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Painting of Bruce Williams in his 1929 Austin 7 Roadster by John Hamilton.

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Monthly Club Meetings (second Monday* of each month) commence at 7.30pm, please bring plate of supper to share. *Check club calendar for correct date.

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PRESIDENT'S PREAMBLE

Since the last Preamble, the following 4 members delivered very interesting & informative talks.

- At the March General meeting Dan Burt gave an interesting talk about his recent acquisition. He has become re-acquainted with the Austin 7 he had previously owned when he was living in England. He had only just taken delivery of it after having been shipped from England.
- At the March Technical night Trevor Gent spoke about restoring running boards
- At the May General meeting Ron Schache showed a homemade video of the old Lion Factory which used to be in the west end of North Terrace where they blended & packaged consumable items from tea bags, jellies & flour.
- At the May Technical night Bob Gell, a renowned expert in battery technology, spoke about the development to date of "plug-In" electric cars and what could be their future of this exciting new technology.

I would like to thank these members for the time & effort they put in to preparing their topics.

Due to the increased number of Modern Regularity entrants in recent times the Timing Team has requested that Dorian automatic timing devices be made mandatory in all vehicles competing in Groups A & B (not required for Rookies). Whilst there is a considerable cost associated with purchasing a Dorian, to ease the load on competitors, particularly those who don't want to buy one at this stage, the committee have agreed to purchase a number of them so they can be hired out to new & maybe not so new competitors. It is expected that the mandatory use of Dorians will be introduced & included in the Supplementary Regulations by this October's event. Apart from reducing the pressure on the volunteer timing team members, it also provides more accurate lap times & improved timing information to the competitors.

Our supply of Austin 7 parts has been boosted by the purchase of some very good and equally rare parts from the Late Dave Hall's estate. If you need any mechanical things for your Austin 7, David Grear should either have it in stock or be able to get it for you. Thanks David for being proactive and continuing to foster the Austin 7 movement.

The 11 vehicles owned by the Late Dave Hall were sold by auction on May 21, including 5 Austin 7's, 2 Mercedes, 2 Holden's a Chevrolet and an MGY.

The committee was asked by 2 ladies (non Members) if the clubrooms could be hired for a Cancer Council Biggest Morning Tea. The committee agreed to the request and the morning tea was held on Sunday May 29. Nine members attended the event which was well organised and extremely well catered for. They raised \$1,300 on the day and with other activities they organised, made a total of \$2,500 which included a \$100 donation from our club.

Barry Pannell, our Librarian, has done an excellent job of rearranging & cataloguing the club's collection of books. The next time you are at the clubrooms, have a look at the list of books which are available & if there is anything you would like to borrow, see Barry.

There is still a vacancy on the committee for a Touring Coordinator. If you are interested in becoming a committee member, please let me or one of the other committee know.

I would like you to join me in welcoming the following new members & wish them a long & enjoyable time within the club.

Jim BAKOPANOS	Barry BROKATE	Julia CLANCY	Ray DUNN
Tania KOTLAR	Fred MIFSUD	David SCHOLTZ	Will VICTOR

To any member who is currently on the sick list, I wish you a speedy recovery.

REMEMBER – All meetings (General & Technical) start at 7.30pm.

Ralph Drage

President

COMING EVENTS for 2016

July 2016

- 17 Social Day Run to Gawler Gliding Club followed by lunch at the Haley's residence in Sandy Creek. Run sheet at the clubrooms.
- 19 A7 Leisure Run.
- 25 A7 Technical Night, 7.30pm A7 spares open from 6.30pm.

August 2016

- 1 Committee Meeting.
- 7 State Championship Modern Regularity R5 Mallala.
- 8 Monthly Club Meeting.
- 16 A7 Leisure Run.
- 20/21 Race Meeting Mallala.
- 21 Hills Luncheon to Auchendarroch Tavern at Mount Barker. Meets at McDonalds Magill Road Tranmere before heading up via Norton Summit, Woods Hill Road, Tregarthen Road Uraidla, Balhannah, Littlehampton & Mt Barker. Run sheet at Clubrooms please register your attendance through David Searles.
- 22 A7 Technical Night 7.30pm A7 spares open from 6.30pm.
- 26 Quarterly Luncheon.

September 2016

- 1 Old Car Day to Bethany or to wherever you wish to drive your 'old' vehicle.
- 5 Committee Meeting.
- 11 Modern Regularity R6 Mallala.
- 12 Monthly and Annual General Meetings.
- 18 Social Sunday at the Clubrooms.
- 19/30 Federation Motorfest 2016.
- 20 A7 Leisure Run.
- 25 Bay to Birdwood Run for pre 1960 vehicles, entry form available from www.baytobirdwood.com.au.
- 26 A7 Technical Night 7.30pm A7 spares open from 6.30pm.

October 2016

- 3 Committee Meeting.
- 8 Know your Austin 7 Day at the Clubrooms. Starts 9am.
- 10 Monthly Club Meeting.

- 16 Social Day Run to Modern Regularity with invitation to clubs to join us on the day.
- 16 Modern Regularity R7 Mallala
- 18 A7 Leisure Run.
- 24 A7 Technical Night 7.30pm A7 spares open from 6.30pm.

November 2016

- 6 Herbert Austin's 150th birthday at the Clubrooms. Please register your interest in attending with The Secretary, Martin Lewis.
- 7 Committee Meeting.
- 12/13 Bendigo Swap Meet.
- 13 Modern Regularity R8 Mallala.
- 14 Monthly Club Meeting.
- 15 A7 Leisure Run.
- 18/20 Adelaide Motorsport Festival & Classic Adelaide Rally.
- 19 Race Meeting Mallala.
- 21 A7 Technical Night & Run.
- 25 Quarterly Luncheon.

