



Austin 7 Club of S.A.

70th Anniversary 1953-2023

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What's on and What's not.

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

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

15.3-17.3.24 Adelaide Motorsport Festival

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 by the Broken Hill club

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





11-15th March 2024

ALL HISTORIC

26-28 APRIL 2024



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MAY
2024

INVITATION OLD CROCKS' RUN

90

YEARS

To celebrate the 90th Year of the Old Cocks' 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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Swan Hill Border Run 2024

13th to 16th Sept, 2024

*Save the
date*



**Austin
Seven**

NATIONAL RALLY

OCTOBER 2027 - MURRAY BRIDGE S.A.

A promotional graphic for the Austin Seven National Rally. It features a cartoon koala wearing goggles and driving a red Austin Seven car. To the right, the words "Austin Seven" are written in a large, stylized, 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 silhouette of a bridge is shown against a grey background, with the text "OCTOBER 2027 - MURRAY BRIDGE S.A." in white capital letters.

From the Austin 7 Club Journals

1986

ANOTHER RESTORATION - 1930 TOURER

After restoring a rusty old 1920 DALM motor cycle, and riding it in the first Bay to Birdwood Rally, I then restored a 1951 Panther motor cycle which I use in motor cycle rallies. I found this to be very selfish, as Rohnda wouldn't ride on the pillion, so I looked around for an Austin 7. I was really after a Roadster (and still am), but I knew of the one I have now. It was sitting in a shed. It had been there for four years and the owner was doing nothing with it. After about 18 months I persuaded him to sell it to me, so in 1983 I became the proud owner of an Austin 7 Tourer. I took the car home and put it away for about 12 months before starting the arduous task of restoration.

I stripped the car to its chassis and then it was on. Firstly I restored the motor, gearbox and diff. I then started on the body, which I've got to admit, was not real bad. It still however required a lot of man hours to get it to where it is today.

The painting was done by a friend of mine who is much more expert than I am at that job.

At this point, just when I thought everything was going along O.K., I discovered the original motor for my car. A Club Member had it amongst his collection of Austin 7 parts and pieces, so after some hard talking and swapping of parts I was able to get the original motor. The motor was completely worn out, so I had to start from scratch again as I was very keen to have the original motor in the car.

I am most grateful to the various Club Members who assisted me with advice and parts to build my car.

I got the car mobile for an after-dark run in March '85 and I was pleased I did this run as it sorted out a few faults I did not realise existed.

The first real test for the little car was a ten day Federation Provincial Tour of Victoria which I was able to do as I was on long service leave. This proved to be a fabulous rally, 957 miles and no trouble.

Once again I would just like to thank the Club Members who helped me accomplish the task of restoring our Austin.

Peter Monaghan.



This is Peter Monaghan and his car is currently in the Goolwa car museum.



Doug Head competing in an Austin 7 at Rob Roy 20 April 1947.

However the Doug Head story goes back to the pre war days, when Doug was responsible for both maintaining and being the riding mechanic for the ex Cyril Dickason Works Ulster Austin 7 then being campaigned by Harold Abbott.

When Austin Distributors stopped their racing activities the two racing cars were sold to Castrol Oils marketing manager Harold Abbott. Doug Head a young mechanic with Austin Distributors took the two cars home to his parents house and prepared them for Harold Abbott. March 1937, the second Rob Roy hillclimb saw Abbott second to Derry George in Class C Under 1100cc, but was the winner of the last event of the day when he won the All Cars Under 2000cc.

