
"THE LIGHT SHAFT"

March 2023



This could be your project to finish.

See For Sale on Page 42

AUSTIN 7 CLUB INC. Reg No. A0003290N
P.O. BOX 462
MOORABBIN VIC 3189
<http://www.austin7club.org/>



Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/Austin-7-Club-Inc-1544252182541126/>

Bob Martin took this photo at Eddington, and suggested a title "And this is why there's a shortage of round head BSF machine screws."

PS The Editor's Ruby has a similar patch on the starter motor side, secured with about 24 screws.



My old Ruby with some mates at Lorne circa 1968. Note 9 foot 6 balsa boards on roof. This photo appeared in book Story of Australian Surfing by Murray Walding Photo David Isom

See Our Austins on Page 28 et al



Magazine of the Austin 7 Club Inc. In its 73rd year

Foundation Patron of the Club

**Col. A C R Waite,(dec.) MC, OStJ, DL, JP, Freeman of the
City of London 1894—1991., Life member of the British Racing Drivers Club.
Winner of the first Australian Grand Prix.**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

1	Wed	7	A	M.G.M./Spares
4	Sat	7		Spares/B.B.Q.
5	Sun			65 th Kalorama Rally
9/12	Thur/Sun			VHRR Phillip Island Classic
13	Mon			Labour Day
15	Wed	7	A	H.A.S./Spares
17	Fri			Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven
18/19				Rob Roy Revival Hill Climb
25	Sat		S	<i>Eddington Sprints</i>
24-26	Fri-Mon			Aussie B40 Rally VDC
26	Sun	7	A	Progressive Lunch
29	Wed	7		URRRS – King of the Mountain – Peter Brock Run
31	Fri			Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven

Calendar continued on Page 4



APRIL

30-2	Thurs-Sun			Australian Grand Prix
5	Wed	7	A	M.G.M./Spares
7	Fri		A	CHACA Hot Cross Bun Picnic Run – Braeside Park
14	Fri			Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven
15	Sat	7		Spares/BBQ
19	Wed	7	A	H.A.S./Spares
22	Sat			Austin 7 Heaven Training Day
23	Sun			OST 1 - <i>Lilydale</i> & Scrutineering
28	Fri			Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven

COMING 2023 HIGHLIGHTS FOR YOUR DIARY**HISTORIC WINTON**

You can see an updated Club Calendar on our website

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

At the Club’s Meeting and Spares Days you should “socially distance” and applicable respect any COVID-19 Rules.

Social distancing rules may limit number of attendees

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

March is the month where you can start to enjoy the year ahead, the weather is generally good and stable and on the vintage and classic car scene there is a lot on the go.

Looking at the club calendar there is something for everyone. We have our normal arrangements for you to obtain spares to keep your Austin going or finish off that restoration. On the 5th of March you can take your Austin for a run in the hills to be part of the 65th Kalorama. Mid month you can take in the sights and sound of the VHRP Philip Island Classic. There is a new event to be conducted by the MG car club to be known as the Rob Roy Revival Hill Climb and then the B40 Rally conducted by the VDC.

Our club will see the running of the Progressive Lunch this year with a twist on the traditional format. (See Light Shaft for details)

To finish the month off we have the ever popular URRRS run. This run will be the Peter Brock King of the mountain run (see Light Shaft) Please note this is not just a run for the men folk, the ladies will find much to enjoy and take in.

I am pleased to report, that thanks to the members, the 46th Historic Winton is starting to take shape, so please ensure that you have booked your accommodation, and spread the word of a wonderful motoring event not to be missed.

Len Kerwood

The Austin 7 Club is where to be in 2023.

LIGHTSHAFT COPY CLOSING

Copy for Lightshaft **closes** late on

Saturday 25 March 2023.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

If you have not paid your membership subscription for 2023 by now, this will be the last Light Shaft you receive. Any membership renewals after the end of February will also incur the \$35 joining fee.

With our new membership fee structure where there is a separate charge for a printed Light Shaft, some members may find that they have, in error, not paid for a Light Shaft or change their mind and decide they do want a printed Light Shaft; just pay the additional \$45 (if in Australia) , and you will be back on the mailing list.

We are pleased to welcome the following new members:

Trevor Westlake of Castlemaine was a member in the late '70s early '80s until his collection of Austin 7 parts was crushed by a falling gum tree. He is currently deciding whether to restore or build a special Austin 7.

Laurie Garrod from Willoughby NSW has joined as an Associate Member.

Noel and Gaye McDermott from Kew. Noel has finally decided to do something about the early roadster he has owned for about 60 years and has consequently joined the Club.

Kerry, Grant, William and Elijah Laughton-McConnon of Ventnor. Kerry inherited her father Peter Laughton's much travelled Chummy. Having returned to Australia after living in the UK, for some years, the whole family has joined up.

Tony Bishop from Stratford has attended a couple of the workshops at Austin 7 Heaven and has decided to join the Club. He brings another Big 7 into the Club.

Russell

HISTORIC WINTON
ENTRY SECRETARY & EVENT SECRETARY

Russell Clough (with assistance from others) is working hard as our new ENTRY SECRETARY, and is already processing a large herd of entries, the majority by a new on-line entry system

Peta Lee will be EVENT SECRETARY, but have a significantly increased team to assist with various parts of the Event Secretary role.

Please let someone from the Historic Winton Sub-Committee know if you wish to help, either before the event, or at the event.

There are tasks that can be effectively performed, even if you are unable to come to the event, or can only come for a short time.

DISCLAIMER

The Austin 7 Club Inc. (A7C), its Officers and the Committee cannot be held liable for any errors and/or omissions in items that are published in The Light Shaft in good faith. It should be noted that the publication of an advertisement, or expression of views in articles and reports, does not necessarily imply endorsement by the A7C of the advertised product or service, or the views expressed in any articles or reports published in The Light Shaft.

More Photos and news on the website

<http://www.austin7club.org/>

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

Editor's Wafflings

EYE and NECK HEALTH and DISCRIMINATION

As we age, many of us take regular exercise, but do we consciously exercise our eyes and our neck.

If we do our eye exercises we can accommodate our sight, more timely. For example looking from the speedo – to the rear vision mirrors, to the road ahead, and any signs etc. We will also more readily watch the golf ball wander off into the “rough”.

If you are like me, I have multi-focal spectacles. Great in many circumstances, but not so good in some others.

I find them particularly annoying at the super-market. To see the prices on the top shelves – in focus – needs tilting my head backwards well beyond its ability. A similar thing happens when trying to focus on the bottom shelves, but that also requires squatting (which may have other side effects).

Most of us know that retailers usually place their preferred selling items on the middle shelves, at about eye height. So as you age, that policy adds an extra layer of discrimination.

BUT, for your own safety, do not forget to also exercise your eye and neck muscles, usually neglected in most exercise programmes.

Rob.H.



Editor's Wafflings

PS It's also a good idea to also do regular squatting exercises.

And, while we are talking health messages, here's a news item that I repeat from a Motorsport Australia "Speed Read".

Prostate cancer isn't always easy to talk about, but after a recent diagnosis and recovery, Neil Crompton has opened up about his journey with prostate cancer and shares an important message to the motorsport community.

Get checked if you are a man aged 40 and over.

Crompo was shocked to discover he had prostate cancer and is thankful that early detection saved his life.

"Had I not done this somewhere between one to five years, it would have been a DNF for me. I would have been dead," Crompton said.

