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# "THE LIGHT SHAFT"

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October 2023



Jason Stock with daughter Nakita, at Observed Section Trial 7,  
The Dale Shaw Trial - Jason is also our Club Competition Secretary

At this event he placed equal 10th

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Dale Shaw  
Observed Section Trial 7  
- more photos by  
Racenuts

Right: Judging by the  
slack rope, only one  
person is helping rescue  
this car from a boggy  
predicament.



Above: Nathan Hunt on a nice grassy section

Declan Caldecoat (right), tied with  
Geoff Taylor (below) in 8th place.





**Magazine of the Austin 7 Club Inc. In its 74th 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**

**OCTOBER**

30/ 1	Sat/Sun	S		Barossa Vintage Collingrove Hillclimb SCCSA
30/ 1	Sat/Sun	7		O.S.T. 12- Two Day Trial - Gilderoy
4	Wed	7	A	M.G.M./A.G.M./SGM—Elections/Spares
6	Fri			Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven
7	Sat	7		Spares/B.B.Q
8	Sun	7	A	55 <sup>th</sup> Annual Austin 7 Rally
14	Sat			Club hire – Janne’s All Day Craft Day <del>Austin 7 Heaven Training Day CANCELLED</del>
14/15	Sat-Sun	S		Mt Tarrengower Historic Hill Climb Bendigo Car Club
18	Wed	7	A	H.A.S./Spares
20	Fri			Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven
21	Sat	7	A	Ladies Thank You Day - Jewellery at A7 Clubrooms
21	Sat	7	A	Men at Austin 7 Heaven
22	Sun			Bay to Birdwood
28	Sat	7		OST End of year/Presentations

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***Sunday 15 October 2023.***

**NOVEMBER**

1	Wed	7	A	M.G.M./ Election Sub-Committees Delegates /Spares
3/7	Fri/Tues	7	A	Bob Booth Pub Crawl - Castlemaine
10	Fri			Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven
10/12	Fri/Sun			VHRR Historic Sandown
11/12	Sat/Sun			Bendigo Swap meet
11	Sat	7		Spares/B.B.Q.
15	Wed	7	A	H.A.S./Spares
19	Sun		S	31 <sup>st</sup> Rob Roy Historic & Classic Hill Climb MGCC
24	Fri			Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven
29	Wed			URRRS

**COMING**

**Year End Luncheon – Mulgrave Country Club Sunday 3 December**

**Christmas Pudding & Presentation Night Wednesday 20 December**

**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 respect any COVID-19 Rules.

***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

You may think that as we approach the end of the year that the club activities are winding down. No, not so, there are still functions such as the Annual Rally, URRRS runs, Pub-crawl, Spares days, Xmas Lunch, Ladies' day and the OST Presentations.

October also, is the time of the year when the club starts to focus on the next Historic Winton. A meeting will take place at the clubrooms on Wednesday October the 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm.

This meeting will be to address all the required positions and their roles. Whilst we have had a couple of volunteers we are still in need of someone who can contact our sponsors and or advertisers, to secure their support for Historic Winton 2024. This role can be performed from home, would not require your attendance at Winton, and if unable to attend Historic Winton Meetings a zoom link is provided. All existing contacts are available and documented. If however, this is not for you, we still have many other positions that require assistance and your help would be appreciated.

In closing, I would like to remind you that the AGM will be conducted on the 4<sup>th</sup> of October at the monthly meeting of the club. Elections for Committee will also occur, all positions are considered to be vacant, so please consider what you can contribute to the club and stand for one of the positions.

Len Kerwood

The Austin 7 Club is where to be in 2023

See Page 33, which gives a more detailed outline of three particular areas that volunteers are needed to continue to conduct HISTORIC WINTON.

## Editor's Wafflings

### ***CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING***

#### ***FOR the 47th HISTORIC WINTON***

***Historic Winton is the largest event that the Club conducts each year, and it is the event that we get the greatest participation by:***

- ⇒ ***Club Members, and their families, as Officials, and***
- ⇒ ***Club Members, and former members, as Competitors.***
- ⇒ ***Club Members, and their families, as Spectators***

***There is a job for everyone, some of these do not require attendance at the event.***

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***It is also worth pondering that this event is also an important event underpinning the finances of the Club.***

**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 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 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](mailto:mailorderparts@austin7club.org)



## Vale - John Fatouros



*10 July 1923 to 23 August 2023*

The large number of Club Members at John's memorial service, was surely an indicator of the popularity of he and Rae, in the life of our Club.

