

Appendix 2

1953-2003

A chronological list of significant events

1953

- *Port Wakefield opens January 1
- *A7CSA is formed and meets at Glenelg; then meets in Druids Hall Norwood on the last Monday in the month
- *CAMS founded

1954

- *Club has entry in Redex Trial
- *Club display at Motor Show

1955

- *1st Border Run
- **Austin 7 Journals* begun
- *AGP at Port Wakefield
- *Club display at Motor Show

1956

- *1st 9-chain sprint at Bolivar
- *1st Annual Dinner
- *Club display at Motor Show

1957

- *Affiliated with CAMS after reaching 100 members
- *1st Bulls Creek autocrosse
- **Austin 7 Journals* discontinued

1958

- *1st 9-chain sprint, Gawler Belt
- *Club becomes the *Austin 7 Club of South Australia Incorporated*

1959

- *Last autocrosse at Bulls Creek
- *1st Elfin sports car built

1960

- *1st ¼ mile sprint at Weapons Research Establishment
- *1st Club race meeting
- *Timing team formed; takes on all SA race timing

1961

- *2nd race meeting (and the last one) at Port Wakefield.
- *Club dismantles grandstands and reassembles them at Mallala
- *Mallala opens in August
- *AGP in October
- *1st Mallala Club race meeting

1962

- *Club meets at St Johns Hall, Halifax Street Adelaide
- *Joint A7C/SCC race meeting
- *Membership reaches 296

1963

- *1st ATTC at Mallala
- *1st A7C circuit sprint at Mallala
- **Austin 7 Journals* reborn
- *Land at Reynella used for grass sprints
- *Co-organised hillclimb with Sporting Car Club

1964

- *Club meetings at Westbourne Park RSL hall
- *Club members enter Ampol Trial
- *1st use of club trailer at events
- *Mallala shortened to 2.2 km
- *No Club race meeting

1965

- *1st SA ¼ mile Championships at Weapons Research Establishment
- *Brookfield Dragway opened

1966

- *Joint race meeting with MGCC
- *Membership maintained at 200

1967

- *Last 9-chain sprint at Gawler Belt
- *News-Castrol Safety Drive organised by Club
- *Joint A7C/MGCC race meeting

1968

- *London-Sydney marathon; Club members as officials
- *Joint A7C/MGCC race meeting

1969

- *2nd SA ¼ mile Championships
- *Brookfield Dragway closed

1970

- *London-Sydney air race; members as officials
- *Ampol Trial; club organises three major controls
- *Final News-Castrol Safety Drive

1971

- *SA Autocross Championship
- *Mallala closes

1972

- *AIR opens
- *1st Tasman Championship
- *Last sprint at WRE
- *1st sprint at AIR
- *Rallycross at AIR
- *Club holds first race meeting on short track at AIR
- *1st night races in SA at AIR (SCC)

1973

- *A7 Owners group formed
- *Membership at 270

1974

- *Clubrooms opened; all meetings now held here
- *21st year celebrations: Ayers Rock run, SA motorkhana Championship
- *21st Birthday Rally
- *21st Birthday Ball
- *1st fund-raising jumble sale

1975

- *1st Club open race meeting with Denis Dix Memorial
- *1st Paris Creek autocross
- *1st Camp and Capers
- *Club has team in 6-hour relay race at Calder
- *Timing team works at first motorcycle race meeting

1976

- *1st Street Car races at Club race meeting
- *1st 4-hour relay race
- *Biennial Rally

1977

- *Tailem Bend Rallycross opens
- *London-Sydney Marathon; members as officials
- *1st Australian Sports Sedan Championship at AIR
- *Membership at 250

1978

- *Races with SCC as part of Easter Speed Weekend
- *Club A7 purchased
- *25th Birthday celebrations: Birdsville run, Birthday Ball, Birthday Rally
- *SAMROA formed
- *Last 4-hour relay race

1979

- *Last International race at AIR
- *Spares set up at Clubrooms
- *Club joins FVCC
- *Club organises Adelaide control for Repco Reliability Trial
- *1st SA Racing Driver of the Year Award

1980

- *Sports Sedan Register formed
- *1st Twin-State Challenge race meeting
- *1st SCC twilight races at AIR
- *1st SA Clubman Driver of the Year Award
- *Last rallycross at Tailem Bend

1981

- *AIR sold to Bob Jane
- *28th Birthday Rally

1982

- *Mallala reopens
- *1st *Trash and Treasure* fundraiser at Marion

1983

- *Club A7 sold
- *Club races at Mallala at Easter with Historic Racing Register—1st all-historic race meeting
- *1st Garrie Cooper Memorial
- *1st Hills Luncheon
- *30th Birthday Rally at Birdwood Mill Museum

