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plate of supper to share. *Check club calendar for correct date.

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A Word from GB

President's Report to the Annual General Meeting 10th September 2018



As I sit down to write my yearly reflections on the club I note

that we have vacancies for committee positions in our run up to the Annual General Meeting. Both our trip coordinators Scott Appleyard and Simon Mander are not standing and I thank them for their input over the past year. If you would like to volunteer for one of these positions please contact anyone on the Committee and we'll be happy to accept your nomination.

We have had two past Presidents pass away during the year. Bruce Went 1961 to 1971 and Rob Brosnan 1972 to 1973, Rob a big instigator in the purchasing of our clubrooms. Our thoughts have been with their families during this time of mourning.

Further to our plans to give people comfort when attending functions at our club the work of covering in an area for undercover BBQs has commenced and you can see the area as it takes shape. WE are also changing the way the ladies can enter their toilet from under this cover via the back door of the hall. The ramp will still be there for those who wish to use it.

To the ladies who prepare the supper each meeting I thank them for their effort and also the donation of small pies and pasties that are home made.

Our club was selected over twelve month ago to host Austins Over Australia. A team of members under the direction of David Grear has re-worked a previous planned stay in the Barossa Valley at Tanunda. All was set in concrete until 2 weeks ago when the Barossa Council told us we could not use the Showground Hall at the Tanunda Oval because it is to be refurbished. A lot of searching took place and out of the blue came an offer to us to use the Chateau Tanunda Winery premises in Tanunda. This turns out to be a much up-market place compared to the Showground Hall and for a similar hire price too!

We are now back on track in the preparations for the event in September 2019 Darryl Byfield who has represented our club as the Federation Representative is not standing for the position. I would like to thank Darryl and Margaret for their work done at the Federation and their comprehensive reports back to the Committee on the meetings that they attended.

David Grear, our Vice President and spare parts guru has once again been successful in making sure you have the parts needed to keep your A7s going. David, your attitude for keeping the A7 flag flying is assuring that A7s will be around for years to come. Well done David, also thank you to David Garnett for your assistance in the spares area.

The only thing our librarian does not have is a lounge in his area. Air conditioned and carpeted Barry Pannell's library area is there for you to use. It's a great meeting place to find out any technical information from the library collection. Drop in for a visit with Barry.

The monthly Tuesday leisure outing continues with club members enjoying morning tea at a selected venue followed by lunch at a country hotel. Thanks to Barbara and David for your organisation of the lunch outing.

We have all enjoyed the Journals during the year and I thank David Searles for his constant expertise in covering all facets of the Clubs interests.

We now have four other vehicle clubs using our club rooms, they are the Chevrolet Performance Association, Tri Five Classics Assoc, Club Automobile Francais, BMW Drivers and Classic Owners Motor Cycle Clubs. With the number of people using the facilities we decided to have our Hall and Toilets professionally cleaned. Thank you Allan Baker for organising the cleaning contract.

As well as the cleaning contract, Alan has done an excellent job looking after the property fixing all the small things and organising the major repairs with contractors. There has been water leaks from taps, broken floor boards, bent front gates, fire extinguishers, electrical testing and many more other repairs he does not tell us about. Thank you Alan.

Modern regularity has continued this year with Tony Morgan organising the meetings and also his final Christmas Dinner in January. Thanks Tony for your efforts in keeping the racing side of the Club going.

We must also thank the Timing Team run by Barry Frost for their efforts not only at Modern Regularity but the rest of the year doing a variety of meetings at Mallala, Melbourne, Adelaide and the new track, The Bend.

Our Treasurer Laurie Sutton has looked after the finances of the club from all over the world as modern technology allows us to pay the bills even when Laurie is not in Australia. His book keeping has been audited and found to be correct. Thanks Laurie.

While Laurie travels the world he is backed up by the Assistant Treasurer Ron and his wife Grace Schache who I thank them for their work.

As the President, I have been ably supported by our Secretary Martin who has handled many different investigations into making our club run smoothly. He has negotiated with insurance companies for our best interest and come up with a good cost saving on our yearly expenses. Well done Martin in your secretarial duties.

Martin also has the services of Ralph the Assistant Secretary, who sends out reminders to all club members who are on email. Ralph also assists David Garnett with log book distribution and recording. Thank you to both of you for your work.

You may wonder why this I have written about our committee in this report. I feel that we have a well oiled team who have all done their jobs, working together and making my position one of which I can sleep at night without worrying about what has not been done to keep our club running smoothly.

Thank you to all club members for your continuing support and contribution to the Austin 7 Club of South Australia Inc.

Your President Graham Buesnel

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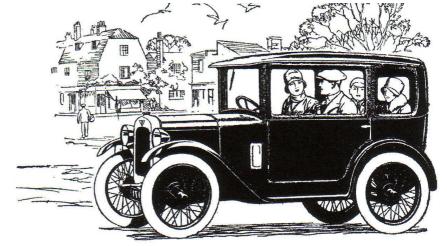
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COMING EVENTS for 2018/9

October 2018

- 6/7 Riverland Rally "Renmark River Run"
- 8 Monthly Club Meeting
- 16 A7 Leisure Run
- 22 A7 Technical Night
- 28 65th Birthday Celebration at the Clubrooms, please make sure you advise David Searles of your attendance to assist with catering and room for parking requirements.

November 2018

- 5 Committee Meeting
- 11 Monthly Club Run for Breakfast at Watershed Function Centre off Salisbury Highway Mawson Lakes.
- 12 Monthly Club Meeting
- 13 A7 Leisure Run
- 17/18 Bendigo Swap Meet
- 18 Modern Regularity R6
- A7 Technical Night & Run to an eatery for tea.

