



Austin 7 Club of S.A.

262 Tapleys Hill Rd Seaton.

Bulletin Number 203

22.3.24



What's on and What's not.

21.3-24.3 Aust F1 GP Melbourne

24.3.24 50th Anniversary of the opening of the clubrooms

25.3.24 Technical Night

26.3.24 Leisure Run

29.3-31.3.24 Easter

8.4.24 Club Meeting

14.4.24 Day Run to Mypolonga

14.4.24 Gawler Club Veteran & Vintage Run

21.4.24 Regularity Round 2

22.4.24 Technical Night SWAP MEET

23.4.24 Leisure Run

5.5.24 Old Crocks Run SCC

5.5.24 Naracoorte Swap

13.5.24 Club Meeting

17.5.24-19.5.24 Pre War Run to Burra

19.5.24 Day Run

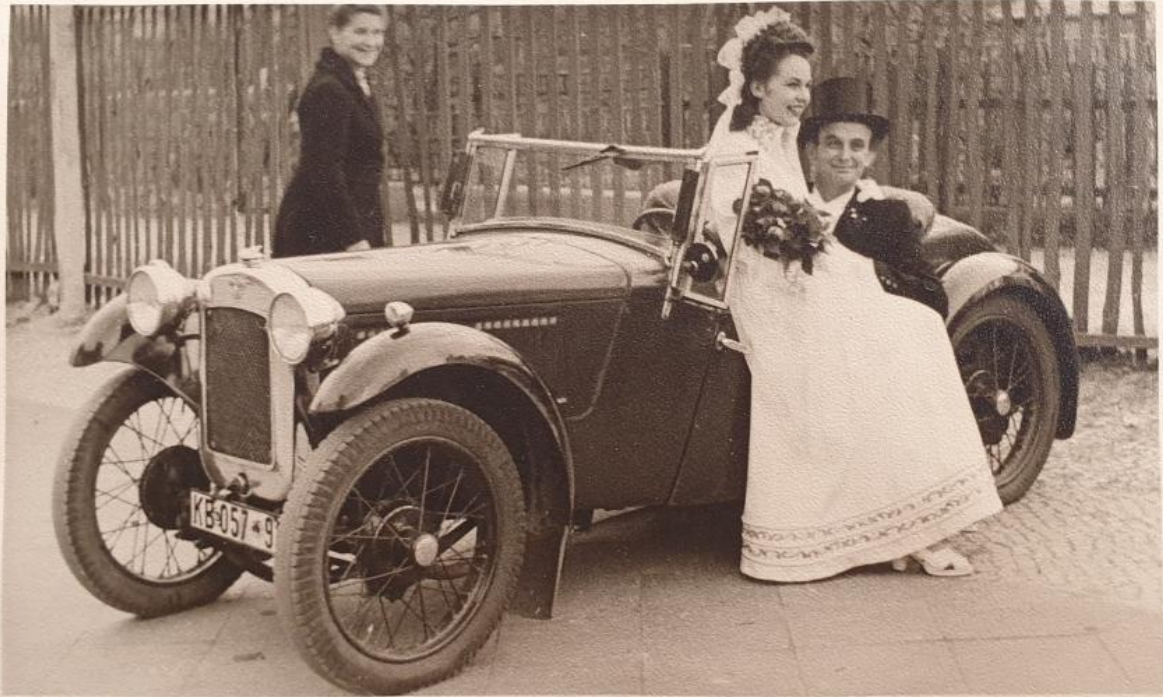
25-26.5.24 Historic Winton

27.5.24 Technical night

28.5.24 Leisure Run

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

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Sports and Specials



50 Years in Our Clubrooms

March 1974 to March 2024

In March 1974 the first Club meeting in our club rooms was conducted.

To commemorate this historic event in the life of our club come along to our special event on **Sunday 24th March 2024**



Programme:

10:00- 11:30am	Morning tea at The Watershed 665 Salisbury Highway, Mawson Lakes (Near the junction of Port Wakefield Road and Salisbury Highway)
11:30am	Depart on a scenic convoy to the Clubrooms
12:15pm (approx.)	Lunch at the Clubrooms Consisting of Subway Platters, followed by Fruit salad and ice cream BYO alcohol if desired
Booking is essential By: Monday 18 March	Chris Cutting 0412 092 760 Or email: touring@austin7clubsa.com.au
Cars:	To add to the historic nature of the day, please bring your historic car – but don't let tis request stop you from coming.



