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Arthur Addyman's RN Saloon poses next to the A7 Mural of a similar vehicle.

# Austin 7 Journals

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## A Word from GB



May I wish all members a happy New Year.

We have tried for a second year holding three meetings on a Sunday to see if that helps in increasing attendances at meetings during the winter months. We also started the remaining meetings at 7pm on Monday nights. Both these moves proved to be not successful, so we will return this year to our regular Monday nights commencing at 7-30 pm.

Our final Modern Regularity meeting had to be cancelled for December due to the V8's race returning to Adelaide. This was the first race held in Adelaide that the timing team were not invited to as the V8 group have a travelling timing team set up because of the bubble they have had to work in during COVID-19 in the past two years. It was good to see the racing return to the Adelaide streets and the increased number of fans who attended over the four days.

It is still great to see the weekly News Bulletin put out by David Grear with all the Clubs programs advertised for the coming weeks and months. The Technical Austin 7 night when we had a talk on Loctite sealing and adhesive products was attended by a good number of members. It was good to see the members taking interest in a product that we have many uses for.

Our decision to hold the Christmas Party at the Club Rooms this year was to make use of the facility that we have at our disposal. It was an enjoyable evening, but unfortunately quite a number of members contracted COVID-19, even though we had had no problems over the past two years. Where it came from, we do not know, and I wish all who suffered a speedy recovery.

In four year's time, our club will be hosting the Austin 7's, 105<sup>th</sup> celebrations. Andrew Dawes committee member will guide us through this plan and would like help from the Austin 7 owners, or anyone else in the club to help celebrate this milestone. We have been successful in running two previous celebrations, so let's all dig in and make this one to remember. Please speak with Andrew if you can help in any way.

We now have two committee members looking after the touring side of the Club. Chris Cutting and Martin Lewis are putting in a lot of time to give every member a chance to enjoy our outings. To make this successful we all need to support the outing and show our old cars to the public.

Let's see you all at the next meeting of the Club.

*Graham Buesnel*  
President.

## COMING EVENTS FOR 2023

### January 2023

- 9 Monthly Club Meeting at 7.30pm
- 15 Yesterday's Power Rally Milang.
- 21 Regularity wind-up dinner for 2022 at Royal Coach Motel.
- 26 Club run meets Tower Hotel Car Park for run to Thorndon Park Reservoir.

### February 2023

- 6 Committee Meeting
- 12 TTM Regularity #1
- 13 Monthly Club Meeting at 7.30pm
- 19 A7 Club Day Run to have a look at the Murray floods.
- 21 Leisure Run
- 27 Technical Night

### March 2023

- 5 All British Day at Echunga Oval
- 6 Committee Meeting
- 13 Monthly Club Meeting preceded by a BBQ at Clubrooms at 6pm.
- 18 Quiz Night at Clubrooms
- 19 VSCC Historic Gathering Keswick
- 21 Leisure Run
- 25/26 Adelaide Motorsport Festival
- 27 Technical Night

### April 2023

- 1/2 Aust F1 Grand Prix Melbourne
- 3 Committee Meeting
- 16 A7 Club Run to Tram Museum
- 16 TTM Regularity #2
- 17 Monthly Club Meeting at 7.30pm.
- 18 Leisure Run
- 23 McLaren Vale Vintage & Classic
- 24 Technical Night

### May 2023

- 1 Committee Meeting
- 6/8 Pre War Austin 7 Run to the Adelaide Hills and Hahndorf area.
- 8 Monthly Club Meeting at 7.30pm.
- 14 A7 Club Event - Funkhana
- 16 Leisure Run
- 21 Cavalcade of Cars - Kadina
- 22 Technical Night
- 27-28 Historic Winton

### June 2023

- 4 TTM Regularity #3
- 5 Committee Meeting
- 12 Monthly Club Meeting preceded by hot meal at Clubrooms from 6pm.

- 17/23 Austin 7 Club 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary run to North of SA covering Blinman, Farina and Marree. See details in this Journals of places for overnight stays and roads to travel.

