



Austin 7 Club of S.A.

70th Anniversary 1953-2023

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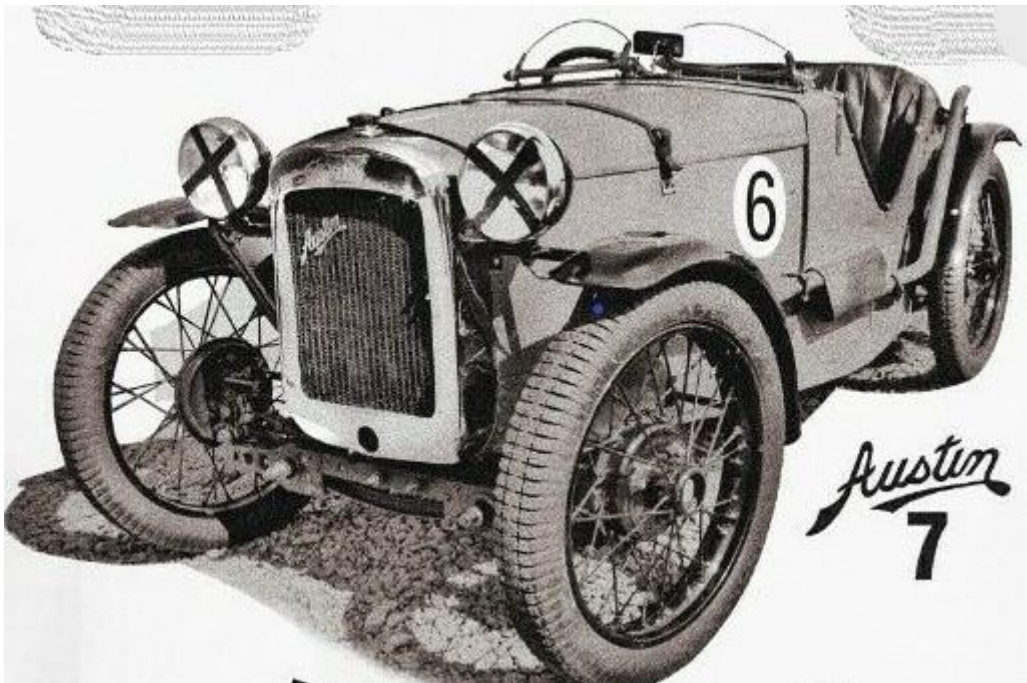


What's on and What's not.

- 10.12.23 Christmas Dinner 6.00pm at Mawson Lakes**
- 11.12.23 Monthly Meeting Subs & Rego**
- 3.1.24 Committee Meeting**
- 8.1.24 General Meeting**
- 20.1.24 TTM EOS Dinner**
- 21.1.24 Hahndorf Swap**
- 26.1.24 Australia Day Event. Dam, Dam**
- 4.2.24 McLaren Vale Swap**
- 12.2.24 General Meeting**
- 18.2.24 Day Run**
- 18.2.24 Murray Bridge Swap**
- 26.2.24 Technical Night**
- 27.2.24 50th Anniversary of Clubrooms**
- 1.3 – 3.3.24 AoA Orange**
- 3.3.24 All British Day Echunga**
- 11.3.24 Club Meeting**
- 17.3.24 Historic Gathering Barrett Reserve West Beach**
- 21.3-24.3 Aust F1 GP Melbourne**
- 24.3.24 50th Anniversary of the opening of the clubrooms**
- 25.3.24 Technical Night**
- 29.3-31.3.24 Easter run at Broken Hill**
- 31.3.24 Day Run**
- 14.4.24 Gawler Club Veteran & Vintage Run**

Please check with the organisers as dates and events may be subject to change.

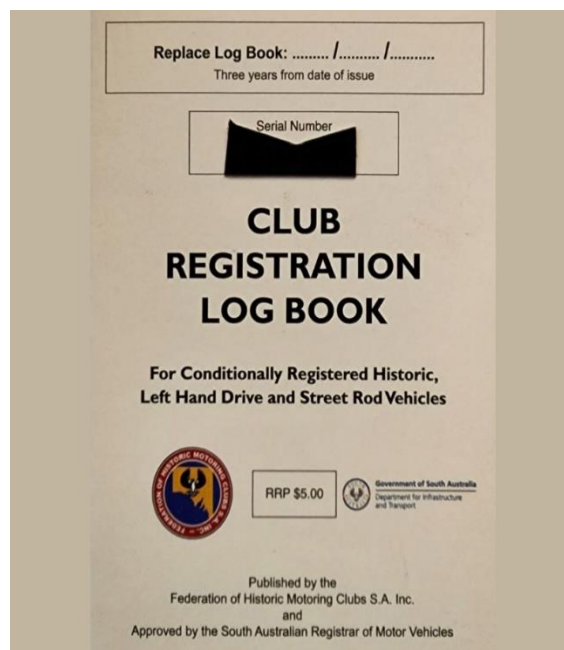
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Sports and Specials



Last Chance to have your Log Book signed before 2024



If your subs have not been paid and your log book signed by Monday night's Meeting
11.12.23.