Austin 7 Club of S.A.

Technical Night

Monday 25th March 2024

**We have a demonstration of an
Electrical Discharge Machine.**



**This machine can remove
broken studs in blocks
without damage.**

**One of our members will have his Snap-on
truck in attendance.**





Leisure Run to Old Noarlunga

26th March 2024

Caffe Buongiorno at O'Halloran Hill for Coffee.

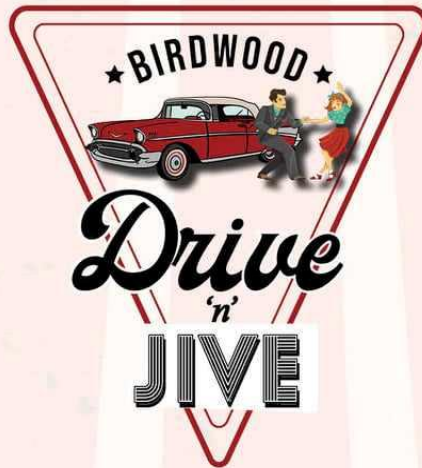
Then to the Old Noarlunga Hotel for Lunch.



The Old Noarlunga Hotel



Contact David Searles for Bookings 0408 700 047



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Vehicle entrant: \$30/car load of legally seated occupants



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Graham Paige Run - Mypolonga

Sunday 14th April



Morning Tea: At Mt Pleasant Bakery (if you wish) prior to departure

Time: 11:00am

Lunch: BYO lunch and beverages. Either bring your own or purchase necessities at Mt Pleasant

What: Large collection of Graham Paige cars as well as other makes. This could be the largest collection of Graham Paige cars in Australia.

Plus: Marlene has perfected a method for restoring **enamel badges**. View her work. If you have an enamel badge that needs restoration, bring it along for assessment.



Before:



After:

Club Automobile Francais (The French Club) members are also invited to join us on this run.

Bookings Essential: Please book in with **Martin Lewis 0414 727 893** or **Chris Cutting 0412 092 760** or at touring@austin7clubsa.com.au

ALL HISTORIC

26-28 APRIL 2024



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MAY
2024

INVITATION OLD CROCKS' RUN

90

YEARS

One of the original cars in the The Old Crock's' run is this 1904 Speedwell. Currently owned by Nigel Steele Scott, it belonged to William Cornell in 1904 as he was becoming a motor dealer.

The car has belonged to Nigel Stell Scott since 1988 when it ran successfully in the London to Brighton run in England. Here you see the car being driven to safety by Nigel's granddaughter on the day of the bushfires that threatened Nigel's home.

All cars are welcome on The Old Crock's' 90th anniversary. Cars pre 1935 and cars after 1935. The run from Victoria Park Racecourse to Wigley Reserve at Glenelg will be run on Sunday 5th May 2024. Please put your entries in now to ensure your place in this event. Entry fee \$30 per car and includes a \$5 donation to Variety. Car clubs wishing to make a display are invited to register now.

For more details contact the club on 8373 4899 or email manager@sportingcarclub.com.au



ADELAIDE CBD
TO GLENELG

WIGLEY RESERVE



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

Entry form on the back



**Pre – War Run to Burra
17th May -19th May 2024**

A great opportunity to use your car on quite low traffic volume roads around the Mid North of our State.

We will be staying at Paxton Square Cottages in Burra and visiting Farrell Flat to view their Silo art and then to Clare on Saturday.

Trailer Parking available at Paxton Cottages.

To confirm your accomodation booking please contact Paxton Square Cottages on 0488 513 101.

Room rate is \$180.00 per night.

**Bookings will only be held until
1.4.24**

Once you have booked please let me know

dgrear@optusnet.com.au

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25th and 26th May 2024



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Austin 7 Club of S.A.

June 14th -20th 2024

Book Now



We will travel to Mildura where secure trailer parking is available then on to Menindee Lakes to marvel at the Birdlife and water ways.