- 25 A7 Club day run
- 26 Technical Night

### July 2023

- 3 Committee Meeting
- 10 Monthly Club Meeting at 7.30pm.
- 18 Leisure Run
- 23 Hills Luncheon
- 23 TTM Regularity #4
- 24 Technical Night

### August 2023

- 7 Committee Meeting
- 14 Monthly Club Meeting at 7.30pm.
- 20 A7 Club Event Day Run
- 22 Leisure Run
- 27 TTM Club Championships
- 28 Technical Night

### September 2023

- 1 Old Car Day at Bethany (Friday)
- 4 Committee Meeting
- 11 Monthly and Annual General Meetings commencing at 7.30pm.
- 15/17 Border Run.
- 19 Leisure Run
- 24 Federation Picnic Day venue TBA
- 25 Technical Night

### October 2023

- 1 Historic Collingrove Hillclimb
- 4 Committee Meeting (Wednesday)
- 9 Monthly Club Meeting at 7.30pm.
- 15 A7 Club 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday event at the Clubrooms
- 16 -3 Nov Federation Motorfest 2023
- 17 Leisure Run
- 22 Bay to Birdwood event
- 23 Technical Night

### November 2023

- 5 TTM Regularity #6
- 6 Committee Meeting
- 13 Monthly Club Meeting at 7.30pm.
- 21 Leisure Run
- 23/26 Adelaide 500 Supercars
- 26 Breakfast Run
- 27 Technical Night

### December 2023

- 4 Committee Meeting
- 9 or 10 Christmas Function
- 11 Monthly Club Meeting at 7.30pm.



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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 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 <sup>th</sup> year history book:	\$20.00
Austin 7 Short Sleeve Yellow Polo Shirt:	\$20.00 sizes M,L,XL & XXL
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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)



The Austin 7 Club SA Inc will be organising the next Austin 7 milestone in 2027 being the 105<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Austin 7. This event will be held in South Australia with participants coming from all over Australia and perhaps an International one or two. Andrew Dawes has been elected to the General Committee of this Club as Chairman of a Sub-Committee tasked to prepare for the celebrations. He would like to hear from members who would like to join him in preparation of this event.

You can contact Andrew on 0427 751 488 or via his email [dawes@internode.on.net](mailto:dawes@internode.on.net)

## VALE - IAN JONES – 14<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2022.



Ian passed away on the 14<sup>th</sup> of November 2022. For me, it was a slow illness that nobody should have to endure.

Ian joined the Austin 7 Club in 1961, a year earlier than me. I didn't get to know Ian until 1966 when I bought my first Austin 7, a 1936 Tourer. Ian had already bought his Chummy after looking over the back fence when he was working for Aub Kretchmer at Enterprise Motors on

Torrens Road Pennington — there was an Austin 7 Chummy.

I was living in Fussell Place Alberton, and in the driveway was my 1936 Austin 7 Tourer, behind 2 other cars, so Ian made the contact. Ian at the time also had a Super Modified Speedway Car powered by a Holden 6 Cylinder Grey Engine with a Repco Head. This turned into a Speedway Car on Friday Night at Rowley Park Speedway and 1/4 Mile Sprints, Circuit Sprints, Mud Sprints and so on, on Sundays with good friends Charlie Adams, Colin Hanks and Bruce Bridgart.

Austin 7 road cars were disappearing from use as there was no Austin 7 Runs as we know them to-day. Ian Jones, Charlie Adams, Merv Perry, David Perry, Alan Mander, Trevor Mander, Bruce Bridgart, John Garnett are just some of the Austin 7 owners that come to mind. Ian was among the Austin 7 Owners to suggest we get some Austin 7 run activities going.

A gathering was held in Alan Mander's shed one Saturday night with Tony Grove as Chairman and myself to put a proposal to the Committee to get Austin 7 activity going for organised Runs which was duly put to the Club Committee and Runs began to happen. .

This is where Ian Jones was in his element in helping members with Engine, Gear Box, Brakes and so on. Ian was a driving force to get Austin 7's on the road again. Ian had a good handle on the mechanicals because he had not only read about them, he had experienced things-failing from time to time. Diagnoses of problems was his speciality, and was well respected by all in the Austin 7 Club SA and was known to all Austineers in SA and all the other States as "Doc" Jones.