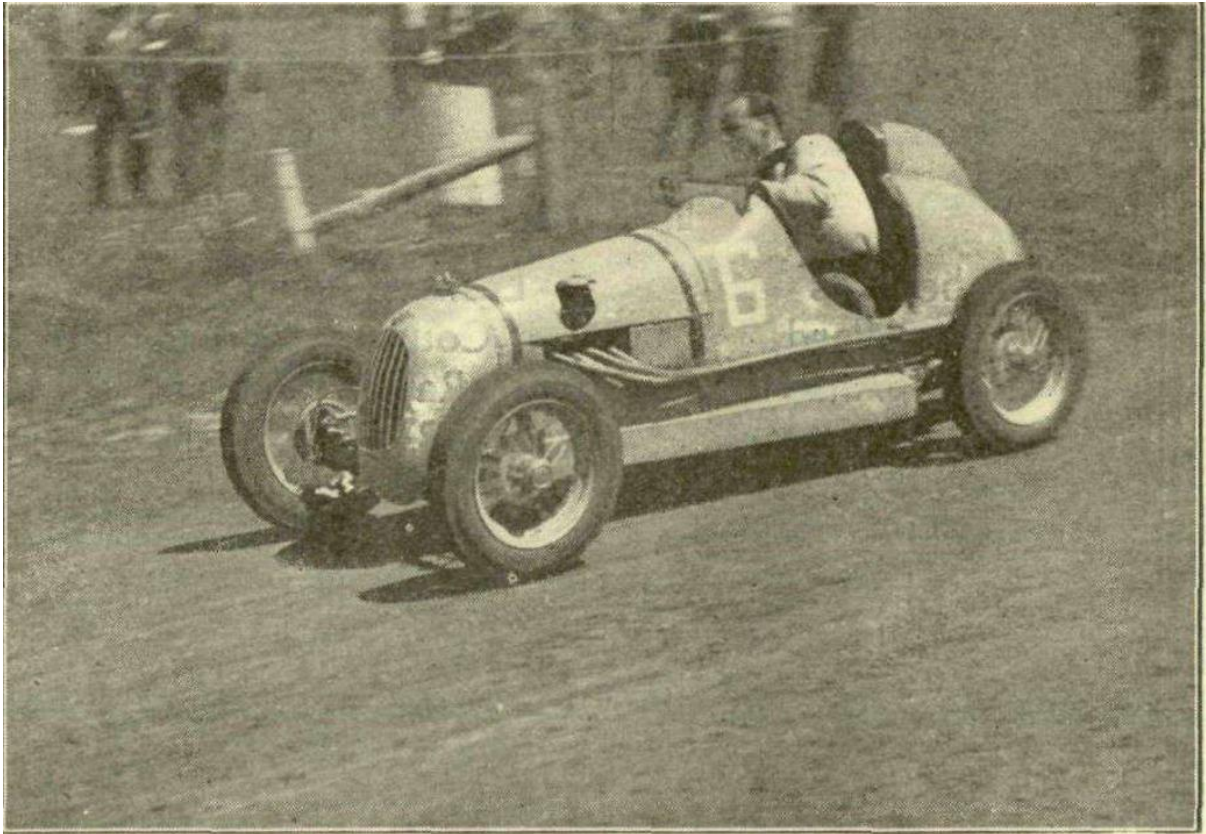
Post war Doug Head was responsible for building two Austin 7 specials for Len Phillips, the first raced at Bathurst in 1946 and then Rob Roy #11, 24 November 1946. Len Phillips won his class, recording 42.58 seconds. Doug Head recorded FTD in his brother's Tempest speedcar.

Rob Roy #12 saw both Len Phillips and Doug Head driving their latest Austin 7 special built using many Ulster and Speedy model parts in its construction. At this meeting it was run in chassis form without any bodywork. Len Phillips competed at the Cup day meeting in November 1947, now with a single seater body in the style of an Austin Works Twin Cam 750cc racing car.

Soon after it was sold to Jim Leech and both Jim and his wife to be, Joan Derham continued to use it in competition including the 1948 Point Cook AGP meeting and Fishermans Bend.

Fortunately there are several good photographs to include with this post. Harold Abbott, RR#2, car 15. Argus newspaper. Len Phillips #4, November 1946. George Thomas photo. Doug Head, chassis, George Thomas photo. Len Phillips, single seater, ex Motorsport magazine. Joan Derham, Dacre Stubbs photo