The ways in which John contributed to the Club are too numerous to list, but

ranged from the extensive plumbing advice and works that he contributed (during the extension of the Clubrooms, and for any plumbing maintenance), to the Spares Day Barbecues and Lightshaft mailout team. His plumbing company was also a long-term Sponsor of Historic Winton, and he also commonly assisted with Historic Winton mailout sessions.

The photo is probably the last event that he attended with his Austin 7 Ruby, at the Hot Cross Bun Run, at Braeside Park.

He will be missed.

## Vale - Dallas Bester

Dallas regularly participated, with Brian, at many of our social activities, and many Club Runs, but she is best remembered for the extensive period, during the early 2000 years, as a team with Brian providing Mail Order Spares to our remote members, and for managing this aspect of the Club Spares financial system.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We are pleased to welcome the following new members:

Paul Hunt from Narre Warren North has joined after recently purchasing an OST car. Good luck Paul. And joining Paul on the OST scene as OST Passenger Associates are Gideon Davidson, MacKenzie Stone and Rhys Stone.

David Powell was previously a member in the 1980s and 1990s. He hails from Howrah in Tasmania and owns a 1929 Sports and 1930 Van project.

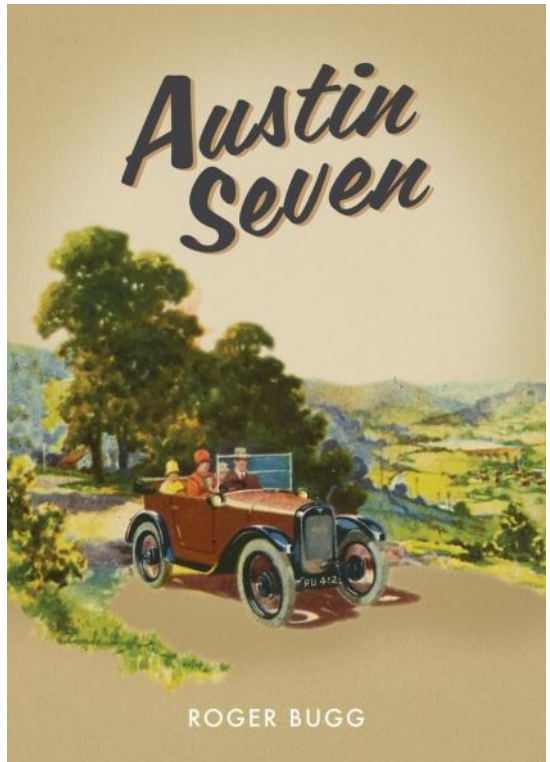
Another new member from across the ditch is Champbell Sutton from Wellington, New Zealand who has a late 1928 Chummy with coil ignition.

Elisabeth Stanger from NSW/ACT has a 1929 Meteor.

Russell

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## Notes from the Librarian & Editor

Roger Bugg has owned and restored many Austin 7's and in this book he explains the concept of the Austin 7 as a fully equipped full size car in miniature. He also explores it's racing history and the book includes practical information on finding and restoring an Austin 7 including cost of purchase, restoration and running along with specialist suppliers of parts.

The book is available for loan in the club library, the book was published only a few months ago and the club has just purchased a copy. If you are interested in reading this book contact me and I can organise for you to borrow this book or any others in our library.

David Easton - Club librarian.

### Club Services

All Members who have supplied an email address will normally receive a monthly electronic Lightshaft (usually 11 per year) and other prompts and notices, together with copies of a range of newsletters from other Clubs. These are well worth a good read.

I notice that the current Country Motor, No53, has a brilliant series of articles about cycle cars.

Cyclecars were, in many ways, the target for Herbert Austin's competitive offering of an alternate vehicle, with so much more.

There are TWO articles that refer to Jeremy Morris's GN cycle car, that appeared at this year's Historic Winton, being driven by Daniel Clarke (grandson of Maurie & Margaret Monk, and son of Janet (nee Monk) and David Clarke, all very active past members of our Club. Maurie was also an extremely active motor sport competitor, organiser and administrator, also being the Founding President of CAMS. The coincidence is that Maurie had a past history as owner of this car, which he later sold to a cousin, Ted Hider-Smith.

Well worth a read.

## COMING EVENTS

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**

## 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.*

## EVENTS FOR YOUR AUSTIN 7 IN 2023

If you have an idea for an event for our Austin 7s, or if you want to help run an event, but need help, let a Committee member know, and it can become part of the Club Calendar for 2023 OR 2024.

Perhaps you could even revive, or recreate, a form of event that was popular in the past but lacked an active organiser.