December 2018

- Subs & Log Book Day at the Clubrooms 10am to 2pm
- 3 Committee Meeting
- 4 A7 Leisure Run
- 9 Subs & Log Book Day at the Clubrooms 10am to 2pm
- 9 Christmas Function at Marion Club
- 10 Monthly Club Meeting

January 2019

- 7 Committee Meeting.
- 14 Monthly Club Meeting
- 19 A7/TTM 2018 End of Season Dinner at Hackney Hotel

February 2019

- 4 Committee Meeting
- 10 All British Day Echunga Oval
- 11 Monthly Club Meeting
- 19 A7 Leisure Run
- A7 Technical Night & Run to an eatery
- 28 Adelaide 500 Supercars

March 2019

- 1/3 Adelaide 500 Supercars
- 4 Committee Meeting
- Monthly Club Meeting with a barbecue at clubrooms beforehand.
- 14/17 Aust F1 GP Melbourne
- 17 VSCC Display Day at Keswick. Meet at Clubrooms for morning tea before heading off to Keswick.

- 19 A7 Leisure Run
- 24 Social Day at the Clubrooms
- 25 A7 Technical Night

April 2019

- 1 Committee Meeting
- 8 Monthly Club Meeting
- 16 Leisure Run
- 25/28 Pre War Austin 7 Run to Meningie
- 29 A7 Technical Night

May 2019

- 6 Committee Meeting
- 13 Monthly Club Meeting
- 18/19 43rd Historic Winton
- 19 Cavalcade of Cars Kernewek Lowender Copper Triangle
- 21 A7 Leisure Run
- 27 A7 Technical Night

June 2019

- 3 Committee Meeting
- 8/10 Border Run to Mildura
- 17 Monthly Club Meeting
- 23 Social Day at the Clubrooms
- 24 A7 Technical Night
- 25 A7 Leisure Run

July 2019

- 1 Committee Meeting
- 8 Monthly Club Meeting
- 22 A7 Technical Night
- 23 A7 Leisure Run

August 2019

- 5 Committee Meeting
- 12 Monthly Club Meeting
- 20 A7 Leisure Run
- 26 A7 Technical Night

September 2019

- 1 or 8 Old Car Day at Bethany
- 2 Committee Meeting
- 9 Monthly and Annual General Meetings
- 17 A7 Leisure Run
- 23/27 Austins Over Australia
 - Chateau Tanunda Barossa Valley
- 29 Bay to Birdwood. There is a possibility that this will be a combined Run/Classic event thus allowing all Austins attending AOA in the previous week eligible to enter. Watch this space for update of information.

^{*} Calendared items for 2019 may be subject to change.







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.

Austin 7 Club Decal small:	\$1.00
Austin 7 Club Decal large	\$2.00
Austin script hat/lapel badge:	\$3.00
Austin 7 Club Cap	\$12.50
Austin 7 Club Hat	\$15.00
Austin 7 Club Badge Metal Radiator	\$22.00
Austin 7 Club 50 th year history book:	\$20.00
Austin 7 Short Sleeve Yellow Polo Shirt:	\$20.00 sizes M,L,XL & XXL
Austin 7 Short Sleeve Dark Blue Polo Shirt	\$34.00 sizes S,M,L,XL & XXL.
Austin 7 Long Sleeve Polar Fleece Jumpers:	\$45.00 sizes in stock S,M,LXL & XXL.
Track Time Motorsport Cap	\$10.00
Track Time Motorsport Polo Shirt	\$34.00
Austin 7 Lubrication Chart, Laminated	\$20.00 (available from A7 spares shed)

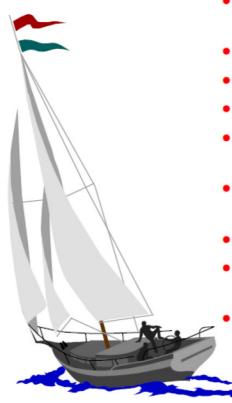


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Vale: Bruce Went



It is with deep sorrow that we report on the death of **Past President and Life Member Bruce Went** on July $1^{\rm st}$ 2018, aged 83 years.

Bruce joined the A7CSA in 1954 and began his distinguished service to the Club and SA motorsport from that moment. In 1956 he built his first A7 Special and competed in Club sprints and hillclimbs with it.

In 1960 Bruce, along with Garrie Cooper, Rob Brosnan, Murray Lewis and Peter Wilkinson, began to build streamlined sports cars at Garrie's factory. Bruce's was the second customer car to be completed and the cars needed a name –

and so ELFIN they became; thus beginning a successful racing/sports cars construction business. Bruce raced this car at Port Wakefield/Mallala and ran it in Club sprints at WRE until selling it 1964; he then became a valued member of the timing team.

In 1960 Bruce joined the A7CSA committee as Treasurer and the next year began as President. **His 11 year tenure ended in 1971** and he was then awarded **A7C Life Membership** in January 1972. He continued to serve the Club by tirelessly working to raise funds by chairing the social committee from 1976 to 1984. During this time, the Club was repaying the loan on the Clubrooms (opened in March 1974) and Bruce could be relied upon to work at every Club fund-raising event in some way – organising raffles, supplying/cooking bbq food for drivers and officials at sprints of all types – and the successful repayment of the loan (in 1987) was due in no small way to Bruce's driving force behind many helpers and events. In particular and especially the many "Trash and Treasure" weekends at the Marion Drive-in complex, where many trips with fully loaded trailers were taken with excellent bargains on board – resulting in \$000's raised for the Club.

Bruce began as A7Club delegate to the CAMS State Council in 1961 – a position he held until 1994. CAMS honours included the *first CAMS Service Award* in 1970 and in 1995 the *first CAMS Service Star*. He was *deputy State Chairman* from 1974-1994 and from 1991 was *Chairman* of the *Motor Race Advisory Panel*.