Editor's Note:-

I know that many of our members have had this wake-up call.

Many of them have had symptoms that took them to the doctor.

I myself had no symptoms, but my doctor is a careful fellow, in all ways, and I had a test, way back in about 2003.

My treatment, after my positive test, was effective, and appropriate at that time, but a much wider range of treatments are now available, and keep improving.

GET TESTED!

Editor Waffle

Talking about your health and safety, it's also appropriate to consider your road safety, and safely keeping your assets in your Wallet/bank/cellar/garage, and not pay fines to consolidated revenue (what a misnomer).

I observe that plenty of drivers freely admit that they have never seen a Rule Book, since they got their licence.

So I thought I would provide a direct copy (current at July 2022), from the Road Safety Road Rules 2017.

The improvement in this legislation is that, in many cases, it is now accompanied by coloured diagrams.

Firstly, the most basic of Road Rules, that also in the past also applied to pedestrians on a footpath.

ROAD RULES IN VICTORIA – KEEPING LEFT

Division 2—Keeping to the left

129 Keeping to the far left side of a road

- (1) A driver on a road (except a multi-lane road) must drive as near as practicable to the far left side of the road.

Penalty: 3 penalty units.

Note

Multi-lane road is defined in the dictionary.

- (2) This rule does not apply to the rider of a motor bike.

Note

Motor bike is defined in the dictionary.

Good luck finding any drivers who follow this Rule.

This cartoon depicts many organisations that have come and gone.

I am really glad to say that it does not apply to our fantastic team that arranges, promotes and manages our great HISTORIC WINTON.

BUT, we can always find a place for new apprentices.

volunteer NOW!



**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. P O Box 462, Moorabbin. Vic 3189

Please do not send mail to 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 between 12:00 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. on the Saturday following the M.G.M. (or the following Saturday if the former clashes with a Club Event)

Spares can be ordered by mail from:

Janne and Robert Humphreys, 27 Peters Drive, Cheltenham Vic 3192

Or mailorderparts@austin7club.org

COMING EVENTS

SPARES

PLEASE come to Spares with a list prepared beforehand, to speed up being served, and make it easier on our volunteers.

PLEASE When you visit Spares try to make all your purchases in **a single transaction.**

This makes the book-work much easier for our volunteers, and respects other members who also want to make purchases.

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

CLUB VISITOR

If you know of a Member who is unwell or in Hospital please contact Bruce Walker, our Club Visitor. He will visit or send a card to the Member.

Contact Bruce on brucewalkerartisan@gmail.com

9807 1729 or 0409 410 700.

COMING EVENTS

Monthly General Meeting / Spares- Wednesday 1 March 2023

Come along and hear about the Club's activities and financial health, hear a bit more about Coming Events and Past events and catch up with other Club Members. Get a few clues on whatever you are doing to your Austin 7, OR volunteer to help at an event.

Come early and you can have a snack, and a light supper after the meeting.

You might also like to buy a few parts for your baby.

Spares / BBQ Saturday 4

March 2023

Always a good time to talk about any maintenance issues with your Austin 7, consult the experts, and find suitable spares.

KALORAMA RALLY

Sunday 5 March 2023

See Flyer—more information about the tour is available on the website.



RACV

65TH KALORAMA RALLY

KALORAMA MEMORIAL RESERVE
MT DANDENONG TOURIST RD KALORAMA

SUNDAY 5TH MARCH 2023

FEATURING VETERAN & VINTAGE CARS & BIKES

- ONE OF MELBOURNE'S PIONEERING MOTORING EVENTS, RUNNING SINCE 1956.
- VEHICLES PRIOR TO 1990 ELIGIBLE FOR MYSTERY TOUR AND DISPLAY ON THE OVAL.
- MYSTERY TOUR COMMENCING AT THE MANHATTAN HOTEL, 9:00 AM FOR A 9.30 START.
- VINTAGE AND POST VINTAGE MOTOR CYCLE CLUBS DISPLAYS, VEHICLE AWARDS.
- DISPLAY OF VINTAGE FIRE PUMPS AND AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY.
- KALORAMA CFA HASSE WITH A VARIETY OF FOOD AND DRINKS.
- VENUE ENTRANCES WILL BE IN STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH COVID REGULATIONS.
- DRIVERS UNDER 25 IN AN ELIGIBLE CAR ADMITTED FREE.

GENERAL PUBLIC WELCOME!

OPEN LOAN
ENTRY \$10
FREE PROGRAMS
CHILDREN UNDER 15
FREE!

For Further Information: Ian Ross 0409 027 992 or Paul Edgar 0419 369 942

All Proceeds to
The Kalorama CFA

Last year I joined a support group for anti-social people

—we haven't met yet!

COMING EVENTS

Phillip Island Classic-‘Festival of Motorsport’

will host six spectacular Formula 1 Classic Cars from Europe

Thursday to Sunday 9 to 12 March

Will host a number of spectacular historic F1 cars from Europe along with nine international drivers

Regarded as the largest historic motor race in the Southern Hemisphere, the Phillip Island Classic ‘Festival of Motor Sport’ is renowned for attracting some of the finest historic race cars in the world and this year will certainly not disappoint local and international fans.

Hot Air Session / Spares Wednesday 15 March 2023

A social evening, and a chance to discuss Coming and Past events and seek advice and driving hints for your Austin 7, and buy any necessary parts.

Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven - Friday 17 March 2023

A great chance to learn some new skills, in a well equipped workshop, with plenty of good advice and training available.

See PAST EVENTS - Page 25-26, for Brian Gibbons report on TOOL UP & TRAINING DAYS.

I want my children to have all the things I couldn't afford. Then I want to move in with them.

Most children threaten at times to run away from home. This is the only thing that keeps some parents going.

- Phyllis Diller

ROB ROY REVIVAL - Saturday/Sunday 18/19 March 2023

See flyer for details, our Club has been invited to create a display of our cars. It's great that the venue has had a huge renovation, that will serve the motor sport fraternity for many years.



ROB ROY REVIVAL

18 & 19 MARCH 2023

We are very excited to welcome you to the inaugural Rob Roy Revival.

Located at Australia's oldest hillclimb track, Rob Roy Revival is a celebration of classic motorsport and life in the 50s and 60s. Step back in time to one of the most stylish eras and soak up the atmosphere of classic cars, fashion, music, local food and more.

Attendees are encouraged to dress in vintage 50s and 60s fashion and immerse in the festival feel.

*A tribute to
Garnie Cooper's
Elfin cars
with 10 Elfins
competing.*



**OFFICIAL OPENING OF
TRACK UPGRADE &
SPECTATOR FACILITIES**

Early bird ticket prices
(Ends 28 Feb*)
Saturday \$40
Sunday \$50
All weekend \$80

Ticket prices
(After 28 Feb*)
Saturday \$60
Sunday \$70
All weekend \$110

Car parking \$10 per day*
All classic cars, parking free*

Children under 15 free*
Unless sold out prior

General Enquiries
Event Director - Rod Cooper P: 0409138899
E: rodcooper@westnet.com.au

For more information visit
robroyrevival.mgcc.com.au



PROUDLY PRESENTED BY THE MG CAR CLUB VICTORIA

PROUDLY SPONSORED BY



COMING EVENTS

EDDINGTON SPRINTS - Saturday 25 March 2023

The annual Eddington Vintage Sports Car Club Sprints event is a traditional quarter mile single car sprint. It is held on Playfair Street Eddington in central Victoria, with many different types of historic, touring sports and racing cars.

