
"THE LIGHT SHAFT"

June 2025



An Austin 7 in Spain - Photo by Mike Darling
see Editor's Notes

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Observed Section Trial 1, for the 2025 season at a brand new property, called Glenburn Powerlines. Photos Jason Stock





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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

1	Sun	7		O.S.T. 3 - Lilydale
4	Wed	7	A	M.G.M./Spares
6	Fri	7		Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven
7	Sat	7		Spares/B.B.Q.
9	Mon			King's Birthday
11	Wed			Historic Winton Sub-Committee Meeting
13	Fri	7		Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven
15	Sun	7	A	Fish & Chip Run - Hastings
15	Sun	7		O.S.T. 4 - Strathewen
18	Wed	7	A	H.A.S./Spares - Guest Speaker – Phillip Burns, Hydroblast
25	Wed			Committee Meeting
27	Fri	7		Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven
29	Sun	7		O.S.T. 5 - Narbethong
29	Sun			MSCA Super Sprint Round 5 – Sandown

Club Calendar Information

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

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

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

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

Austin 7 Spares is closed
Thursday 19 June, TO Tuesday 1 July.

JULY

2	Wed	7	A	M.G.M./Spares (HW Sub Committee Election)
5	Sat			First Day of Winter School Holidays
5	Sat	7		Spares/B.B.Q.
6	Sun	7	A	Christmas in July
9	Wed			Historic Winton Sub-Committee Meeting
12	Sat	7	A	Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven
13	Sun	7		O.S.T. 6 - Neerim South
16	Wed	7	A	H.A.S./Spares
20	Sun			Last Day of Winter School Holidays
23	Wed			Committee Meeting
25	Fri	7		Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven
25-27	Fri-Sun			GT World Challenge Australia – Sandown
27	Sun	7	A	Frost Bite Run to OST
27	Sun	7		O.S.T. 7 – 28 th Dale Shaw Trial – Rob Roy
31	Thurs	7	A	URRRS

THE AUSTIN 7 CLUB ROOMS AND CLUB SPARES
are located at

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

All correspondence to the Secretary:

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

Please do not send mail to the clubrooms

Spares are open:-

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

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

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

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

Spares can be ordered by mail from:

Janne and Robert Humphreys, at mailorderparts@austin7club.org

LIGHTSHAFT ON THE WEBSITE

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

The other redeeming feature, is, that you can have directions to a Coming Event, as close as your phone. Great for an opportunity to attract new members to a Coming Event.

Renewing your membership, is the time to update your subscription and select whether you want to pay for a mailed Lightshaft.

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>**

LIGHTSHAFT COPY CLOSING

Copy for Lightshaft **closes** late on

Saturday 14 June 2025.

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

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As you read this, I am quite sure that we can now all take a deep breath and reflect on another Historic Winton.

A huge thankyou to all our tireless members and friends, who contributed to this wonderful event. Mention should also be made to our PR team, sponsors and advertisers for their support. As we roll towards July, we will be asking members to consider their involvement in the 2026 Historic Winton.

Whilst some may consider June to be a quiet recovery month after Winton, the muddies (OSTs) will be hard at it and hopefully it has rained! Get along for some fun (OST3 at Lilydale on June 1) and give them your support.

On the Clubrooms front, money has been expended on property improvements, which enhances our income to cover the clubroom running costs, for the benefit of members. As most would be aware, one of the major services to Club members is our extensive Spare Parts department. This has an ever expanding range of new and used parts. Please avail yourselves of this service as the Spares team are most helpful with parts and advice.

With so many events detailed in this publication, there is something for everyone.

So, get out and drive in 2025.

Glynis Gibbons, President.

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The OST season is underway which always has our mud trials members rejoining as well as a steady stream of new members.

This month we are pleased to welcome Michael Atkins from Monbulk who has joined as an Associate Member so he can drive his grandfather's OST car. He has obtained his Motorsport Australia licence and has already competed in his first trial. This makes three generations of the Atkins family currently taking part in mud trials with Michael's father David and grandfather Bob.

Also welcome to Lucas Coombe from Beaconsfield who has joined to have a go as an OST passenger.

I recently applied for a listing from VicRoads of all the vehicles on the Club Permit Scheme that are linked to the Austin 7 Club. This was to check our records against those at VicRoads.

Surprisingly there were two vehicles on our database as signed renewals but not on VicRoads list. Both these members had receipts for payment and only after visits to VicRoads were the errors finally acknowledged and corrected. One had been processed at a suburban branch and one in the country. Until that time the cars were technically unregistered and uninsured.

There does not appear to be a foolproof solution to making sure that renewals are correctly processed but if possible it would be worth checking your MyVicRoads account after renewing to make sure permits have been updated. It is also advisable to keep and carry the receipts from VicRoads.

Russell

CLUB WEBSITE

More Photos and news on the website

www.austin7club.org/

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

EDITOR'S NOTES

I hope that you all read the Lightshaft thoroughly, BUT do you read the other magazines that Tony sends to all members by email.

If the answer is NO, then you are missing out on a huge amount of interesting news about the love of your life – Austin 7s.

The May edition of Baby Torque is a great example. It is interesting to read about the various events that were, or will, happen in WA, but also the stories about the cars. Particularly interesting is a short summary of the history of cars at Lake Perkolilli, dating back to 1914.

The origins of “The Dashboard”, is followed by a really great story about an Austin 7 Arrow, brought to Australia when the owner emigrated to Australia. This car was built on the Speedy rolling chassis, with the Speedy engine with the 1 ½” crank and pressure fed engine. The story of its rebuild from a fully disassembled car is interesting.

Tony Press recently circulated a copy of a four page story extract from “Car” of February 1968, “Battle of the Bangers” by George Bishop. That story implied it was a comparison of the four years of the Morris Eight, made from 1935 to 1938, with an Austin 7 of similar years. He points out the much longer period of manufacture of the Austin 7, and even says that “To achieve any true comparison we must therefore take a very late Austin and a very early Morris, and settle on, say 1935 as a year which will yield comparable models.”