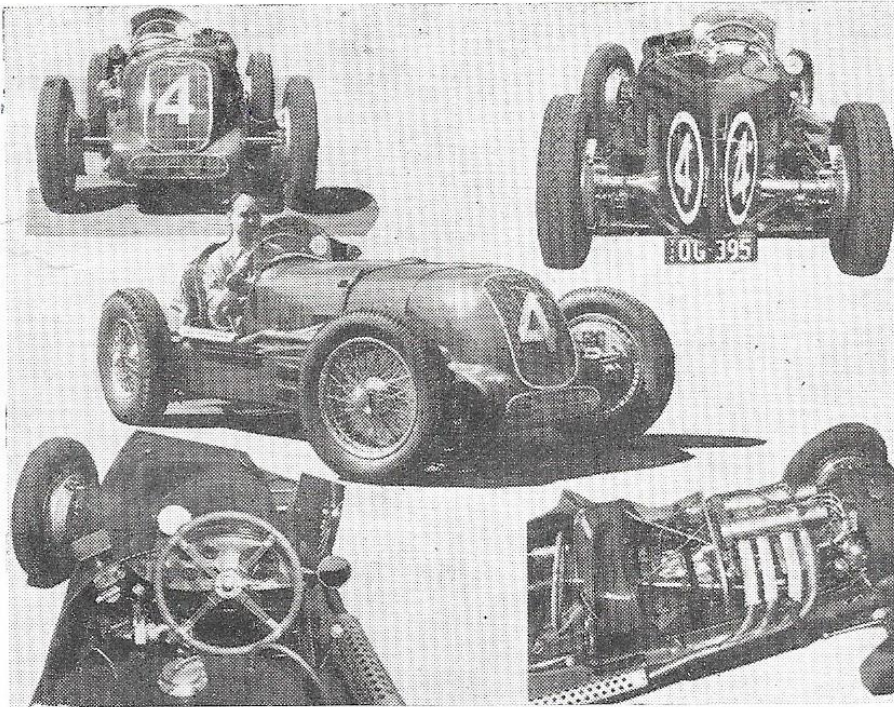




Len Phillips' "Ulster" Austin Seven, with very well finished monoposto body which, incidentally, weighs only 39 lb., competing in the Rob Roy hill-climb.



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Friday Funny's

LOOK BABE.... I KNOW IT WAS
EXPENSIVE, BUT THE CAR NEEDS
A WATER PUMP



Austin 7 Club Calendar 2024

January 2024

- 3 Committee Meeting
- 8 Club Meeting
- 20 TTM EOS Dinner

February 2024

- 5 Committee Meeting
- 11 Regularity R1
- 12 Club Meeting
- 18 A7 Club Day Run or event.
- 26 Technical Night Run & BBQ
- 27 Leisure Run
- 27 50th Anniversary of the acquisition of the Clubrooms by the Austin 7 Club SA Inc

March 2024

- 3 All British Club Day Echunga
- 4 Committee Meeting
- 11 Club Meeting (Public Holiday)
- 17 Historic Gathering at Barrett Reserve West Beach VSCC Invitation
- 21/24 Aust Formula 1 Grand Prix Melbourne
- 24 50th Anniversary of the opening of the Austin 7 Clubrooms in 1974
- 25 Technical Night
- 26 Leisure Run
- 31 A7 Club Day Run or event.

April 2024

- 3 Committee Meeting (Wednesday)
- 8 Club Meeting
- 14 A7 Club Day Run to Mypolonga
- 21 Regularity R2
- 22 Technical Night
- 23 Leisure Run
- 25/28 Pre War Austin 7 Run to Burra

May 2024

- 5 "Old Crocks Run" Invitation SCC
- 6 Committee Meeting
- 13 Club Meeting
- 19 A7 Club Day Run or event
- 25/26 Historic Winton
- 27 Technical Night
- 28 Leisure Run

June 2024

- 1 50th Anniversary of the departure of A7's from Adelaide to Ayers Rock commemorating 21 years of the A7 Club.
- 3 Committee Meeting
- 10 Club Meeting (Public Holiday)
- 14/20 Broken Hill Run
- 16 Regularity R3
- 23 A7 Club Day Run or event
- 24 Technical Night
- 25 Leisure Run

July 2024

- 1 Committee Meeting
- 8 Club Meeting
- 14 A7 Club Day Run or event.
- 22 Technical Night
- 28 Regularity R4
- 30 Leisure Run

August 2024

- 5 Committee Meeting
- 12 Club Meeting
- 18 A7 Club Day Run or event.
- 26 Technical Night
- 27 Leisure Run

September 2024

- 1 Old Car Day Bethany Invitation
- 2 Committee Meeting
- 9 Club Meeting & Annual General Meeting
- 13/15 Border Run (70th) (to Swan Hill)
- 22 Federation Arthur Clisby Picnic Day at Macclesfield
- 23 Technical Night
- 24 Leisure Run

October 2024

- 2 Committee Meeting (Wednesday)
- 6 Historic Collingrove Hillclimb.
- 6/10 Arkaroola 4WD Run.
- 14 Club Meeting
- TBA Bay to Birdwood
- 27 Regularity R5 Club Championship
- 28 Technical Night
- 29 Leisure Run

November 2024

- 4 Committee Meeting
- 11 Club Meeting
- 14/17 Adelaide 500 Races
- 15/17 Bendigo Swap Meet
- 24 A7 Club Day Run or event.
- 25 Technical Night & BBQ
- 26 Leisure Run

December 2024

- 1 Regularity R6
- 2 Committee Meeting
- 8 Christmas event
- 9 Club Meeting.

SA School Holidays 2024

- 13 Apr – 28 Apr
- 6 Jul – 21 Jul
- 28 Sep – 13 Oct
- Adelaide Cup 11 March
- Easter 29 March - 1 April
- Labour Day 7 October