You will NOT be able to drive your historic vehicle after 1.1.24.



Austin 7 Club Leisure

Run 12th December 2023

**Coffee at Caffe Buongiorno at O'Halloran Hill
McLaren Vale Hotel for lunch at 12 noon.**





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INVITATION **OLD CROCKS' RUN**

90

YEARS

To celebrate the 90th Year of the Old Crocks' Run. All pre 1935 vehicles are welcome to attend this commemorative run from the **Adelaide CBD to Wigley Reserve, Glenelg, on Sunday 5th May 2024**. Please mark this event in your calendar. A display of vehicles along with food and drink stalls and other entertainment for the whole family and car enthusiast is planned at Glenelg.

More details soon.

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RESERVE**



Organised by the Sporting Car Club of SA as part of clubs 90th anniversary

sportingcarclub.com.au



Swan Hill Border Run 2024

13th to 16th Sept, 2024

*Save the
date*



**Austin
Seven**

NATIONAL RALLY

OCTOBER 2027 - MURRAY BRIDGE S.A.

The graphic features a cartoon koala wearing a racing helmet and goggles, driving a red Austin Seven car with a yellow front grille. The car is on a grey road. To the right, the words "Austin Seven" are written in a large, black, cursive font with a yellow outline. Below this, a blue banner with the Australian flag and the words "NATIONAL RALLY" in white capital letters is draped across the scene. At the bottom, a grey silhouette of a bridge is shown. The entire graphic is set against a light blue background.

From the Austin 7 Club Journals

1986

30TH BORDER RUN - MT GAMBIER 7TH-9TH JUNE

The 30th Border run was something of a milestone for both the Club and me. While most A7 Owners left on Saturday morning, Bob and Marion Eglinton, Unice and Bryant Lawson and my wife Barbara and I left on the Thursday before the long week-end.

With much trepidation, and jammed in between "Auntie" and "Grandma", "Bubs" tackled the hills above Glen Osmond for the first time since restoration and about 30 years. Every new noise and rattle was anguished over as the hills got higher and higher. "Auntie" was setting a cracking pace and we could feel "Grandma's" hot breath close behind. With triumph, "Bubs" breasted the last hill to reach Eagle on the Hill and we were off with confidence. Breaking off the freeway at Mt. Barker we ran through to Strathalbyn for coffee at the Hogg's daughters house.

A quick run through Langhorne's Creek to Wellington and "Bubs" spotted the nearest garage waterhole. A massive \$3.00 was spent on fuel while "Grandma" and "Auntie" looked on disdainfully.

Off to the punt where we found a Falcon car broadside on to the boom gate. A semi-trailer driver explained that a "couple of wogs" were driving the car, got confused and were ordered off the Punt. The so called "wogs" turned out to be two of the most charming French persons you could meet. They were on a tour of Australia from the New Hebrides and only the lady could speak Pidgin English. Amid gales of laughter and many photographs of our cars we parted company and later found them having a counter lunch at Meningie.

The long run to Robe was uneventful apart from a small leak on "Bubs" oil filler and we booked into charming cabins at Robe for the night. When asked can we bring our cars to the cabin forecourt, the owner suggested the car park. Unice asked "Have you seen our cars?" the owner almost had a fit and we drove them right around onto the lawn.

Counter tea was the order, and we were served huge steaks while we sat near a fire at the Robe Hotel. Bryant Lawson tried out the new gold beer taps being installed in a bar, and blew a plastic bucket into the air further down the bar. He left the scene hurriedly.

"Bubs" really got into the swing and although limited to about 35m.p.h. for some mysterious reason known only to her, we managed to keep up on the run to Mount Gambier. Diverting away from the Mount, Bryant led us to his wartime Air Force Navigator's farm for coffee. Finishing the days run, we crossed the border into Victoria travelling 20 miles along the Casterton road to arrive at Bob and Marion Eglinton's daughters house for the night. After inspecting their new property next day, we left late in the afternoon to arrive at Pine Lodge. Fifty Nine Victorians were at Pine Lodge, driving 12 cars, while 22 cars from South Australia arrived together with 56 persons.

Barrack type accommodation was supplied and we found that 12 persons were accommodated in our room. After the first night, everyone complained about the SNORERS, but amazingly enough no one was guilty. Engineers ear plugs proved a boon to three inhabitants.

Food served was good, with plenty of it. Young Martin Franklin celebrated his 6th birthday with a cake, while about 120 persons sang Happy Birthday. Shortly afterwards, an Austin 7 cake with 30 candles was lit, and blown out by Anne Claurie of Melbourne to the cheers of all present.