Dine in the second hotel built in N.S.W. where Bourke and Wills visited in 1860.

A couple of Days will be spent in Broken Hill The gateway to the Outback then returning to Mildura.

All Era Vehicles are welcome.

June 14th Mildura

June 15th Menindee Motel

June 16th & 17th Broken Hill

June 19th Mildura

Andrew Dawes (mobile 0427751488) will be trailering his Austin 7 to Mildura and then driving the Austin from Mildura.

Book now with Andrew Dawes on 0427 751 488 or

dawes@internode.on.net

MEET THE TEAM



Glynis, Brian, Helen and Rob

SWAN HILL BORDER RUN 13th-16th September 2024 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST



Bring your Austin on a holiday. A short break admiring our northern reaches of Victoria. Learn the history of this area; the Paddle steamer, The Heart of the Murray, the agriculture, the Catalina seaplanes, the aromas and the camaraderie of our club neighbours.

What are you waiting for? To be part of our regular updates, register your interest on the form below via: phone, text, email, mail or carrier pigeon.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST – SWAN HILL BORDER RUN – SEPTEMBER 13th – 16th 2024

Name CLUB SA / VIC

PHONE EMAIL

MAIL ADDRESS

Return to: Rob Storr at email: Rob.trucktorque@gmail.com

Phone/ Text: 0477880281

Mail: 21 Springfield Drive, Narre Warren. 3805

OR

Brian Gibbons. 0418 508 611



Austin 7 Club of S.A.

**4-Wheel drive trip to Arkaroola
travelling via the R.M. Williams Way.**

6th-10th October 2024

SAVE THE DATE

**After the success of last year's
Coorong Explorer weekend we are
going north to Arkaroola.**





The Lower Murray Vintage Machinery Show and Tractor Pull was on last weekend at the Murray Bridge Show Grounds.

A good selection of Vintage machinery was in attendance.



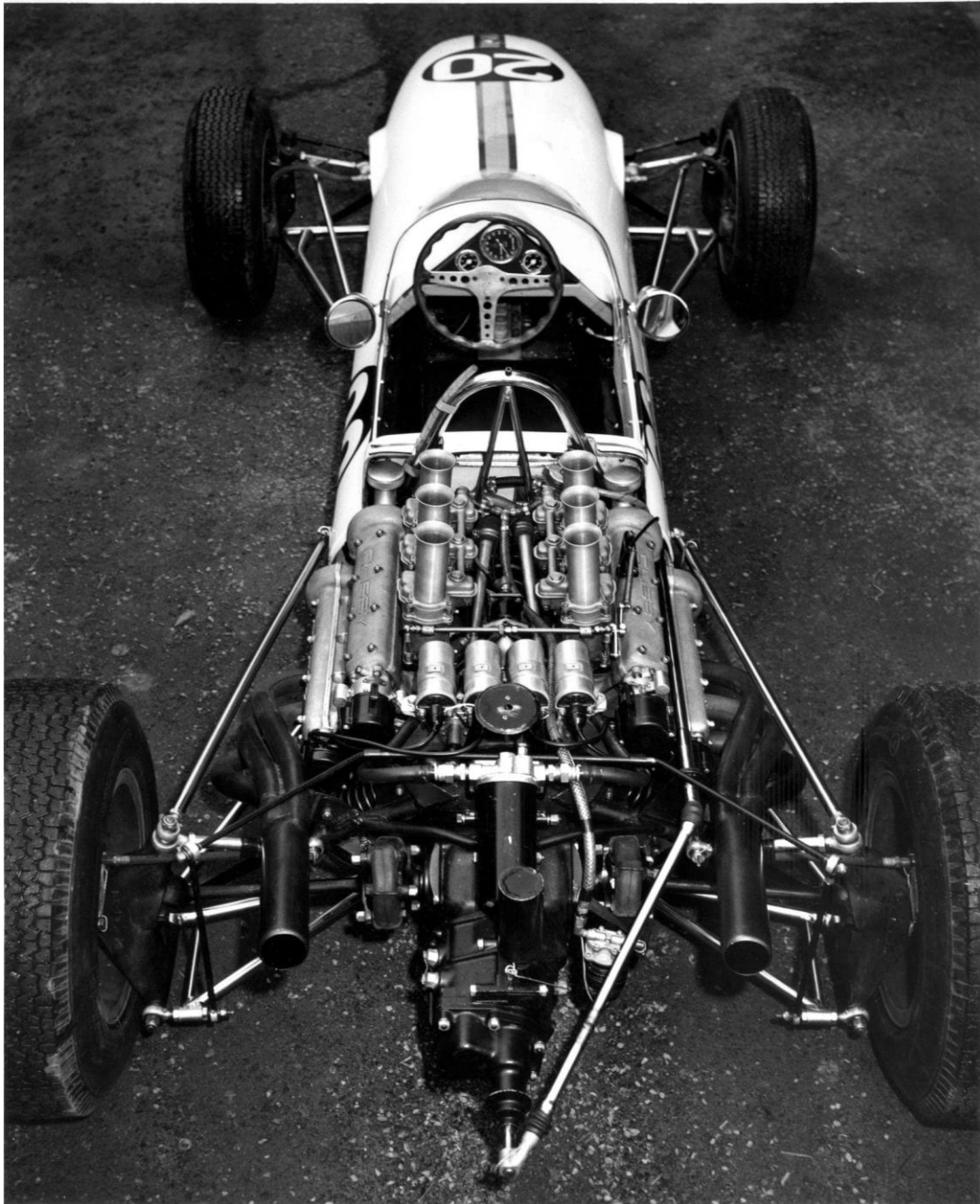
My Green car.