The article then makes interesting reading, by a clearly scatterbrain reporter who keeps saying comparing same year models, but he keeps referring to earlier A7s, but never once compares to the earlier Morris equivalents.

Perhaps a mention of the early Morris Minor, IF comparing to early A7s, may have been appropriate.

The report has little value as an objective report, I also observe many

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incorrect “facts”.

IF, it had been an objective report on like models, I must say that many of his arguments are valid, as many mechanical components of the Morris were of superior, and more advanced engineering design, but one may question, in hindsight, whether the quality of manufacture was equal.

I would love to know the FACTS about survival rates of the two comparable models – seems to me that the Austin 7 may win, and by a significant margin.

The photo on the cover, is explained, by Mike Darling.

“Thought this may be of interest, found on our travels in Spain.

We were doing a sherry tour at Tito Pepe in Jerez and came across this Austin 7.

Regards to all - Mike Darling.”

Recently Mike also donated a collection of relics owned by Fred Darling (Mike’s father), mostly related to Historic Winton history. These items will be carefully curated and placed on display in the Clubrooms.



The Club has quite a large collection of items that deserve careful preservation, and appropriate presentation, so that all members can understand their relevance to the history of our favoured car and Club.

For 2025 Committee, Sub-Committees, Delegates and other club contacts, see list later in the Lightshaft.

COMING EVENTS

OST 3 - Lilydale Sunday 1 June 2025

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.

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, a further 1.7km enter property on left, look for OST signs.

Monthly General Meeting Wednesday 4 June 2025

Come and share your stories about events attended, or volunteer to help with some function of the Club.

An update on our major events should be interesting, or perhaps you need to spend the shopping money on an essential item for the love of your life.

Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven - Friday 6 June 2025

There is a Fish & Chip Run, or plenty of OSTs to take your Austin 7 to.

Time to do some deferred maintenance.

Spares / BBQ Saturday 7 June 2025

There are commonly a few of our Austin 7s at Spares Saturday, but it would be good to see more.

Newer members find it helpful to see a reference vehicle , in the daylight, so that they can learn a bit more about what their Austin 7 should look like.

Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven - Friday 13 June 2025

What's your next project?

OR, is there a longer event, later in the year, that you want the car to be really running well.

Time to prepare for the National Rally, or just give the love of your life a service. Be careful, do not get too excited.

Fish & Chip Run Sunday 15 June 2025

The Fish and Chip Run is to be held at the

Harbourside Café

17 Skinner Street

HASTINGS.

At 12.30 pm

I need to confirm numbers on WEDNESDAY 11th JUNE

I have made a booking for 30 people and would appreciate you contacting me as soon as you can, either by email or phone if you wish to attend.

Email – janne.humphreys@yahoo.com.au

Phone: 0427 772 261

The restaurant is fairly upmarket and prices range from \$20 to \$40. There are a variety of dishes available as well as fish and chips.

It would also be appreciated if you could advise if you would prefer fish and chips so that they have sufficient stock on hand for a large group.

Cheers.

Janne Humphreys

The first 50 years of childhood are hardest.

COMING EVENTS

OST 4 - Strathewen - Sunday 15 June 2025

625 Eagle Nest Rd Strathewen See Melway Key Map Page9 M2.

Property is exactly 6.25K from the start of Eagle Nest Rd. Follow OST
(Observed Section Trial) signs

Hot Air Session / Spares Wednesday 18 June 2025

A Presentation on cleaning metal parts with Hydroblasting



1. Extreme pressure using water and glass beads will clean surface oxidation, oils and years of grime away
2. the final finish is natural, clean and bright
3. the surface has no contaminants left after cleaning and you have an original finish
4. the process is environmentally friendly and recycles the water and blast media
5. It will let me work full time at my factory and make some progress on my Austin Seven

Phillip Burns will give a presentation at the HAS meeting on Wednesday, 18th June, on the Hydro Blasting process and its differences from other blasting or cleaning processes. This process is environmentally friendly and recycles water and blast media. Instead of using caustic cleaners and wire brushes. Consider Hydro Blasting to restore and rejuvenate old car parts, making them look factory-new.

SPARES CLOSURE FOR STOCKTAKE AND EOFY REPORTING

Spares is closed for orders from

Thursday 19 June to Tuesday 1 July, inclusive.

This will allow for End of Financial Year adjustments, accounting, and appropriate reporting.

Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven - Friday 27 June 2025

Perhaps this is the right time to check your car over - make a list of any parts you require.

Perhaps this is a reminder of checking the Spares that you want to take with you on longer runs - better to be sure, than sorry.

Bother - no spare head gasket.

Go back and read the Membership Report again.

Now consider a My VicRoads Account.

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.

COMING EVENTS

OST 5 - Narbethong - Sunday 29 June 2025

Manby Road. Proceed through Black Spur past Narbethong Caravan Park, turn right into Manby Road, follow until end, approx 1km, into driveway.

Melways Ref X912 S1

Monthly General Meeting Wednesday 2 July 2025

Our key Club Officials may seem to be the Club Committee, but without a host of other active helpers little can be achieved. SO, if you think that you would like to contribute to the Club, for example, by arranging a Club Event, or helping, perhaps conducting a training session, or maybe helping in Spares, ALL of these are great ways to help the Club, and other members, AND quite often you will learn more about YOUR club, YOUR car, or contribute your special skills to make the Club better for everyone.

Monthly General Meeting –

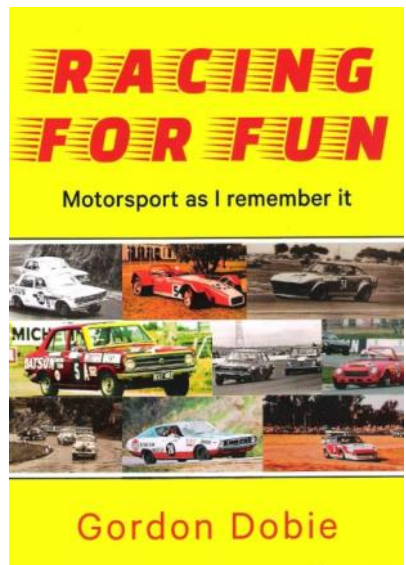
Election of Historic Winton Sub-Committee

At the July Monthly General Meeting it is proposed to form an Historic Winton Sub-Committee for the coming year.

