
THE "LIGHT SHAFT"

September 2024



At Austin 7 Heaven - Black Bess, ex Don Smith/Geoff Newman.

Photo Brian Gibbons

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This is my first attempt at a British car, essentially more old Holden prior so is a little on the go learning taking place here . Obviously not a pursuit car but something I had interest in the style .

Bought unseen from Gold Coast motor Museum.

Photo Chris Head (new member)



Magazine of the Austin 7 Club Inc. In its 75th 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

SEPTEMBER

1	Sun			FATHERS DAY
4	Wed	7	A	M.G.M./Spares
6	Fri	7		Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven
7	Sat	7		Spares/B.B.Q.
8	Sun	7		O.S.T. 10 - Woori Yallock
7-8	Fri-Sun			All Historic Racing at Pheasant Wood Circuit
13-16	Fri-Mon	7	A	BORDER RUN - Swan Hill
18	Wed	7	A	H.A.S./Spares
20	Fri	7		Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven
21	Sat			First Day of Spring School Holidays
22	Sun	7		O.S.T. 11 - Glenburn
22	Sun		S	VSCC Vintage Hillclimb Rob Roy
28	Fri			AFL Holiday

**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

OCTOBER

1	Tue			MA State Council – Delegates Mtg
2	Wed	7	A	M.G.M./A.G.M./SGM - Elections/Spares
4	Fri	7		Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven
5	Sat	7		Spares/B.B.Q
5-6	Sat-Sun	7		O.S.T. 12- Two Day Trial - Gilderoy
6	Sun		S	Barossa Vintage Collingrove Hillclimb SCCSA
6	Sun			Last Day of Spring School Holidays
12	Sat			Club hire – Janne’s All Day Craft Day
13	Sun	7	A	56 th Annual Austin 7 Rally
16	Wed	7	A	H.A.S./Spares
18-20	Fri-Sun			MotoGP - Phillip Island Grand Prix Circuit
19	Sat	7		Visit by Alvis Car Club to Club & A7 Heaven
19	Sat	7		Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven
19	Sat			Federation Delegates Mtg at Darnum (Baw Baw OE&AC)
19-20	Sat-Sun		S	Mt Tarrengower Historic Hill Climb Bendigo Car Club
20	Sun			Bay to Birdwood
20	Sun			Merrigum—Wheels at the Gum Car & Bike Show
25	Fri	7		Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven
26	Sat	7		OST End of year/Presentations TBA
30	Wed	7	A	URRRS

NOVEMBER

1-5 Fri-Tues 7 A Bob Booth Pub Crawl

You can see a regularly updated 2024 Club Calendar on our website

LIGHTSHAFT COPY CLOSING

Copy for Lightshaft **closes** late on

Thursday 12 September 2024.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As we head towards the end of the year, now is the time to head to our spare parts and look over all the goodies we have in stock.

In recent times the club has purchased a number of quality second hand parts from ex members, or their estates. A good number of these parts have been tucked away and are hard to come by. Please think about building that spare motor, gearbox or diff for that day when you need one in a hurry, it's a good investment in time and money. When I say build a motor don't forget about the generator, starter motor, distributor or magneto. There is of course, the toolbox to consider, do you have a jack or wheel brace?

Do you need new tyres, wiper blades or a selection of gaskets? What about the wheel nuts are they safe?

Finally if you need support as to what goes where and how to repair or fit it, just ask the spares department for their assistance or even purchase one of the many technical publications that we have available. Still not sure about all this, then come along to a Hot Air Session on the third Wednesday in the month and gain knowledge from your fellow members and share yours as well.

In closing the Annual Rally is fast approaching.

Len Kerwood

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

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

The OST section of the Club continues to attract new members

We are pleased to welcome Lillian Ablett, Nick Munafo and Justin Aylett who have all joined as OST Passengers.

Matt Vickery from Trafalgar, on the other hand, has an OST car so joins as a Full Member. Good luck to all of you as you compete in the mud.

We also welcome Jane Watson from Stockton NSW who has a maroon and black 1931 Austin 7 of some variety.

Russell

BOOK REVIEW

PHILLIP ISLAND

THE INSIDE STORY OF AUSTRALIA'S FASTEST RACETRACK, OUR HOME OF MOTORSPORT

By John Smailes

At first glance, the subtext to the title may seem a bit aspirational, but, after a good read, and considering that a "home" is expected to be an enduring asset, perhaps its is now a reasonable claim.

