN 7s ONLY*** and any ***handicapped members***, and please make access available for those ***delivering or collecting*** goods or club equipment.

DO NOT OBSTRUCT ACCESS TO OTHER UNITS

COMING EVENTS



In previous years we have had a contingent of competitors ever since it was called Geelong Sprints, then after the “revival”, we have had a small contingent who have enjoyed the event.

More recently the Club has had some displays, usually aimed at promoting the Club and Historic Winton.

Now is the time to volunteer to create a good display, so it is not a last ditch effort, and so that it gives a good boost to the many motoring enthusiasts who may be interested in OUR historic competition event, HISTORIC WINTON 2026.

Monthly General Meeting Wednesday 3 December 2025

Hear all the news of events that have happened recently, have your say about the conduct of the Club, and how the planning is going for the coming year.

Perhaps it is your time to consider how you can help more in the conduct of events, or participate.

Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven - Friday 5 December 2025

Perhaps now is the time to give your Austin a run, see how others are working on their cars, and perhaps get advice on any of those little “niggles” that have been annoying you, or your car.

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Spares / BBQ Saturday 6 December 2025

Time to share some stories with other members, or simply give your Austin a run, and buy it some Christmas presents.

Some searching in Club Spares may reveal an update that your Austin is begging for, or perhaps just a few parts for regular maintenance.

A7 Club Christmas Lunch 2025

Mulgrave Country Club

Sunday 7 December 2025 in

Panorama Room



Seniors Soup, Mains & Dessert – and

vegetarian option to be available upon notification prior to the lunch

Soup of the day with fresh bread roll; Turkey Breast & Champagne Ham house made stuffing, Gravy, Cranberry Sauce and Seasonal Vegetables & Plum Pudding with Brandy Custard - including red and white wine per alternate table, other drinks at bar prices with complimentary tea and coffee and Christmas decor

COST AT \$25 PER PERSON

INTENTION TO ATTEND WAS REQUIRED BY October HAS

ronandhelencrellin@bigpond.com

Ron and Helen CRELLIN

Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven - Friday 12 December 2025

Why not give your Austin 7 some Christmas sparkle, perhaps a present of new oil, polish, or tighten its nuts.

Plum Pudding Night HAS - **Wednesday 17 December 2025**

at the Clubrooms - a further chance to celebrate a great year.

Annual Presentations of Club Awards and Aggregate Trophies will occur.

A chance to have plum pudding, with friends, or fruit salad for those who prefer an alternate celebratory feed.

Time for a Christmas Break



AOMC/RACV Festival of Motoring

CRUDEN FARM - Sunday 18 January 2026

Our ambition to get 75 Austin 7s at last year's event was close to achievement, this year it is on the day before our Club's 76th birthday.

We still hope to make a particular impact at Cruden Farm.

Polish up your Austin 7, and keep an eye on your emails about what is being organized, and how to book your site with AOMC, and ALSO advise our Club that you are coming.

Further detail in December Lightshaft.



THE ASSOCIATION OF
MOTORING CLUBS

Festival of Motoring at Cruden Farm **Sunday 18th January 2026**

Open to all Historic, Veteran, Vintage, and Classic vehicles over 25 years old.
Club displays welcome
A Celebration of Motoring Throughout the Decades.



- Cruden Farm, Cranbourne Frankston Rd, Langwarrin
- The McClelland Drive gates open for display vehicles from 9am
- \$20 Entry for display cars (includes passengers)
- Spectator entry and car park off Cranhaven Rd.
- Spectator Admission \$10 per person, Children free
- All profits from this event will be donated to Redkite
- Childrens Entertainment, Music, Food & Trophies



Presented by the Association of Motoring Clubs in association with RACV
For further details contact 0472 832 277
www.aomc.asn.au and aomc facebook

COMING EVENTS

PICNIC IN THE PARK - Wednesday 21st. January 2026

Start from 6pm if not before.

Where: 40-50 Glenelg Dr, Mentone VIC 3194.

Directions: Either from Lower Dandenong Rd or by Warrigal Rd by the traffic lights at Voltri Street.