December 2016

- 3 Subs & Cond Rego Stat Dec Day at the Clubrooms 10am to 2pm.
- 5 Committee Meeting.
- 6 A7 Leisure Run.
- 11 Subs & Cond Rego Stat Dec Day at the Clubrooms 10am to 2pm.
- 11 Christmas Function organised by A7 Club at West Beach Sea Rescue Function Room 1st Floor. Patio viewing area overlooking the gulf at West Beach and the setting sun, bar facilities, catering by Texas Bull Machine. Elevator Access.
- 12 Monthly Club Meeting.

April 2017

- 8-13 95th Anniversary Austin 7 Rally Toowoomba, Queensland.
- 14-17 Austins Over Australia Ipswich, Queensland.

September 2019

- 23 -27 Austins Over Australia hosted by us in the Barossa Valley.

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The Club's A G M will be held at the Clubrooms on Monday 12 September 2016 following the normal Monthly Meeting. All positions on the Committee will be declared vacant by the Returning Officer, and nominations will be called for the following positions: PRESIDENT; SECRETARY; TREASURER; COMPETITION SECRETARY; ASSISTANT SECRETARY and up to 7 positions of COMMITTEE MEMBER. These committee member positions currently carry out duties of : SPARE PARTS MANAGER; MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY; PROPERTY MANAGER; CONDITIONAL REGISTRAR (LOG BOOKS); EDITOR; TOURING CO-ORDINATOR and ASSISTANT TREASURER.

Also on the night, appointed positions of LIBRARIAN, CAMS DELEGATE and FEDERATION DELEGATE will be made. All nominations to be in the hands of the returning Officer by 7.30pm on Monday 12 September 2016. Please assist your club in its administration, nomination forms will be available at the clubrooms before the meeting.

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Club regalia for sale:

The club has a variety of items of interest to members which are available from the Treasurer each meeting at the clubrooms.

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Austin 7 Club Decal large	\$2.00	
Austin script hat/lapel badge:	\$3.00	
Austin 7 Club Cap	\$12.50	
Austin 7 Club Hat	\$12.50	
Austin 7 Club Badge Metal Radiator	\$22.00	
Austin 7 Club 50 th year history book:	\$20.00	
Austin 7 Short Sleeve Yellow & Blue top:	\$20.00	
Austin 7 Short Sleeve Dark Blue 3 button top	\$30.00	sizes in stock M,L, & XL.
Austin 7 Long Sleeve Polar Fleece Jumpers:	\$45.00	sizes in stock S,M,L & XL.
Track Time Motorsport Cap	\$10.00	
Track Time Motorsport Polo Shirt	\$34.00	

95th AUSTIN SEVEN NATIONAL RALLY

TOOWOOMBA, QLD



Saturday 8 April to Thursday 13 April, 2017

Austin Seven Register of Queensland Inc

Newsletter Number 2



Welcome to Newsletter Number 2 for the Austin Seven National Rally organised by the Austin Seven Register of Queensland Inc, advising you of the latest rally information.

Entry Form

An Entry Form for the rally is attached. (Available from the Austin 7 SA Clubrooms). A lower entry fee of \$150 for a vehicle and driver will apply to entries received prior to 30 September 2016. The entry fee for an entry received after 30 September and by 30 November which is the closing date for an entry, is \$185.

Additional adult passengers are \$50 and children are \$15 during either entry period.

If you would like to participate in the rally but are not able to bring an Austin 7, you *must* talk to the Tour Chairman before submitting an entry.

The rally committee would greatly appreciate the early return of the Entry Form and photo to assist with rally planning.

Rally details

The rally starts with a Welcome Dinner on Saturday 8 April. From Monday 10 April, there will four drive days to a variety of destinations providing interest for all tastes. The weather in Toowoomba for the rally period is normally from 13 to 23 degrees but at the moment with one year to go, it is slightly warmer than usual like many parts of Australia. The week's events will conclude with a Farewell Dinner on Thursday 13 April.

To date we have received over 100 Expressions of Interest and we know of a number of people who are proposing to attend but have not lodged an Expression of Interest. The organising committee appreciates the level of support received to this point.

Daily Program and meal information

Below is the current proposed daily program. To assist intending entrants with their planning for the rally, the cost of meals has been provided as a guide. A Meal/Catering Form will be sent later in the year when the cost of meals has been finalised. Arrangements are being made where possible to cater for persons with dietary requirements.

Breakfast of cereal, bacon and egg roll, tea and coffee will be available at rally headquarters from Monday to Thursday inclusive for \$5.

Morning teas will be available from Monday to Thursday for between \$5 to \$8.

Day 1: Saturday 8th April – Registration during the day & Welcome Dinner from 6pm.

Rally registration will be at the Darling Downs Veteran and Vintage Motor Club clubrooms at Glenvale on the western side of Toowoomba.

After registration, entrants can go on a drive to places of interest in Toowoomba including the Ju Raku En Japanese Garden, Picnic Point Lookout, Empire Theatre, Russell Street Historic Walk, Southern Downs Steam Railway, Milne Bay Museum, Bulls Head Inn, art galleries, antique shops and a variety of gardens.

Entrants will be able to meet old friends and make new ones at the Welcome Dinner to be held at the University of Southern Queensland, Toowoomba. Meal estimate is \$30.

Day 2: Sunday 9th April – Swap & Sell, Ladies High Tea at Toowoomba Railway Station and Austin 7 display at the Cobb & Co Museum and a tour of Toowoomba.

A special Morning High Tea for the ladies only will be served at the Toowoomba Railway Station, Toowoomba. Meal cost is \$25.* (SEE PAGE 5)

Bring your excess A7 parts, cars and memorabilia to the Swap and Sell event being held at the event headquarters. Left it a bit late to finish restoring the Austin? You may be able to buy the missing part/s here but don't rely on finding a going engine though.