Many of the other racetracks are nothing more than a track, if that, and even many of those are under threat, either because of development proposals, or because they are public roads (and thus only occasionally available), and even then subject to political pressures.

On the other hand, the ownership and support of multi generations of the enthusiasts of the Lindsay Fox family, would appear to be a guarantee of an enduring, high quality, and stable financial base for this venue, with more than a racetrack, but many other motoring collections and facilities.

Part One of the book traces a brief history of the course, during its period on public roads, from 1928 to 1940, including a chapter on "The Incredible Story of a War Hero", our Club Patron, Arthur Waite, and the Austin

family. It also goes through to the creation of the first bridge to the island in 1940

Part Two traces the period of 1956 to 1962, of the new circuit, the role that CAMS had and, for our Club, the roles of our members, Maurie Monk, Don Thomson, and John Pryce, the creation of PIARC (which was vigorously promoted in our club by John Fleming, although he does not rate a mention in this book). The part that the “Armstrong 500” played in the success, and troubles for a cash strapped promoter is also interesting. (A team of our Club members drove in the early events.)

Part 3 1967-1978 traces the period during rescue by Len Lukey, and subsequent increased use by bikes. The various issues with maintenance of the circuit during this era was concluded with the death of Len Lukey.

Part 4 1989-2004 is about the rescue, by a number of locals, and the rejuvenation of the circuit. This part also traces the racing life of many of the legends of motor sport, and particularly those on two wheels.

Part 5 2004 Onwards - this part really starts with the decision in 2004, to sell the site of the circuit and adjacent land, and the purchase by Lindsay Fox, and the subsequent very significant rejuvenation that resulted in the magnificent circuit and supporting facilities, and as important ,a very significant ongoing maintenance regime.

A great read.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Copy for next month closes EARLY, so that I can start on it before the Border Run and various other commitments that may further distract Humphreys from his Editor’s duties.

Also we need to get a prompt to all members to consider nominations for the ELECTION of the Club Committee.

A nomination form is attached to this Lightshaft.

Consider who you want to lead our Club into the future.

Rob. Humphreys

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 2024

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 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

Monthly General Meeting Wednesday 4 September 2024

I am sure that you may be starting to hear about planning for HISTORIC WINTON 2025, catch up on Club News—be urged to come on Coming Events, commiserate, or applaud recent Club Events, and socialise with other members.

Do not forget to make a list, before, for the parts you need for your favourite love.

Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven - FRIDAY 6 September 2024

SATURDAY Tool UP is for everyone to learn how to do THINGS.

Come in whatever part of the day suits you. Sandwich and drink refreshment will be available all day.

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

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CLUB VISITOR

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

Contact Bruce on brucewalkerartisan@gmail.com

9807 1729 or 0409 410 700.

COMING EVENTS

Spares/BBQ Saturday 7 September 2024

Great to have snags back on the barby

I'm sure MORE second-hand treasures will be available. Buy some for your baby. Get to know some more about your car.

HISTORY TOUR - Sunday 8 September 2024

Cancelled - See tour to McCrae Homestead on 18 August

Also, you will all be preparing your cars for the Border Run.

OST 10 - Woori Yallock - Sunday 8 September 2024

CHANGE OF VENUE

1805 Warburton Highway, Woori Yallock. Take the Warburton Highway (B380) to the traffic lights in Woori Yallock. The site is a further 2.0 km (approximately) on the left along the Warburton Highway opposite Lusatia Park Road (follow the signs).

Swan Hill Border Run 2024

Friday 13th September to Monday 16th September

Bulletin No. 5 –

Registrations have closed and we thank you all for sending your registrations in good time.

We have bookings for 71 members travelling in 38 cars, comprising 46 / 25 Vic / SA members respectively. Amazing response by all members and we are so grateful and appreciative to you for showing interest and meeting all our requirements (there was lots!) Also thanks to Martin Lewis as he rallied the SA members for us.

COMING EVENTS

We have members joining us from ACT, NSW and Tasmania which is a great achievement. Both clubs Vic/SA will be organising their own arrangements re travelling to Swan Hill. If you are interested in joining the appropriate convoy please contact Brian Gibbons/Martin Lewis respectively.

Attached to this bulletin is your individual invoice for accommodation/dining and events. As we will be committing to our service providers by the end of August there cannot be any refunds or changes after the 31st August.

Please check your invoices carefully to ensure we have captured your order correctly. You will notice a slight amendment to accommodation costs as you may remember we needed to change venues from the original venue. In most cases the amendment is in the positive to you. Apologies to the others! Any questions or queries in relation to the invoices please contact Rob Storr at rob.trucktorque@gmail.com or 0477 880 281.