Bruce officiated as CAMS' chief timekeeper at two *Australian Land Speed Record* attempts. The first was in 1961 at Lake Eyre for Mel McEwin – unsuccessful; then in 1994 at Lake Gairdner, Roscoe McGlashan set an Australian record at 802.6 km/h (500 mph).

Our timekeeping skills were used by many new tracks and as Bruce was an integral part of our team, he was in on the ground floor when the following openings took place – again being a small but important part of motor racing history. *Car racing:* 1961 – Mallala; 1972 – AIR; 1977 – Tailem Bend Rallycross; 1982 - Mallala reborn; 1985 – Adelaide F1; 1999 - What became known as "Clipsal" 500. *Motor Cycle racing:* 1989 – World 500cc Championship, Phillip Island VIC; 1991 - World 500cc Championship, Eastern Creek NSW.

Bruce continued with our timing team until August 2009 when his heart problems began to impact on his life. Other motorsport awards he received included: 2000 – Australian Sports Medal (Federal Govt); 2002 - A7CSA Commemorating 500th race meeting; 2003 - SA Premier Outstanding Volunteer Service certificate; 2005 – SA Motor Sport Board – 20 year Service Certificate.

And while Bruce contributed to our club and motor sport in SA, we must also acknowledge his successful life as a family man. He married Jacquie, built the family home at Morphett Vale, raised a family (David, Stephen and Louise) and later built a shack at Port Vincent where he enjoyed many fishing expeditions with friends

and work mates. He became a friend/adviser on all things electrical to many and is sorely missed by all those who shared his love of life.

From 2004, Bruce continued to attend Club meetings courtesy of Rick Hoffman's chauffeur service: his last was on June 18th 2018.

Barry Frost

Vale: Rob Brosnan

It is also with deep sorrow that we report on the death of **Past President, Rob Brosnan** on August 10^{th} 2018, aged 82 years.

Rob joined the A7CSA in January 1958 and soon became an A7 racer, as he recounted for A7Journals: "I found an A7 tourer belonging to a friend of my dad's, which I took home and chopped the body off with an axe! I built this into a racing car which I sold to Denis Overall and it now belongs to Ian Motley".



In 1960 Rob, along with Garrie Cooper, Bruce Went and Murray Lewis built streamlined sports cars at Garrie's factory. A7Journals again: "After the A7, I bought a Ford 10 special without a body. Sitting in my parent's garage, with Garrie Cooper and Murray Lewis looking at the car, we decided that it needed a body and Garrie suggested one like the current Lotus. If we could find 4 others willing to be part of the project, he would design and build them. Murray, Garrie and I made 3 – we needed two more - Bruce Went and Peter Wilkinson came on board and so ELFIN was born."

Rob's car was the first to be completed as a customer car and he raced it at Port Wakefield and Mallala. When it was sold, Rob became a member of our timing team at Mallala but the racing bug still had him under its spell and he then raced an FJ Holden.

Rob had been Clerk of Course at many A7C race meetings and sprints and when AIR opened in 1972 he was approached to be CoC there: his first duty was at the first rallycross meeting in April $2^{\rm nd}$.

Rob's service to the A7CSA is as follows: 1961 - Treasurer/Vice President: 1962 - Treasurer/Vice President: 1963/65 - Competition Secretary: 1966/1971 - Treasurer/Vice President: 1972/1973 - President: 1974 - Committee member: 1975/1976 - Treasurer.

During Rob's 2 year tenure as President, the search for our own Clubrooms finally was successful and he drove the negotiations with skill and tenacity to their conclusion. The final Council/Bank loan approvals were settled in February 1974 and the grand opening then took place on March 24. But it hadn't been an easy task for Rob - "I was petrified of taking on the mortgage and couldn't sleep for 3 weeks". He needn't have worried - Club members rallied and the Clubrooms became ours in 1987.

As Rob contributed to our club and motor sport in SA, he was also a family man. He married Joy, raised a family (Baden, Tracy and Mark) and later built a shack at Edithburgh, where he enjoyed many family fishing expeditions. As the children grew, their interests took Rob away from motorsport to the Grange Surf Lifesaving Club, where his organisational skills were again put to use.

Barry Frost

Note: Both Bruce and Rob contributed greatly to the growth of our Club and the establishment of our Clubrooms; they were also in on the ground floor of the development of Elfin racing/sports cars and as such have a place in Australian motoring history.

	TTM Trophy #4 29 July 2018 REGULARITY					THACK THE MOTORS HOLD	
Name		E1	E2	E3	E4	Total	
1			5 Laps	6 Laps	6 Laps	6 Laps	23 Laps
2	73	Duane GENT	15	27	28	32	102
3	77	Andrew BAOHM	44	21	25	19	109
4	74	Jason SUTTON	26	38	38	36	138
	67	Darryl BRIGG	24	31	70	33	158
5	45	Oliver JAENSCH	30	38	50	43	161
6	36	Sandy WATTERS	54	41	42	44	181
7	68	Gavin LYMN	17	37	52	84	190
8	10	John ELLIS	39	65	35	62	201
9	30	Brett WATTERS	67	64	87	49	267
10	8	Geoff STEPHENS	10	29	187	52	278
11	51	Donald STACEY	88	78	108	20	294
12	24	Stephen DRURY	65	114	63	68	310
13	64	Dylan FLEGO	14	43	182	84	323
14	46	James BENFORD	102	63	67	107	339
15	23	Henry BOWDEN	52	87	159	73	371
16	21	Colin GENDERS	43	122	153	65	383
17	53	Jason THIELE	49	60	124	151	384
18	93	Susan GLASSON	108	80	128	83	399
19	37	Jordan JOHNSTON	33	46	201	124	404
20	39	Shaun PANNOWITCH	17	100	99	223	439
21	4	Kirk DAVIS	36	38	151	223	448
22	54	Frank GROSSER	24	43	177	223	467
23	22	Robert LEE	91	74	79	223	467
24	96	Alex WALKER	228	112	73	61	474
25	55	Nick METCALFE	176	79	161	67	483
26	69	Colin TUCKER	44	55	392	67	558
27	57	Craig FLORANCE	102	39	377	171	689
28	42	Thomas BENFORD	109	438	98	87	732
29	12 Matthew TOTANI		142	285	237	90	754
30	44	Nick SCAIFE	127	277	348	121	873
31	25	Katrina NELSON	53	407	226	208	894
32	5	Andrew MCKIGGAN	104	453	392	223	1172
33	4	Luigi DELUCA	243	453	392	223	1311