Ian drove his car Interstate from Queensland to New South Wales to Victoria to Tasmania to Ayres Rock and set out to go to a National Rally in Western Australia and had a major problem with the generator at Port Augusta and consequently Ian and Cheryl abandoned the trip. But to go back in time a little, the Austin 7 Club of S.A. Inc., to 1974, the Club was 21 Years old and a sub-committee was formed to make suggestions for activities and yes, Ian was on the Committee, being Chaired by Glenda Grove, and right at the start of our first Meeting Glenda asked for ideas and quick as a flash Ian suggested



an Austin 7 Run to Ayres Rock. Ian already had distances, Towns, Types of Roads. All of the Committee agreed “what a good idea”.

The Event happened to Ayres Rock and return in 21 Days which took a lot of planning. There were 3 Austin 7's so 3x7 is 21Days. Ian once again was in his element, and it was without doubt the most publicised event this Club has ever organised. Ian organised times and distances and I organised publicity and sponsors.

There is that song, - “I've been everywhere man”. Well, Ian's been everywhere man. Ian's helped Austin 7 Owners everywhere man. Ian will never be forgotten everywhere man. Ian will be remembered everywhere man along with Cheryl, who supported Ian in all of his endeavours right to the end. Cheryl did a marvellous job the last couple of years, 24 hours a day as Ian was limited in what he could do and was unable to be left alone.

Ian received a certificate to acknowledge 50 years Membership of the Austin 7 Club S.A. Inc also he received Life Membership for Services to The Austin 7 Club S.A. Inc.