## **COMING EVENTS**

### **OST 12 - Two Day Trial - Gilderoy**

**Saturday/Sunday 30 September/1 October 2023**

**1305 Little Yarra Road.** Travel along Warburton Highway B380 to Yarra Junction. At the set of traffic lights turn right into Yarra Junction-Noojee Road (Little Yarra Road), proceed for 13 kms, property on the left. Look for OST sign.

### **Monthly General Meeting / Spares- Wednesday 4 October 2023**

Get an update on our Coming Events, and hear a few stories about our past events. A meeting also combined with the AGM, and a SGM for Election of Committee.

### **Annual General Meeting – Annual report**

**Wednesday 4 October 2023**

The Annual General Meeting of the Austin Seven Club Inc. will be held at 8:15pm on Wednesday 4 October 2023

The ordinary business of the meeting is:-

- ⇒ to receive from the Committee reports upon the transactions of the Club during the preceding financial year; and
- ⇒ to receive and consider the financial statement submitted by the Club in accordance with Part 7 of the Associations Incorporations Reform Act 2012.

### **Club Secretary**

One minute you're fun and the next minute you can predict the weather with your bad knee.

## COMING EVENTS

### Special General Meeting – Elections

A Special General Meeting of the Austin Seven Club Inc. will be held at 8:30pm on Wednesday 4 October 2023.

The purpose of the meeting is to elect the Officers and ordinary members of the Committee and acknowledge the ongoing Auditor.

Nominations are invited for these positions, and a nomination form for the Committee positions is included with this Light Shaft.

Nominations shall be delivered to the Secretary not less than 15 minutes before the time fixed for the start of the SGM.

#### **Club Secretary**

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Please consider the appeal, for a SOCIAL SECRETARY

Perhaps a Cooperative effort, with a few helpers, would see a new approach to how the Social Events, of the Club, could be conducted.

Do YOUR bit for YOUR Club.

#### **Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven - Friday 6 October 2023**

What project do you need help with, or some machining?

**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.”**

#### **Spares / BBQ Saturday 7 October 2023**

A great opportunity for country members to visit a Tool Up, Spares and the Annual Austin 7 Rally, all on the one weekend.

The BBQ is also a great time to share stories.

## COMING EVENTS

### ANNUAL AUSTIN SEVEN RALLY

Sunday 8 October 2023

See Flyer and Centrefold

As there is no free parking for car trailers at the anglers club, it is suggested we meet at the club rooms around 10am to unload your car, as it is a 15 minute drive to Jetty Road Sandringham. Any questions let me know. Phillip on 0413 185 576

### JANNE'S SCRAPBOOKING DAY— SATURDAY 14 OCTOBER 2023

I have opened the booking for - ***SPRING***  
***-TIME***

***The theme will be CHRISTMAS***

There will be a card making session from 1.30 to 3.30 in the afternoon where you will be making 6 cards. The cost for this workshop is \$15.00.

The cost of just attending the all day scrapbooking session is \$40 and if you wish to do both sessions the cost is \$50.00.

I require payment when you book to come. and I can give you my bank account details when you contact me so you can pay me directly.

Please contact me as follows:

Email: [janne.humphreys@yahoo.com.au](mailto:janne.humphreys@yahoo.com.au)

Mob: 0427 772 261

Phone: (03) 9583 6316



## COMING EVENTS

**TRAINING DAY - Saturday 14 October .2023**

**CANCELLED**

**Hot Air Session / Spares Wednesday 18 October 2023**

Found a magic way to get better performance - from your car.

Come and share it with others.

**Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven - Friday 20 October 2023**

What project do you need help with, or some machining?

Or perhaps the ultimate - Do It Yourself.

Ikea knows all about that!

**LADIES THANK YOU DAY - Saturday 21 October 2023**

It's a day for you.

Have you ever wondered how the jewellery you wear and love  
is designed and made?

We'll wonder no more.

There will be a presentation by Diamond setter and jeweller Nick.

There will also be a Presentation by gemologist Jennifer.

**Where: Austin 7 Club rooms**

**When: 10 am start**

**RSVP: Tuesday 17 October, 2023**

Ladies – A fully Catered morning tea and lunch (with wine) will be provided



## COMING EVENTS

in recognition of your significant contribution to our Club. Afternoon tea will also be provided.

*There is also an opportunity for you to bring your jewellery to be checked and cleaned.*

A range of jewellery will also be available for purchase on the day.

The men will also be catered for and invited to Austin 7 Heaven. There may be a pole-dancing demonstration by Russell and his team. (just checking to see if you read this!)

Please contact Brian Gibbons to advise of your attendance and for catering purposes (including any special dietary requirements).

Phone: 0418 508 611

Email: gibbonsbgs@gmail.com

### **Sunday 22 October 2023 - Bay to Birdwood**

Plenty of information available on the web.