Cars compete individually against the clock to set the fastest time they can.

Historic motorcycles in conjunction with the Historic Motorcycle Racing Association of Victoria are also run on the day.

**The Aussie B40
Rally 2023
Hamilton, Victoria
March 24-26**

A rally for people under 40 years old,
driving cars built prior to 1940

For further details contact Stuart McCorkelle
on events@vdc.org.au or scan the QR code
below

Not another Progressive Lunch - Yes!!!!

**Automotive theme – come dressed as you consider appropriate
Sunday 26 March 2023**

Where

Morning tea at Austin 7 Heaven Workshop – 3 Murdock Street, Clayton South at 10 am

Coffee, tea and nibbles and chairs provided – bring your own hamper and table if desired. **Cost to cover morning tea NIL**

Lunch and afternoon tea at Cheltenham RSL at 289 Centre Dandenong Road, Cheltenham at 12 noon – 12.30 pm- Seniors Meal at your selection and cost on the day

Intention to attend asap to “socialsecretary@austin7club.org”

URRRS Wednesday 29 March 2023

Welcome to the Peter Brock, King of the Mountain Run.

We extend a warm invitation to our friends at the A30 club.

Our starting point will be 10 am at the Greensborough War Memorial Park (Melway 20 H3) Good parking can be found via the Ester Street entrance. Bring your BYO morning tea and cuppa to the Rotunda. If you are trailering your Austin to the start then parking there should be OK. If you are concerned then contact me, and you may park at our house in Greensborough. At 10.30am I will conduct a tour of the wonderful wood sculptures crafted by a local artist Leigh Conkie and the Japanese artist Hikaru Kodama.



At 11.15am we will depart Greensborough and follow Diamond Creek road through Diamond Creek and onto Hurstbridge. At Hurstbridge we will take the Hurstbridge – Arthurs Creek rd passing through the Peter Brock countryside of Nutfield on our way to the Arthurs Creek cemetery, the final resting place of Peter Brock on top of the mountain. We will head back towards Greensborough via Doreen and Yarrambat. The round trip is about 48 k. We will stop for lunch at one of two venues I have in mind once I know the final numbers.

Please contact me to confirm your attendance.

Len Kerwood 0419504233 or
president@austin7club.org

photos are acknowledged taken from the AGE Newspaper and the Reporter was Carolyn Webb



COMING EVENTS

Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven - Friday 31 March 2023

THE FORMULA 1 ROLEX AUSTRALIAN GRAND PRIX-
Thursday 30 March to Sunday 2 April 2023

Get your adrenaline fix at the event. Plenty of Club members attend as spectators, and many volunteer as officials.

Mildura Vintage Vehicles Club Inc.

Cordially invites you the Enthusiast and Collector of
Special Interest Vehicles to the

24th Biennial Easter Vineland Rally

7th to 10th April 2023



Monthly General Meeting /
Spares- Wednesday 5 April
2023

Get an update on how the Club is performing, hear about progress on organisation of HISTORIC WINTON, and perhaps get the urge to volunteer to assist, at that event, or possibly propose/ volunteer a possible event to your favourite place.



COMING EVENTS

Hot Cross Bun run - Braeside Park

Conducted by Classis and Historic Automobile Club of Australia

Friday 7 April 2023

This is an annual event and we are one of the four clubs that conduct the event (on a cyclic basis), raising funds for a worthy cause.

Always a popular relaxing day and a chance to catch up with fellow members & friends from the other invited clubs.

Annual Charity Event: Generous donations collected for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal.

In addition CHACA will be holding its Annual Vehicle Judging on this day from 11am till noon.

Bring your favourite car all polished up.

Where

Rosella Oval / Picnic Area – Braeside Park

Lower Dandenong Road, Braeside. Melway Map: 88 E8

Enter Braeside Park from Lower Dandenong Road. Rosella Oval is the last oval on the left hand side before the exit back onto Lower Dandenong Road. Please note this is a ONE WAY circuit.

When

Time. 10.00am till 1:30pm

Free Hot Cross Buns, tea and coffee will be provided, along with scintillating conversation.

Housekeeping: No animals are allowed in the Park. No Alcohol is permitted. Please take your litter home with you. Do not feed or handle the wild life. Drive very careful on the oval.

Note: Braeside Park is closed on CODE RED fire danger days and the event would be cancelled.

COMING EVENTS

Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven - Friday 14 April 2023

Spares / BBQ Saturday 15 April 2023

Bring your issues with your Austin 7, consult the experts, and find suitable spares.

Hot Air Session / Spares Wednesday 19 April 2023

A social evening, and a chance to discuss Coming and Past events and seek advice and driving hints for your Austin 7, and buy any necessary parts.

Austin 7 Heaven Training Day Saturday 22 April 2023

Discover new skills, and how to use the wide range of tools and machinery at Austin 7 Heaven.

OST 1 - Lilydale & Scrutineering Sunday 23 April 2023

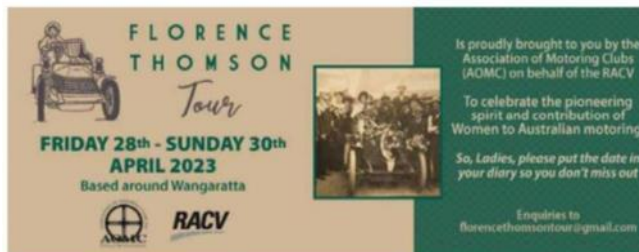
If you have never been to an Observed Section Trial, you are missing out on a form of motor sport that is both entertaining and relaxing. One car at a time around difficult courses, where traction is vital and skill at tackling challenging terrain is paramount.

Bring a picnic lunch.

70-80 Leonard Road. From Lilydale travel east on Maroondah Highway for approximately 4 km , turn right into Ingrams Road, travel 1.7 km turn right into Leonards Road, property on left under power line, look for OST signs.

COMING EVENTS

Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven - Friday 28 April 2023



FLORENCE THOMSON
Tour
FRIDAY 28th - SUNDAY 30th
APRIL 2023
Based around Wangaratta

Is proudly brought to you by the Association of Motoring Clubs (AOMC) on behalf of the RACV

To celebrate the pioneering spirit and contribution of Women to Australian motoring

So, Ladies, please put the date in your diary so you don't miss out

Enquiries to
florencethomson@racv.com.au

MALLE GOLD RALLY



FRIDAY 5TH TO MONDAY 8TH OF MAY 2023

Austin Seven Clubs Association The Online Archive

Handbooks, Parts Books, Body Parts Book and lots more.

Just download it to your computer - all part of membership of the Association.

More being constantly added.

These references are a great way to identify parts for your Austin7.

Also it may help to determine the year of the various parts.

An original Parts Book, for your model is one of the most valuable resources, especially for remote members.

An original Handbook is also a handy reference.

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

HISTORIC WINTON

Volunteers are needed, for both before and during the event, from Friday 26 May to Sunday 28 May.

In addition, on the Friday, there is the opportunity to go on the Benalla Historic Vehicle Tour, or perhaps help organise that event.

HISTORIC WINTON is also our Club's manner of celebrating National Motoring Heritage Day.