The V.S.C.C. Historic Motor Vehicles Gathering was held at Barrett Reserve West Beach on Sunday 17.3.24



Wildly eccentric yet immensely talented, self-taught engineer Harold William Clisby from Adelaide was responsible for Australia's greatest racing might-have-been: a Formula 1 engine which could have beaten the Repco V8 to the punch by five years.



When the Clisby Industries 1.5-litre V6 finally made it to the track it powered the first and thus-far only all-Australian grand prix car: the Elfin-Clisby Type

100. Sadly by then it was 1965 and the 1.5 F1 formula was coming to a close. The car never made it to Europe or entered an F1 race. Too many other projects got in the way for the Adelaide engineer, including hovercraft, steam engines, an intricate model railway and the daily demands of his compressor manufacturing business.

All was not lost. Clisby (*below*) learned enough in the process to later manufacture the cylinder heads for the Brabham-Repco BT24 that would win the 1967 F1 World Championship.

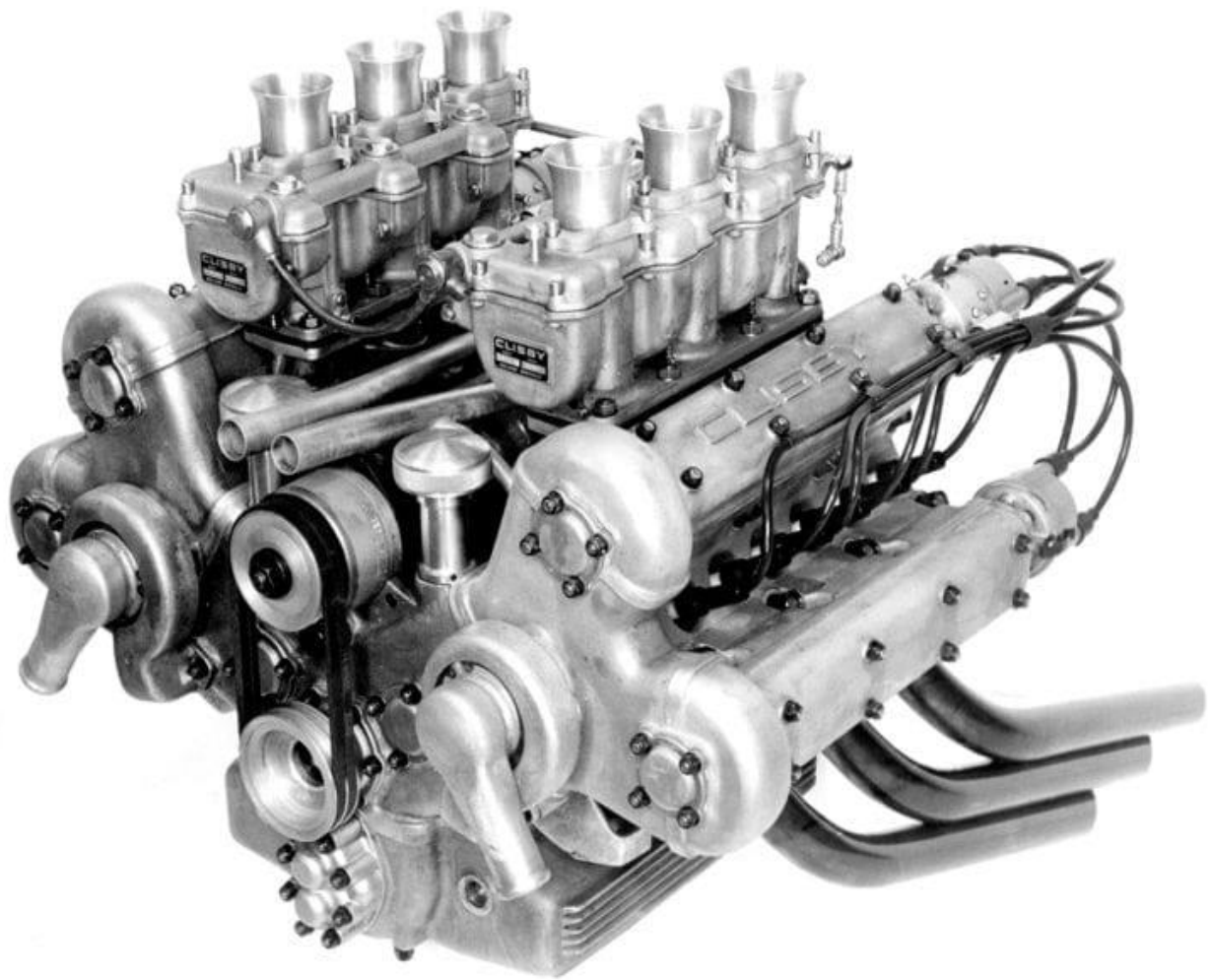


Now the largely unknown, Elfin-Clisby is coming to the limelight with a full-scale restoration and dreams of a Goodwood Revival appearance.

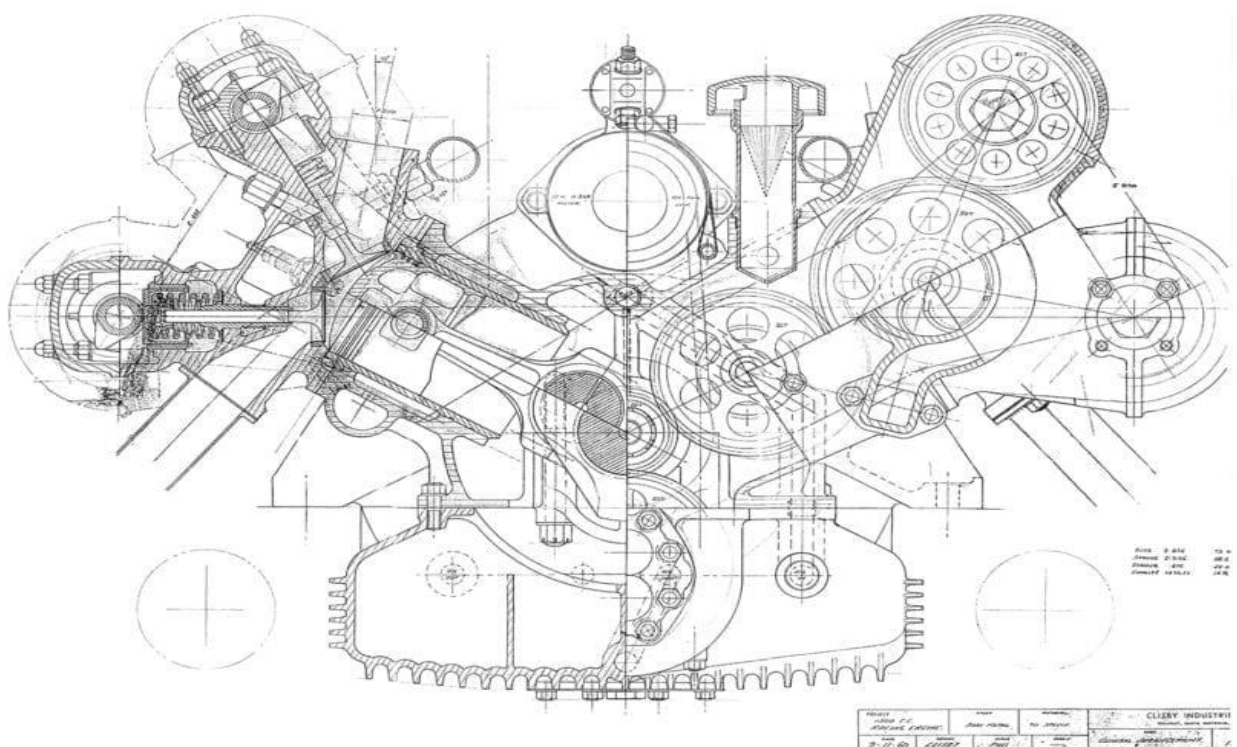
Let's go back to the day the aluminium 120-degree, quad-cam, two-valve Clisby V6 hit the track. Key team members gathered for the first test of the car at the flat, tight Mallala airfield track 35 miles from Adelaide on Sunday March 14, 1965.