Check in will be from 4.00pm on Friday 13th September at the Lady Augusta Comfort Inn where you will receive a package including all the information regarding your booking. This will be followed by a Meet and Greet BBQ dinner supplied by the local car club at the Swan Hill Bowling Club from 6pm.

So now all you need to do

Check and pay your invoice in a timely manner and before the 27th August 2024

Polish up your Observation and Trivia skills

Ensure your Austin is ready (Rob's still working on this and hoping to get Peter Trull's 1936 Roadster back on the road.)

Travel safely to Swan Hill.

Now all we need is for the weather gods to smile on us. We look forward to joining with you in a month's time.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or queries. No question is a dumb question.

See you soon.

COMING EVENTS

Hot Air Session / Spares Wednesday 18 September 2024

Time for a natter with good mates, relive past times, contemplate what parts to buy next, or appreciate how much you have saved.

Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven - FRIDAY 20 September 2024

SATURDAY Tool UP is for everyone to learn how to do THINGS.

Come in whatever part of the day suits you. Sandwich and drink refreshment will be available all day.

OST 11 - Glenburn Sunday 22 September 2024

Get to know a form of motorsport that is out in the bush, leisurely but extremely skilful and competitive, over difficult terrain.

Bring a picnic lunch

From the Glenburn Roadhouse continue north on the Melba Highway for about 6.5 kms . Turn right into Murrindindi Road., travel approximately 2 km, turn right into Old Murrindindi Road , follow for about 2 km, property is on the left.

Monthly General Meeting Wednesday 2 October 2024

The usual monthly meeting to discuss how the Club is faring, and an opportunity to catch up on news, and an update on Historic Winton 2025.

Also two additional procedural meetings.

And a chance to buy a few parts for your favourite family member.



COMING EVENTS

Annual General Meeting – Annual report

Wednesday 2 October 2024

The Annual General Meeting of the Austin Seven Club Inc. will be held at 8:15pm on Wednesday 2 October 2024.

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

Special General Meeting – Annual Elections - Wednesday 2 October 2024

A Special General Meeting of the Austin Seven Club Inc. will be held at 8:30pm on Wednesday 2 October 2024

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

PARKING AT CLUBROOMS

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

DO NOT OBSTRUCT ACCESS TO OTHER UNITS

COMING EVENTS

Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven - FRIDAY 4 October 2024

SATURDAY Tool UP is for everyone to learn how to do THINGS.

Come in whatever part of the day suits you. Sandwich and drink refreshment will be available all day.

Spares/BBQ Saturday 5 October 2024

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I'm sure MORE second-hand treasures will be available. Buy some for your baby. Get to know some more about your car.

OST 12 - Two Day Trial - Gilderoy Saturday 5 & Sunday 6 October 2024

Get to know a form of motorsport that is out in the bush, leisurely but extremely skilful and competitive, over difficult terrain.

Bring a picnic lunch

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 km, property on the left. Look for OST sign. Melway Ref X912 T4

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.

COMING EVENTS

JANNE'S SCRAPBOOKING DAY—Saturday 12 October 2024

I have opened the booking for - **SPRINGTIME ALL DAY CROP
WITH A CHRISTMAS THEME**

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. Morning Tea, Lunch and Afternoon Tea are provided.

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

Mob: 0427 772 261

Phone: (03) 9583 6316

Annual Austin 7 Rally 2024 - Sunday 13 October 2024

See Entry Form in Centrefold.



COMING EVENTS

Hot Air Session / Spares Wednesday 16 October 2024

Come a spread a few rumours of how well your car went on the Border Run, OR explain that you were polishing it for the Annual Rally, or whatever.

You may be able to share a tale of woe with someone, or simply come and buy some parts, or get some advise - just do not expect too much sympathy, as you may get told that you should be like a good boy scout, and “be prepared”.

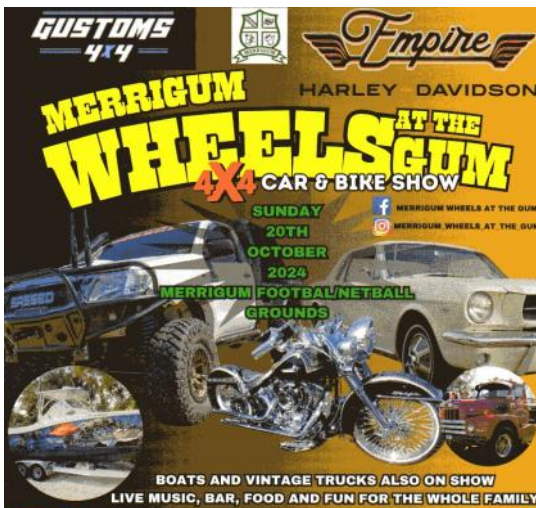
Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven - FRIDAY 19 October 2024

SATURDAY Tool UP is for everyone to learn how to do THINGS.