Nominations are invited for positions on the Sub-Committee.

Judy Dobie presented a copy of Gordon's book to Club Spares, but it cannot be found.

If you know where it is please contact John Shiells



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Spares / BBQ Saturday 5 July 2025

At the Spares Saturday in June, there were 3, different model Austin 7s, AND a much modified chassis. There were some interesting discussions about what was wrong with the chassis, and lots of comparative inspections and head-scratching. A great learning experience for both experts and novices, with no conclusion of “why was it modified?”

Caulfield Racecourse - Glasshouse Bistro

Sunday Lunch on 6 July 2025

Start 12.30 pm

Booking for 40 persons made on your behalf in the Bistro – drinks at bar prices on the day

3 course Christmas in July

Traditional Menu as (Seniors)

ENTRÉE

PUMPKIN SOUP w bread roll

MAIN

TRIO OF ROAST turkey breast, leg ham, pork, yorkshire pudding & roasted seasonal vegetables w traditional gravy & cranberry sauce

DESSERT

PLUM PUDDING w custard & cream



Anticipated cost is \$35 per person

Final cost subject to adjustment in June 2025 by Glasshouse

Your intention to attend required by payment at \$35 per person into the General Account BSB 083 323 and account 81 131 6316 and use

CIJ “your name” as reference

Ron Crellin as YOUR Social Secretary

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Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven - Friday 6 June 2025

There is a Fish & Chip Run, or plenty of OSTs to take your Austin 7 to, or do some deferred maintenance, or get some expert advice.

If you have not been to Austin 7 Heaven, it is well worth a visit, since it has tools and equipment that most people do not have access to, but more importantly, there is expert assistance to train, help, or assist.

OST 6 - Neerim South - Sunday 13 July 2025

End of Cowden Rd Once you are at Neerim South roundabout, turn right and take the Neerim East road for approx.. 600 metres, go straight into McDougal Rd, travel about 1.5 km to Wattle Lane, turn left into Wattle Lane for about 300 metres. Go straight into Cowden Rd. Property is at end of Cowden Rd. about 120 metres. Signs will be out..

Hot Air Session / Spares Wednesday 16 July 2025

This your chance for a natter with other Club Members, or perhaps we may have a mystery speaker. It's certainly a mystery to the Editor, at the time of penning this early Lightshaft.

Good opportunity to spend the house-keeping money on Spares, or even better, help someone else to spend theirs.

Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven - Friday 25 July 2025

Time for a tune up?

OR perhaps come and see how someone else is treating their project vehicle—there is always something interesting happening, AND it is a great way to learn new ways to give your baby some special attention.

I don't feel old. I don't feel anything until noon. Then it's time for my nap.

- Bob Hope

COMING EVENTS

FROST BITE RUN - Sunday 27 July 2025

This will be a picnic run, so make your own way to the start at 10:00am, or earlier, at:-

CoCoo MooN CaFé

Cnr Warrandyte Rd & Webb St WARRANDYTE - Melway 23F11

We'll have some morning coffee here, to thaw out the hands and nether regions, and then drive on via a scenic route to ROB ROY, with a few stops and diversions.

Lunch will be a BYO Picnic, at the MG Car Club's Rob Roy Hill Climb circuit, in Clintons Rd ROB ROY Melway 264K9.

Since I've done a FROST DANCE, the remaining part of the day may be somewhat dependant on the weather.

Our Club has an OST, on this day, so this is your chance to watch a bit of Mud Trialing.

After watching a few Observed Section Trial sections, it is proposed to drive on to either Yarra Glen, or even Healesville for afternoon tea. Depends on the weather and your preferences.

Rob. Humphreys 0427 772 281

OOPS !!! — TOO LATE!!

This event appears to have slipped under the radar, or certainly, the reminder from the AOMC was received on 29 April—too late for the May Lightshaft.

Perhaps next year.

Drive & Show

at the Manhattan Hotel

To celebrate National Motoring Heritage Day

SUNDAY 18th MAY 2025

Entry from 8.30am for Display vehicles & spectators
Veteran, Vintage, Classic, Historic and Collector Vehicles.



- Location: Manhattan Hotel (carpark), Heatherdale Road, Ringwood
- Entry: Heatherdale Road, northern gate.
- Featuring Lions Club Sausage Sizzle
- The Back Bar, open from 11am for coffee/tea
- Entry fee: Gold coin donation to the Robert Shannon Foundation.

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OST 7 - 27th DALE SHAW TRIAL - Rob Roy

Sunday 27 July 2025

This Trial celebrates the life of one of the Club's most influential special builders, Dale Shaw, a brilliant designer of suspension systems, and much more.

The Dalshaw 750 Formula racing car, that the Club now owns was but one example, as virtually all the cars that were built to the 750 Formula had suspension systems either designed or influenced by Dale.

His many Observed Section Trials cars were not only highly effective, and successful in OSTs, but the earlier cars were also brilliant in motorkhanas.

Rob Roy venue can be found at the Rob Roy Hillclimb / MG Car Club venue at 375 Clintons Rd, Rob Roy, Melway 264 K9.

URRRS - Thursday 31 July 2025

I do not have anything definitive about this date or event.

OST 8 74th John Pryce Memorial Trial

Sunday 10 August 2025 – Lilydale

This trial is named in memory of John Pryce, who introduced the sport of Observed Section Trials to Australia, in 1950.

For a long time, John was one of the prime driving forces, not only within our Club, but in the whole of the Australian motorsport community, known as “Mr Motorsport”, his day job was as Competition Manager for BP.

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Newsletter Number 6

April 2025.

Not long to go to the Austin 7 National Rally of 2025.

You will find attached to this email the entry form for the Rally.

We were trying to release it in March but had to wait for some confirmations.