Ian Motley — Colin Hanks

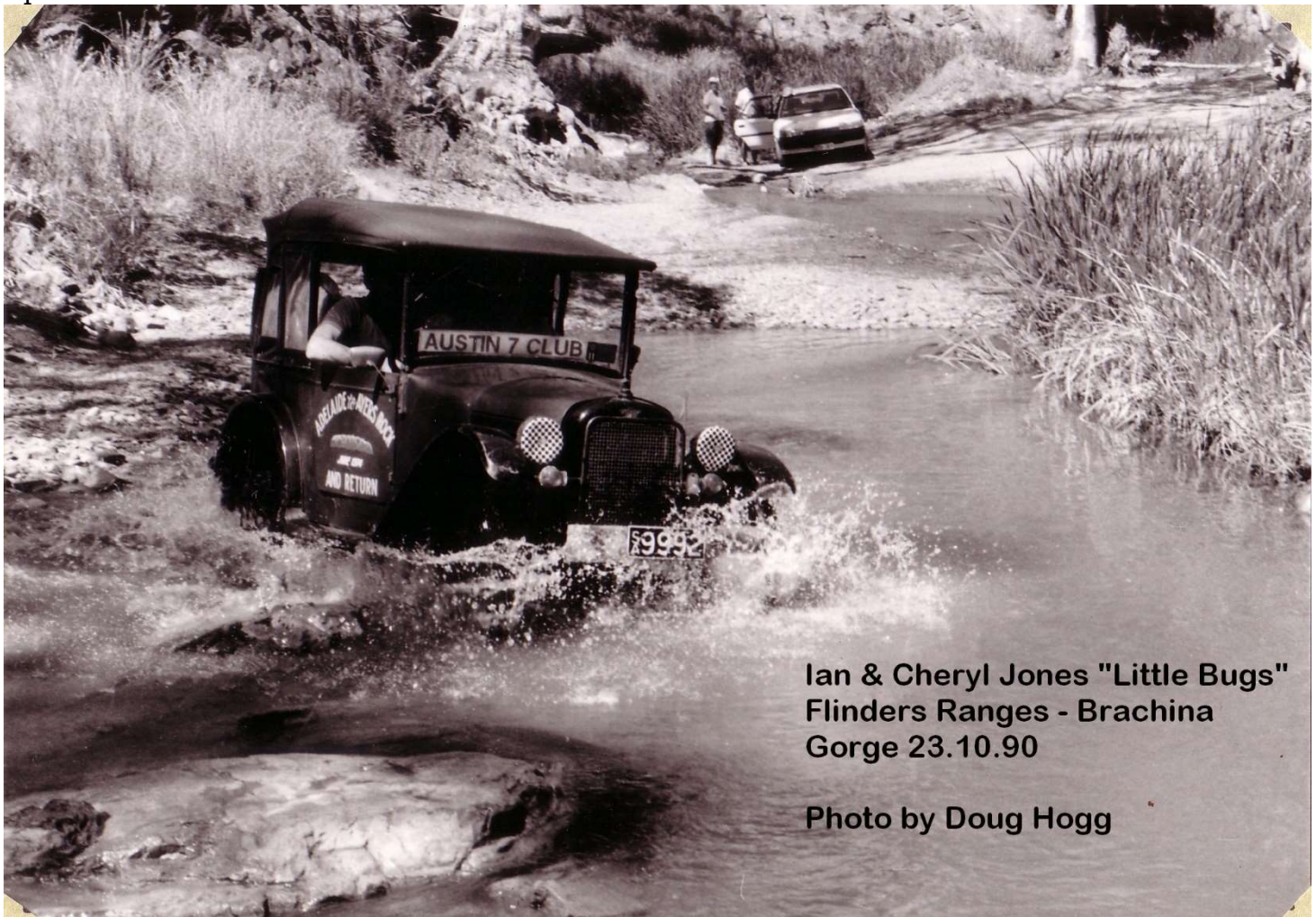


Ian & Cheryl who always made any event a spectacle didn't disappoint those who attended the 90<sup>th</sup> Austin 7 Rally in Mudgee NSW in 2007 with their Wizard and Witch costumes.





Ian Motley, Gwillam Henry-Edwards and Ian Jones at the conclusion of the Ayers Rock trip upon arrival at the West Terrace Shell Service Station in Adelaide.



Ian & Cheryl Jones "Little Bugs"  
Flinders Ranges - Brachina  
Gorge 23.10.90

Photo by Doug Hogg





Ian and Cheryl in a more familiar pose with their chummy at the Mudjee Rally in 2007



Ian, Cheryl and Cobber (L) on an economy run to Monarto in 1981 and (R) Mr. Jones having a board meeting on the Flinders Run at Burra in 2003.





# TTM Regularity

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## 2022 TTM Trophy - 6

30 October 2022

### REGULARITY



		Name	E1 5 Laps	E2 3 Laps	E3 9 Laps	E4 6 Laps	Total 23 Laps
1	62	Gary OWEN	61	17	91	48	217
2	88	Kristen BAILEY	35	20	73	120	248
3	30	Brett WATTERS	62	19	137	36	254
4	73	Duane GENT	66	80	65	61	272
5	61	John TILLER	52	27	152	50	281
6	3	Juris KUZNECOVS	31	13	182	57	283
7	72	Anthony VERNER	112	14	105	61	292
8	19	Fiona MCCUBBIN-MEE	94	27	144	33	298
9	37	David ZOLLO	65	15	180	76	336
10	78	Neil MARTIN	166	6	151	39	362
11	86	James STEWART	91	38	124	113	366
12	36	Sandy WATTERS	211	13	93	64	381
13	33	Scott BROWNRIDGE	238	16	108	32	394
14	69	Colin TUCKER	169	21	129	124	443
15	1	John ELLIS	59	20	107	293	479
16	25	Katrina NELSON	301	14	125	68	508
17	2	Roger NELSON	108	30	178	195	511
18	70	Sam WEST	247	18	208	54	527
19	51	Jayden CATALANO	350	122	56	50	578
20	7	Jason DAVIS	136	56	134	293	619
21	35	Mario FERRARI	315	66	176	142	699
22	32	Steve ALEXANDER	440	29	168	101	738
23	4	Nick PAPANIKOLAOU	471	50	121	128	770
24	96	Pawel HANUSZEWICZ	326	256	191	90	863
25	27	Craig BLAKER	268	112	221	293	894
26	16	Kathryn PAGE	458	110	198	240	1006
27	13	Paul PAPANIKOLAOU	460	22	285	293	1060
28	76	Allen HAWKINS	414	87	405	278	1184
29	91	Cassandra HOARE	628	122	427	89	1266
30	68	Dale STEVENSON	613	88	442	293	1436
31	28	Stephen GASSON	628	152	442	293	1515
	44	Craig MARSHMAN	628	271	442	293	1634
	67	Darryl BRIGG	628	271	442	293	1634

## 2022 Modern Regularity: TTM Trophy - Round 6, October 30 at Mallala

For first time since July 2020, Covid-19 restrictions were removed for the final TTM Club Championship meeting, with sponsorship from *Highland Titles* and *Hampstead Auto Repairs*.