Expressions of Interest close soon.

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### **Monthly General Meeting – Election of Sub-committees and Delegates**

#### **Wednesday 1 November 2023**

At the November Monthly General Meeting it is proposed to form all subcommittees, other than Historic Winton subcommittee, and nominate Club Delegates for the coming year.

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

**Club Secretary**

## COMING EVENTS

### 2023 Bob Booth Pub Crawl Castlemaine

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> November.

This year's Pub Crawl will be based in Castlemaine in the goldfield's region, staying at the Castle Motel, 1 Duke St, Castlemaine.

Final preparations are now taking place. Shortly an email will be sent regarding further costs.

We look forward to a weekend of scenic drives, a bit of history, a garden or two, and some great times together.

*Get your Austin 7 ready*

Maria and Colin Cheesman

#### 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/>**

My mind still thinks I'm 25.

My body thinks my mind is an idiot.

## COMING EVENTS

### Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven - Friday 10 November 2023

A time to learn how to do things that you either don't have the tools to do,  
OR need some expert guidance.

A great opportunity to learn new skills, or perhaps resurrect old skills.

Get your Austin 7 going.



### Spares / BBQ Saturday 11 November 2023

The BBQ is also a great time to share stories, and tell others what you learned at the Tool Up on the Friday.

## Bendigo National Swap Meet

#### Featuring:

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

**11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> November 2023**



### Hot Air Session / Spares Wednesday 15 November 2023

A good time to consult others about what Spares you need, how to fudge the budget so its hidden from the rest of the family, or hear how others share their Austin 7s with their friends and family.

#### 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



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Perhaps also learn a bit about the history of our Club, and also learn how you can help the Club.

## COMING EVENTS

### Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven - Friday 24 November 2023

Need help getting enthusiastic about fixing your car?

**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.”*

### ENERGY BREAKTHROUGH

#### Wednesday 22 to Sunday 26 November 2023

For those who love to see schools participating in a wide range of activities, then the Energy Breakthrough is a great event.

For many years our Club provided a team, who assisted with conducting the activities.

Well worth a visit.

### Victorian Club Permit Logbooks

#### Notice to AOMC

It has been identified that due to a processing error, around 2,000 club permit renewals were recently sent without logbooks.

VicRoads is in the process of sending all affected permit holders a logbook and an explanatory letter. It would be appreciated if you could advise your constituent clubs.

John Lewis

Principal Practice Advisor – Service Delivery and Support

VicRoads Registration and Licensing Services

## COMING EVENTS

### URRRS

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023**

As announced at the September MGM the proposed visit to the Melbourne Water Treatment plant is postponed, due to the small number of interested members.

We will instead visit Russell Clough's vehicle collection in Croydon followed by lunch in the local district.

This is an opportunity for all those members in the eastern suburbs to give their vehicles a run and not have to travel far.

Full details in the November Light Shaft, in the meantime may I please have your expressions of interest.

John McMillan    Mobile: 0408 994 510

Email: [mcmillanjp9@bigpond.com](mailto:mcmillanjp9@bigpond.com)



*Austins Over Australia 2024*

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March to Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024  
in Orange, NSW



A programme of events showcasing the beautiful city of Orange, our Austin Motor Vehicles, and a time to catch up with old friends and make new ones.

Contact details for this event:

Tony Groom, Tour Director AOA 2024

Mob: 0412 036 774

email: [AOA2024@amvcnsw.com.au](mailto:AOA2024@amvcnsw.com.au)

## LETTER OF THANKS

My grateful thanks to the Trials Committee for all the fuss they made of me over my 50th Anniversary in the Trials. I was truly moved by the CAMS report, the research done on my trials achievements, all the Facebook best wishes, the car numbers with me on them, the Section markers with me and various passengers on them, the special badge in my honour, but most of all the big poster signed by dozens of my colleagues and of course the thought that went into all that!

On top of all that, Brenda was most certainly chuffed about all the above and while, given the prevailing conditions underfoot, it would have been impossible for her to attend, I knew she was equally chuffed at the recognition, so an extraordinary effort from the Trials Committee. My most sincere thanks!

As a footnote I had a bit of an incident at the conclusion of the Glenburn Trial: Just as I was about to leave for home I tripped on some loose stones, fell flat on my face smashing my glasses into my face, sustaining a few cuts, a couple of black eyes and a few bruises. All looked pretty gruesome and dramatic to the extent passenger Lori insisted (just as Brenda would have) I get some help, so Andrew (Stritch) finished packing up my trailer and drove my car to the next port of call at Lori's house where Alicia (registered nurse) cleaned and dressed my wounds, then Stu drove me home all the way to Mt Eliza and had Louise pick him up from there and then back home on the other side of town. An MA report was duly filed, so in all a mighty impressive rescue mission. Hopefully I'll cause a little less fuss at the 2 Day Trial, but I have to say the care and professionalism shown by the Trials committee has been a most rewarding experience.