The reserve is located around an ornamental lake with lots of water birds. There is a shelter with tables and BBQ plus another shelter with tables, basketball court, shaded and unshaded seats scattered about the area, toilets, water taps, grassy area with football goal posts at one end and a soccer goal at the other and a big tennis wall. Picnic tables, chairs and dogs allowed. Grandchildren also allowed.

BYO everything.

There's plenty of Car parking along Glenelg Drive. As usual if the weather is against us, the meeting will be adjourned to the clubrooms. Watch the website or emails for changes.

Mentone Racecourse Reserve is a small part of what was one of the great racecourses of Melbourne. It opened in 1888 and held meetings until 1948. It was used as a training track by many prominent race horses until 1972 when it was redeveloped as housing.

John Shiells

EDITOR's NOTE More details next month.

Florence Thomson Tour 1 - 3 May 2026

This event conducted by the AOMC is a brilliant opportunity for many of the female drivers to drive their favoured historic vehicles.

See AOMC website for more information - BUT— BE WARNED - You may be too late.

COMING EVENTS

TASMANIA AUSTIN 7 TOUR - March 2026

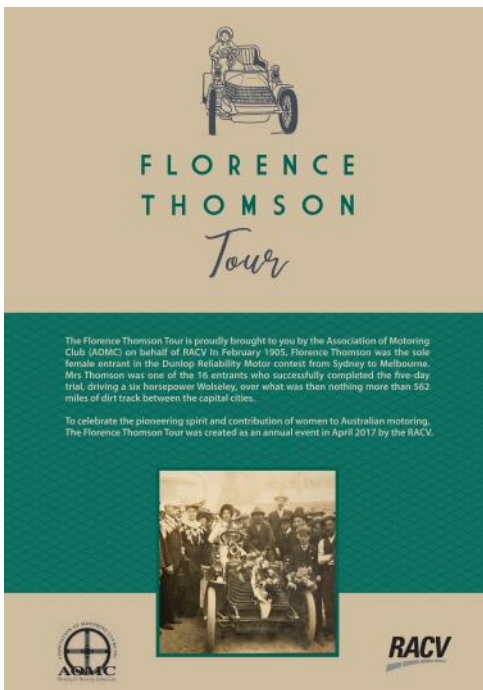
Calling for adventurous Austin drivers to a week of fun in Tasmania next March. Bruce and I are intending to organise a trip over on the ferry, then a week or so of driving around visiting lots of Tassie's delights. I have no pricing or details yet, but we will need to book the ferry when bookings open in early May. I will need expressions of interest now, then a follow up of money to hold the ferry.

Can you please reply and I will set up a signal group for all future plans and details. No need to bore all the members (or drive them nuts with envy!!)

Sue and Bruce McGorlick

bsmcgorlick@gmail.com

0409 172 140 (Sue) OR 0400 627 926 (Bruce)



The poster for the Florence Thomson Tour features a vintage car at the top. Below it, the text "FLORENCE THOMSON" is written in a serif font, with "Tour" in a cursive script. A paragraph of text describes the tour's history, mentioning the Association of Motoring Club (AOMC) and RACV. A small photograph of a group of people in vintage attire is shown in the bottom center. The AOMC logo is in the bottom left, and the RACV logo is in the bottom right.

FLORENCE THOMSON
Tour

The Florence Thomson Tour is proudly brought to you by the Association of Motoring Club (AOMC) on behalf of RACV in February 1905, Florence Thomson was the sole female entrant in the Dunlop Reliability Motor contest from Sydney to Melbourne. Mrs Thomson was one of the 12 entrants who successfully completed the five-day trial, driving a six horsepower Wolseley, over what was then nothing more than 562 miles of dirt track between the capital cities.

To celebrate the pioneering spirit and contribution of women to Australian motoring, The Florence Thomson Tour was created as an annual event in April 2017 by the RACV.

AOMC

RACV

"Good news" I have tentatively booked passage to and back from Tassie with our cars and cabins. It would make a very long day travelling during the day, so, Captains Call to travel overnight. Any violent objections need to be directed to Bruce and we can amend if necessary, but very soon. Cost of Spirit of Tasmania journey is roughly \$900 (depending on couples/singles per car, etc) per person.