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

DNF Score 243 453 392 223
denotes track record under previous track record

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Name			E1	E2	E3	E4	Total	
			4 Laps	5 Laps	5 Laps	5 Laps	19 Laps	
1	1 70 Chris TAYLOR		70	26	52	111	259	
2	2 87 Kate STEPHENS 3 22 Fiona MCCUBBIN-MEE		77	93	30	129	329	
3			216	30	36	125	407	
4 36 Maureen MAURER 5 51 Nikita STACEY		243	56	180	93	572		
		402	39	48	101	590		

2018 Modern Regularity - TTM Trophy Round 4, 29 July

Again we were lucky with the weather for a mid-winter's day: this one was very cold, windy (sometimes *very* strong) and with only the briefest shower of rain. Our sponsor for the meeting again was Darryl Brigg.

- **Heat 1, 5 laps** 1st Geoff Stephens, *Hyundai Excel* 10 pts; 2nd Dylan Flego *Hyundai Excel* 14 pts; 3rd Duane Gent *Holden Commodore*, 15 pts
- **Heat 2, 6 laps** 1st Andrew Baohm, *Holden Monaro* 21 pts; 2nd Duane Gent 27 pts; 3rd Geoff Stephens 29 pts
- **Heat 3, 6 laps** 1st Andrew Baohm, 25 pts; 2nd Duane Gent 28 pts; 3rd John Ellis, *Holden Commodore* 35 pts

The rain came at the start of this heat and those first out were affected by the slippery conditions for the first 2 laps until the wind dried the track and nominated lap times could then be achieved.

- **Heat 4, 6 laps** 1st Andrew Baohm, 19 pts; 2nd Donald Stacey, *Hyundai Elantra* 20 pts; 3rd Duane Gent 32 pts
- The **overall** places on the day were: 1st Duane Gent 102 pts: 2nd Andrew Baohm, 109 pts; 3rd Jason Sutton, *Mitsubishi Lancer Evo5* 138 pts
- Despite the strong showing by the above drivers, they were unable to haul in the leaders in the **TTM Trophy** who are: 1st Sandy Watters 221 pts; 2nd Darryl Brigg 167 pts; 3rd Stephen Drury 142.5 pts
- This was also Round 3 of the Ladies Series only 3 competed in the above heats.
- **Heat 1** 1st Katrina Nelson *Peugeot 206* 53 pts; 2nd Sandy Watters *Peugeot 206 Gti* 54 pts; 3rd Susan Glasson *Peugeot 206* 108 pts
- **Heat 2** 1st Sandy Watters 41 pts; 2nd Susan Glasson 80 pts; 3rd Katrina Nelson 407 pts
- **Heat 3** 1st Sandy Watters 42 pts; 2nd Susan Glasson 128 pts; 3rd Katrina Nelson 226 pts
- **Heat 4** 1st Sandy Watters 44 pts; 2nd Susan Glasson 83 pts; 3rd Katrina Nelson 208 pts
- For the **Ladies Series Trophy**, the leaders are: 1st Sandy Watters 26 pts; 2nd Susan Glasson 17 pts; = 3nd Kristen Bailey and Michelle Wegener 15 pts
- This was also the second round of the **Rookies Series**, with 5 drivers taking part.
- **Heat 1, 4 laps** 1st Chris Taylor *Hyundai Excel* 70 pts; 2nd Kate Stephens *Hyundai Excel* 77 pts; 3rd Fiona McCubbin-Mee *Mazda* 2 216 pts.
- **Heat 2**, **5 laps** 1st Chris Taylor 26 pts; 2nd Fiona McCubbin-Mee 30 pts; 3rd Nikita Stacey *Hyundai Elantra* 39 pts
- **Heat 3**, **5 laps** 1st Kate Stephens 30 pts; 2nd Fiona McCubbin-Mee 36 pts; 3rd Nikita Stacey 48 pts
- **Heat 4**, **5 laps** 1st Maureen Maurer *Peugeot 206* 93 pts; 2nd Nikita Stacey 101 pts; 3rd Chris Taylor 111 pts
- $\it Overall$ placings were: 1st Chris Taylor 259 pts; 2nd Kate Stephens 329 pts; 3rd Fiona McCubbin-Mee 407 pts

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Barry Frost

Modern Regularity Round 4, 29 July 2018



Chris TAYLOR

Shaun PANNOWITCH



Dylan FLEGO

Geoff STEPHENS



Nick SCAIFE

Jordan JOHNSTON



James BENFORD

Thomas BENFORD

Austin 7 Club Run to Collectable Classics, Strathalbyn, 16 August 2018

Since Collectable Classics have opened their new showrooms at Strathalbyn there has been a procession of vehicle clubs that have incorporated a visit to Collectable Classics during a Sunday drive, and the Austin 7 Club is no exception, so on a cold winters' morning about 30 of us met at Mt Barker's Keith Stephenson park for a quick drive to Strath. We were met by Ben Gillespie who gave a speech on the attributes of the organisation and invited us to enjoy a cuppa while we browsed the vehicles available for sale. It was noted that if you purchased a lovely red E-type Jaguar you could save \$5,000 but first you had to pay out \$114,000. (It's now advertised at \$99,990, so you can save even more!