Thanks

Grant & Brenda Campbell

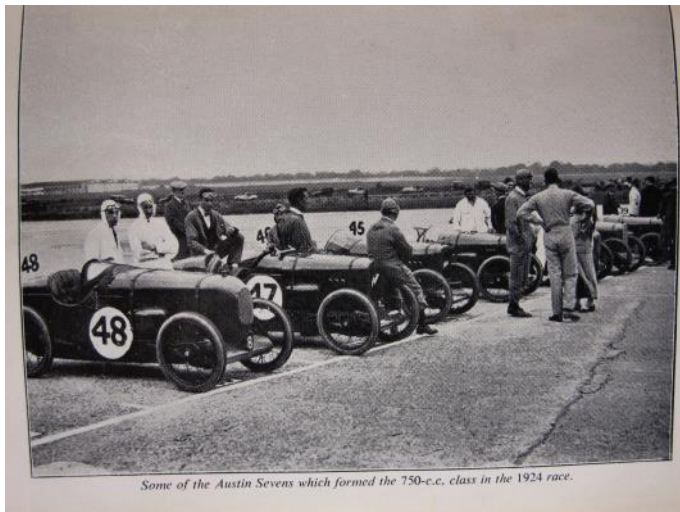


## LONG PAST EVENTS

'From a Book by Bill Body, May 1947'

The Junior Car Club 1924 200 mile race at Brooklands. Of 50 race starters, nine were Austin 7s.

The fastest Austin 7 and best finisher was Gordon England with an average speed of 75.6mph. Captain Waite was third of only four Austins to finish. The race was won by Lee Guinness in a 1½lt Talbot Darracq at an average speed of 102.2mph. Talbot Darracqs were 2nd and 3rd.

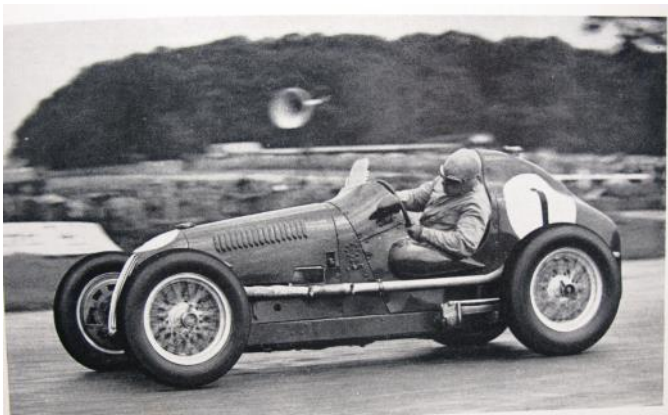


*Some of the Austin Sevens which formed the 750-c.c. class in the 1924 race.*

The other photo included is Arthur Dodson driving a Twin Cam Austin at Donnington Park in 1936.

He drove this same car on Brooklands outer circuit, in October 1936, setting a new class record at 121.14 mph, and took nine records, including 100 miles at average of 115.05 mph.

From David Lowe



1936 Austin "Twin cam"



## INTO THE MUD

Date: 17th Sept 2023    Glenburn    OST No 11    MA Permit:323/1709/09

Driver	Crew Member	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Total	Placing
Jesse Stritch	Rhys Dunne	10	8	10	8	7	9	6	10	9	7	84	1
Stuart Schweiger	Brandon Schweiger	10	3	10	5	6	9	6	8	4	7	68	2
Grant Campbell	Lori Filsell	10	4	8	8	5	6	3	10	6	7	67	=3
Rodney Wiersema	Cassie Wiersema	10	8	8	3	6	6	6	9	4	7	67	=3
Cooper Schweiger	Alicia Randle	10	5	8	9	2	7	6	8	5	6	66	5
Mark Filsell	Mackenzie Stone	8	9	7	3	2	7	5	4	7	6	58	6
Leanne Coakley	Geoff Taylor	10	6	7	3	3	5	*4	9	4	6	57	7
Nathan Hunt	Declan Caldecoat	10	3	6	2	10	4	5	9	4	3	56	8
Geoff Taylor	Leanne Coakley	10	3	2	6	7	6	2	9	4	4	53	9
Declan Caldecoat	Gideon Davidson	10	0	7	3	3	4	5	9	4	6	51	10
Jason Stock	Nakita Stock	6	3	7	2	2	4	2	8	4	6	44	11
Paul Hunt	Daniel Hunt	10	3	0	3	2	4	2	1	4	6	35	12