Bruce says "signed Sue"

HELP NEEDED

Position Vacant – Lightshaft Advertising Manager

We need some help and I'm not just meaning psychological!

Not long ago we used to have a small amount of advertising in the Lightshaft, and we're looking to start doing this again.



"Phew! Fooling some of the people all of the time is damn hard work."

CartoonStock.com

Don't worry, we won't start advertising fast-food, streaming services or electric vehicles (although I think we could make an exception for the Austin Arrow if it's released in Australia), we'll limit ads to things that are aligned with the club and our shared interests.

If you're a retired advertising executive, currently finding your day job leaves you with spare time, looking to get into the advertising or marketing industry, or just want to help out the Club, we'd love it if you could email editor@austin7club.org and volunteer to help with sourcing and managing advertising in the Lightshaft.

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HELP NEEDED

Trophy Review Subcommittee

As mentioned at the last. MGM, we need to review the current trophies and awards presented by the Club. Since the passing of Gary Hawkins, the Club has struggled to find members to maintain scoring and coordinate the presentation of several awards and trophies. It is believed this is in part due to the complex scoring algorithms that have been implemented, but also due to changes in how we use our cars.

At the November MGM the club holds sub-committee elections. We propose the creation of a new sub-committee to review the trophies and awards. If you have an interest in how we can ensure we keep them contemporary, if you have ideas for how we can simplify scoring, or if you can help with improving methods of scoring we'd love it if you can put your hand up and get involved.



Historic Picture supplied by Tony Johns
--"Eltham 1953"

Poetry by Chat GP, 2025

OBSERVED SECTION TRIAL OST 11

Date: 21/9/25		Worri Vallock 2		OST 11		MA Permit: 325/2109/08										
Driver	Crew Member	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total Placing				
Greg Cox	Jason Stock	9	9	10	7	9	9	8	10	10	7	88	1			
Jake Filsell	Kayla Filsell	8	9	9	10	10	10	8	5	8	7	84	2			
Nathan Hunt	Luke Watson	9	9	9	9	9	10	3	9	6	6	79	3			
Stuart Schweiger	Cassie Wiersema	8	4	8	8	9	10	7	9	6	6	75	4			
Rodney Wiersema	Cassie Wiersema	7	8	5	10	9	10	8	6	4	6	73	5			
Grant Della	Gabrielle Della	8	8	8	4	9	8	7	3	8	7	70	6			
Grant Campbell	Zoe Atkins	5	8	8	4	7	4	7	2	8	8	61	7			
Michael Atkins	Tyler Hubbard	6	7	2+	3	8	5	8	5	6	6	56	8			
Dave Atkins	Ash Butler	7	5	8	3	8	DNS	7	5	4+	6	53	9			
Paul Hunt	Natalie Watson	4	4	1	3	4	7	4	2	2	6	37	10			
Jason Stock	Nakita Stock / Greg Cox	4	4	4	3+	5	2	2	2	4	6	36	11			

+ WD

Well once again we had been hoping for rain before our trial, but again we had none!

With 11 entries and 9 cars we headed into the day’s action with some new sections on some of our regular ground but done in different directions to mix things up, that saw some great action for the day.

With 5 sections completed before the lunch break then back into it for another 5 after lunch including the fun dam section which is always a spectator highlight!

OBSERVED SECTION TRIAL OST 11 Report

The podium saw Nathan Hunt and Luke Watson in 3rd place on 79 points, Jake and Kayla Filsell in 2nd place on 84 points and back to his winning form was Greg Cox and Jason Stock in 1st place on 88 points, and an 8th win of the season for Greg.

See you in the mud!