We have tried to keep the Rally at a sensible price so everyone will come along and participate.

If you require further information the previous newsletters are on our website along with accommodation options.

www.austin7clubsa.com.au

Early Entry Draw

All entries received before 15.5.25 will go into the draw for an Early Entry Prize.

If you are bringing children along, please ring and we can discuss meals. No we will not feed them to the Bunyip. If you do not know what a Bunyip is you will by the end of the rally.

The meals listed on the entry form are the main meals over the week.

We have not catered for Morning tea, Afternoon tea and some lunches as the locations we are going to are quite large and have a very good choice of food. Nothing worse than soggy radish sandwiches.



The Current list of events for the rally are.

Monday 20th October 2025

Afternoon sign in at the Adelaide Rd Motor Inn.

Welcome Dinner at 1924 the restaurant on the river bank.

Tuesday 21st October 2025

Travel to Strathalbyn and visit the Gilbert Motor Museum, Collectable Classics, a large number of Antique shops where the Strathalbyn Collectables fair is held each year.

Wednesday 22nd October 2025

Drive to The Bend Raceway where we will have lunch, cruise the track and assemble on the starting grid for our group photo. Judging for trophies can be done here.

Thursday 23rd October 2025

Visit Monarto Safari Park home to more than 500 exotic and Australian native animals, including many of Africa's most impressive animals such as rhinos, lions and Elephants.

Friday 24th October 2025

Swap Meet at the morning meeting point. Presentation Dinner is at Lunchtime 12 noon. We have made this decision, so no entrants have to drive back to their accommodation on unfamiliar roads in the dark. The Dinner will be held at the Bridgeport Hotel with exceptional dining while indulging in Murray River Views.

Your Rally Committee members

Chairman Andrew Dawes 0427 751 488

Run Coordinator David Gear 0421 164 500

Entry Director Ralph Drage 0418 846 082

Treasurer Laurie Sutton. 0418 831 974

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TASMANIA AUSTIN 7 TOUR - March 2026

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

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

Sue and Bruce McGorlick

bsmcgorlick@gmail.com

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

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

Bruce says "signed Sue"

Bruce Walker, our Club Visitor, quite often gives us a report of those who are battling illness, but since his uninvited sojourn in hospital, it seems some other Club Members are encouraging rehabilitation.

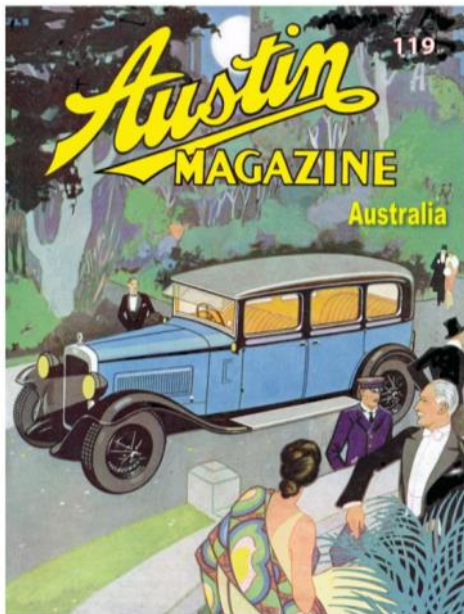


CARING FOR YOUR BABY

OILS and a great Austin magazine

All members who have an email address, with the Club, will have received a copy of this current magazine, always a good read.

Perhaps a look at Page 5 is particularly worth considering as it has a recommendation on the Penrite oils that will suit your Austin 7. Our Club Spares stocks these oils, but, unfortunately, we cannot mail them to you.



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Editor's Note

In my spare time, ha ha, I have just been doing a quick read of Country Motor, No 66, back to being produced on a almost monthly basis, in my view is a must have.

This is a brilliant magazine, with an amazing mixture of interesting articles. Produced by David Vaughan, it is now only an electronic magazine, and is sent to all members who have an effective email address.

If you are not receiving this, and many other magazines, you are not only missing out on interesting news and articles about all sorts of motoring, vehicles, and events.

The stories of the life of the owners, creators, restorers is just as interesting.

Memories are also aroused when various authors reveal snippets of the history of our past motoring heritage, the people, the vehicles, and the venues.

PAST EVENTS - Eddington Sprints

Last month's report on Eddington Sprints, failed to mention that the timing was, once again, performed by the Austin 7 Club Timing Team, which I understand is still using all the equipment and displays designed, built and assembled by Bill Morling.

It replaced the somewhat ancient timing equipment designed and built by Frank Walter.

PAST EVENTS - Homestead & Ostrich Run Colac Weekend 15-16 March 2025

Editor's Note:- From last month.

Either I have lost the report on this event, which is unlikely, or I failed to follow up. BUT I had already pasted in the photos, so they partially tell the story of this varied tour or Western District. Rob.H.

So an abject apology to Karen Dickson, John McMillan, and any others whose stories I mislaid.

NOW, to appease for my sins.

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The weekend started well for most, not so good for others. The Dickson and Gibbons families stayed at the Baronga Motor Inn on Friday night, where the manager, Sam, was very taken with the old cars, and had a smile on his face the whole weekend. Other couples stayed in the local area with friends or family, while the Logans caught the ferry over, and the Shegogs and Crellins towed from Point Lonsdale. Unfortunately, the Crellin vehicle never left its trailer. The Morgans trailered from Koroit, and the Thompsons drove their recently acquired Ruby from Keilor.

On the Saturday morning, we assembled at 10am then headed 40 km east

PAST EVENTS - Homestead & Ostrich Run

Colac Weekend 15-16 March 2025

back up the highway towards Winchelsea and the Barwon Park Mansion, where we were joined by various McMillan relatives. It was an overcast but very hot day. After morning tea and a fascinating talk from volunteer Doug, we split up into smaller groups for the grand tour. The homestead had been built by Thomas & Elizabeth Austin in the 1860s/1870s, and is now run by the National Trust. While the four downstairs front rooms have been restored, much of this huge mansion still needs a lot of work. It was really interesting to hear its story, and to get a glimpse into how people lived during those times.