After the swap and sell has finished mid morning, cars will go to the Cobb & Co Museum in down town Toowoomba for a car display and tour of the museum. Cobb & Co Museum admission is included for all entrants and lunch can be bought at the museum cafe. Meals start from around \$7.

The Cobb and Co Museum is part of the Queensland Museum and is home to the National Carriage Collection, Australia's finest collection of horse drawn vehicles including Cobb and Co Coaches, farm wagons, hawker's barrows, delivery carts, buggies and an elegant landau. There are also galleries showcasing the natural and cultural history of Toowoomba and the Darling Downs.

Day 3: Monday 10th April – Qld Auto Museum or Highfields Pioneer Village; Goombungee town and visiting attractions on the return home

There is a choice of two morning runs. One run is to the Qld Auto Museum for a museum; workshop and orchard tour OR go to the Highfields Pioneer Village for tours of the village.

The Queensland Auto Museum is home to over 100 vintage, veteran, classic and modern vehicles. The collection contains a number of rare vehicles in original condition, Australian muscle cars and a Peter Brock collection. There is also a fifties café and age collection of memorabilia.

At the Highfields Pioneer Village items to view include farm machinery, Toowoomba Fire Brigade Museum, Queensland Energy Museum, Queensland Ambulance

Museum and the Southern Cross Museum featuring products made by the Toowoomba Foundry including the Southern Cross Windmills. There is wide range of other attractions.

From these venues our next stop will be to a pre-paid Lunch at the Goombungee Public Hall. No we won't be bungee jumping at Goombungee. Meal cost is \$12. On the return journey to Toowoomba, places to visit are a winery, an Alpaca farm, woodturning display and a turkey farm.

Alternatively you may want some retail therapy at the variety of shops in Highfields. The Village Green is where you will find antiques, art and other specialty stores, and a great view towards Brisbane. Across the road you can pay a visit to Abbie Lane Arts and Craft Village.

Day 4: Tuesday 11th April - Jondaryan Wool Shed & Adora Downs property.

Today's run is to the Jondaryan Woolshed for morning tea, a woolshed tour and blacksmith and shearing demonstrations. The heritage listed woolshed is the oldest and largest operating woolshed in the world with over 150 years of history.

Following morning tea, we are off to Adora Downs Homestay farming property at Mt Tyson where a pre-paid buffet lunch will be available in the barn. Meal cost is \$20.

Day 5: Wednesday 12th April - Allora Show Grounds, Clifton & Nobby

Down south today to the Allora Showgrounds for an A7 rally group photo at the showgrounds and morning tea. After morning tea to the main street of Allora and stroll or fly past the front of Mary Poppins parent's house where they lived around 1913.

By the back roads we travel to Clifton and on to the township of Nobby. Here we pay a visit to the Nobby Pub and the Sister Kenny Memorial. These roads were traversed by Steele Rudd, (author Arthur Hoey Davis) known for the 1920 movie "On Our Selection" and the long running radio series "Dad and Dave". At the Nobby Pub there is extensive memorabilia to view and enjoy.

Across the road from the pub, we will view the innovative internationally recognized polio research work in the 1950s carried out by Sister Kenny at the Sister Kenny Museum.

Over the railway line we go to the School of Arts Hall for our lunch. Lunch cost is \$15. You can also visit the Nobby craft shop and the Nobby Shed.

Day 6: Thursday 13th April - Pittsworth Showgrounds & Museum. Farewell Dinner at the University of Southern Queensland.

Go west young entrants to the Pittsworth Showgrounds for friendly rivalry at the A7 Funkhana involving interstate contestants. Some entrants might like to go on a bus tour of four local attractions for \$1. Travel to Pittsworth Pioneer Historic Museum where entry is free to entrants and a pre-paid lunch for \$12 will be available.

After lunch back to Toowoomba and dress in theme for the Farewell Dinner at the University of Southern Queensland. Cost is \$45 for adults and \$18 for children.

NOTE We are thinking of ideas for a theme for the dinner as from previous national rallies and a Roaring 1920's theme appears to be the most popular one. Many of you

may already have suitable costumes from previous events. (See the last page of this newsletter).

Sadly, after the farewell dinner, our rally will have come to an end. Alas!!! But a reminder that the next day, Friday 14th April is the registration day for Austins Over Australia at Ipswich. This event is being run by the Austin Motor Vehicle Club of Queensland.

Ipswich is a drive of about 90 kilometres east from Toowoomba towards Brisbane on mainly dual lane highway. Or you can take a more scenic route off the highway through the old Cobb and Co Tourist Route which is about 40kms longer at around 130kms. The Cobb & Co Tourist Drive celebrates the early days of stage coach transportation in south-east Queensland and follows the railway line and the original road from Ipswich to Gatton and visits a number of country towns.

Future information about the rally will be sent via email where possible. Information will be mailed to interested persons who do not have email access.

For enquiries about the rally please contact John Que on home 07 33960882, mobile 0409893305 or email jque@bigpond.net.au.

John Que
for the organizing committee, 2017 Austin 7 National Rally
Austin Seven Register of Queensland Inc

A FEW FINAL NOTES from Tim Braby (Rally Committee)



Trailer parking,

We have been offered the use of two private properties to park our trailers. These belong to Members of the local vintage car club. They are in two separate locations; one is near the rally head quarters and the other not very far from the venue for the farewell dinner on the Southside and motels. It is advised however you make sure you can lock up your trailer as they will still be out in the open.