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### OST 11 Glenburn

Again we were blessed with a great day of weather, some would say a bit too warm. A couple of patches of new terrain were used this trial and some of our usual challenging areas were again tackled in the mud. We saw a new driver in the field, Paul Hunt, who purchased a car just 2 weeks earlier at the Woori Yallock trial. Paul had a great start to trialling with a 10 on his first section. The day was ultimately won by Jesse Stritch, with Stuart Schweiger second from an equal third with Grant Campbell and Rodney Wiersema. Just 1 trial to go at our 2 day trial in Gilderoy and a tight championship.

Jason Stock

## INTO THE MUD - PROFILES

### Driver Profile

**Name: Declan Caldecoat**      Age: 22

Car: Rear engine Volkswagen Beetle 1600 ( I believe built by Grant Campbell in the 90's).

Declan first started trialling as a passenger for Nathan Hunt which he still does. He passengered for about a year and enjoyed it so much that he decided to invest in his own car and drive as well. He bought a car that had not been driven since 2019. He spent a number of months taking it apart and restoring it to working order with a number of issues arising, from the starter motor, before Rodney found him a replacement. Now having a smoother running car Declan is making great progress as a driver and is aiming to get his first podium.

A great young man with a long future of trialling ahead of him.

### OST News Profile

#### Passenger Profile :- Lori Filsell

Found Mudtrials when at High school. My bestie's dad did it. I Tagged along with them & mainly took photos to begin with then as soon as I was eligible to passenger, I did, & have never really stopped!

I've had a few breaks here & there for overseas travel, marriage, having 2 kids that sort of stuff.

My timeline

1982 to 1987 passengered for 'Crazy' Craig Hansen

Then MIA, due to above mentioned, came back around 2000.

## INTO THE MUD - PROFILES

2000, my boys were of an age 5 & 7, where it was fun to go play in the mud & not get into trouble as mum usually was muddier!

Season 2001 saw me back in my regular seat with Crazy - the previous season Craig had introduced his new home built beast. This was also the 1st car to don my name on the passenger side. (To this day my name is still there & my son is currently competing this car)

2002 Mark, my husband decided this was a fun thing the whole family could do together, so purchased a car. Yeah, the husband & wife thing didn't work for us, two Taureans together!!! He didn't like being told where to go. LOL

Around the early 2000's we had a passenger shortage, & most trials we were having to double up and assist in two cars. Consequently I think at some stage I've pretty much passengered for them all (they like to refer this as trophy chasing, I like to call it a passenger tart!)

2004 I became Graeme Moyles regular passenger (another car to don my name)

Graeme & I were a great team up until his retirement

Just to name a few other drivers I've teamed up with over the years, Geoff Taylor, Andrew Stritch, Steve Mason, Terry Stritch, Andrew Cox, Dean Hunt, just to name a few.

2018 I accepted the ride with Grant Campbell. His previous passenger had retired & as we all know Grant can be fussy with whom he'll allow in the car. Back in the day you had to be under 50kgs! No fat chicks! I was always in the 50kg range but not under, so was never considered.

Now he's happy just to have someone who fits the car. So here I am 50kgs plus, 50 something in age & I fit the bill and still in a winning competitive car with Grant to this day and helping him celebrate his 50th season trialling.

## A BLAST FROM THE PAST

Tony Press received email requests from Herb Johnson's granddaughter, with photos that she thought were from 1938 or 1939.

She posed a question of :- Where are they now?

COME ON - HOW ABOUT A  
RESPONSE

HAVE ANOTHER LOOK AT PAGE 30  
& 31 of September LS

I know one of the cars may now be with  
Bruce Maplestone, via a couple of others,  
including John Fatouros.



## A BLAST FROM THE PRESENT—ABOUT THE PAST

Warrnambool member Robert Baudinette with his rare Australian bodied 1934 Datsun Type 13 he is restoring. Registration records from AOMC indicate it was first registered in 1936.





## PAST EVENTS

### BORDER RUN

I hope someone will give me their impressions of a great Border Run - I closed copy early so there was no hope of getting a report in this October edition, as the football holiday, and our own Humphreys family participation in the event made the copy closing too tight.

However, the following extract of part of the “BULLETIN 4” briefing papers at least give you an appetiser of what was proposed.