The inclusion of the Pre 1965 Tin Top Regularity will be an additional draw card for many enthusiasts, and will be accommodated by amalgamating other groups with waning competitor numbers, or Groups that are gradually moving to other Regularity Events.

I live in a semi rural area.

We recently had a new neighbour call the local council office to request the removal of the WOMBAT CROSSING sign on our road.

The reason: 'Too many wombats are being hit by cars out here!

I don't think this is a good place for them to be crossing anymore.'

46th HISTORIC WINTON
 Featuring **Pre-1965 Tin Top Regularity**
27th and 28th May 2023

www.historicwinton.org
 Winton Motor Raceway, Benalla, Victoria

BENALLA RURAL CITY | THE Austin Seven CLUB | AUSTRALIAN AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION

Austin Seven Club Inc. A003220N | Photo - Neil Hammond

COMING EVENTS

Christmas in July - Sunday 23 July 2023

Fancy a catch up in July with fellow Club Members??

Cherry Hill Tavern 193-195 Reynolds Road

Doncaster VIC 3109



Sunday 23 July 2023 at 12 noon

” depending on numbers of participants we will be either several tables in the Bistro

OR

if participant numbers are above 40#, we may be able to have the Sports Bar closed off for our sole use”

Parking is **good**

Seniors Meals are **great** and you can join Monty Rewards, free on the day for Food and Beverage discounts

Please forward your intention to attend by email to socialsecretary@austin7.org by **JUNE HAS**

Do not leave phone messages on our now defunct home phone

Ron and Helen Crellin

Social Secretary 2023

COMING EVENTS

For some long-term planning?



Bendigo National Swap Meet

11th & 12th November 2023

Featuring:

- 4 Wheel Drive Display
- Barn Finds & Survivor Car Display
- Die-cast Models & Toys
- Over 1700 Sites



Entry Prices

Saturday Only \$15
 Sunday Only \$5
 Children 15 and under Free
(if accompanied by an adult)

Gates Open to the Public

Saturday 6am
 Sunday 7am
 Sheds Open 7am

www.bendigowap.com.au
 Site Bookings 0427 446 660
 General Enquiries 0434 730 822
info@bendigowap.com.au



CAR SAFETY FOR CHILDREN



Austins Over Australia 2024

Thursday 7th March to Monday 11th March 2024
 in Orange, NSW



6- DILL:

When my husband and I arrived at the garage to pick up our car after a service, we were told the keys had been locked in it. We went to the service department and found a mechanic working feverishly to unlock the driver's side door. As I watched from the passenger side, I instinctively tried the door handle and discovered that it was unlocked. 'Hey,' I announced to the mechanic, 'it's open!' His reply, 'I know. I already did that side.'

STAY ALERT!

They walk among us...and they VOTE !!!

TOOL UP/TRAINING DAYS AT AUSTIN 7 HEAVEN

Last year (from September), we ran regular fortnightly “Tool Up” workshops to complement other Austin 7 Club activities and provide members with the facilities, tools and “on duty” experts to assist and mentor in all manner of Austin Seven tasks. This year, in conjunction with the Manager, Michael Shegog, we have partnered to also provide presentations by subject experts on various aspects of your Seven (and related automotive tasks). For practical reasons we have moved the Tool Up workshop days from Wednesday to Friday (generally fortnightly) and will facilitate Training Day presentations on about every 6 weeks. Michael and the talented experts at: **“Austin 7 Heaven” factory at 3 Murdock Street in Clayton South, Victoria** welcome you all (and any interested friends) to our workshops and presentations, so that that we can: *“spread this disease”*.

Our next Tool Up workshops are on the following Fridays: 17th March, 31st March, 14th April and 28th April. Our next Training Day is on Saturday 22nd April.

All activities commence from 10.30 and incorporate a lunch or afternoon tea.

Subjects for future presentations may include: welding, exhaust systems, more on brakes etc.

Most recently around 30 members had an enjoyable presentation from Alan Cass on aluminum metal working as he fabricated a new Austin 7 Standard Sports scuttle.



TOOL UP/TRAINING DAYS AT AUSTIN 7 HEAVEN

Please contact me for any ideas for future presentations and interest in joining these workshops.

Brian Gibbons

Phone: 0418508611 Email to:

secretary@austin7club.org

or via Facebook profile:

gibbonsbgs@hotmail.com



Tool Up: *“to provide someone or something with the tools or equipment needed for making something, or to be provided with these tools or equipment.”*

PAST EVENTS**SHANNONS AUCTION**

Always a great opportunity to dream about your ultimate vehicle, or perhaps buy one.

But, by the time that you read this, the Shannons Summer Timed Online Auction, will be over, bids closing on 28 February. As far as small cars were concerned, there were 5 pedal cars, lots of model cars – all nice and easy to hide from “she who must be obeyed”.

Well down the list I see a couple of Messerschmitt, and a Citroen 2CV.

Or, you could buy a tool kit for a Jaguar XK, or a Jaguar Mk2. If you are a real wanker you could put it in the Austin 7.

Also, the way the price of fuel is going, a good selection of 10 different

PAST EVENTS

fuel pumps should be a great economy, and you wouldn't even have to queue at the bowser. However, many of them are very old, so the fuel may be the wrong grade for a modern car.

As previously reported, it's my view that the vast selection of number plates for sale, gives great potential for saving garage space, the dearest is Vic "80", at a cool upper estimate of \$2,000,000 - yes, I did get the correct number of zeros.

There's a wide collection of motor cycles, all ages, one already in bits – so you don't need to break any legs, tear your leathers, or scratch your helmet.

Then comes the 4 wheel vehicles. I even noticed that a Land Rover Series 2A, had an opening bid of \$100. Good for a bit of excitement, even though the Estimate is \$15,000 to \$20,000. At that price likely to be good for an extended holiday tooo – wherever it stops.

Rob.H.

Oldies Joke

Baby's First Doctor Visit

A woman and a baby were in the doctor's examining room, waiting for the doctor to come in for the baby's first exam. The doctor arrived, and examined the baby, checked his weight, and being a little concerned, asked if the baby was breast-fed or bottle-fed. 'Breast-fed,' she replied.

'Well, strip down to your waist,' the doctor ordered.

She did. He pinched her nipples, pressed, kneaded, and rubbed both breasts for a while in a very professional and detailed examination.

Motioning to her to get dressed, the doctor said, 'No wonder this baby is underweight. You don't have any milk.'

I know,' she said, 'I'm his Grandma, But I'm glad I came.'

OUR AUSTIN 7s

Here’s an exchange of emails that tells a story by members.

Hi Bruce,

Russell D told me you owned the ‘36 ? Roadster in January’s calendar photo.

I bought and did up a very similar car in the late 1960’s and drove it to uni etc around ‘71 then sold it. I am wondering if it’s the car I owned and would be interested to know.



Above Calendar Photo

I lived in North Balwyn and sold it to a young couple.

Below David’s car

Do you know the history of your car ?



Thanks David Isom.

Hi David

I bought my roadster in 1967 in Blackburn for \$125 and then drove it every day to work from Surrey Hills to Ripponlea. It was registered DT521 and was painted a light brown fawn? with darker brown guards. So probably not your car. I'm not sure who did the body originally but yours was the same body builder by the looks of it. Haven't seen any other roadsters with doors that shape. I have since passed on ownership of the car to my son Scott {still garaged with me though}.