Commemorative Bottle of Wine

The Committee is liaising with an exciting boutique winery to produce a Special Commemorative Issue of a Port Wine to celebrate the success of the 2017 Rally. At this very moment a limited edition label is being discussed and hopefully we can give you a sneak preview in Newsletter No. 3.

Toowoomba Weather

Even in the best of seasons the weather in Toowoomba can be very changeable, as it is at an elevated location on top of an escarpment, temperatures can drop with the wind and even colder overnight.

The mean daytime temperature for April is 22.9 degrees, overnight 12.3 degrees. The mean temperature at 9am is 18 degrees. The mean wind speed is 18 km/hour.

High Fashion at the High Tea

Two of the ladies on the rally committee thought it would be fun for the ladies who are going to the High Tea to dress up for the occasion. And why not in the fashions of the 1920s and 1930s, the time when our Austin Sevens were Kings of the Road?

“Op Shopping” is the way to go, as ladies from the Veteran Car Club have found many of their clothes there. And as we know fashions go in cycles. For example clothing in 1970s and 1980s were greatly influenced by the movies of the time, such as “Bonny & Clyde”, “The Sting”, “Paper Moon” & “The Great Gatsby” (The Robert Redford and Mia Farrow version) which are set around 1925 to 1934 with authentic clothing of the time a feature.

We have added some pictures of fashions from both decades for inspiration. Also the internet and the library are very good resources, so go search those shops Ladies!

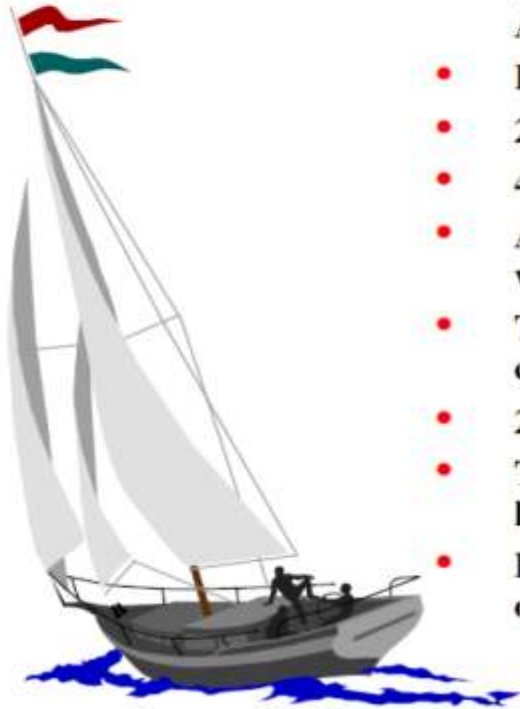
Fashions of the 1920s



Fashions of the 1930s



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ADVANCE NOTICE:

The Austin 7 Club spares service presents a "Know your Austin 7 Day" at the clubrooms on Saturday 8 October 2016 commencing at 9am. The Spare Parts Manager will conduct a talk and discussion on all attributes of the Austin 7 from the starting handle to the tail light, so please bring your Austin 7 along and join in on the day. You are encouraged to go for a ride in another Austin 7 and take others in your Austin 7 to compare noises. Morning tea will be supplied along with a light BBQ/salad luncheon later. Please come along and use the facilities of the Clubrooms to further your interest in our grand little cars.

PAST EVENTS

INAUGURAL GAWLER VETERAN & VINTAGE RUN TO BAROSSA VALLEY

On 3 April 2016, a couple of Austin 7 Club members attended this inaugural run which featured a run from Gawler to Greenock via Seppeltsfield without encountering any traffic lights. On leaving the Gawler TAFE car park the route included morning tea on the Lyndoch village green, then via Tanunda, and Seppeltsfield before arriving at the Greenock oval for byo lunch. This event will be repeated next year on 9 April 2017 which unfortunately for the Gawler Club coincides with our travels to Toowoomba & Ipswich. From reports given, the day was enjoyed by all who attended.



Participants enjoying conversation at Greenock Oval.

PAST EVENTS: PRE WAR AUSTIN 7 RUN TO BURRA 23/25 APRIL 2016

Yet another weekend of relaxed motoring in interesting cars with like minded company .The weather gods were 95% cooperative (the wind could not be totally ignored) and most could follow the run sheet despite last minute adjustments. The venues for the day were interesting to say the least. I am sure the stores at Spalding and Robertstown had above average sales of ice cream and lollies (and brass screws) while the bar at Whyte Yarcowie simply wasn't big enough for us all to fit in. Lunch at Jamestown was available from an extensive menu to suit everyone.

The aspect of the weekend which I found most satisfying was the involvement of younger members .Really young, under 40 !! who drove Austin 7s with confidence and pride. The future of the OLD car movement is in the hands of members like these. Well done. (and the old farts aren't that boring after all are they?)

Greg & Julie.

THE START AT KRISPY KREME'S BOLIVAR SATURDAY 23 APRIL



MORNING TEA STOP AT KAPUNDA



ON THE WAY AT ROBERTSTOWN'S GENERAL STORE



PAST EVENTS: PRE WAR AUSTIN 7 RUN TO BURRA 23/25 APRIL 2016



LUNCHTIME STOP AT BURRA GORGE



SUNDAY RUN 24 APRIL AFTER BREAKFAST THE LINE UP BEFORE DEPARTURE



PAST EVENTS: PRE WAR AUSTIN 7 RUN TO BURRA 23/25 APRIL 2016
LUNCH TIME AT JAMESTOWN:



REFRESHMENT TIME AT WHYTE YARCOWIE:



PAST EVENTS: PRE WAR AUSTIN 7 RUN TO BURRA 23/25 APRIL 2016
HAPPY HOUR TIME AT PAXTON COTTAGES BURRA



DOING A DRIVE BY AT THE HAPPY HOUR



Thanks to Beryl Thorpe for this ditty:

Its time for our next jaunt
Paxton Cottages will be our haunt
Trevor Gent in his Roadster a new
addition
To the cars on the road and he's got a
mission
To get this trip under his belt
Without a breakdown or so he felt
Dave Garnett is first one down
Broken crank makes him frown

Picnic lunch at Burra Creek
The sun is fine and the crowd is meek
Onwards to Burra township for all to
rest
Keys in a basket all gets beds for the
best

Tea Time at the hotel, it starts at six
Everyone is early and all in the mix

The staff aren't ready, haven't clocked
on yet
the bar is slow and the food too you
bet
The orders are taken the Lamb shanks
run out,
its change your mind or go without.