A good opportunity to shed some blood.

Come in whatever part of the day suits you. Sandwich and drink refreshment will be available all day.

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Wheels at the GUM - Sunday 20 October 2024

A good opportunity, for Sheparton region members to contribute to a local volunteer group in a small town.

An annual event that fills the local oval at Merrigum (about 20 kms west of Sheparton)

COMING EVENTS

Bay to Birdwood Sunday 20 October 2024

Join over 1500 antique, veteran, vintage and classic vehicles in one of the world's great historic motoring events.

We look forward to welcoming historic vehicles manufactured from the **early 1900s through to 31 December 1994.**



The Bay to Birdwood has been bringing generations together, celebrating history, and building relationships and lifelong friendships for over four decades. We need you and your vehicle to help continue this great tradition.

Tool Up at Austin 7 Heaven - FRIDAY 25 October 2024

SATURDAY Tool UP is for everyone to learn how to do THINGS.

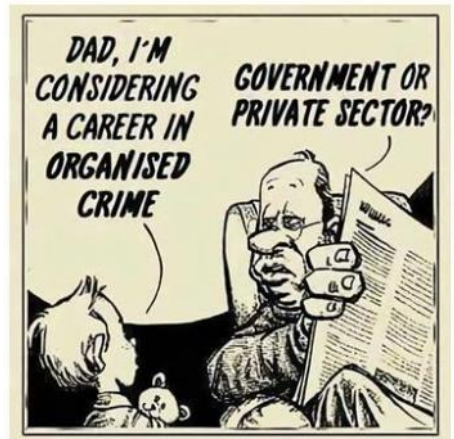
NOT a good opportunity to repair the skun knuckles but a good way to learn how to fix any sort of woe affecting your first love.

Come in whatever part of the day suits you. Sandwich and drink refreshment will be available all day.

URRRS—Wednesday 30 October 2024

As I recall, John McMillan is seeking a volunteer to conduct this event.

It's your chance to contribute, and get some experience at running an event for your club.



COMING EVENTS

Bob Booth Pub Crawl -

Friday 1 November to Monday 4 November 2024.

This year's Bob Booth Pub Crawl will be centred around Mansfield – famous for bushrangers and mountain cattlemen. We have secured a motel that can accommodate 23 plus rooms – hopefully we will book it out. There is plenty of space for Austins, moderns and trailers. A variety of evening meals are within walking distance.

A programme of scenic drives, visits to assorted enthusiasts and a Austin7 display in central Mansfield when the town will be buzzing with tourists and the local bush market. Not to be missed!

Several people have already expressed interest and we are eagerly awaiting more: bsmcgorlick@gmail.com or

Bruce on 0400 627 926 or Sue 0409 172 140

Bruce and Sue McGorlick



I visited a monastery, and, as I walked past the kitchen, I saw a man frying chips. I asked him, “Are you the fryer?”

He replied, “No, I’m the chip monk ...”

COMING EVENTS**A7 Club Christmas Lunch 2024****Mulgrave Country Club****(Cnr Jells & Wellington
Roads, Wheelers Hill) noon
Sunday 24 November 2024 in****Panorama Room****64 persons required – FILLING FAST!!!!**

Seniors Soup, Mains & Dessert – and vegetarian option to be available upon notification prior to the lunch

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

COST AT \$17.50 PER PERSON**“NAME” – LUNCH for identification and****BSB 083 323 & ACCOUNT 811 316 316****INTENTION TO ATTEND REQUIRED IN WRITING BY
September HAS 2024**

ronandhelencrellin@bigpond.com

Ron and Helen CRELLIN

I had a rose named after me and I was very flattered. But I was not pleased to read the description in the catalog: - 'No good in a bed, but fine against a wall.'

- Eleanor Roosevelt

COMING EVENTS



Newsletter number 1. May 2024

Dear Austin 7 Enthusiast

The Austin 7 Club of South Australia has volunteered to host the next Austin 7 National Rally.

Due to the advancing age of both the cars and their drivers the decision has been made to hold the next Austin 7 National Rally in October 2025.