After a an hour or so many drifted off to the Trash & Treasure Market being held at the Strathalbyn Dog Track, while others moved to the High Street to avail themselves of lunch at the Commercial Hotel which surprisingly had plenty of room for the dozen or so of us you decided to lunch there. Those who had the pasta selection were confronted with a rather large serving of the meal, but it was soon discovered that what looked appetising was in fact a dish which was rather tasteless brought about by the lack of any appropriate condiments to this dish. Having used about half a salt shaker of salt during the meal to add something to it, the waitress, on picking up the remains, offered no real reason for its lack of taste. So there you go!!!

Ed

First Supercar Championship meeting at Tailem Bend, 24-26 August 2018.

One of our timekeepers (Malcolm Weatherly) was able to take these photos during Saturday's events; they show aspects of the track that are not generally seen.





Ready to go racing.

Good viewing from here.



Track owner out for a quiet drive.

TV cameraman and medical car.



Protection for track-side officials.

And NO - they didn't hit each other!



A bit dusty off-line.

A bit squeezy for the flagman.

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CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP 16 September 2018							
REGULARITY							
Name			E1	E2	E3	E4	Total
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1	36	Sandy WATTERS	25	25	22	49	121
2	72	Anthony VERNER	31	22	16	58	127
3	24	Stephen DRURY	12	17	34	67	130
4	51	Donald STACEY	45	23	28	72	168
5	37	Jordan JOHNSTON	19	63	27	63	172
6	69	Colin TUCKER	40	35	23	75	173
7	30	Brett WATTERS	55	30	25	90	200
8	61	John TILLER	32	29	29	114	204
9	8	Geoff STEPHENS	45	79	37	55	216
10	67	Darryl BRIGG	39	43	86	52	220
11	93	Susan GLASSON	38	34	30	121	223
12	87	Kate STEPHENS	34	46	43	108	231
13	71	Steve CONROY	50	77	60	56	243
14	46	Michelle WEGENER	33	59	20	142	254
15	15 64 Dylan FLEGO		55	116	27	74	272
16	77	Andrew BAOHM	7	28	12	260	307
17	95	Kristen BAILEY	43	61	56	173	333
18	42	Adrian FLYNN	76	113	62	96	347
19	12	Matthew TOTANI	49	65	23	217	354
20	32	Peter TRUDGEN	53	20	28	260	361
21	70	Paul TAYLOR	87	34	56	185	362
22	43	Colin ZYTVELD	102	55	69	260	486
23	90	Peter NELSON	42	111	74	260	487
24	44	Craig MARSHMAN	64	43	335	109	551
25	23	Henry BOWDEN	146	206	65	245	662
26	50	Aden THOMPSON	366	123	35	163	687
27	79	Noel HARRIS	283	154	137	260	834
28	21	Colin GENDERS	40	375	335	260	1010
29	29 45 Oliver JAENSCH		286	360	320	260	1226
=30	30 5 Andrew MCKIGGAN		381	375	335	260	1351
=30			381	375	335	260	1351
=30	66	Philip SCADDING	381	375	335	260	1351
=30	68	Gavin LYMN	381	375	335	260	1351
=30	73	Duane GENT	381	375	335	260	1351

	Regularity 16 September 2018 BMW Challenge #3						
Name			E1	E2	E3	E4	Total
			6 Laps	7 Laps	6 Laps	6 Laps	25 Laps
1	1 51 Craig FLORANCE		29	91	102	94	316
2	3	Graham PATTERSON	85	81	39	111	316
3	4	Tony HIXSON	131	43	58	110	342
4	5	Craig MEULENGRAAF	302	50	61	39	452
5	55	Nick METCALFE	112	366	61	20	559
6 70 Bram PORTAS		266	210	60	34	570	
7 6 Gary YOUNG			420	960	108	102	1590

2018 Modern Regularity 16 September Club Championship and TTM Trophy Round 5

Another fine, cold windless day, for the 2018 Club Championship: our sponsor for the meeting, which drew 34 entries, was Darryl Brigg. As befitting a championship the final heat was over 11 laps, setting a challenge for all drivers as this was the longest Modern Regularity heat held.

- **Heat 1, 5 laps** 1st Andrew Baohm, *Holden Monaro* 7 pts; 2nd Stephen Drury, *Mazda RX7* 12 pts; 3rd Jordan Johnston *Hyundai Excel* 19 pts.
- **Heat 2, 6 laps** 1st Stephen Drury, 17 pts; 2nd Peter Trudgen Holden Commodore Ute, 20 pts; 3rd Anthony Verner Mercedes Benz SLK320 22 pts
- Heat 3, 5 laps 1st Andrew Baohm, 12 pts; 2nd Anthony Verner 16 pts; 3rd Michelle Wegener Mitsubishi Magna 20 pts.
 At this point in the championship chase, the leaders were Andrew Baohm,

Stephen Drury, Anthony Verner, Sandy Watters, John Tiller and Donald Stacey – all within 50 pts.

- Final Heat 4, 11 laps 1st Sandy Watters Peugeot 206 Gti 49 pts; 2nd Darryl Brigg, Peugeot 206 Gti 52 pts; 3rd Geoff Stephens Hyundai Excel 55 pts.

 With 9 laps completed, the placings were Sandy Watters, Anthony Verner, Andrew Baohm, Geoff Stephens, Stephen Drury and Donald Stacey all within 16 pts. However, brake troubles then struck Andrew and he ran off the track at the northern hairpin and was unable to finish the event.