Bright and Early the next morning and
off we go
Spalding Whyte Yarcowie and another
town or two
Back via Mount Bryan but some poor
Chap
Run out of petrol but no mishap
A couple of other breakdowns for a
member
(or 2) and A new adventure and we will
all remember
The Burra Pre War Run of 2016

COAST TO COAST RUN - SUNDAY 22 MAY 2016

In the absence of any organised event planned for this date, a couple of members attended this inaugural run promoted by the Morris Register of SA. The run met at Wigley Reserve Glenelg, and after due speeches by notaries, the route to Port Adelaide was achieved without fuss. The destination was adjacent to the Aviation museum, which was fine until the forecasted rain set in, so I left.



Next year's run will be in reverse to the one just held.

At the Austin 7 Club Technical night at the Clubrooms on 23 May 2016, Bob Gell an Austin 7 Club member and owner of a Vanden Plas Princess 1100 gave a presentation on Batteries and Battery powered vehicles.

Bob spoke about Battery charging stations, different types of Battery connections, and new advances in battery and motor vehicle technology, both in Australia and overseas.

GELCOservices is an Automotive Industry Consulting firm, specialising in Electrochemical Engineering, particularly related to the testing of automotive batteries, Electric Vehicle charge systems and infrastructure.

Objectives of Regularity

Regularity is a competition where the driver nominates a lap time and endeavours to maintain that time over a number of flying laps of the race circuit. Each tenth of a second away from the nominated time scores penalty points. The driver with the least points wins, or the driver with the most points, eg. furthest from their nominated lap time comes last.

It's a relatively safe form of competition, as outright speed or lap time is not a consideration in scoring. Therefore, you don't need an expensive race car – your street car can be just as competitive as even the latest sports car. A car passing you on the track is not perceived as beating you, as competitors are not permitted to block or dice with each other, as in racing or sprinting. These rules result in much safer competition and any competitor who blocks or dices will attract a penalty from the event officials.

Modern Regularity - 10 April 201

Open Wheeled #1



Name			E1	E2	E3	E5	Total
			5 Laps	6 Laps	6 Laps	6 Laps	23 Laps
1	31	Don STACEY	32	109	24	43	208
2	44	Frank CHESSELL	89	90	28	34	241
3	11	David FREER	32	75	79	58	244
4	16	Adam NEWTON	984	51	64	58	1157
5	11	Jackson FREER	999	124	24	11	1158

Scores in italics either DNS, DNF or did not nominate a time

DNF Score

999

124

79

58

denotes track record

under previous track record



1: Don STACEY



2: Frank CHESSELL



3: David FREER



4: Adam NEWTON

MODERN REGULARITY 10 APRIL 2016

Modern Regularity - 10 April 2016

TTM Trophy #3



#	Name	E1 5 Laps	E2 6 Laps	E3 6 Laps	E4 6 Laps	Total 23 Laps
1	26 Brett WATTERS	21	13	31	34	99
2	72 Anthony VERNER	44	21	23	16	104
3	78 Neil MARTIN	28	64	15	16	123
4	68 Gavin LYMN	34	39	20	32	125
5	10 John ELLIS	28	42	20	39	129
6	7 Geoff STEPHENS	36	17	45	40	138
7	24 Stephen DRURY	31	31	46	43	151
8	1 Sandy WATTERS	35	70	32	33	170
9	62 John DAVIES	40	46	34	51	171
10	60 Russell PEARCE	36	62	39	82	219
11	82 Adrian CYZEWSKI	20	56	87	59	222
12	95 Kristen BAILEY	62	53	64	48	227
13	61 John TILLER	34	42	53	106	235
14	46 Michelle WEGENER	86	94	29	28	237
15	81 Duane KAAK	86	75	41	55	257
16	34 David HOPPER	108	41	20	94	263
17	65 Adam YOUNG	71	70	76	49	266
18	73 Duane GENT	43	21	145	70	279
19	45 Karl FLEMING	68	46	47	129	290
20	56 Frank GROSSER	85	54	78	79	296
21	23 David SHAW	42	49	42	166	299
22	28 Paul HUTCHINS	129	54	76	74	333
23	83 Barry SCHULTZ	56	140	88	51	335
24	70 Paul TAYLOR	64	103	94	78	339
25	88 Richard BAILEY	22	80	70	169	341
26	21 Colin GENDERS	55	43	114	173	385
27	98 Brandan MARSTON	43	96	22	227	388
28	53 Jason THIELE	161	47	96	95	399
29	11 Bronwyn STEPHENS	97	98	152	67	414
30	33 Jason CASSIDY	150	138	113	65	466
31	12 Graham HEWETT	308	32	195	36	571
32	16 Lisa TOTANI	91	329	159	46	625
33	32 Peter TRUDGEN	325	140	46	218	729
34	37 Matthew HOLT	325	53	785	57	1220
35	3 Mark POOLE	108	68	80	1003	1259
36	31 James ARNERIC	61	148	249	988	1446
37	14 Wayne HOFMEYER	325	123	770	334	1552
38	41 Robin GEORGE	103	344	144	1003	1594
39	38 Wayne PANNOWITCH	325	237	785	264	1611
40	37 Jordan JOHNSTON	117	344	155	1003	1619
41	69 Colin TUCKER	36	15	614	1003	1668
42	64 Shane HARRIS	325	344	132	1003	1804
43	64 Noel HARRIS	213	98	785	1003	2099
44	66 Philip SCADDING	18	344	785	1003	2150
45	67 Darryl BRIGG	94	344	785	1003	2226
46	38 C. PANAGOPOULOS	127	344	752	1003	2226
47	4 Scott VICKERY	142	344	785	1003	2274
48	17 Josh HEAVEN	310	344	785	1003	2442
=49	77 Andrew BAOHM	325	344	785	1003	2457
=49	89 Bruce MARSTON	325	344	785	1003	2457