Kind regards Bruce

OUR AUSTIN 7s

Thanks Bruce,

Yes agree about the doors, nice though, cut away...

I bought mine with a huge pile of bits from a bloke in Fairfield about 1968-9 ?

I was driving my Ruby which was starting to get a bit wobbly so once I got the roadster done (not restored just done up, but quite nicely) I took the motor out of the Ruby....I thinkand the rego plate and applied for a change of body style from sedan to roadster with Vic Roads , swapped the plates and drove the roadster which went well, no hood though.

I sprayed it Dulux enamel black guards with Zenith blue body, looked good.

I put the very high price of \$350- on it at the time....in The Age Saturday.

I had a Saturday morning job directing cars into parking at the newly opened Doncaster Shopping town and a couple came to see the car in the garage at my parents, polished, front out looking good. The young woman fell in love with it at first sight and my mother told them where I was and what I looked like.

They came up and found me and gave me a deposit.

When I got home Robert McDermott who lived down the road in North Balwyn came up laughing at my outrageous price. He'd owned an Austin since he was 9 and I'd bought my Ruby when I was 16 for £10.

He said ...\$350- that's ridiculous or something....and I said . "It's been sold !"

Anyway, I thought your car looked splendid in the calendar photo.

If you or your son come to any club events please make yourself known to me....most active members know who I am.

Cheers and thanks for the reply David Isom.

OUR AUSTIN 7s

Ps I did Matric at Balwyn High. There was a girl there called Annette Shearer...any relation? Another friend had a 36/37 tourer and Annette went with him and I took some American girl in my car and we went on the A7 Border run either 1967 or 1968. David Phillips ...owner, reckoned my Ruby was the worst Austin Seven he'd ever seen.....it was a bit rough but I was an ok mechanic and he wasn't. Going down the old Geelong road at night as you did then, a tow vehicle passed me with his car on a trailer as it had obviously broken down. He and Annette got into my car along with me and the Yank and we all went on the Border Run and came back in one piece....about 500 miles I think ?

There was an Esso Service station on the block before the Village at North Balwyn then. On the Monday after school I needed some fuel so was putting 50 cents worth in the tank and some girl was walking past so I thought I'd impress her and do a wheelie in my Ruby. There was a very loud bang and some thumping under the car. I'd broken a tail shaft !

Cheers , a bit long winded but funny ,I thought !

NOTE The Border Run that David mentions was on 4 May 1968, to Mt Gambier, and was combined with a Treasure Hunt. Rob.H.

Hi David and Rob

Love the surf boards and the bonnet strap. Very sporty!! Oh the fun we had way back when. Only time my roadster let me down was a at a DriveIn theatre when she wouldn't start (the car I mean) and I had to hand crank (now that's starting to sound far too rude).



OUR AUSTIN 7s

The first restoration job was done for the 1972 50th anniversary as was rather poorly done but got me to Emu Bottom and back. More recently Scott and I did a proper job after learning lots more about restoration with Minis (See pic of Scott at the start).

My first car was a Big 7 Fourlite which I purchased at 15. Car had been hot rodded with twin Amals and branched exhaust going out through the left mudguard to 2 motorbike mufflers exiting at the driver's door. Also fitted with an Austin A40 diff. The original obviously broken with all the HP. Got it going and drove it up and down the local streets much to the dismay of the local Police Sergeant from Box Hill who told me in no uncertain terms to desist immediately. Never got it on the road though. Pity was a lovely original car apart from the mods.

Annette is no relation as far as I know. David we did meet at Mornington when you kindly assisted me to back the Nippy into a better position. Look forward to catching up at a Club event.

Bruce

Yes a bit of oral history, quite funny, many more stories of course....

The brakes weren't too good in Aristotle. To stop in a hurry I had to put on the hand brake, pull back on the steering wheel as I pushed down on the foot brake. That flexed the chassis which caused the front doors (well only doors !) to fly forwards, so if I had passengers I'd tell 'Em to hang onto the doors when we needed to brake hard !

Another quirk was that there were no panels over the inside rear wheel arches . If I went around a corner too hard and for too long (eg Great Ocean Road going to Lorne) the rear tyres would rub against the metal

OUR AUSTIN 7s

arches and get really hot burning the legs of the back seat passengers.

I always wanted a Chummy but the Ruby turned up so I bought it. As it turned out that was probably the best car for me at that time. You could put roof racks and hence surfboards on the roof. Sort of lock the doors so you could leave a guitar and your stuff in the car while you were at the pub.

Cheers David.

Editor's Note:

Since those "Our Austin 7s" stories centred on events around the 1960s and 1970, here's a bit about the Border Runs of that period.

Lightshaft July 1966

DALE H. SHAW.

MEMORIES (S. A. BORDER RUN April.23rd.)

Uncle Charlie (Mr.Chan to you) once told me clever Chinese never forget, well I'm not chinese, nor clever, but the trip to S.A.Anzac weekend is one I will never forget.

A clear but rather chilly Saturday A.M.saw a fine collection of intrepid travellers looking like something out of the great race; seven 'sevens and six other cars streaked off into the night to Colac, our first scheduled stop. Plenty of water was flying from car to car which had the desired effect of keeping the drivers awake. Making good time (and a lot of noise) we stopped at dawn for breakfast in Warrnambool. We called in to Tower Hill (a Mini Moke proving ground, I still owe Doug 2/-) and then moved along at a steady for Mount Gambier. Some people were seen to stop in the rain to remove their head; Uncle Charlie says '37 heads are better than none, even in the rain. While the financial booked into a motel, we erected our tent (who said 13 is a crowd). After a bit of a yarn with the S.A. boys who, I feel, felt rather outnumbered, we moved off next morning to Port Campbell and Apollo Bay which was reached, if one was travelling in an A7 and not a Moke, by climbing up little muddy tracks and down little muddier (Help!!) tracks.

Next stop was Anglesea where all sorts of funny little cars were seen romping on the sand in the mouth of the river, time and tide waits for no man so we put our little wheels back on the bitumen and headed for home, which, much to the astonishment of most was reached without too much more trouble.

A jovial bunch of Characters was seen sitting in a certain 'local' recalling the highlights of a very enjoyable and worthwhile weekend. I am sorry to say that I will miss the next boarder run but my car informs me that it will be going, how about asking yours?

WILLEE MOR LING

VERY PAST EVENTS

Lightshaft May 1967

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dale Shaw

The Border Run to Mt. Gambier was a Boomer, with swags of Austins and Bods, and all got home in one piece under their own steam. The only one to look doubtful for a time was Robert Humphreys who was towed into Mt. Gambier, but after hammering a bent valve un-bent and removing a broken top ring, he had no further worries. Noel Clarke's '29 model 2 door saloon looked wonderful, and went as well, through the generosity of an un-named engine lender. A full report of the Border Run will appear next issue.

CLUB LIBRARY : At the next Monthly Meeting, the following books will be available from our (at present small) library : Service Manuals for Hillman Imp, Triumph TR4, Triumph 2000, MGA, Ford Prefect. "Austin 7 Design for Competition", "Racing and Sports Car Chassis Design", "Competition Engines", "Special Builders' Guide Vol. 1", Special Builders' Guide Vol. 2", Back issues of the 750 Motor Club Bulletin (and there will plenty of these if the outstanding copies are returned to me). Rules to be strictly adhered to - One only book per person at any one time, to be returned to me within 2 weeks from date of issue. A fine of 10c per week for overdue books will be charged. Take note that most of these books are kindly loaned by members, so full care and all responsibility must be taken. Any extensive damage to a book will entail the replacement of that book by the borrower.