Most of the younger generation would not have lived in a building that was unsewered.

But someone collected and disposed of the effluent. Usually the chambermaid.



PAST EVENTS - Homestead & Ostrich Run

Colac Weekend 15-16 March 2025

After the tour and some photo opportunities, our group headed back to Winchelsea for lunch at cafes in the town, and along the Barwon riverbank. The McGorlick's car attracted a lot of attention as usual.

After lunch we met Michael Hastings, the owner of Hastings Ostrich Farm, at the farm shop called the Vault. He led us to the farm about 4 km away, where we posed for some more photos in front of the shed. Michael filled us in on his ostrich obsession, which began in the late 1980s as a way of optimizing the family farm. In an industry full of risks, he has managed to make the farm reputable and profitable, farming predominantly for meat, but also hides and plumes. Who knew there were such ostriches as African Blacks and Tanzanian Reds? The sky was still overcast but the heat was quite oppressive, and there was a bit of walking involved, accompanied by the Hastings' Jack Russell cross, Tinker, who insisted on having sticks thrown for her to fetch.

Back to Colac around 3.30pm for a bit of a refresh, before heading out to dinner at the Austral Hotel. Luckily the Collingwood/Port Adelaide game was being broadcast on the TV there.

On Sunday morning, we met at 8.45am in the motel parking area, then followed the Forsters to the Colac Botanic Gardens – again, who knew? The weather was quite a contrast to the day before, now cold and drizzly, and the gardens looked pretty and green by the shores of Lake Colac as we motored around the circuit. At Lake Corangamite, about 17km away, Gaye Forster shared some of her Bayne family history with us, and the history of the Wool Wool homestead, before we headed the 5km to Red Rock via Alvie, driving past the Forster's place and some bluestone remains of the old house.

PAST EVENTS - Homestead & Ostrich Run

Colac Weekend 15-16 March 2025

The climb up the volcanic crater was manageable for the Austin 7s, and the views from the top were magnificent. The wind, cold and low cloud lent it a certain rugged charm, but I imagine the views on a sunny day would also be excellent.



From the second lookout we could see Coragulac House, built in 1873, and some of us were keen for a return visit in order to do a private tour, or possibly stay there.

The 18km drive from Red Rock to Beeac was quite pleasant, with some gravel roads. Beeac was a treat, with an amazing lolly shop, as well as the rustic and spacious Farmers



Arms Hotel, where we ordered lunch in advance, before being given a private tour of its owner's collection of historic vehicles. Ean McDowell, an old friend of the Heagneys, has been collecting and racing cars for many years. I chose his green Riley as my next car!

PAST EVENTS - Homestead & Ostrich Run

Lunch was delicious, after which Ean offered us a tour of his residence. Unfortunately, the Dicksons had to miss it, as Russell had a Demons game to get to at the MCG, so somebody else will have to fill us in on the last activity of the weekend.

Many thanks to John and Pam McMillan for organizing, to the Forsters for the Sunday leg, and to Ean McDowell for his hospitality.

Karen Dickson

Thanks to John McMillan for the Photos



PAST EVENTS - Rob Roy Hillclimb

My 16 yo grandson, Sean Batagol ran the Bowring Austin 7 Special at VHRR Rob Roy on May 4.

He was the only one running in the Austin 7 Racing class.

Both he and the car performed well and his final time of 33.69 seconds was an excellent effort .

Barry Batagol



OBSERVED SECTION TRIALS REPORT

Well after 6 months of the off season we finally headed back into the mud! Well dirt really, with no rain to make mud. We started the 2025 season at a brand new property, a second property in Glenburn, we have named Glenburn Powerlines.

After the morning catch up with many of us not seeing other muddies for some time, we started the day with our driver briefing and a time to pay our respects to Grant Campbell with a minute silence for his wife Brenda, who sadly passed away recently.

With 10 cars and 12 drivers entered, including 1 brand new driver, making three generations of one family in a car for the weekend! With Bob Atkins in the passenger seat and his son Dave driving, then Dave sitting in the passenger seat and his son Michael driving for the first time in competition. Later in the year we may even see a 4th generation of the Atkins family in the car!

With the usual ups and downs of the first trial, drivers trying to clear the cobwebs and remember how to drive again and a bit of clearing of fallen trees and branches, as is normal for a first time property, we started the days action in dry and dusty conditions.

Ten cars entered and nine finished the day, with the Atkins car out shortly after the lunch break with bent steering. The first brand new car built in many years was amongst the finishers, an automatic trials car (I believe to be the first) built by Stuart Schweiger.

With 11 sections completed for the day, we saw Rodney and Cassie Wiersema in third position on 77 points, just knocking Declan Caldecoat and Nathan Hunt off, what would have been Declan's first podium with 76 points in fourth position, with Grant Della and Cassie Wiersema in second place on 81 points, this leading to Greg Cox and Leanne Coakley on the top

OST 1 Results

Date: 4/05/2025	Glenburn New	OST 1	MA Permit: 325-0405-03	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Total	Placing
Driver	Crew Member			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Total	Placing
Greg Cox	Leanne Coakley			10	4	7	9	6	7	9	7	10	10	10	89	1
Grant Della	Cassie Wiersema			8	4	7	9	9	9	1	8	9	8	9	81	2
Rodney Wiersema	Cassie Wiersema			8	5	7	9	5	10	9	9	3	6	6	77	3
Declan Caldecoat	Nathan Hunt			8	4	2	8	9	9	8	9	6	6	7	76	4
Leanne Coakley	Geoff Taylor			8	4	7	9	6	8	7	7	3	7	7	73	5
Jason Stock	Nakita Stock			8	2	2	7+	6	10	7	8	3	6	9	68	6
Grant Campbell	Lori Filsell			6	5	4	7	2	10	1	9	7	9	7	67	7
Stuart Schweiger	Lucas Coombe			6	3	2	8	4	5	9	9	3	6	7	62	8
Nathan Hunt	Luke Watson			3	3	2+	9	6	8	8	6	2	3	7	55	9
Michael Atkins	Dave Atkins			3	3	2	6	4	3	4	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNF	25	=10
Dave Atkins	Bob Atkins			3	4	2	6	5	5	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNS	DNF	25	=10
Paul Hunt	Natalie Watson			2	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	3	2	3	22	12

+ = WD

step with 89 points, continuing Greg's winning form from last year where he won the final three trials of the year.