1: Brett WATTERS



2: Anthony VERNER



3: Neil MARTIN



4: Gavin LYMN



5: John ELLIS



6: Geoff STEPHENS



7: Stephen DRURY



8: Sandy WATTERS

Modern Regularity - 15 May 2016

TTM Trophy #3



		Name	E1 5 Laps	E2 6 Laps	E3 6 Laps	E4 5 Laps	Total 23 Laps
1	1	Sandy WATTERS	20	25	19	4	68
2	69	Colin TUCKER	35	26	16	30	107
3	88	Richard BAILEY	56	33	18	10	117
4	46	Michelle WEGENER	46	28	30	15	119
5	16	Paul WISE	22	35	12	53	122
6	78	Neil MARTIN	36	53	22	16	127
7	53	Jason THIELE	52	33	26	30	141
8	26	Brett WATTERS	49	58	30	17	154
9	41	Robin GEORGE	50	69	33	10	162
10	24	Stephen DRURY	57	42	37	30	166
11	73	Duane GENT	36	58	35	39	168
12	38	Christopher PANAGOPOULOS	38	73	23	34	168
13	6	Jackson LOMAS	47	59	29	36	171
14	40	David ZOLLO	43	32	55	46	176
15	43	Brenton BAILEY	37	41	62	46	186
16	61	John TILLER	59	53	50	30	192
17	66	Philip SCADDING	35	48	88	22	193
18	70	Paul TAYLOR	42	59	50	58	209
19	8	Geoff STEPHENS	78	70	41	22	211
20	68	Gavin LYMN	28	104	49	41	222
21	95	Kristen BAILEY	49	35	32	117	233
22	32	Peter TRUDGEN	62	67	48	57	234
23	21	Colin GENDERS	29	69	94	61	253
24	33	Jason CASSIDY	95	60	37	82	274
25	31	James ARNERIC	144	101	10	40	295
26	10	John ELLIS	49	72	51	149	321
27	14	Wayne HOFMEYER	45	63	52	164	324
28	63	Jason BRADBOOK	72	92	34	164	362
29	62	Ashleigh BENNETT	46	373	65	66	550
30	97	Greg WENZEL	50	139	280	164	633
31	15	Colin CORNELIUS	80	192	265	164	701
32	89	Bruce MARSTON	159	129	280	164	732
33	29	Matt INGLIS	37	388	280	164	869
=34	17	Josh HEAVEN	159	388	280	164	991
=34	22	Will VICTOR	159	388	280	164	991
=34	55	Robert FORD	159	388	280	164	991
=34	60	Russell PEARCE	159	388	280	164	991
=34	98	Brandan MARSTON	159	388	280	164	991

Scores in italics either DNS, DNF or did not nominate a time

DNF Score

159

388

280

164

denotes track record

under previous track record



1: Sandy WATTERS



2: Colin TUCKER



3: Richard BAILEY



4: Michelle WEGENER



5: Paul WISE



6: Neil MARTIN



7: Jason THIELE



8: Brett WATTERS

MODERN REGULARITY 15 MAY 2016

The third Modern Regularity event was held on 15 May 2016. It was a fine sunny Autumn day with a slight breeze making it a fast track. The number of competitors was down from the previous event but in part this was due to car casualties from the Peter Hall Memorial 6 Hour event held 2 weeks prior - Andrew Baohm, Anthony Verner and Rachel Hoffmeyer to name a few.

There were 3 competitors pulled out of form up. One for failing to sign on at driver's briefing, one for not showing his CAMS licence and booklet. The Clerk of Course has made it clear that both the CAMS licence and booklet must be sighted and sign on at driver's briefing completed or the competitor will not be allowed on the track.

Brandan Marston was also called out of form up due to a significant oil leak from his power steering. Unfortunately Brandan was unable to rectify the issue and was out for the day. His father Bruce joined him with mechanical issues part way through Heat 3. Wayne Hoffmeyer came in before completing his first lap in Heat 4 due to muffler concerns. Just as well, as he pulled up in the paddock next to his trailer his exhaust system fell off.



The work the Gear Knobs have done on their cars showed dividends with each achieving a personal best time. To their credit they also achieved some great results with Richard Bailey and Michelle Wegner coming 2nd and 4th in Heat 4, respectively.

Sandy Watters showed her class and dominance by winning Heats 1, 2, and 4 and taking a commanding lead in both the overall and the Ladies Series. The surprise of the day was the winner of Heat 3, 16 year old James Arneric. Not only was he the only junior in the field, it was his first drive of that car.