Fred Darling who took part in the 1956 run, and Bruce Went who drove in the 1960 run combined to cut the cake.

Tom "the Pom" received a great cheer from the Victorians when it was announced that he was moving to South Australia, and a boo when he said he might return. Tom is on his way to W.A. (eventually).

Someone left a gate open at Pine Lodge, and Bob Curnow got a rude surprise when several animals breathed on him in the dark.

During Sundays' run, Nadia Addyman won the Golden Carburettor Award for tickling a carby nearly every half mile. There was some talk of drilling a hole in the needle and a length of string into the cabin for constant "tickling".

One of the Vics got involved in a heads off project at the Glencoe Woolshed barbecue lunch, and was last seen scraping the head down under an umbrella. The Sunday trip included the Cave Gardens, a cheese factory, Tantanoola Caves and the Glencoe Woolshed, where I realised how time slips by. As a youth of 17, I worked in a cheese factory at Glencoe and went to dances in a hall near the Woolshed. Even the "antique" articles in the Woolshed museum were familiar and the "antique" train shown in photographs on its last run to Glencoe was loaded in earlier years with cheese by me.

Bryant Lawson was the cause of long faces in the queue to the showers in the morning when he emerged with the statement "Terrific shower - pity the hot water just ran out" - it hadn't, but neither had Bryant's sense of humour.

Ronnie Heagney in her long fur coat caused a stir in the main street of Mt. Gambier on Sunday. Slipping into her little car to the amusement of bystanders, she quickly did an unfinished "U" turn, holding her hand up to stop the oncoming traffic, she then reversed to complete the turn and an oncoming car closed the gap. She quickly gave him the thumb up over the shoulder to "clear off" - and he did.

Monday morning awakening was deadly. At 6.30a.m., a bugle blasted Reveille over the P.A. system and all the lights were switched on.

The run home was uneventful apart from head winds from Penola to Kingston. In Yachties language, I am thinking of making "Bubs" mast aft for better upwind performance. She runs before the wind well, but upwind, she struggles to keep up.

"Auntie", "Grandma" and "Bubs" all stopped at Salt Creek for lunch, and found an ideal spot. The Parks and Gardens department, although kicking everyone off National Parks, have constructed a beautiful building for themselves next to the little creek. Probably the best view there. No one was in, and we set up a picnic on their verandah, we parked the cars in their car park - (as Taxpayers-ours?).

"Bubs" speedo reading for the weekend was 719 miles and with the foot flat to the boards 35m.p.h. at 32m.p.g. (I think).

Doug Hogg
A7 "Bubs" 30

(Doug's restoration story appeared in the September 1985 Austin 7 Journals.
Ed.)

Trevor Moore is the spares manager for the Queensland Club.

He has built an Austin 7 ute with tandem rear axles.

1937 6 Wheel Austin 7 Light Lorry

Trevor got the 6 wheel inspiration from a photo on the internet and with the help of the Cornwall Austin 7 Club and others he was given the name of Andy Lowe whose father, Peter Lowe, worked at Longbridge, UK and worked on the manufacturing of the factory Light Lorry.

The original plans were drawn by W.D.T. Gairdner in 1928. Mr. P LOWE drew his plans on 14/10/1983 and Trevor was sent a copy of his plans. He started this project in January 2013.

Trevor's 6 wheel lorry is built on a late chassis, he cut the rear supports off level with the Austin chassis and bolted the extension on as it was on the original which was built in the Austin factory.

The lazy axle is a 1937 D type with the torque tube blanked off. Giving Trevor the ability to have semi Girling stub axles. The springs were sourced from an old car trailer. The rear axle brakes are connected via a cable (as per the original) giving the vehicle good 6 wheel brakes. The front brakes are also semi Girling.

Being an Austin man with many other types of Austins, all the parts are from spares that Trevor has accumulated over time. Trevor rebuilt a motor for one of his other Austin Sevens. The old motor and gear of his other Austin Sevens. The old motor and gear box is used to power the Lorry. A new honeycomb radiator was built by Honeycomb Radiators, Northgate.

The Cab scuttle and doors were built from form board and aluminum sheet. The tray body was built from pine timber from an old double bed and the floor was left over western red cedar and is bolted directly to the extension chassis.

Head Lights are Lucas type RS10
Side Lights - Lucas LB0109
Tail Lights - Lucas T101 Pork Pie
Cab Lights - Austin 7 Cup Model.

Engine specifications:-
Bore - 2.2 inches (55.88mm)
Stroke - 3 inch (76.2mm) *
Capacity - 747.5cc
Comp ratio - 6:1
Oil Pressure - up to 5p.p.s.i.
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Chassis No. 281292.
Chassis purchased in October 2012

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