Our next trial will have been at Woori Yallock on the 18th of May. Details will be in the July Lightshaft.

See you in the mud!

Jason Stock

OST Chairman and
Competition Secretary

PAST EVENTS - TOOL UP at Austin 7 Heaven

Hi Robert.

Here are a few photos from Toolup/Training session at Austin 7 Heaven, on Friday 9 May 2025.

A great rollup of 23 people were treated to a wonderful exercise in tuning Austin sevens (3 in all) by the wizard, Bill Vaughan.



Also, Michelle was fettling “her” race car (in preparation for Historic Winton).



Colin made further engine reassembly progress (after a recent crankshaft break), under the observation of Len.



PAST EVENTS - TOOL UP at Austin 7 Heaven



Bill Sheehan made the trip down from Euroa and the Nippy shows some signs of a hood being made.

Cheers Brian



Appetiser

Hi Robert,

Attachments are from Ken Morton in Canada, I've emailed back to him suggesting he write a My Austin article to go with them.

I've helped many people overseas with measurements and hints including Argentina, Austria, Finland, Canada, America, New Zealand as well as Oz and enjoyed corresponding with them (even though some don't have any English).

Which proves Austin 7 are a universal language.

Best of luck

Cheers,

Bill Sheehan



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Adventures in a Jaguar Mk IX

A Mark IX Adventure.

By Lachlan Story

As some of you know, I bought a Jaguar Mk 9 last year. I had Mike Roddy weave some magic over it and it is now as reliable as a brown dog. It has a few things going for it, for example I love it, more importantly, Tracey loves it and Mr Dog calls it home away from home.



Toward the end of March we travelled to Victoria and stayed with our kids for a few days while first Mike, then I, worked on the car to get it ready for the trip. The biggest issue was that the transmission leaked like a sieve. I am happy to report that it is very dry under there now.

As we boarded the Spirit, I saw a bunch of Tassie Jaguars loading with me. I assumed they were coming on Tour with us but no, they were off to the Barossa Valley for a week of wine tasting



We headed to Ballarat to participate in The Florence Thomson Rally.

Background: In February 1905, Florence Thomson was the sole female entrant in the Dunlop Reliability Motor contest from Sydney to Melbourne. Mrs Thomson was one of the 16 entrants who successfully completed the five-day trial, driving a six horsepower Wolseley, over what was then nothing more than 562 miles of dirt track between the capital cities.

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

Florence Thomson Tour



April 2017 by the RACV.

We arrived on Friday and got together with some of the other attendees, catching up with people from 30 years ago. It did not matter that we did not know many people as everyone was friendly and welcoming.

Saturday morning, we fired up the beast and Tracey drove us to our starting point where we were photographed, given our instructions followed by a driver's briefing. We were treated to a very nice breakfast then saddled up. Tracey was driving as it is a tour for women drivers.

Most of the participants went to a great deal of trouble to dress for the era of the car they were driving. It was, to say the least, colourful. I am not sure if Geoff Leake was meant to



be a 70s Porn Star or Arthur Daley

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We followed our instructions giving us a very pleasant and laid-back drive. We arrived at the Old Mill Market where lunch was provided. It is easy to lose yourself in there as there is so

much for sale. I even bought a Union Jack cushion for my Jaguar.

I have to say, it was nice to be in a group with such a variety of cars. From 1910 to 2000, English, American, European and Australian cars all mixed together. A very different feel in the air to single make gathering.



Florence Thomson Tour

After a casual drive back and a hot shower and we were off to the presentation dinner. The food was good and the company convivial. I say again that these people are very open and friendly. There were photos taken and presentations made. The effort that many went to with their outfits was great to see. The same again for the evenings. We will be attending next year me thinks.....

After spending time with our daughter Emma and a catch up with more friends for lunch at the Golden City Hotel (always have a great feed), we headed off for my sister's place in Coongulla, on Lake Glenmaggie. We stayed the night then hooked up my recently purchased baby tear drop caravan, ultimately for my Austin 7, before leaving. (see photos) We then headed north to Nagambie.

On the way to Nagambie, the caravan, which appeared to never have travelled faster than 40 mph, had the door, which was hinged to the rear and the faster speeds seemed to have worked its way in to the van and ripping the door clean off. No idea where it is now.....

My son Matthew and his family live in Nagambie. A nice town with a lake and some excellent shops. My favourite being the homemade ice cream shop (no surprise there.) We spent a couple of days with the Grandies and then headed for Wagga.

It should be noted that where possible we drove on B & C roads. Much nicer scenery and little traffic.

Unfortunately, we found ourselves on more than one dirt road. That is what water and sponges are for!

Also of note is that in NSW they actually display their "P" plates AND where you can see them. Amazing!



Then ... National Jaguar Rally

When we arrived at our motel, I found the owner not overjoyed with me having an assistance dog, even though they knew to expect him. This is the first time I have encountered this. Not to worry. We found an Indian Restaurant that has been in business for 32 years in Wagga. It would come close to



being the best we have ever had. In the morning, we caught up with Nick and Cieana Scarff with their lovely Mk 1. Coffee, breakfast and a chat and we were on our way again arriving in Bathurst in the late PM, after registrations had closed. Fortunately, Maureen Alexander sorted us out.



Next was the meet and greet. Catching up with some people I haven't seen in 30 years as well as others I have kept up with. This and meeting people made for a very pleasant evening with a spectacular sunset for an added bonus.