Regularity - 15 May 2016							
Ian Alexander Memorial Open Wheeled Regularity #2							
	Name		E1	E2	E3	E5	Total
			5 Laps	6 Laps	6 Laps	5 Laps	23 Laps
1	31	Donald STACEY	63	31	52	9	155
2	32	Ron STEVENS	144	116	48	58	366
3	11	Lou CALICCHIO	60	133	178	40	411
4	15	Ben REBBECK	200	283	117	92	692
5	16	Adam NEWTON	216	292	375	55	938
6	77	Callum NORRIS	124	484	140	538	1286
7	17	Jay THOMPSON	151	176	963	40	1330
8	44	Frank CHESSELL	204	130	948	189	1471
9	82	Michael GAGLIARDI	231	1018	963	553	2765

Scores in italics either DNS, DNF or did not nominate a time

DNF Score 231 1018 963 553



1: Donald STACEY



2: Ron STEVENS



3: Lou CALICCHIO



4: Ben REBBECK



5: Adam NEWTON



6: Callum NORRIS



7: Jay THOMPSON



8: Frank CHESSELL

2016 SAVIC BORDER RUN TO NHILL

The Border Run 2016 – as reported by Beryl and Steve Thorpe

Well this was our 2nd Border run, our first being Penola in 2015. A couple of dozen (or so) of us South Aussies travelled to just out of Nhill, but due to wild wind and rain forecast most Austin 7's were trailered. Only two of our members Barney Bunker and David Garnett drove their fine machines to and from Nhill. Our base camp was at the Little Desert Nature Lodge approx. 14km out of Nhill in the Little Desert National Park.

The first afternoon and evening was mostly spent watching SA and Vic members as they unloaded their Austin 7s from trailers and members chatting, checking out the other cars and meeting new friends and reviving old acquaintances.

There was definitely a chill in the air temperature but loads of warmth with members meeting chatting and reliving previous experiences. An air conditioner in the common lounge got cranked up and a lovely welcoming open fire was located in the dining room.

The bar opened at 5:30 and many stood around the cosy open fire in the dining room before dinner was served. A choice of Chicken or Beef laid alternately before us, both were delicious from all accounts. Dessert was Lemon Curd Tart or Fruit and Cream Pavlova and not too many were left. A very delicious meal had by all. The evening finished with Coffee and tea and an early night for some.



2016 SAVIC BORDER RUN TO NHILL





The morning started well with an 8am breakfast call for a full cooked country breakfast with all the trimmings. Then it was “start the motors” as we prepared for our 9am start out. About 15 Austin 7s and a few varying other vintage or classic cars then drove in procession to Kiata to Inverness Motors. Inverness Motors is a privately owned car museum (Ron & Maureen Warwick) featuring an extensive range of Leyland P76, other classic cars and memorabilia. Our members meandered through the four sheds of cars and memorabilia then returning to the main shed for a sumptuous fully catered sweet and savoury morning tea with tea and coffee.

Back to our cars and another 25 miles or so we arrived at the Wimmera Mallee Pioneer Museum at Jeparit. Our group were parked in display at the entry gate and many an attendee stopped to look at the cars and chat to owners. There was much to see at the museum with Tractors aplenty and ploughs cultivators grain cleaning equipment just to name a few. There was also a display of the old Jails, the School Room, Chemist, Church and varying other historical relics to interest all.



2016 SA/VIC BORDER RUN TO NHILL

There was no dedicated time to leave Jeparit so attendees gradually ambled back to the Little Desert Park, mostly all back by 4pm. Some chose to walk around the designated walking trails, some reloaded their vehicles onto trailers and some chose to just have a drink a chat and a laugh.

Dinner on Sunday again by the cosy open fire, was a choice of Duck or Pork and both were once again well received by the attendees. The Athol Lamont Trophy was awarded to Barney and Jean Bunker with the warning that they will have to return next year and return the perpetual trophy for the next recipient. The evening finished off with dessert coffee and tea. Once again an early night was enjoyed by some.



Monday morning, fully cooked breakfast and pack up the rooms. Most were out and on the road before 9am and another successful Border Run enjoyed by us with thanks to the Victorian organising committee and the D & D Tours of South Aussie.

SA members who attended the Border Run were:

Alan & Valerie Baker drove their 1976 Mercedes.

Ralph & Marie Drage drove their 1958 Austin A95.

David & Michele Grear trailered their '35 Austin 7 behind their Fairlane.

David Searles drove his 1967 Austin 1800.

David Garnett drove his '35 Austin 7 Roadster.

Steve & Beryl Thorpe trailered their '32 Austin 7 Roadster.

Trevor & Rosalie Gent trailered their '35 Austin 7 Tourer.

Simon & Trevor Mander trailered their '37 A7 behind Simon's new Holden SS.

Barney Bunker drove his '35 A7 Tourer with Jean driving trailer backup.

Greg & Julie Lindsay trailered their '29 Austin 7 Ace from Casterton.

Ian & Cheryl Jones drove their Hillman Gazelle, and

Jim & Lynne Nicholson drove their Leyland P76.

Graham & Marilou Pearce nearly made it but had a mechanical problem at Mt Barker requiring RAA attention. This necessitated repatriation of their Landrover and Caravan to their home, however this took most of the day as the tow truck suffered a mechanical problem to add to the situation.



"ALL THIS AND A SEVEN TOO..."

There once was a man who cherished a 1929 Austin 7 for most of his life. He spent all his spare time working on it, and talked of little else in his conversation. He died, and was met on the Other Side by a polite young man who said "You have led a blameless life and have been able to achieve a measure of earthly happiness without causing misery to others. We know how you would like to spent your Eternal Life, and the necessary arrangements have been made,"

The polite young man led him to a garage wherein was a 1929 Austin 7, just like the one he had left behind him but with none of the defects which were still awaiting his attention when the last Trump called him from his workshop.

"It is yours forever" said the polite young man, "and the Open Road is just over there to the left."