-3-

Editor's Note: I was towed in on the A-bar on the back of Stewart Brown's LandRover.

Perhaps Dynon Rd Bridge, and a few other low bridges in Melbourne could be renamed in a similar descriptive manner.

When a bridge suddenly appears unexpectedly....



VERY PAST EVENTS

Lightshaft June 1967

LIGHT SHAFT

JUNE, 1967

BORDER RUN

Alan Marsh

There was quite a large gathering at Hammills to see the Austins (and others) off to Mt. Gambier. Ten Austins were to make the trip; Graeme Logan; Athol Lamont; Roger Oakley; Ken Innes-Irons; Ken Logan; Russell Curtis; Chris Athey; Noel Clarke; Robert Humphreys; Tony Johns; and their various crews. Noel Clarke's saloon had to be towed to the start after ignition trouble, but this was soon repaired. Getting off at 12.45am through the wilds of Footscray, we soon settled down to a steady 40 mph. First casualty was Noel Clarke again, when his throttle linkage came adrift, but this was soon rectified. It had not taken long to establish the in-effectiveness of standard Austin lights on a trip like this. At Geelong we invaded a cafe for hamburgers etc, whereupon the owner did more business in 20 minutes than he usually did in a week. And what a motley looking crew he had to serve too. 'Kaffles' Lamont quickly repaired a puncture here and took off in hot pursuit.

Petrol stops were made at Colac (where it started to rain) and Camperdown (where it was still raining). It was between these towns I discovered that to drink a cup of coffee in a saloon such as Noel's, you only place $\frac{1}{2}$ " of liquid in the cup, not fill it, as evidenced by my coat and jeans. About 20 miles out of Warrnambool, we stopped with the sole intention of obeying nature's call. You've never seen so many cars stop to give the mechanical assistance we didn't need. And with their headlights on full too. Shortly after Rob Humphreys had engine trouble, which was diagnosed as bearings, but was later found to be a broken compression ring. He was towed by Stewart Brown's Land Rover which is fitted with all mod cons including T.V. for relaxation. The Rover has enough gauges on the dash to shame a light aircraft.

At Warrnambool we stopped for breakfast and petrol at a Shell Cafe and the poor women had to drive off for three assistants to feed the multitude. From here, I had a drive of Noel's "Ambulance" which was now running like a charm thanks to carby tuning by Ken Innes Irons. We were sitting on 50-55 mph. At this stage, Chris Athey, who was full of confidence "because he had passed a Jag on the Beach Run" tried to pass us. He was hampered by a badly slipping clutch, and the grapes and sandwiches we threw at him. Until we discovered that the grapes tasted alright so we saved them from further waste. During our battle we missed the others who had turned off toward Heywood, until we were informed by Jenny Double who had come in hot pursuit. A quick U turn found the others hidden just around the turn-off. Apparently some of the others had also gone straight on. Chris Athey then kindly lent me his Ruby, complete with slipping clutch, which made hill-climbing quite an art. A quick stop at the Border for photos, then on to Mt. Gambier, where Robert Humphreys furiously pulled down his engine and Chris went searching for some decent clutch springs, which incidentally were found and installed. Rob un-bent a valve, took out a ring, then prepared for the trip home. After a cleanup a group of us went into town to have a counter lunch and to savour the local death's head brew which was surprisingly good for foreign beer. Whilst some of us slept for the first time in 24 hours, the others went touring around visiting the Blue Lake and the Wild life sanctuary next to the 'Leg o' Mutton' lake. Later in the day a contingent of 5th. Aust. Austin sevens arrived and proceeded to make funny comments. (To Page 10)

VERY PAST EVENTS

BORDER RUN (CONTINUED)

ALAN MARSH

After tea a gathering commenced in the Honeymoon Suite shared by Tony Johns and Rob Humphreys (although at this stage Rob was still doing the aforementioned repairs). Tony was to regret this move later of course as he couldn't get the night owls to leave so that he could get his beauty sleep. Probably the highlight of the night was the arrival of a local Seven 1926 vintage and well preserved. It drew everyone out to see it and it appeared again the following morning when the local T.V. man took quite a footage of the cars lined up. Off for home again, the next incident being Russell Curtis "doing a Chapparel act" at Mortlake. Just as he flew into the main street his hood came away from his windscreen, acting as an airbrake and probably pulling him up faster than he ever has, to the amusement of the local yokels. Avoiding police trouble at Lismore we sped on to Hamilton. It was just near here that Ken Innes-Irons came across some sheep who wanted the same piece of road that Ken was aiming for. Austin brakes being what they are, the moment called for a brilliant exhibition of 'Austin Avoidance' by Ken. Then on to Geelong, where a stop was made for tea, then a quick last lap home to Mum. Special thanks must go to Ken Innes-Irons for organising things so well, also to the Motel Manager for his tolerance and assistance in making available the workshop to those in need of repairs. But just wait until he has to clean up those oil stains outside every Motel room!

Editor's Note: Alan was better known as "Swampy Marsh", and was more recently immortalised in film as the owner, and trainer of the real "Oddball" dog - that protected the penguins at Warrnambool.

HINTS and TIPS - extracts by Brian

To release the large [aluminium pulley](#) at the end of the camshaft, hit it sharply sideways against the edge of one of the holes so as to try to rotate the pulley on its shaft rather than trying to hit it from behind along the length of its shaft

My wife keeps her [legs warm](#) in the Seven by filling a plastic bottle with hot water and placing it on the floor in front of the seat and behind her legs. We find a one gallon container stays warm for about 1½ hours.

DECEMBER 15, 1928

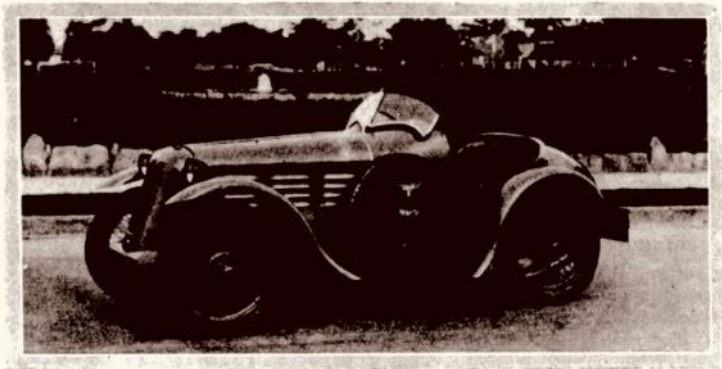
missing pages add

The Austin "Wasp"

NEW SOUTH WALES MOTORS LIMITED, of 93-97 William Street, Sydney, are responsible for the production of a series of very attractive sporting cars based on the famous Austin "Seven" chassis. These cars are known by the collective term "Wasp," but there are altogether four models, of which we publish an illustration of the most elaborate and expensive of the range—known as the "Wasp Special." It will be seen that the design of the bodywork of this

The "Number 2" model "Wasp" is fitted with the same body as that of "Number 1," but is minus the cowl over the front spring, while the equipment is not quite so complete. This vehicle as a 60 m.p.h. type costs £250, while with a speed of 65 m.p.h. it costs £260. The range is rounded out by a much simpler sporting type known as the "Number 3" model, which is priced at £235.