1984

- *Special builders/technical nights begun
- *1st old Fashioned Picnic at Strathalbyn
- *Club race date moves to September at AIR

1985

- *Last Club Annual Dinner held
- *AGP comes to Adelaide
- *1st Peter Wright Memorial award
- *Timing team works at Calder
- *Medical Motor Sport Association formed

1986

- *1st All British Day
- *1st use of computers by the timing team
- *1st PADARC Rally
- *1st Street Sedan Tri-Challenge at Club race meeting
- *Club Rally as part of SA's *Jubilee 150* program
- *Clubrooms are upgraded
- *West Lakes Mall display

1987

- *Clubrooms are paid off
- *1st Champion of AIR series
- *1st World Touring Car Championship at Calder
- *Motorcycle AGP at Winton

1988

- *Calder Thunderdome opening
- *Run to celebrate 60 years of the *SA Austin Car Club*
- *1st Club race meeting with HQ Holdens
- *Sports Sedan Register ends

1989

- *Last Club circuit sprint at AIR
- *ATCC moves to Mallala
- *1st NASCAR races at AIR
- *1st World Championship AGP for motorcycles at Phillip Island

1990

- *Club joins UK A30/35 Club
- *New spares shed and toilet block at Clubrooms
- *Last Club races at AIR; incorporates 1st FV relay
- *1st World Superbike Championship at Philip Island
- *Club restructured; end of Owners group, two committees merged to one, general meetings move to second Monday in the month

1991

- *AIR unavailable to CAMS clubs
- *Club races return to Mallala
- *Motorcycle AGP moves to Eastern Creek
- *1st motorcycle World Endurance Championship at Phillip Island
- *Membership at 125

1992

- *Clubrooms improvements completed
- *New historic vehicle registration scheme
- *Last Club *Trash and Treasure* fundraiser
- *Canberra Hub Rally
- *1st HQ Mallala Masters, FV nationals at Club race meeting
- *Club trailer sold
- *Membership at 150

1993

- *40th Birthday Dinner and Rally
- *1st lunchtime parade of vintage cars at Club race meeting
- *Riverland Rally
- *NASCAR racing returns to AIR

1994

- *Last Denis Dix Memorial
- *1st Port Parade

1995

- *1st Tasmania tour
- *FVCC becomes FHMC
- **Austins Over Australia* at Wangaratta
- *1st 2 litre championship at Mallala
- *Club Car Nationals at Club race meeting
- *1st Tri-Challenge series at Club race meeting
- *Last AGP in Adelaide

1996

- * Club tour to Bright area
- *1st AGP in Melbourne

1997

- *A7 Specials builders nights begun
- *1st Birdwood Classic run
- *Hanson Centre for Cancer Research supported
- *Clubrooms are air-conditioned
- *1st SA Championships for Historic motorcycles

1998

- *2nd Tasmania tour
- *1st Truck racing at Mallala
- *New historic vehicle registration scheme
- *45th Birthday Dinner and Rally
- *Last V8 ATCC race at Mallala
- *Membership at 200

1999

- **Austins Over Australia*
organised by Club at Easter
- *1st Clipsal 500 V8 race meeting
- *Mid week *Leisure Runs* begin
- *Great Ocean Road tour
- **Flying A* nights begin

2000

- *1st SA Regularity
Championship at Club race
meeting
- *1st Konica V8 races at Mallala
- *Last 2 litre championship at
Mallala
- *New Years Eve Le Mans races

2001

- *3rd Tasmania tour
- *1st SA Historic Touring Car
Championship at Club race
meeting
- *Echuca Rally for 50 years of
A30 in Australia
- *Hanson Centre equipment
donated
- *Coopers Rally SA with Club
members as officials
- *Membership at 265

2002

- *National Rally at Ballarat for
80th birthday of A7
- *Timing team reaches 500
meetings milestone
- *SARotors formed
- *Club membership at 314
- *1st Modern Regularity events
- *1st Australian Championships
for Historic motorcycles

2003

- *50th Birthday Celebrations:
Launch day; Back to Club day,
Display in Birdwood Mill,
Flinders Odyssey, Birthday
Dinner
- *Driver training day at Mallala
- *New FHMC Code of Practice
operating
- *1st Club Modern Regularity
series
- *7th World Solar Challenge with
Club members as officials
- **Flying A* nights cease
- *Membership at 348