Both joyful and relieved, (for he had not been quite confident of his destination) he drove the little Austin along the Open Road. He never ran out of petrol or oil. The car remained in perfect concours condition for mile after mile, and he never had to lay a spanner to it. After a while he found the Open Road took him near the garage again, so he drew in and sought out the polite young man, for there was a question he wanted to ask.

"Will I never have any maintenance to do? will she never go wrong throughout Eternity? Is there nothing I can do but drive her?"

"No," said the polite young man: "nothing will ever go wrong. You will never even have to wash and polish her."

"Oh Hell" he said, for he was sorely disappointed.

"Yes", said the polite young man with a fiendish grin. Hadn't you realised where you were?"

And the moral of this story is that you should never grumble when you run a big end in the early hours of a rainy morning two hundred miles from home.

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Austin Sevens turned up in a variety of unusual applications, none so strange as in a motorcycle, this one in a twin rear wheeled Brough Superior 750cc BS4 model with shaft drive. This model referred commonly as the Rolls Royce of Motor Cycles had a modified Austin 7 motor in the interest of smoothness and quietness compared with the normal big V twins.



Ron Burchett recalls that after WW2 when reading in "Australian Motor Sport" of an enthusiast who managed to install one in a thirties Harley Davidson frame.

DAVE HALL'S COLLECTION GOES UNDER THE HAMMER

Our mate, and Life Member of the Austin 7 Club in SA, Dave Hall, who died suddenly on 19 November 2014 had a sizeable collection of vehicles. These vehicles including five Austin Sevens went under the hammer at the Theodore Bruce Auction Rooms Magill Road Norwood on Saturday 21 May 2016. Several hundred interested people along with dozens of Austin 7 Club members viewed the vehicles from 10am before the auction commenced at 12 noon. While there was some initial slow bidding, the tempo soon picked up with prices reflecting more buoyant bidding.

Vehicle	Lot	Estimate	Bid	Purchase
	Lot 1 2004 Holden Sedan Berlina Series II	\$2,000 - \$3,000	\$4,500	\$5,119
	Lot 2 1928 Austin Seven Tourer	\$4,000 - \$6,000	\$11,400	\$12,968
	Lot 3 2004 Mercedes- Benz E240 Classic	\$4,000 - \$6,000	\$16,000	\$18,200
	Lot 4 1975 Mercedes- Benz 250 Compact Saloon	\$5,000 - \$7,000	\$4,400	\$5,005
	Lot 5 1947 MG "YA" Sedan	\$8,000 - \$10,000	\$11,250	\$12,797
	Lot 6 1937 Austin Seven Tourer	\$7,000 - \$10,000	\$11,250	\$12,797
	Lot 7 1932 Austin Seven RN Saloon	\$5,000 - \$7,000	\$11,750	\$13,366

	Lot 8 Austin 7 "Ulster" Replica	\$7,000 - \$10,000	\$16,250	\$18,484
	Lot 9 1954 Holden FJ Special	\$7,000 - \$10,000	\$16,000	\$18,200
	Lot 10 1927 Chevrolet Tourer	\$9,000 - \$11,000	\$13,250	\$15,072
	Lot 11 1929 Austin Seven Roadster	\$6,000 - \$8,000	\$12,000	\$13,650



For Sale.....1978 - 280 SE Mercedes Benz Sedan

Featuring:- 2.8 litre dohc 6 cylinder motor, fuel injected, 4 speed auto, 4 wheel independent suspension, 4 wheel disc brakes, as new tyres, electric windows and all the other Mercedes luxury and safety features. Interior is in very good condition. Body has some minor paint blemishes but not too major. Sun roof is silicone shut (which may be an advantage as it does not leak).

213,000 k's on odometer. I have only used the car on 6 days in the last two years and the longest journey was to Mannum. It is an excellent cruising car and very easy to drive. Currently on non-transferable Club registration.

Over \$3000 spent on new front and rear suspension bushes, rear wheel bearing, front brakes and rear self levelling 'spheres' and aircraft grade suspension oil.

Asking \$ 6,500 o.n.o. Contact Laurie O'Connell on 0412 724 199

This Merc is an ideal vehicle to attend Austin 7 Club Leisure Runs in.

FOR SALE

Austin 10, 1937/38 Cambridge parts for sale inc radiators x 2, complete diff, engine and gearbox parts, dash parts and much more, \$150.

Phone Chris Frayne on ...0477 013 773.

A REALY EARLY CLUB RUN AROUND AUSTRALIA

Club member, Brian Cooper, came to the clubrooms earlier on this year with some photographs of the Austin 7 Club of South Australia's entry in the 1954 Redex Trial. The driver/navigators were Lloyd Thorpe and Brian Cooper, and from the photographs, were reasonably successful by getting about half way, however soon after these photographs were taken in the top end, the pair abandoned the Trial.



In the April 2014 edition of these Journals we reported on the Austin 7 Club entry in the 1954 Redex Trial as above. It was noticed that in the April to June 2016 edition of the "BMC Experience", this photo (below) appeared with the following caption "An Austin A30 with SA number plate gets a check-over at Katherine NT on the 1954 Redex Round Australia Trial. Note the flymesh draped over the windscreen, and the oil stains on the rear wheel seem a bit worrying." It made no mention that the A30 was entered by our Club and its driver & navigator were Lloyd Thorpe and Brian Cooper.



HISTORIC WINTON - 40 YEARS

A number of members each year at the end of May make a journey to the Historic Races at Winton put on by the Austin 7 Club in Victoria, and this year was no exception with Historic Winton celebrating its 40th Anniversary. Here are a few photos of the event of what goes on:



HISTORIC WINTON - 40 YEARS



Late afternoon and the final race at Winton 2016

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Ian Motley enjoying his annual tour of duty at Winton, and a successful one at that!