The Austin 7 Rally will be held from Monday 20th October to Friday 24th October 2025 at Murray Bridge.

Murray Bridge is a bustling rural town sitting in prime position on the banks of the Murray River less than an hour from Adelaide.

The Murray Bridge area has a population of 20,000 large enough for all facilities to be available but small enough to be a country town with only 3 sets of traffic lights. Murray Bridge is centrally located to a number smaller regional destinations with quiet bitumen roads ideally suited to motoring in your Austin 7.

There is a good selection of accommodation available from Caravan parks, Cabins, Motels and Hotels within a short drive of our daily starting point.

The committee will be sending out regular updates and information will be available on our website.

austin7clubsa.com.au

If you would like to unsubscribe to these updates, please do so by return email.

Enjoy Vintage Motoring

Andrew Dawes & David Gear

COMING EVENTS

Appeal For Your Attendance

Since our release from Covid lock downs we have organised midweek runs to a range of interesting and significant locations and venues.

These runs/events are supported by a dedicated group of members who reap the benefit of joining in, however I am concerned that many members, including new members are missing some amazing opportunities.

Some examples are the Airways Museum, Ian Barton's Car & Memorabilia Collection and more recently the Synchrotron. Visits are always followed by lunch which provides another opportunity to socialise with other members and partners.

If you have not joined in before, please consider doing so, ladies are welcome and it is not compulsory that you drive your Austin 7.

Please contact me if you would like to join in or have any questions.

John McMillan

Mobile: 0408 994 510

Paul said that Leanne found this particularly appropriate.

The Editor thinks that the stratagem may also apply to more than just cars.



TOOL UP/TRAINING DAYS AT AUSTIN 7 HEAVEN

The lads were busy again this month with their various projects –

⇒ Ted is still rebuilding his engine – the crankshaft has been refitted (with new bearings) along with the camshaft. He



has refaced his valves, fitted and reamed new valve guides – all on site, with advice from our experts. His clutch pressure cover has been welded and machined for new clutch fingers.

⇒ Ted has also been distracted by his most recent

purchase of Don Smith’s 1929 “GP Ulster Replica” – “Black Bess”. It goes really fast, handles smartly and stops really well (and we’ve all had a drive). (See front cover)



⇒ Steve provided valuable training in facing heads.



⇒ Neil brought in his Chummy to use the

brake lining facing tool for his new brake linings and drums.



- ⇒ Richard brought in his Fiat door to finish some panel fitting.
- ⇒ Russell is progressing on his Nippy bonnet.



- ⇒ Alan and Michael have been panel fitting on the Graeme Logan Sports frame.

- ⇒ David is repairing the guards on his recently purchased ex Phil Cassie special.



Santa Claus has the right idea. Visit people only once a year.

- Victor Borge

TOOL UP/TRAINING DAYS AT AUSTIN 7 HEAVEN

⇒ The Jaguar Club recently visited our Club, so we put on a lunch for them, while Bruce Walker and Graeme Burbridge gave very good presentations on their cars (the original 1930 Saloon and the 1931 Swallow Saloon, respectively).



⇒ With the Border Run fast approaching there is still time to get over and put your car up on the hoist for a check over.



⇒ Our next Tool Up dates are: Sat 31/8 and Fri 6/9.

⇒ Call us if you want to come over on another day and we'll see if we can accommodate.

Cheers, Brian Gibbons and Michael Shegog (A7H Manager)

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

Past - OST 7 and OST 8**OST 7 Dale Shaw Memorial Trial at the Rob Roy Hillclimb circuit.**

After a week of steady rain and a weekend forecast that was not very nice including forecast hail, we headed to the Rob Roy Hillclimb circuit for the 27th Dale Shaw trial. With 10 entries we headed into the mud while a few slight showers fell. In very wet and challenging conditions we saw some mixed results and a tied finish, with the Schweiger family taking out the win, with Stuart and Alicia Randal along with Cooper and Dan Crosbie equal on 78 points, followed by Grant Campbell and Lori Filsell just 1 point behind on 77 points.

A huge thanks to Joanne Stritch, Dale's daughter, for pegging the entire trial once again and also being the Director on the day.

Much appreciated. Also a big thank you to the MG Car Club for having us back again.

OST 8 John Pryce Memorial Trial at Lilydale.

In perfect conditions, with a blue sky and lots of mud we started the 74th John Pryce trial with 13 entries. All of the cars were looking their best with a Best presented car award up for grabs. Newly named the Crazy Craig Hanson Best Presented Car award, named after our former Muddy, Craig who passed recently, the award was given to Rodney and Cassie Wiersema. Judged by property owner Lee Hodges.