 Congratulations to the 11 drivers in this heat who were able to match their nominated lap times and record scores of 0 with several achieving this twice.
- The **2018 Club Championship winner** is Sandy Watters 121 pts, from Anthony Verner 127 pts and Stephen Drury 130 pts.
- The leaders in the **TTM Trophy** are: Sandy Watters 293 pts, from Stephen Drury 208.5 pts and Anthony Verner 204 pts.
- This was also Round 3 of the BMW Drivers Club Challenge
- *Heat 1, 6 laps* 1st Craig Florance *BMW E30* 29 pts; 2nd Graham Patterson *BMW M535* 85 pts; 3rd Nick Metcalfe *BMW 2002* 112 pts
- **Heat 2**, **7 laps** 1st Tony Hixson *BMW 528i* 43 pts; 2nd Craig Meulengraaf *BMW 535i* 50 pts; 3rd Graham Patterson 81 pts
- **Heat 3, 6 laps** 1st Graham Patterson 39 pts; 2nd Tony Hixson 58 pts; 3rd Bram Portas *Mazda MX5* 60 pts
- Heat 4, 6 laps 1st Nick Metcalfe 20 pts; 2nd Bram Portas 34 pts; 3rd Craig Meulengraaf 39 pts
 Overall placings were Craig Florance, on a count-back from Graham Patterson, both on 316 pts and Tony Hixson 342 pts.
- After this final round of the **BMW Drivers Club Challenge**, placings are Craig Florance 36 pts from Tony Hixson 32 pts and Nick Metcalfe 28 pts.

Barry Frost



Bram PORTUS Andrew BAOHM

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Colin TILLER

Colin ZYTVELD



Anthony VERNER

Steve CONROY



Oliver JAENSCH

Brett WATTERS



Donald STACY

Henry BOWDEN



AUSTINS OVER AUSTRALIA 2019

BAROSSA VALLEY S.A. Monday 23 Sept to Friday 27 Sept 2019



NEWSLETTER # 2

Twelve months from now Austins Over Australia 2019 will be well underway. As indicated previously the event is shaping up to be very popular. Currently 165 Expressions of Interest have been received. Therefore 165 rooms should have already been booked. If you haven't already done so, you NEED TO book your accommodation NOW as to avoid any disappointment.

It is still expected that entry forms will be available by early 2019 after all associated costs have been confirmed. It will be accompanied by a comprehensive newsletter which will specify everything you need to know.

Previous newsletters have stated that the event headquarters was the Tanunda Showgrounds Hall, but due to renovations, is no longer available to us. Our event headquarters is now Chateau Tanunda, an icon of the Barossa. Whilst the planned activities remain unchanged, the daily venue has changed - Chateau Tanunda is located at 9 Basedow Road Tanunda.

Don't forget to get your "Aussie Outback theme" attire ready to wear at the farewell dinner.

As previously advised, Rocker Cover races will be held each morning, Tuesday to Friday, and the associated rules have been provided. If you haven't already done so, prepare yourself a rocker cover for this event.

RECAP ON WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN PUBLISHED & ISSUED:

- Expression of Interest Letter specifying
 - o when and where each day's event will be held,
 - o the proposed Itinerary, and
 - suggested Accommodation venues.
- Expression of Interest Form
- Newsletter #1

If you would like any of the above re-sent to you, please let Ralph know (although some things have changed since they were issued).

Below is the revised Planned Itinerary

If you have any further questions, concerns or suggestions, please feel free to contact either;

Position: Event Chairman Event Secretary
Name: David Grear Ralph Drage
Phone: 08 8296 1689 Ph: 0418 846 082
Email: dgrear@optusnet.com.au rdrage@bigpond.net.au

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PLANNED ACTIVITIES Subject to change

Updated Sept 2018

Day	Activity			
Monday 23/9				
1.00pm to 4.30pm	Registration at Chateau Tanunda			
6.00pm	**Pre-dinner drinks followed by Welcome Dinner at Chateau Tanunda			
Tuesday 24/9				
7.30am	**Breakfast at Chateau Tanunda – served until 8.30			
8.45am	Drivers briefing and Rocker Cover racing (heat 1) at Chateau Tanunda			
9.00am	Leave for National Motor Museum, Birdwood			
12.00 noon	**Running Board Lunch at Birdwood – Peoples choice judging at National Motor			
	Museum			
2.30pm	Leave Birdwood to return to accommodation			
Wednesday 25/9				
7.30am	**Optional Breakfast at Chateau Tanunda – served until 8.30			
8.30am	Drivers briefing and Rocker Cover racing (heat 2) at Chateau Tanunda			
9.00am	Leave for Kapunda			
	**Morning Tea upon arrival at Kapunda Trotting Club			
10.30am	Funkhana – State vs State			
12.30pm	12.30pm **Baked Potato Lunch at Kapunda Trotting Club			
6.00pm				
7.30pm Entertainment evening				
Thursday 26/9				
7.30am	**Optional Breakfast at Chateau Tanunda – served until 8.30			
8.45am	Drivers briefing and Rocker Cover racing (heat 3) at Chateau Tanunda			
9.00am	Leave for Mannum			
12.00 noon	**Running Board Lunch at Mary Anne Reserve Mannum			
2.30pm	Leave Mannum to return back to accommodation			
Friday 27/9				
7.30am	**Optional Breakfast at Chateau Tanunda – served until 8.30			
8.45am Drivers briefing and Rocker Cover racing (Championship) at Chateau Tanunda				
9.00am **Pick up optional Brown Paper Bag lunch and / or head off on a route of choice				
6.30pm	**Pre-dinner drinks followed by Farewell Dinner at Chateau Tanunda			
	Theme: Aussie Outback			
Sunday 29/9	BAY TO BIRDWOOD CLASSIC -Vehicles from Jan 1956 to Dec 1981 incl			