The group surrounding the little white, green and gold-striped car were a tad under the weather. The day before, the engine's designer was married. The groom's early start that crisp morning after was perhaps not what the bride anticipated.

Harold looked on paternally as project engineer Kevin Drage fussed around the car making last-minute checks, and the Dunlop tyre pressures were set. Also there was 'Mr Elfin', the company's founder and main man Garrie Cooper, an Australian cross of Lola's Eric Broadley and Chevron's Derek Bennett. Elfin Sports Cars was a family business he ran for 23 years which designed and built more than 250 cars, from grand prix winners to Formula Vees, and Cooper himself raced them at elite level, too. Mallala was Elfin's home circuit; Cooper had raced and would deliver 19 of his T100 Monos there, named for their monocoque design.



Quad-cam, dry-sumped design was a pure racing engine



Drage, the only member of the group still alive, becomes excited when discussing that day. He passed car owner and driver Andy Brown his helmet so that he could slip into the cockpit, but the wealthy industrialist and thrice Australian Grand Prix racer said, "It's your engine." "But it's your car," Kevin responded. "No, I insist you drive first."

It was a wonderful gesture to the man whose persistence ensured the engine was finished and raced long after Harold had moved on to other projects.

Kevin's hand clasped the throttle linkage of the Clisby triple-choke carburetors, the engine burst into life, and he gently blipped the throttle to 3000rpm before the motor settled to a rhythmic, gentle howl.

Drage slid easily into chassis M6548. First gear engaged with that characteristic 'clunk' of a dog box. With a cough and a splutter the car gathered speed towards the right-hander at the end of Mallala's pit straight, but the national significance of the occasion was lost on Kevin whose nerve ends were jangling with every nuance of the car's behaviour.

While the gearbox used a Volkswagen case, the five-speed transmission was made by Elfin. That was the amazing thing – the car's engine, chassis, transaxle and other parts were all manufactured in Australia. Even the aluminium used for the chassis derived from Australian bauxite.

"The engine, chassis and other parts were all made in Australia"

Brown then climbed aboard, and was impressed by the punch of the engine compared with his Ford-powered Elfin Catalina. After completing six laps he pulled in. Kevin recalls, "The engine idled quickly and then suddenly started to vibrate so much that the rose joint on the rear anti-roll bar disintegrated, then the engine stopped. I pulled off a distributor cap. The vibrations had shattered the rotor to powder!"

Another great engineer was present. Eldred Norman, a friend of both Harold and Andy, questioned Harold and determined that while the engine was in static balance, the crank had not been dynamically balanced. "No problem, I'll see you tomorrow morning," said Eldred. "Just have the crank drawing ready for me to look at."