Past - OST 7 and OST 8

At this trial we also compete for a Teams award, where the teams are made up according to the placings in the championship, mixing them up. With an odd number of cars we had a Joker car, with the Joker being on standby for the first team to have a car failure! Ironically, it was the Joker car of Stu Schweiger that was the first failure popping a tyre! Missing the next couple of sections with a trip home to get the spare he was able to return to the competition. On 240 points we saw Mark Filsell, Jake Filsell and Rodney Wiersema take home the chocolates literally, with 230 points, Cooper Schweiger, Greg Cox and Nathan Hunt in second, on 192 points was Grant Campbell, Leanne Coakley and Jason Stock in third, followed by Grant Della, Declan Caldercoat and Paul Hunt on 172 points in last place taking home some chocolates also.

This trial we got to explore some new ground at the property which was great with some interesting sections pegged in amongst the trees and puddles, along with a few of the oldies to end the day in plenty of mud.

The podium looked like this, in first place was Cooper Schweiger and Dan Crosbie on 90 points, closely followed by Greg Cox and Jason Stock on 87 points followed even closer by Mark Filsell and Jeff Webb on 86 points to finish in third place.

A huge thanks To Louise Schweiger for directing yet another trial, the big one of the year.

Past - OST 7 and OST 8

Also thanks to Geoff Stritch for making the trip up from Gippsland to help with officiating.

From here we head back to Gippsland with our next trial at Neerim South on the 25th of August.

See you in the mud!!

Jason Stock

Date: 11/8/2024	JPT	MA Permit: 324/1008/01										Total	Placing	
Driver	Crew Member	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	Total	Placing
Cooper Schweiger	Daniel Crosbie	9	9	10	10	10	7	10	10	8	7	90	1	
Greg Cox	Jason Stock	10	8	10	9	10	7	9	10	7	7	87	2	
Mark Filsell	Jeff Webb	7	9	10	10	9	7	9	10	7	8	86	3	
Rodney Wiersema	Cassie Wiersema	9	8	1	9	9	6	10	10	9	7	78	4	
Grant Campbell	Lori Filsell	9	6	7	8	9	7	9	9	5	*7	76	=5	
Jake Filsell	Justin Aylett	0	8	10	10	9	8	9	10	5	7	76	=5	
Declan Caldecoat	Nathan Hunt	9	7	4	9	9	7	6	5	5	8	69	=7	
Grant Della	Gabriella Della	3	6	10	8	9	7	9	2	9	6	69	=7	
Stuart Schweiger	Alicia Randle	7	9	DNS	DNS	10	7	9	10	7	8	67	9	
Leanne Coakley	Geoff Taylor	2	8	10	9	9	7	6	5	4	6	66	10	
Nathan Hunt	Luke Watson	8	8	4	9	4	4	2	2	5	7	53	11	
Jason Stock	Matt Vickery	3	8	1	7	9	7	6	2	4	3	50	12	
Paul Hunt	Natalie Watson	3	4	1	2	9	4	3	1	5	2	34	13	

* = WD

PIARO MEETING 27th October 1957.

The dull and windy atmosphere must have affected the competitors at this meeting because only about half of the entries actually started, Ted Gray and Lex Davison being the only big names to start. I welcome stranger to the track was Reg Nutt driving a "Cissy" (Disitalia to you) Our boys turned up in full force, however, and in the first event comprised nearly half the starters. Seven Austins started but unfortunately only 5 finished. The casualties were John Fleming on the first lap after a visit from the O.C.C.F. with a broken crack-tested Ulster crank. (So much for crack testing!) Doug Veol had a plug unscrew. Eddie Mitchell finished with a broken clutch finger. At the Ray Cann finished he had only 3,500 rpm and the motor sounded very rough. Don Dunoon collected £5 for fastest 361-000 cc car, also being the first Austin home. Alan Grosvenor had a little valve collet trouble but this was soon put right for the next race which was No. 7 for Unlimited racing cars.

Even though your Editor spent his lunch time toiling on Ray Cann's car changing carburettors, manifolds, etc. it was still too powerless to start in this race. (It later proved to have a melted piston). Don Dunoon did not enter so only Doug Veol, Mel Mason and Alan Grosvenor started. Doc got away to a good start leaving Doug and Mel to dice between themselves. Unfortunately Mel had the misfortune to drop his battery on Ropes leaving Doug to circulate by himself.