Jason



OBSERVED SECTION TRIAL OST 12

Date: 11-12/10/25		Three Bridges / Gilderoy		OST 12		MA Permit: 325/1210/01									
Driver	Crew Member	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Total	Placing	
Greg Cox	Maddison Coakley	9	8	7	4	6	9	10	9	6	4	10	82	1	
Nathan Hunt	Luke Watson	8	8	5	8	6	8	8	3	3	7	8	72	= 2	
Jake Filsell	Kayla Filsell/Glenn Linnane	9	5	6	7	6	9	5	9	3	5	8	72	= 2	
Stuart Schweiger	Cassie Wiersema	9	4	6	6	6	9	6	9	3	4	8	70	4	
Grant Campbell	Lori Filsell	10	8	3	3	6	7	6	9	4	8	5	69	5	
Cooper Schweiger	Alicia Randle	9	5	6	4	7	9	6	9	3	4	5	67	6	
Mark Filsell	Jeff Webb	9	5	3	4	6	9	9	9	3	4	5	66	7	
Michael Atkins	Tyler Hubbard	9	8	2	6	6	9	6	9	3	5	2	65	8	
Grant Della	Zoe Atkins/Gabrielle Della	8	9	2	7	6	8	6	9	3	4	2	64	= 9	
Declan Caldecoat	Paige Pateman/Camryn Hills	9	5	6	5	6	9	5	9	3	5	2	64	= 9	
Leanne Coakley	Geoff Taylor	9	4	4	5	6	9	5	1	3	7	10	63	11	
Rodney Wiersema	Cassie Wiersema	9	5	6	7	6	2	9	7	3	4	DNS	58	12	
Jason Stock	Nakita Stock	10	4	5	6	6	3	6	7	3	5	2	57	13	
Dave Atkins	Ash Butler	DNS	DNS	4	6	6	7	5	9	3	4	5	49	14	
Paul Hunt	Natalie Watson	8 +	4	3	4	6	2	2	1	3	3	2	38	15	

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Three Bridges/
Gilderoy 2 day

Well after a long and dry season we headed into our last trial of the year with a bit of chaos leading up to it!

The Three Bridges Property owner contacting us to ask if we could hold an event there before the end of the year!

With only a week before our final trial, we had to do some quick thinking to get a result to help them in their battle with the council!

Our answer, a split 2 day trial, driving at the Three Bridges property on Saturday and Gilderoy on Sunday!

With our usual

OBSERVED SECTION TRIAL OST 12

camping arrangements at Gilderoy.

After almost 2 years away from Three Bridges, it was great to get back there. The landscape had changed with some regrowth in areas, and other areas that had been cleared making for some different sections!

With 5 sections completed on day 1, we had a close competition with Nathan Hunt and Luke Watson leading the field by a single point from Greg Cox and Maddison Coakley. After holding our AGM we headed back to Gilderoy for some to set up camp for some RnR for us all.

After a drizzly and windy night, we woke to fair conditions and a bacon and egg breakfast, before heading into the final day of the season! With all 15 cars still running, we headed into the mud! With the first couple of sections dry but challenging, the mud was not far away. Slipping and sliding we went making for some fantastic action for the many spectators around!

The final podium for the season saw for the 9th time this season, Greg Cox on the top with Maddison Coakley by his side on 82 points followed by Nathan Hunt and Luke Watson along with Jake and Kayla Filsell and Glenn Linnane in a tie for 2nd on 72 points.

A big shout out to all of our directors and officials this year, Louise Schweiger, Andrew Cox, Geoff Stritch and Joanne Stritch who directed for us along with Michael Lambert and Maddie ? for officiating, to Stuart Schweiger for scrutineering along with Rodney Wiersema in training, our regular scorers Stephanie Cox and Michelle Hunt and to everyone else for helping out along the way! Thank you to our committee, Leanne Coakley, Greg Cox, Lori Filsell, Declan Caldercoat and Nakita Stock.

See you all in the mud next year!

Jason Stock

PAST EVENTS

Mt Tarrengower Hill Climb, Maldon

Mt Tarrengower Hill Climb 18th 19th October 2025

There was a good field of Austin Sevens at this year's event, made possible by the constant reminders by David Bishop that the event was fast approaching.

The multi-talented David also set up pit marquees for all of us, and assisted with Commentary over the weekend. The event had a full field again this year with 90 cars and 30 motorcycles competing. Luckily the only drama was an electrical fire in one competitor's car off the start line, which was quickly controlled by the marshalls, so the entire field got three runs in for the Sunday.