"Sure enough, Norman called at the factory, a converted stately home, and worked out where balance weights were needed," Drage affectionately recalls. "We modified the pulley to drive the dry-sump pump and we rebalanced the flywheel. I never got a photo of the jig-borer located in one of

the big rooms underneath a huge chandelier, but the sight of it always gave me a chuckle.”

To be continued next issue.



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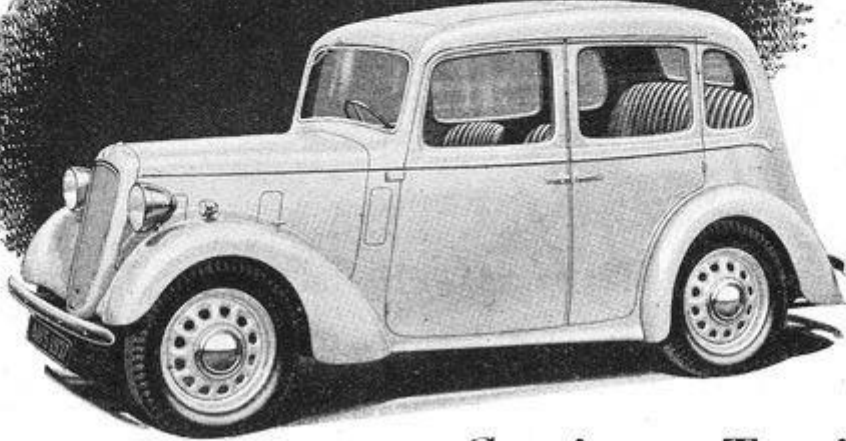
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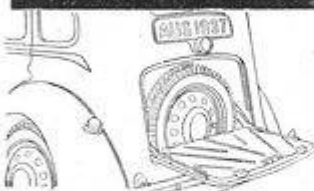
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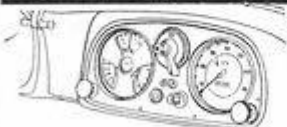
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For Sale

1928 Austin 7 Chummy



Rescued from Whyalla in 2013.

100 % Complete and date correct.

When purchased the chassis was bent and broken it was replaced by a clean straight chassis.

Front and rear axles have been checked and are in good condition.

Motor has had a major rebuild with 40 photos taken.

37 head, Honda Pistons. 1 5/16 crank, new bearings, T24 Zenith Carb, Aluminum sump. Magneto has been to Perth.

Gearbox changes well and is quieter than some.

Speedo rebuilt by Don Eldred.

Radiator has modern core and was checked and cleaned.

Hood irons and folding side curtains included.

If you are allergic to magnetos, I will supply a Coil Motor in the price condition unknown.

Goes very well for a chummy. Completed 2019 Austins over Australia with no Problems 400km.

Needs work on scuttle rest of the body is quite good.

Easy Restoration nothing to find.

Drive as is or restore.

\$10,000 no offers.

Selling to fund something different.



For Sale Trailer suit Austin 7 or Larger



- Towbar length = 1.46m
- Trailer box length = 3.6m
- Height= 1.88m
- Width = 2m
- Mass/Weight = 700kg

The cover is weatherproof & made from heavy duty rip stop pvc. It is registered in SA until Feb 2025.

The lights and wiring are all new and operating. Brand new aluminium car ramps for loading vehicles are included in the asking price of \$7,500.

My contact details are Peter Maxwell 0427 692695 and the trailer can be inspected in Goolwa.

1928 Austin 7 1928 7

\$12,000

Launceston, TAS



1928 Austin 7, tourer. Older restoration.

Registration on Si plates

. Has no problems. Jump in and drive.

Selling on behalf of elderly gentleman.

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Friday Funny's

We've all got that one neighbor...



Unless you don't, then it's probably you.

Austin 7 Club Calendar 2024

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

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

May 2024

- 5 "Old Crocks Run" Invitation SCC
- 6 Committee Meeting
- 13 Club Meeting
- 17/19 Pre War Austin 7 Run to Burra
- 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 Hills Luncheon.
- 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
- 20 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