It should be observed that the



The "Special"—a *pukka* sports type.

car follows the most up-to-date racing practice, with its forward-sloping radiator-shell, flared scuttle and beetle tail. Considerable use is also made of under-screening, so that the little vehicle is just about as well streamlined as it possibly could be compatible with comfort. Not quite so elaborate in design is the "Austin Wasp Number 1" model, which is fitted with a body of somewhat similar design, but possesses the normal Austin radiator. This little car, with a speed of 60 m.p.h., is priced at £275, while a slightly faster edition, capable of over 65 m.p.h., costs £10 more. The equipment includes six wheels, six balloon tyres, a "V" windscreen, two spotlights, two tyre covers, a folding hood which disappears into the tail when not in use, a cowl over the front springs, and a generous use of nickel-plate.

coachwork used in the "Wasp" models is constructed entirely of steel, all joints being welded, the design being expressly intended to withstand the very great strains imposed upon the body of such a light car at very high road speeds. The seating position of the car is exceptionally low, and leg-room is provided for the tallest driver.

As a sporting mount for the motorist with not too much money to spend on a vehicle the Austin "Wasp" would be very difficult to improve upon, a fact that is proved by the very large numbers to be seen on Sydney's streets.

It only remains to add that the little vehicle, even in the short time it has been marketed, has to its credit quite a large list of competition successes.

AUSTIN 7 HISTORY - WASP

Wasp from Tony Johns

Whilst I am well aware of the Sydney built bodies know as a Wasp I was not aware there were available in four versions, as this story in the NSW magazine MOTOR LIFE published in the December 1928 issue. Also of interest they were offered for sale by New South Wales Motors of 93 - 97 William Street and not the main agents, Larke Hoskins & Co Ltd.

Motor Life magazines ex VSCC Australia shared by Tim Shellshear.

A few issues later and the dreaded paid advertisement appeared.


Interesting the claim to be sole agents for the Wasp. Very similar to Melbourne adverts.

Cheers Tony Johns

All Roads are Good Roads to an Austin Seven

"WASP"

Austin "Wasp" Special



FROM £230—EASY TERMS

N.S.W. MOTORS LTD., 93-97 William Street, Sydney

Sole Distributors for AUSTIN WASP Cars 'Phone FL 2536

SUB-COMMITTEES 2023

HISTORIC WINTON SUB-COMMITTEE

Co-Chairs - Peta Lee —Secretary of the Meeting,
Entry Secretary & CoChair, Len Kerwood CoChair,
Noel Wilcox, Tony Press (Minutes), Mike Belcher,
Colin and Maria Cheesman, Paul Goethel, Robert
Humphreys, Faye Stevens, Ron Crellin, Alan Barnes,
Leanne Goethel, Yolanda Filip, Graeme Logan, Bruce
Rogers, Greg Drummond

HISTORIC SPRINT

Secretary & Entry Secretary – Phil Fitton,

OST SUB -COMMITTEE

Chairperson – Mark Filsell, Treasurer: Leanne
Coakley—Finance & Entries, Stephanie Cox, Cooper
Schweiger, Jason Stock, Alicia Randle.

SPARE PARTS SUB-COMMITTEE

Graeme Logan John Shiells (Facilitator), Janne
Humphreys/Neil Rickard (Spares Treasurers), Courtenay
Rumble, Roger Nation, Alan Barnes, Richard Kempster,
Graeme Burbidge, Robert Humphreys/John Neve (Bill
&stock entry), Ted Thompson, Brian Gibbons, Bruce
Shearer, David Easton, Yolanda Filip, Mike Belcher,
John Fatouros, Tony Press (Minutes)

SPARES MAIL ORDERS

mailorderparts@austin7club.org

Robert Humphreys/Janne Humphreys (03) 9583 6316

CLUB VISITOR

Bruce Walker 9807 1729, 0409 410 700

PUBLICATIONS and ARCHIVE SUB-COMMITTEE

Robert Humphreys, John Neve, Robert Taylor, Allan
Tyrrell, Tony Press, Archive Curator—David Easton

LIGHTSHAFT MAIL OUT SUB-COMMITTEE

Manager - Russell Dickson, John Fatouros, John
Shiells, Robert, Janne & Fiona Humphreys, David &
Katrina Easton

URRRS EVENTS COORDINATOR

John McMillan

CLUB LIBRARY

David Easton

TECHNICAL ADVISORS

Model & Parts Identification, Bodywork & Literature

Bill Sheehan 0435 582 294

Tony Press 0409 948 430

Mechanical and Engineering

Tony Press 0409 948 430

Racing and Special Construction

David Lowe 0458 172 494

O.S.T. and Motorkhana

Grant Campbell 9787 3640

Spares Engineering Review

Brian Williams, Russell Dickson, Denis Hourigan,
Tony Press (minutes)

RACING SPOKESMAN

Phillip Hallo 0413 185 576

Noel Wilcox 5428 2689 AH

Motorsport Australia State Council Delegate

Vacant

MA HISTORIC MOTORSPORT PROMOTERS GROUP

Noel Wilcox

CLUB WEBSITE Tony Press, Manager

HW WEBSITE Leanne Goethel, Manager

TIMING TEAM SUB-COMMITTEE

Daniel Morling, Gary Hawkins, Geoff Taylor,
Stephen Harrison

AOMC DELEGATES

Len Kerwood and Robert Humphreys
alternate John McMillan

FEDERATION DELEGATES

Gary Hawkins &/or Remote Member as agreed

CLUB BUILDINGS OWNERS CORPORATION DELEGATES

John Shiells, Robert Humphreys, John McMillan

CLUB PERMIT OFFICER

Russell Dickson, Robert Humphreys (Deputy)

AUSTIN 7 CLUB INC. - COMMITTEE 2023

PRESIDENT	Len Kerwood	president@austin7club.org	9435 2544
TREASURER	Paul Goethel	treasurer@austin7club.org	0412 534 131
SECRETARY /VICE PRESIDENT	Glynis Gibbons	secretary@austin7club.org	0427 837 555
MINUTE SECRETARY	Tony Press	minutesecretary@austin7club.org	0409 948 430
PROPERTY OFFICER	John Shiells	propertyofficer@austin7club.org	0403 228 559
EDITOR	Robert Humphreys	editor@austin7club.org	0427 772 281
MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY	Russell Dickson	membership@austin7club.org	0409 577 215
COMPETITION SECRETARY	(Vacant)	competitionsecretary@austin7club.org	(03)5461 4460
SOCIAL SECRETARY	Ron Crellin	socialsecretary@austin7club.org	0459 135 496

LIGHTSHAFT ON THE WEBSITE

You can receive the whole of the magazine in glorious technicolour - if you are happy with only receiving your magazine in this form, then please let the Membership Secretary know.

Even if you want a hard copy, consider updating your email, and requesting an electronic copy as well.

THE VICTORIAN CLUB PERMIT SCHEME

*It is the policy of our Club that owners of Austin 7 Club Club Permit vehicles **MUST** maintain financial membership at all times.*

Your Club Permit Officers are, our Membership Secretary Russell Dickson and Robert Humphreys.

Remember to plan ahead if you need a Club Permit Scheme application or renewal signed or issued. You will find more detail on the club permit scheme on the Web Site

<http://www.austin7club.org/>

NEW FROM SPARES

SPARES

PLEASE come to Spares with a list prepared beforehand, to speed up being served, and make it easier on our volunteers.