*We have bookings for 47 members travelling in 25 cars, comprising 29 /17 SA members and 18/8 Victorians. Only 3 cars (6 people) will not be commencing the week-end at Naracoorte. This is a marvellous effort by the Victorian Club members who have elected to take one extra day on their trip.*

*On arrival at the motel at Naracoorte or Mt Gambier (as applicable to you) I will give you name plates coloured-coded to link to your menu selection.*

*Please take the name plates and display them at each dinner. This will assist the food servers efficiently deliver your correct menu selection.*

#### **Sunday Lunch**

*After we visit the Feasts' Classic Car Collection we will go to the Port MacDonnell Bowling Club for a barbecue lunch. The cost for this Barbecue meal is \$15 per head. Please have the correct cash on hand to pay the Bowling club on the day.*

#### **Itinerary & Route Instructions**

*The Itinerary sent with Bulletin No. 2 provides an outline of the course of the event. Detail and route instructions will be provided upon your arrival at the Tour.*

*Now all we need is for the weather gods to smile on us. We look forward to joining with you in ten days' time.*

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## 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.*

## **MY AUSTIN by Don Smith**

### **My Austin 7 Sports (Black Bess)**

My well-known “Black Bess” is For Sale.

I am reluctant to part with such a well loved car, but I am finding, with my advancing age and reduced mobility, I am not using it, and therefore offer it For Sale, hopefully to an A7 club member, or similar enthusiast, who will use and treasure it as I have.

The body was built by Bill Sheehan, its style based on the A7 which won the first Australian Grand Prix. It is a 2-seater with cycle guards.

The car has recently been given a thorough mechanical overhaul by noted Austin 7 expert, Walter Raschle, which included attention to the engine, transmission, suspension etc. The brakes were attended to, now being hydraulic on all four wheels, with a dual master cylinder.

The car is a 1929 model, with several later parts. Mechanically, it is fitted with a later engine, fitted with a Fraser crankshaft, Renault pistons and rods and all the appropriate performance modifications eg. SU carburetor, better inlet and exhaust systems, modified valves, springs and camshaft & pressure oil supply. It is now 803cc capacity with a 4 speed gear box.

The car has always been a strong performer, particularly on hills. With the works carried out by Walter Raschle it is even better in this regard.

It is on club plates, which are not transferable, and it is offered for sale at \$20,000.

Shoutout to everyone who can still remember their  
childhood phone number.

But can't remember the password they created yesterday.

You are my people.

## **MY AUSTIN by Don Smith**

### **Some of Black Bess's Activities**

#### **Touring**

- Trip to NZ, both islands with 2 others
- Trip to Tasmania with the A7 Club
- Several trips to Adelaide & SA Country
- Several trips to Sydney inc Blue Mountains
- Many club runs around Victoria with A7 Club.
- Several “Pub Crawls”, of the rugged type, with A7 Club
- Several Border Runs with A7 Club.

#### **Competition**

- Regularities at Winton—several 7 “firsts”
- Regularities at Albert Park
- Regularities at Sandown
- Regularities at Phillip Island
- Regularities at Oran Park

#### **Sprints/Hill Climbs**

- Hillclimb at Templestowe
- Hillclimb at Rob Roy
- Hillclimb Mt Tarrengower
- Hillclimb at Bendigo
- Hillclimb at Mangalore

## **MY AUSTIN by Don Smith**

### **Touring Type Rallies**

- GP Rally to Adelaide GP—2nd Vintage—Included laps of the GP circuit in race trim
- Great Rally of Macedon Ranges—Several times

### **Other**

- Featured in TV series “Carson’s Law”

Don Smith

## **FOR SALE**

### **FOR SALE**

Austin 7 Sports (Black Bess)

1929 model with some later parts

Body by Bill Sheehan

Recent extensive overhaul by Walter Raschle: in first class mechanical condition

Extensive competition and touring participation as detailed elsewhere.

Don Smith 5422 7335

Car can be viewed at Kyneton

\$20,000.

I got myself a seniors GPS. Not only does it tell me how to get to my destination,  
it also tells me why I wanted to go there.



The future of HISTORIC WINTON is in danger from a lack of support by Club Members.

The President has alerted everyone that a few key positions need new volunteers, as a few key club members have retired.

It appears to be inappropriate to surrender control of these functions to non Club Members.

The most important of those are:-

- ⇒ Paddock Office Coordinator (mouse house) - Manages the supplies that are needed are taken to the circuit, a suitable roster is prepared for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, arranges set-up early on Friday, and packing up on Sunday. Arranges suitable training for Officials Sign-On and other services, and Coordinates with Drivers Sign-On. (John McMillan is retiring)
- ⇒ Drivers Sign-On Coordinator, at the Paddock Office - Needs suitable computer skills to operate the registration process on the Club Computer software, already pre-loaded by the Secretary and Entry Secretary. (Greg Drummond stepped in this year, after the death of Gary Hawkins)
- ⇒ Event Sponsorship and Advertising in programme. Entails contacting almost 40 existing Sponsors/Advertisers, and other potential participants, and arranging copy for the programme, and all the related coordination, for billing done by others. (Greg Drummond has been doing this task for some years)

In each case, a good system of Procedures is available, and assistance by the retiring Coordinators.