The next day we all assembled at the Rydges Hotel, a little after 7 am (who gets up at 7am?) and were sent off in our categories. There were only 4 cars in our category, 2 Mk 5 Dropheads, a Mk 7 and us. Of course, there were 190 odd other cars there fanging from XK 120 through to an F Type. The city council had blocked off a whole



Then ... National Jaguar Rally



city square for our display. The cars being judged for the Concourse were all together and there were some stunners, as you would expect. Out of the 194 Jaguars there, it was to pick a favourite (other than my own car). It would be close but “Tess”, Wandy & Geoff’s Mk 5 DHC would be one I would take home. Also, there were a number of XJCs, one of the prettiest

cars ever penned by Bill Lyons. I had one once and I always regret selling it.

There were also 2 Mk1s there. If you know me at all you will know that I am a big fan of the Mk1s. I even prefer them to Mk 2s (Heresy!!!) The display started to break up about 2.30 and we had a break before the dinner dance that night. A big night with over 200 people



there. All the usual things, door prizes, raffle, band, music and of course food.

The next day we were due to go on a bus ride but decided it was a bit too long a day for Algie, so we passed our spot

on to someone on the waiting list and we went into Canberra instead to look at some cars and a collection of parts for a friend of mine. It is amazing

Then ...Home to Tasmania & Bruny Island

what is still hiding out there.

After a pleasant couple of hours chatting about Jaguars Tracey and I headed for Yass. We found a great motel the owners of which were happy to see Algie and even wanted to interact with him. We were directed to yet another Indian Restaurant and again the meal was amazing. Who would have thought, two great Indian places in country NSW.



Again, we took back roads and at one point we drove through a large amount of smoke coming from a large burn off. Visability got down to zero in places and we were down to strolling speed for a while. Eventually we made it to Nagambie and after another night there we went to Ballarat to drop Tracey off at Emma's while Algie and I went on alone.

Another quiet trip across with only Mr Dog for cuddles. After I left the ship, I had to find some open ground for Algie to complete his ablutions. It was over 14 hours since he had a chance to go to the loo. He must have a cast iron bladder because it doesn't seem to faze him. We had a great run home and were back installed in the shed just after lunch.

As we had missed the presentation dinner, I was not aware that I had won a trophy. The Terry Kelly Memorial Trophy. Awarded to the registered rally vehicle driven the entire



Then ...Home to Tasmania & Bruny Island

distance to the rally from home. The winner is the highest score when distance travelled is multiplied by the age of the car. That is a thrill!

During the trip we only had one small issue, a broken ignition wire. Other than that Lady "G" ran like a Swiss watch! It is such a delightful car to drive. Buckets of grunt and plenty of down low torque. Disc brakes and power steering certainly help the cars drivability. We covered 2487 Miles (4004 km) We averaged 13.5 litres to 100 km which works out at about 24 mpg. Not bad for a 1959 car that is so big. I LOVE driving this car.

There are so many people that deserve thanks for all the effort put in to organise and run these events. Thank you to all of you. We sometimes forget the time, commitment and money it takes to organise and run functions like these.

Evolution of motor cars out of the vintage era

On Easter Friday I caught up with many things but also picked up a book on vintage automobiles that I was given in 1965 by a grateful person after I rebuilt the back axle in their Austin 7.

It was pointing out that enthusiasts in the 1930s created the idea of the vintage era being 1919 – 1930. With the great depression at the end of the vintage era a lot of car manufacturers disappeared and for those who survived the salespeople and bean counters took over. The engines got moved forward, the chassis squished at the front so that the turning circle improved. So, more weight at front > lower geared steering > less responsive and less stable.

When the Canberra Antique and Classic was formed at the end of the 60s the phrase 'tin top Dodge' was derogatory. Fortunately, the ethos at the formation of the club was very much 'if you like it, you are welcome' which contrasted with the then attitude of veteran car guys who sneered at vintage machinery as not old/rare enough.

Evolution of motor cars out of the vintage era

The very word vintage means ‘Something from the past of high quality’ as well as describing a particular time period. Reflecting on all this, set me to wondering if we have had any other cycles like this in the evolution of the motor car. I remembered driving a 1955 Vanguard in to get a lube job in its 10th year and having to hang onto to the steering wheel to prevent myself sliding across the bench seat as it scrubbed around the corner. A few years later I really overdid it in a Citroen Goddess. They were released in 1955. On this corner I decided I had to brake and let it slide off the bitumen to the dirt edge. However, it just held the line I had set and went around the corner. These Citroens heralded in a big way the final end of all that stodginess that had carried through from 1930.

Electric Detroit Model D has a range of 100 miles and can reach 25mph - but was abandoned in favor of gasoline cars. 1910.



In the 50s we got stunningly beautiful cars from the Italian design houses. Even the wallowing American cars had a lot of individuality and some of the Studebakers had beautiful lines.

By the 60s we had cars that were really serviceable for a lot of miles without too much tinkering. Also, with the general arrival of automatic transmission, the problem of the finesse required with gear changing had disappeared. However, that iconic film ‘The Graduate’, whilst set in America at the height of its industrial might, had to use an Alfa Romeo to express the changing times. - Now there does not seem to be anything notable out of the US except monstrous pick-up trucks.

In the 70s the Japanese showed that it was possible to make ordinary cars that would do huge mileage with very little attention. Not half the fun of my vintage Austin 7 but 10 times more work delivered. I have talked with a few of my friends in the Baby Austin fraternity and it is interesting that they, and others, mention the Mazda MX5 (released in the 90s) as being as much fun

Evolution of motor cars out of the vintage era

as their Seven. We also got a great burst of energy in the 70s with the advent of muscle cars and these are the real collectibles now. So from 1920 – 1970, it looks like we have a return of some vintage qualities after 50 years.

If we jump another 50 years it brings us to today where electric motor, electronics and connection to GPS as the order of the day and we are talking about replacing the driver. I don't think this will happen quickly except as a taxi service. Cars are so much a status symbol. It will be a while before we have electrics on concessional registration although I have seen a few conversions of old cars at runs. My son has converted his army spec Land Rover to electric. This is a seriously robust and competent bit of equipment but transplanting Tesla gear into it makes it so much nicer in almost every way.