Please be prepared to follow any current COVID restrictions.

PLEASE When you visit Spares try to make all your purchases in a single transaction.

This makes the book-work much easier for our volunteers, and respects other members who also want to make purchases.

TROUBLE WITH YOUR MAGNETO?

The Magneto Man

Andrew McCallum 0408 592 636 bugatti37a@gmail.com

37 Roberna St

MOORABBIN VIC 3189

(Not far from the A7 Clubrooms)

MAIL ORDER PAYMENTS TO AUSTIN 7 CLUB SPARES

Payment for parts is preferred by Direct Deposit.

Please note Spares Banking Details, located at the bottom of our Invoices.

Bank branches are making banking cheques difficult, and Credit Card payments, without card, are a risk to the Club and the member.

Robert & Janne Humphreys- mailorderparts@austin7club.org

MARKET PLACE

Market Place advertisements will normally appear for FREE in two consecutive Lightshafts Editor

FOR SALE

1935 Austin 7 tourer

Ready to go

New pressure fed crankshaft

New Pistons plus 0.060"

New Mini valves

New Timing gears

New Electronic Distributor

New Springs

New bushes & Kingpins

New radiator

4 speed Needham gearbox



Perry

Exhaust

LED blinkers

5 new tyres

12 Volt generator

New trim and roof

Hydraulic brakes

\$25,000

GEARBOX REPAIRS

To ALL AUSTINs, including F.W.D.

Special Ratios and Standard Ratios

Austin 7 - 4 speed boxes with better ratios from \$1,700

Changeover or yours rebuilt

John or Ben Needham

OLD CAR GEARBOXES P L (03) 9553 3203

MARKET PLACE

FOR SALE

1935 Austin 7 Ruby Project - 95% complete, Restoration 80% completed

We are selling our project car which started our A7 journey. This car body was originally Bev Logan's transport then it found its way to SA before David & I brought it back home to restore.



We have worked on her over COVID times. The motor is a 2 bearing crank - ground. New big-ends on rods, JP Pistons, valves ground and all decks trued where needed. Front end tightened up with new bushes etc. Brakes been overhauled but yet to be connected.

We have spent a small fortune at Spares!!

SU carby fitted. We have not started the car as minor details still need completing. Gearbox on inspection seems serviceable, but is yet unknown. Clutch has been renewed. Diff may need some adjustment. The Ruby has been freshly painted in 2 pack earthy 2 tone green and upholstered.

Roadworthy tyres (not new) - wire wheels need cleaning and painting. Electroplating still to be done as needed.



MARKET PLACE

Wiring needs to be done. All the hard parts come with the car but there are just enough parts missing (like horn) to make this your restoration to complete.

We are hoping to get around \$9,000



Contact Julie & David Jones 0416 287 797



FOR SALE

Austin 7 sports, ex the late Geoff Weiland. presently owned by Geoff's wife, it regularly appeared to Winton.

Contact Michele Conlon, niece of the late Geoff Weiland

Initial indicative Price is \$13,000

For details contact Tony Press

FOR SALE

Brand new Vintage Radiator Company core for a Ruby. Ordered in error Landed cost here was over \$1000. Looking for offers.

Jim Runciman M 0419 847 888 E runcimans@westnet.com.au



FOR SALE - TRAILER

Located in Brighton - \$650

Nigel Tait 0407 521 629

FOR SALE - Complete 1937 Ruby Sedan:

It is with sincere sorrow, that I offer my Austin with spares and garage equipment.

(I do not want to separate)

\$20,000.00 (NEG)

Eng. M229690. Chassis: 285350. Miles on speedo: 12779

SPARES included:

1 X complete 3 bearing engine, No: M281493 (slipper big end bearings)

1 X 2 bearing crank case No M244285

1 X 3 bearing crank case No: M283634

2 X 'D' type diffs

2 X 4 speed gear boxes

6 X 16inch wheels (some tyres)

1 X steering box incl steering wheel

1 X '37cylinder head

1 X 37 alloy cylinder head (John Fleming?)

2 X starter motors

1 X generator. (rewired to 12volt)

1 X 2 bearing crankshaft

1 X complete zenith carby



Comes with specialist Austin tools

Many various bits & pieces.

Convertible engine stand/crane

Incl. Iton block & tackle

Russell Hook, Albury

0403 443 064 rlmhook@me.com



MARKET PLACE

FOR SALE

Separately to car:

Trailer, heavy duty single axle, with over-ride disc brakes, hand winch and tie-down rings, 3 new 8ply tyres, loading ramps. Also 2 wheel clamps.

(Built for my Austin 7) \$2,800.00

Russell Hook, Albury 0403 443 064 rlmhook@me.com



FOR SALE - Trailer

Rugged trailer, with electric brakes ,heavy duty tyres , aluminium planks

takes an Austin 7 with ease, could fit a wider car or mower.

Registered until March 2023. \$ 2,800

Ken Innes-Irons 0413 744 337 kennetha7@bigpond.com



**The Club proudly supports
Penrite Oil and stocks
Penrite Vintage Car Oils
exclusively in Club Spares.**



MARKET PLACE

FOR SALE - Radiators

Honeycombe – 12 ¾” x 12 ½”

Honeycombe – 16” x 12 ¾”

Zigzag late model – 17 ¼” x 12 ½”

Fin – 16” x 12 ½”

Fin – core only no tanks – 16” x 12 ½”

Neil Johannesen (03) 9802 3010 0412 038 601 nhejo@optusnet.com.au

WANTED

Drain tap for J Richards & Sons, Croydon, England

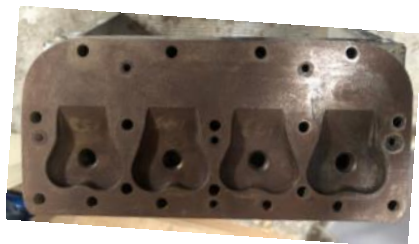
1929 tall radiator

Neil Johannesen (03) 9802 3010 0412 038 601 nhejo@optusnet.com.au

FOR SALE

Austin 7 Head special new with long reach spark plugs over valves for better performance. \$300.00 plus freight.

Michael Shegog 0419 007 033.



FOR SALE.

Austin 7 chummy [van or ute if you prefer] 1929 project. Aluminium scuttle model.

Wayne Styles. 0417 532 412.

FOR SALE.

Phoenix pressurised unused 1.5inch crankshaft, 58mm pistons and rods.

Wayne Styles. 0417 532 412

WANTED TO BUY

1 Lucas Type CF-1 Cut Out Unit To Suit 1929 Austin 7 6 volt.

Contact Stephen Lance

Ph 0417338145

South West
Healthcare



*South West Healthcare
is incredibly grateful to everyone involved with
THE AUSTIN 7
NATIONAL RALLY 2022
for your very generous \$21,002.64 donation
to our Warrnambool operating theatres,
allowing us to buy a lifesaving Rapid Infuser.*



AUSTIN 7 NATIONAL
RALLY 2023

A framed memento is being prepared for display at the Clubrooms, to celebrate the total donations made through the Rally and showing the staff with the Belmont Rapid Infuser machine, and displaying a standard disposable pack and two Fluid sacs.

46th HISTORIC WINTON[®]

27th and 28th May 2023



www.historicwinton.org

Winton Motor Raceway, Benalla, Victoria