** All meals;

- are optional, details of which will be included on the Entry Form
- will be prepared by the same fabulous caterer which The Austin 7 Club of SA used in 2012 for a similar sized event
- served at Chateau Tanunda will be served on china plates, using metal cutlery NB: the breakfasts will also be of really good value





Austin 7 Club SA members who have indicated their interest as below,

ADDYMAN	ARTHUR	A7CSA	Austin	7	Saloon	1932
APPLEYARD	SCOTT	A7CSA	Austin	A90 Atlantic	Coupe	1950
BAKER	ALAN	A7CSA	Austin	7	Sedan	1938
BERRY	DAVID	A7CSA	Austin	1800	Ute	1970
BUESNEL	GRAHAM	A7CSA	Austin	A105	Sedan	1957
BUNKER	PHIL	A7CSA	Austin	7		
BURCHETT	RON	A7CSA	Austin	7	Roadster	1929
BURT	DAN	A7CSA	Austin	7	Tourer	1929
CLARKE	GRAHAM	A7CSA	Austin	7	Roadster	1927
DAWES	ANDREW	A7CSA	Austin	7	Tourer	1927
DRAGE	RALPH	A7CSA	Austin	A95	Sedan	1958
GENT	TREVOR	A7CSA	Austin	7	Tourer	1932
GOWER	BILL	A7CSA	Austin	A55	Sedan	1957
GREAR	DAVID	A7CSA	Austin	7	Tourer	1935
HILL	DOUG	A7CSA	Austin	7	Roadster	1926
HOFFMAN	RICK	A7CSA	Austin	Big 7	Tourer	1938
HURST	JIM	A7CSA	Austin	A30	Countryman	1955
KEEGAN	GREG	A7CSA	Austin	A30	Countryman	1955
LAKE	MALCOLM	A7CSA	Austin	7	Sports	1928
LEITCH	IAN	A7CSA	Austin	7	Tourer	1935
LEWIS	MARTIN	A7CSA	Austin	16	Sedan	1946
LINDSAY	GREG	A7CSA	Austin	7	Sports	1929
MORPHETT	GREG	A7CSA				
MOTLEY	IAN	A7CSA	Austin	7	Tourer	1936
SANDFORD	LEE	A7CSA	Austin	7	Saloon	1936
SCIBERRAS	MARCIA	A7CSA	Austin	Farina	Sedan	
SEARLES	DAVID	A7CSA	Austin	1800	Sedan	1967
SEIDEL	KEITH	A7CSA	Austin	7	Tourer	1929
SHARP	RODNEY	A7CSA	Austin	7	Tourer	1931
SPANGLER	BRENTON	A7CSA	Austin	A30	Sedan	1956
STEVENS	JOHN	A7CSA	Austin	A40	Sedan	1949
SUTTON	LAURENCE	A7CSA	Datsun	120Y	Sedan	1976
SWEETMAN	IAN	A7CSA	Austin	7	Roadster	1936
THOMAS	LEIGH	A7CSA	Austin	7	Tourer	1929
THORPE	GRAHAM	A7CSA	Austin	8	Tourer	1944
THORPE	STEVE	A7CSA	Austin	7	Tourer	
WILLIAMS	BRUCE	A7CSA	Austin	7	Roadster	1929
WILLIAMS	TIM	A7CSA	Austin	7	Tourer	1935

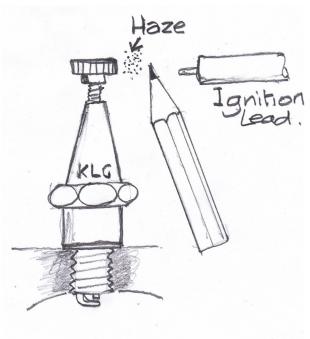
Is your name on the list?

We would like to see you on this event.

There is a provision if you haven't an Austin to attend in another vehicle.

See Ralph at any Club Meeting if you have any queries or concerns.

Technical Tip #37.



At a Technical Night some months ago, our club librarian Barry Pannell, hosted a session on tuning. One of the points he raised was that it is possible to have the ignition coil wrongly wired, although the motor will still run, albeit less efficiently.

Barry demonstrated that the best way to check this is to hold a sharpened lead pencil between the ignition lead and the top of the spark plug with the motor running, as shown in the sketch. If the coil is correctly wired, a haze will appear between the tip of the lead pencil and the spark plug terminal.

This haze is formed from minute particles of graphite being drawn from the tip of the lead pencil by the spark current. In carrying out this test, try not to use any part of your body as a conductor.

Should the haze appear between the pencil and the ignition lead, then the coil is wrongly connected. This works for both positive and negative earth cars.

Armed with this information, I hope to clip .002 seconds off my Mallala lap time.

Stan Gafney



We are excited. And you are invited!

The Austin 7 Club Inc (Vic) warmly invites you to save the date for the 2022 National Austin Seven Rally, to be held in the seaside town of Warrnambool.

The Rally will begin with Registration on Saturday 9th April, and conclude with a Farewell Dinner on Thursday 14th April.

Expression of Interest forms will be distributed from December 2018.

Any queries can be directed to Andrea Casabene and the Rally Committee at 2022rallyinfo@gmail.com

Please set aside the dates, and get ready to celebrate 100 years of Austin Sevens, whilst exploring this beautiful part of Victoria.

Come have a whale of a time in Warrnambool!

There is gold in the shed - a bright light in the life of our Club President, Graham.

Some years ago my uncle offered me some oil containers that belonged to my Grandfather. My Grandfather married very late in life so these containers were very old. He was in his 70's when I was born. He also owned the row ferry in Port Adelaide near where the Birkenhead Bridge is now when he was 16.

He owned a Willys Knight that ate oil like it was going straight through, and as his son said "You could see him coming a mile down the road with the plume of smoke in tow". He used to collect oil from friends when they changed their oil in their cars and gave it to him for the Willys to turn it into smoke.