## **INITIAL APPLICATION FOR A CLUB PERMIT**

Given the responsibility for compliance with eligibility, the Club does not authorise CPS applications for MODIFIED vehicles, other than Austin 7s and their derivatives, since the Club Permit Officers would not have sufficient experience to judge eligibility, and are now required to attest to eligibility.

***‘An applicant for a \*Club Permit for any vehicle other than an Austin 7 must be a Full Member of the Austin Seven Club Inc.’***

The Club Permit Officer will request a statement from any applicant for new CPS vehicles that are NOT Austin 7s, to state that the vehicle is not modified outside the Regulations, or the VSI 8 or the VSI 33, whichever are applicable, and that any vehicle manufactured after 30 June 1975 meets the ADRs.

### ***TO APPLY FOR A NEW PERMIT***

Your Club Permit Officers will require the following with your CPS application:-

- ◆ MUST be on the VicRoads Club Permit Application Form
- ◆ MUST be accompanied by a VicRoads Vehicle Eligibility and Standards Declaration for Club Permit Vehicles Form
- ◆ MUST be accompanied by a current Certificate of Roadworthiness (within 30 days of the Declaration Date) - The alternate VicRoads “Guideline Vehicle Safety Inspection Checklist” is NOT accepted, as the Club does not have any authorised CPS Scrutineers.
- ◆ Dated photographs of front, driver’s side, back, driving positions (side on with driver’s door open), and where possible - Chassis number, engine number, car number and a photo of ALL modifications.
- ◆ An application for a “modified” Austin 7 MUST be accompanied by a VASS approval certificate
- ◆ An application for a “modified” Austin 7 motorcycle MUST be shown to meet the Standards applying to Motorcycle & Mopeds VSI 4



<b>NEW FROM SPARES</b>
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**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.*

**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](mailto:mailorderparts@austin7club.org)**

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

Unfortunately, not available by mail order.

*We hope to soon publish a new Spare Parts List, which will not only update the prices, and some descriptions, but will also list a few additional items that have been added since early 2020.*

*An electronic version will also give access to a photo of most of the parts that deserve a photo.*

**MARKET PLACE****GARAGE SALE. - I am moving.**

Most items are pre 1934.

Engines, reconditioned.

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Located in Albury NSW



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*Separately to car:*

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### 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

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LED blinkers

5 new tyres

12 Volt generator

New trim and roof

Hydraulic brakes

**\$\$ BEST OFFER \$\$**

*John Franklin 0418 340 433*

### FOR SALE

See “Side Lights”, the magazine of the Mornington Peninsula Historical Vehicles Club.

This 1932 long wheelbase car is in Hastings.



### FOR SALE -

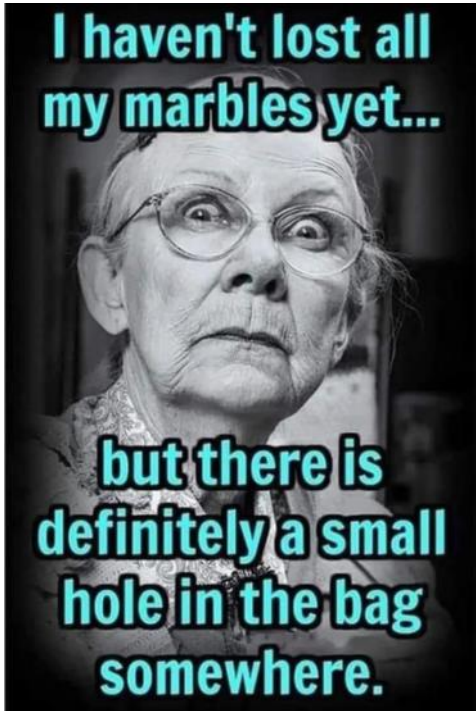
8 - 19” Austin 7 wheels Price \$110 for 4 wheels

Stewart Bush 5435 2536

***This space is for you to advertise the useless junk in your shed.***

## LOOKS HAPPY?

But this is how Greg Hallihan looks when he is doing his block



Below:

Brian Gibbons and Doug Veel, at a recent Club Event.





# Austin Seven

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55th ANNUAL RALLY  
Sandringham Anglers Club  
Sunday 8th October 2023



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