Entries: TTM 34

Weather: See report below

BMW Challenge: 12

Flies: Blown away!



It was with some trepidation that everyone arrived at Mallala as the weather forecast was not encouraging – very strong winds and storms with heavy rain. Practice and the first two events were held on a dry track with strong easterly winds. Half way through Heat 1, the rain arrived, affecting Group B. It then stayed fine and warm for the rest of the day, with the wind turning northerly and strengthening from Heat 3 onwards.

**HEAT 1**, 8 laps – 1<sup>st</sup> Juris Kuznecovs *Lotus Exige 380 Sport*, 31 pts; 2<sup>nd</sup> Kristen Bailey *Mitsubishi Magna*, 35 pts; 3<sup>rd</sup> John Tiller *Mazda MX5*, 52 pts; 4<sup>th</sup> John Ellis *Holden Commodore VX*, 59 pts: *Juris, Kristen, John and one other driver scored one 0 pts lap.*

**HEAT 2**, 3 laps – 1<sup>st</sup> Neil Martin *Triumph TR7V8*, 6 pts; 2<sup>nd</sup> Sandy Watters *Peugeot 206 Gti*, 13 pts; 3<sup>rd</sup> Juris Kuznecovs 13 pts; 4<sup>th</sup> Katrina Nelson *Peugeot 206 Gti*, 14 pts: *Neil scored two 0 pts laps and Sandy, Juris and two other drivers scored one 0 pts lap.*

**HEAT 3**, 9 laps – 1<sup>st</sup> Jayden Catalano *Mazda 6*, 56 pts; 2<sup>nd</sup> Duane Gent *Holden Commodore VE*, 65 pts; 3<sup>rd</sup> Kristen Bailey 73 pts; 4<sup>th</sup> Gary Owen *Toyota 86*, 91 pts: *Jayden scored two 0 pts laps and Duane, Gary and four drivers scored one 0 pts lap.*

**HEAT 4**, 6 laps – 1<sup>st</sup> Scott Brownridge *Mitsubishi Lancer*, 32 pts; 2<sup>nd</sup> Fiona McCubbin-Mee *Mazda 2*, 33 pts; 3<sup>rd</sup> Brett Watters, *Peugeot 308 Gti*, 36 pts; 4<sup>th</sup> Neil Martin 39 pts: *Scott and one other driver scored one 0 pts lap.*

Congratulations to the *Meeting* placegetters: 1<sup>st</sup> Gary Owen 217 pts; 2<sup>nd</sup> Kristen Bailey 248 pts; 3<sup>rd</sup> Brett Watters, 254 pts; 4<sup>th</sup> Duane Gent 272 pts; 5<sup>th</sup> John Tiller 281 pts.

The **2022 TTM Trophy winners** are: 1<sup>st</sup> Anthony Verner 311.5 pts; 2<sup>nd</sup> Gary Owen 246 pts; 3<sup>rd</sup> Sandy Watters 234.5 pts; 4<sup>th</sup> Fiona McCubbin-Mee 214 pts; 5<sup>th</sup> John Tiller, 201.5pts.

This was also the final of the **2022 Men's Trophy**: 1<sup>st</sup> Brett Watters, 14 pts; 2<sup>nd</sup> Anthony Verner 13 pts; 3<sup>rd</sup> Gary Owen 12 pts; 4<sup>th</sup> Darren Davey 8 pts.

This was also the final of the **2022 BMW Regularity Challenge**

**HEAT 1**, 5 laps - 1<sup>st</sup> Tony Hixson *BMW 528i*, 28 pts; 2<sup>nd</sup> Michael Myllynen *BMW E30*, 51 pts; 3<sup>rd</sup> Phillip Scadding *Toyota MR2*, 51 pts; 4<sup>th</sup> Andrew Rogers *Renault Megane*, 63 pts: *Michael and one other driver scored one 0 pts lap and one other driver scored two 0 pts laps.*

**HEAT 2**, 9 laps – 1<sup>st</sup> Craig Florance *BMW E30 325i*, 247 pts; 2<sup>nd</sup> Philip Martin *BMW 318i*, 261 pts; 3<sup>rd</sup> Phillip Scadding 266 pts; 4<sup>th</sup> Tony Hixson 266 pts.