As always there were a few technical glitches through the weekend but the ever present Walter Raschle made a few trips home and kept appearing with parts to keep us all going. Parts included a top radiator hose and water inlet for Russel Dixon's car after a failure on the start line, this was followed with a cooling system check, and a new set of points with a tune up that took a whopping ten seconds off the car's best time.

The wasp driven by Brent Sutherland was unfortunately plagued by electrical issues and ended up with quite a few parts that Walter seemed to create out of thin air, including a whole distributor, points and a bespoke set of leads made up on the spot proving he really is "the Swiss Magician".

At the awards presentation at the end of the day, Walter Raschle was awarded the Sportsmanship award after many nominations from people of all car makes throughout the pits, for his advice and the willingness to help keep the competitors on the track.

PAST EVENTS

Mt Tarrengower Hill Climb, Maldon



Walter and Michelle performing repairs between races.

My goal for the weekend was to drive to the Hill Climb, compete, and drive home on both days. This was achieved with nothing more than a fuel top up on Sunday morning, purely so the gravity feed to the carburettor did not struggle with the steep angle of the mountain.

It was also a great promotion for the 2026 Historic Winton, with many entrants and spectators asking questions over the weekend about the event.

With Sandown Historics coming up in January, the promoter for that event offered free entry for any pre-war cars wanting to enter, so this could possibly be a good event to get that mothballed car out and about?

There may also be free access to pit garages, space pending.

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PAST EVENTS

Mt Tarrengower Hill Climb, Maldon

Photo Below From left to right and Times (in seconds):



Walter Raschle, display/road car - there for a good time not a fast time!

Dallas Bassett, in the race car he and his Uncle Mike built - 122.4

Michelle Scurr, in Russel Dixon's Austin 7 race car - 91.0

Mark Sycamnias, Austin seven road going Chummy - 106.4

Brent Sutherland, Austin 7 wasp Mk3 - 148.0

David Bishop, Austin 7 race car - 57.6

Mark Sycamnias

EDITOR's NOTES

This Lightshaft is very late, as explained in the “Editor’s Reality Test”, as shown on Page 7 of October Lightshaft.

The Editor has indulged himself, by publishing a front page photo, with caption, both by Russell Dickson.

My comments about that particular Rolls Royce aero engine—I fear that I would need to firstly consider the performance of the handling, and the brakes, before proceeding further. (But others would say - Robert you will never get near to finishing it - both statements, very true)

On all other points, the Rolls Royce Club Come & Try Day was a great success, and their Clubroom facility leaves little to be desired, and points to functions that deserve carefully planned improvements at our own clubrooms.

The display of RR aero engines was awe inspiring.

BUT, back to Russell’s caption, which elicited memories of Athol Lamont, the epitome of an impecunious enthusiast, who always found a bargain, in a timely manner. He was a master improviser—helped me to adapt a 750 Renault engine to my A7 sports.

He also had plans for improving power in his chummy, for family of mum Deidre and 3 small boys.

- ♦ First criteria - get an engine for \$0.
- ♦ Adapt to A7.

Potential donors - A Simca Vedette v8, required removal of bonnet sides. That was the one that got my imagination.

Others engines were installed, and tried.

However - Athol’s final solution - he ended up with a 3 cylinder Suzuki engine, which I understand it may have to this day.

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FOR SALE

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\$18,000

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Paul Egerton-Green, from WA created this bench., using chummy wheels.

Editor's note: Not sure whether it has a RWC.

Russell Dickson appeared at the Annual Austin 7 Rally with the ex-Fred Thorne car, so I thought it fitting that I publish a few historic photos of the vehicle.

In the early 1950s,



Fred was member No 2, and was made a Life Member in 1962

There was a detailed article in Australian Motor Sport, March 1954, about the car, as Fred graduated to his second sports, not nearly as successful.





Pages 2 & 40 - Seen at Annual Austin 7 Rally - "The Briars"

By Brian Gibbons & Janne Humphreys