In the last Racing car event only Mel was able to run and he proceeded around the track very steadily and was rewarded by 6th place in a Gold Star event and resulted in Mel gaining a point towards this coveted award.

As usual the Club provided all circuit communications and many people worked hard to get it all going. Probably the hardest part of the whole week-end was getting the caravans out of the butts and onto the course. Once again we were thanked very nicely by the organizers for our efforts.

Incidentally Don Dunoon made fastest lap in an Austin. (Wait for it) 2.57 11 This represents 61 mph and when one considers the lap record is only 2.18 approx then it can be realized that Don was really travelling. This team must be an inspiration to our other special builders by showing first what meticulous preparation and shilful driving can produce. Rightly enough the next fastest was Alan Grosvenor with 3.01, just on 60 mph. I could not get any other lap times but Mel and Doug would not be far behind.

J.F.F.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

Dear Sir,

Of late I have noticed a considerable increase in bad manners by some Club Members and/or "peasants". "They" (the bad mannered types) don't seem to understand yet that a sports or racing car is somebody else's property and is designed to be looked at or set it, but not to be touched, pawed, loant on or sat on, nor does passing acquaintance give the "peasants" the right to lift the bennett or otherwise perform any of the above acts. I heroby give notice to every person who can read that I shall "deal" very smartly, with any person I catch carrying on as described.

Yours etc.

(Sigm.) John Fleming.

A BIT OF HISTORY - PIARC 27 October 1957

Editor's Note: Since I produced the Book Review, on Page 6, about Phillip Island race circuit, I thought I would publish this report, by John Fleming, from our Lightshaft of November 1957.

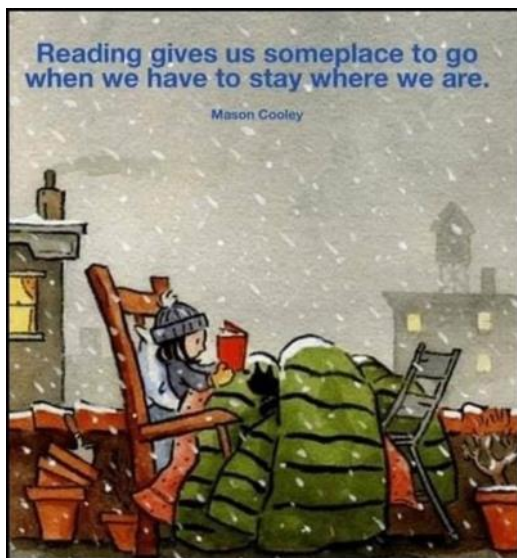
At that time, and for many years our Club provided a full Communications team, but in many of the very early events we did much more.

It is my understanding that Fred Darling was communications Chief, at Phillip Island. for most of those years and up to about 2000.

He was also our communications scribe at Sandown, from the time it opened, to sometime around 2005, with Frank Walter as Chief, although Frank also was the go-to person whenever anything electronic failed at the circuit, which seemed to regularly include the timing.

Fred was also the communications scribe at all the international AGP races in Adelaide, and continued with that task in Melbourne.

The same applied for all our Historic Winton events, up until about 2000.



PRESERVING OUR CLUB HISTORY

ARCHIVIST & CURATOR

The Club needs some people to carry on the excellent work done by Laurie Allan, who managed to scan all our collection of Club Newsletters, and catalogue all these documents, and many more, and create records of much of the collections of memorabilia that the Club has.

However, this needs much additional work, but is not urgent. That said, any volunteer/s can work at their own pace.

The primary aim is to progressively make Club Members aware of the vast amount of information that is available.

In addition, the Club needs a volunteer, to work in partnership with the Archivist, to act as a Collections Curator, or an Exhibitions Curator, to address how the Club should properly look after its collections, and also to progressively create adequate descriptive material so that our members can understand the relevance, and importance, of each item in the Club's collections.

An important early project is to create suitable descriptive elements to accompany all the items in the Dickason collection, and also convert the extensive record of this collection into a form that is readily available to Club Members and visitors.

Similar descriptive items are also needed for all of the Club's displays, including our trophies collection.

It is also planned that all our extensive electronic records of our collections should be progressively made more available to members, and that these records are systematically supplemented by the significant quantity of additional Austin 7 history that is being steadily researched by many Club Members.

Perhaps some of these roles could suitably become part of a study for a person seeking a tertiary qualification.

For more, talk to Robert Humphreys, at a meeting, or at 0427 772 281.

NEWS FROM SPARES

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

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

Unfortunately, not available by mail order.

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.