Well one of these drums was a Triple Shell Motor Oil that had a pouring spout you twisted out to stop spilling the oil as you poured it in. It also had an air vent with a screw top in the opposite corner.

As I decided to downsize the what I thought was rubbish in the shed I took this unit with some other drums to Scammels Auctions to see if they were realy worth anything. On arrival the employee of the Scammels suggested this one gallon container should be put in a special auction that would take place in six months. I was asked if I wanted to bring it back or leave it there for perspective buyers to look at. I left it there and forgot about it.

Six months later and two days before we were about to leave on our overseas trip, I was checking the bank account to make sure I had enough money in it, and to my surprise there was an amount placed in there by Scammels. I said to Carol that I think Scammels had made a mistake and put money into our account when she said "Its not the money for that old oil container is it?"

Further investigation on their web site brought up the old shell drum with a price of \$1,000. It was no mistake the old hunk of tin was sold for \$1,000 and the money less the commission was in our account.



The moral of this story is check your old drums you have in the shed as they may be worth a dollar or two

WHAT THE AUSTIN 7 CLUB WAS DOING IN 1954

"The News" 2 August 1954 The Austin 7 Club made Mr. Lloyd Thorpe a life member at its meeting last week. Mr. Thorpe one of its founders, has been an office holder since its inception. He captained his Austin 7, entered in the club's name, in the Redex Trial.

"The News" 23 August 1954 Club fixtures The Austin 7 Club will hold a picture evening at its headquarters, Druids Hall, Parade, Norwood. Next Monday night. An invitation has been extended to all owners of Austin 7 cars. On September 5 the club will conduct a run to Gorge picnic ground leaving Sir Lewis Cohen avenue at 11a.m.

"The News" 30 August 1954 **Trial Result:** Placegetters in the Austin 7 Club's 50 mile trial were Doug Trengove (Austin 7) 996 points. R. Roberts (Austin 7) 995 P Russell (A30) 994.

"The News" 13 September 1954 Club gymkhana The Austin 7 Club will hold a gymkhana on Sunday cars Leaving Sir Lewis Cohen avenue at 11a.m. They will travel along the Gorge road to an undisclosed destination. All Austin 7 owners have been invited to attend.

"The Advertiser" 24 September 1954 Soapbox Derby Entries Closing Entries for the Northern Districts Soapbox Derby, to be conducted by the Motor Manual Goodwill Club and the Austin 7 Club on October 30 at Enfield, will close on Saturday. Applications should be addressed to the secretary of the Austin 7 Club (Mr. Max Bowden Clarence street, Prospect: phone ML5450) or to the secretary of the Motor Manual Goodwill Club (Seaview road, Henley South: L8292). The derby will run down Darlington street from Park terrace to Main North road.

"The Advertiser" 28 September 1954 Austin Club's Trial Entries for the Austin 7 Club's 70 mile spring trial will close on Thursday. The trial, which will be held next Sunday, will start from Sir Lewis Cohen av. At 2 p.m. Vantage points for members not competing to see the trial will be arranged by the club. The club has been rejuvenated recently with the appointment of new officers and meets regularly in the Druids Hall. Parade. Norwood. Any Austin 7 owner is invited to attend. The next meeting of the club will be held next Tuesday night. The club secretary is Mr. Max Bowden (Clarence st., Prospect phone ML5450).

"The Advertiser" 5 October 1954 Austin 7 Club Awards; Awards were presented at the Austin 7 Club's monthly general meeting last week to:- M. Marchant, Glen Motors trophy for the club's 1,000 mile trial; R. Roberts, Wise trials trophy; D. Jolly, G.H. Scott hill-climbing trophy; J. Walsh, C.H. Lutzow speed trophy for outstanding speed performance of the year in a side-val Austin 7. The club committee will meet in the Druids' Hall, Parade, Norwood, next Monday, and there will be a tour to Nuriootpa on Sunday, October 17. The club secretary is M. Bowden (17 Farrant St., Prospect, ML5450).

"The News" 25 October 1954 FILM: The Austin 7 Club will hold a general meeting at the Druids' Hall, Parade. Norwood. On Thursday, when the 1954 Redex Trial film will be shown. All Austin 7 owners are invited to attend.

"The Advertiser" 1 November 1954 Crash Stops Soap-box Car Derby

An accident in which a soap-box car knocked down a boy standing on the track caused the cancellation of the remaining races in a soap-box derby in Darlington street, Clearview, yesterday. The derby was arranged by the Austin Seven Club and the Motor Manual Goodwill Club in aid of the Gepps Cross Boy Scouts building fund. The boy run down was treated for minor injuries by a St. John Ambulance brigade attendant. The events decided yesterday resulted as follows:-

Scratch championship (hard tyres) - J Slattery, 1; D Walters, 2; P Nicks, 3.

Handicap (solid tyres) - M Roderick, 1; B Hupenden, 2; D Walters, 3; fastest time J Slattery (53.4 secs.). Scratch race (pneumatic tyres) R White, (fastest time, 44 sec.) 1; R Hammond, 2; B Bryant, P Wood eq., 3

"The Advertiser" 2 November 1954 Treasure Hunt for Austin 7 Club The Austin 7 Club will conduct a treasure hunt next Monday night. Members are asked to assemble at the Druids' Hall, Parade, Norwood at 8p.m. when a meeting will be held before the hunt. A tour and trial will be held to Middle Beach on Sunday, November 14, and a general meeting will be held on November 29.

If undeliverable return to: Austin 7 Club of SA Inc 262 Tapleys Hill Road SEATON SA 5023

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Austin 7 Meteors of Tim Williams and David Grear at the recent Bay To Birdwood advertising our Austins Over Australia event next year to be held in the Barossa Valley