I think we are on the verge of the final flowering in the development of the motor car with the advent of all the Chinese electric designs. Their market is so big and their input lines so efficiently set up that they can afford to produce specialist designs at low prices. We will see some very interesting products.

- ◆ Cars that squeeze themselves sideways into tight parking spots.
- ◆ Swivelling seats.
- ◆ Computer controlled suspension!

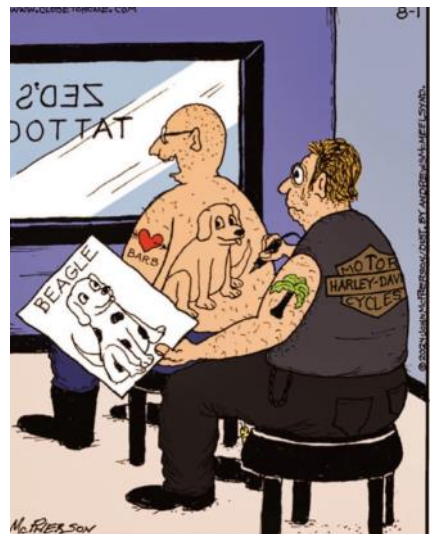
- ◆ Swivelling seats.

- ◆ Computer controlled suspension!

What a contrast that is to the firm leaf springs on my Austin 7 matched with a flexing chassis!

A 100 years of progress.

Harry Crawford, Foundation Member of Canberra Antique and Classic Motor Club



"Well, how's my big eagle looking?"

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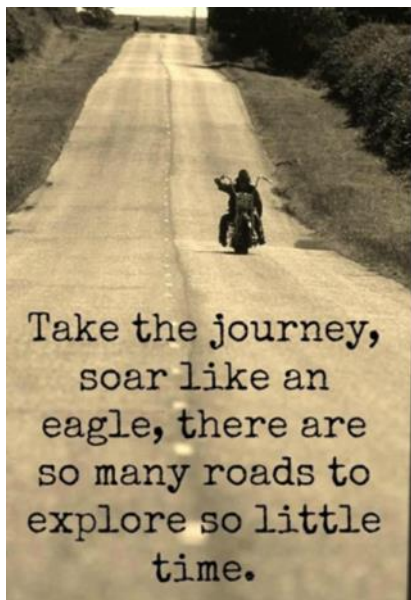
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Austin 7 engine stand, \$250.

Fuel tank, 22-30 type, repaired and painted black. \$450.

Steering wheel, pre 1933 type, repaired. \$400.

Radiator shell, restored. \$995.

Running board brass kick plate, new as cast. \$100.

Wayne Styles. 0417 532 412.

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WELCOME TO 1ST HISTORIC WINTON

The Committee and Members of both the Austin 7 Club and the Hartwell Motor Cycle Club welcome you to our weekend of Motor racing nostalgia. We trust that you have an enjoyable weekend with us and, if you are of the competitive type, that this form of racing enthuses you into digging out some long-forgotten racing car or bike of the past and start using it!

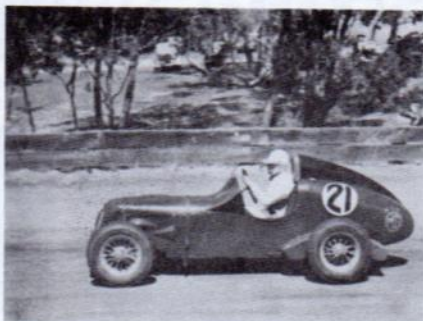
OFFICIALS OF THE MEETING — CARS

C.A.M.S. Stewards	B. Cockayne, T. Kelly, T. Fry
Clerk of Course	Ken Nancarrow
Asst. Clerk of Course	Barry Fisher
Race Control	Wayne Hem
Chief Scrutineer	Ted Hudson
Flag Marshalls	Alan Krahe & members of V.A.D.C.
Communications	Fred Darling & members of Austin 7 Club
Timing	Members of M.U.C.C.
Starter	David Fogg
Chief Grid Marshall	Gordon Henderson
Handicappers	Bruce Watt, Rod Wallace
Judge	Bruce Watt
Announcers	John Cummins, Brian Reed, Kerry Luckins, Ian Wells
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... AND MORE NOSTALGIA



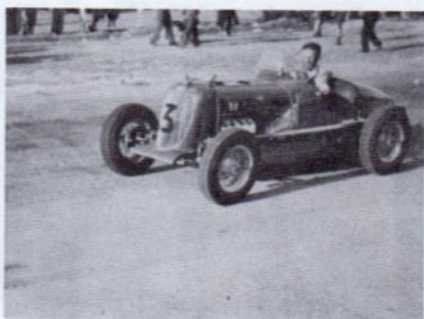
*N.S.W. Grand Prix, Bathurst 1946
Ted Gray (Vic.) - V8 Alfa Romeo*



*Bathurst 1946 - Winner 100 mile
Grand Prix - Alf Najar, MG TB*



*Bathurst again - 2nd Placegetter John Nind,
MG TB. Note safety barriers and Armco for
spectators.*



*Bathurst 1946 - J.E.Murray on the V8
Mackeller Special, 5th in Grand Prix
and fastest time.*

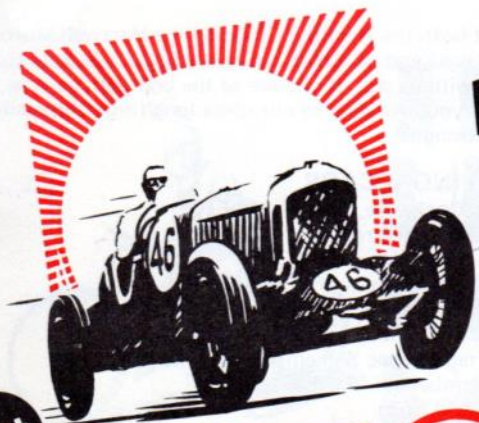


*Phillip Island 1928. Capt. Waite on his
Austin 7 won the first Australian Grand Prix.*



*Warwick Farm 1966. Desirable machinery
awaits the start of a Vintage/Historic race.*

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