Don't worry about avoiding temptation. As you grow older, it will avoid you. - Winston Churchill

Maybe it's true that life begins at fifty .. But everything else starts to wear out, fall out, or spread out.. - Phyllis Diller

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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.

MARKET PLACE

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

FOR SALE

Peter Matthews is selling a number of his Austins.



1935 Sports Special (red). \$12,000



1929 Standard Sports (aluminium/red). \$30,000



1933 Austin 10 4 door sedan (red). \$12,000



1936 Tourer (blue). \$15,000

2 off Austin A40 sedans. \$5,000 each

Contact
Peter's daughter
Sue 0412 185 554



FOR SALE - Ken Walker's Austin 7

I'm writing on behalf of my mother, Jeanette Walker, and myself regarding father's 1924 AC Austin 7 Pramhood. Sadly Dad passed away in June 2022. He was an active member of the Canberra Antique and Classic Car Club and a past member of the Austin 7 Club for many years as well.

In finalising Dad's estate we have finally decided to sell his 1924 Pramhood, and Mum is keen for it to go to a good home where it will be regularly used and appreciated. The 1924 was Dad's great love having spent over 15 years sourcing, restoring or manufacturing every single part for the car—very much a labour of love; fortunately Dad was able to drive and enjoy the car for many years before he lost his licence at 90. Even though he had dementia when he finally passed at 94 the car still bought a smile to his face as well as the happy memories of this special Austin 7.

I know Dad would have very much appreciated the car going to an Austin enthusiast who would love, enjoy and care for the vehicle.

I have attached a feature article from the Australian Classic Car magazine from December 2012 that features Dad and his car. The car is in excellent condition and has been stored for the last couple of years. It is somewhat unique with its beaded-edge wheels and obviously the car is celebrating 100 years this year. I am happy to answer any questions (the best that I can).

Kind regards

Rob Walker

Canberra 0448 400 312



FOR SALE

Supercharger with SU Carby & Drive Gear

Ex Warren Bonning \$400

Eric Gorr 0409 939 113

FOR SALE - Roadster

ex Malcolm Hill Mt Eliza (\$9,000)

South Gippsland Owner was Greg Denovin (now deceased). Wife is selling to assist her in moving on with her life.

The engine is disabled however we believe there is no real issues with it.
Engine number M188399

Whoever purchases the vehicle is up for the cost of reassembly of the engine.

David 0418 553 000.



Brain cells die, skin cells die, even hair cells die.

But FAT CELLS Must have accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour, because they seem to have eternal life.

MARKET PLACE

FOR SALE

Lucas 3 prong glass head light, able to be fitted to Austin 7 lights - \$250 for pair.

Pick up only.

Michael Shegog - 0419 007 033

shegoga7@gmail.com



WANTED TO RENT

Small flat, rooms, or backyard bungalow required by older club member.

Preferably in Mornington area.

House trained, non-smoker, sober habits, non-aggressive, reliable payer.

Phone Bill 0435 582 294



FOR SALE. ALL AUSTIN SEVEN ITEMS.

A7 starting handle to suit 29/30 model.

A7 set of new front and rear springs.

A7 reconditioned front end fitted with new king pins etc.

A7 original wheel brace.

A7 pair of new running boards to suit 1930 model.

A7 engine stand, rotating and able to be dismantled for storage.

A7 scuttle mounted petrol tank, painted and ready to use. 22-30 models.

Lucas dashlight as fitted after market.

Wayne Styles. 0417 532 412.

MARKET PLACE

Wanted to purchase:

Austin 7 Top Hat saloon

I am keen to purchase a vintage Austin 7 top hat saloon in complete and standard condition.

I would prefer a running car if available.

Peter Holbeach 0407 358 190

PHOTOS AT 74th John Pryce Memorial Trial (back inside cover)

1. Jesse Stritch, 3rd generation driver of this car known as AlfaMud,
2. Stuart and Alicia in action in the mud.
3. The winning Schweiger family
4. JP winners Cooper Schweiger and Dan Crosbie.
5. Joanne Stich presenting the winners trophy to the Schweiger family.
6. Best presented car

PHOTOS from Jason

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>



74th John Pryce Memorial Trial

A new trophy awarded.

The Crazy Craig Hanson Best Presented Car

Winners - the Wiersema family.

“Crazy”, well deserved the appellation, as his enthusiasm knew no bounds.



THAT MOMENT YOU REALIZE

**WHERE THAT LEFTOVER
BOLT SHOULD'VE GONE**

I do not know where to credit this photo, but it is clearly a classic.