**HEAT 3**, 4 laps – 1<sup>st</sup> Philip Martin 27 pts; 2<sup>nd</sup> Phillip Scadding 52 pts; 3<sup>rd</sup> Julie Pfennig *BMW E21*, 73 pts; 4<sup>th</sup> Anthony Pascoe *BMW M4*, 90 pts: *Julie scored one 0 pts lap.*

**HEAT 4**, 6 laps – 1<sup>st</sup> Michael Myllynen 35 pts; 2<sup>nd</sup> Philip Martin 38 pts; 3<sup>rd</sup> Phillip Scadding 52 pts; 4<sup>th</sup> Craig Florance 64 pts: *Philip Martin scored three 0 pts laps and Michael and Craig scored one 0 pts lap.*

Congratulations to the *Meeting* placegetters: 1<sup>st</sup> Philip Martin 413 pts; 2<sup>nd</sup> Phillip Scadding 421 pts; 3<sup>rd</sup> Craig Florance 581 pts; 4<sup>th</sup> Andrew Rogers 587 pts

The **2022 Rookies Challenge winners** are: 1<sup>st</sup> Philip Martin 218.5 pts; 2<sup>nd</sup> Phillip Scadding 154.5 pts; 3<sup>rd</sup> Mario Fiore 126 pts; 4<sup>th</sup> Craig Florance 119 pts.

And so another year's competition was successfully completed.

Congratulations to ALL the heat winners and especially the Overall Trophy winners in all categories – well done!

And thank you for supporting motor sport through the Austin 7 Club in South Australia.

*Barry Frost*

# People's Choice

## COMMUNITY LOTTERY

Once again, the Austin 7 Club of SA Inc. has registered with the Peoples Choice Community Lottery. It is registered under the name of our motorsport arm **Track Time Motorsport**. This is a fantastic offer from Peoples Choice with 100% of ticket sales being returned to the nominated club. People's Choice, along with their proud business and media partners, facilitate the Community Lottery's administration, advertising, prizes, and tickets so that community groups participating can pocket 100% of every \$2 ticket sold!

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**INCLUDING:**

**69<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Club 1953 to 2022**

**100<sup>th</sup> Year of the Austin 7 1922 to 2022**

**90<sup>th</sup> Year of the Austin 10 1932 to 2022**

**70<sup>th</sup> Year of the Austin A30 1952 to 2022 and the**

**60<sup>th</sup> Year of the Austin Freeway 1962 to 2022**



On a balmy late October morning (the 23<sup>rd</sup> to be precise) it started to rain. But the rain was light and steady, with no wind, just perpendicular rain pattering on the grounds of the clubrooms. Austins began to arrive and duly parked around the grounds the rain continued. The coffee van run by Chris & Jess Seidel was set up near the spares shed and proved to be a popular gathering point. The coffee was at no cost to attendees as the kitchen area of the clubrooms was out of bounds due to Tony Morgan and his helpers providing today's lunch. Numbers of Austins arriving increased and Ian Motley even set up his tent near his van to display his race Austin 7 and trophies won at race meetings another popular point of interest. Friendly faces gradually gathered in the drizzly rain upon their arrival and chatter could be heard from all, while the number of Austins was not quite the numbers expected members who said they were coming turned up. A good roll up of Austin 7's lined up in the centre of the forecourt of the clubrooms. We did have samples of the Austin 10; the A30 in two styles and an Austin Freeway. Soon it was lunch time and Tony and his assistants came to the fore with an excellent lunch served efficiently from the servery.

With the arrival of our Club Patron, the Hon. Stephen Mullighan, Club President, Graham welcomed him to the Clubrooms. After a short formal speech, Stephen chatted with many members and as the rain eased was invited by Club Secretary, Brenton into his Austin 10 for a run around the large block.

I would like to thank everyone who came along on the day which despite the damp weather turned out to be a pretty good day. Thanks to Tony and his team of caterers and to Chris & Jess of Sugar Coated Coffee, I'd like to do this again in 2023 for the Club's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday. So, make a date for Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> October where we'll do it all again, perhaps without the rain. David Searles-Editor and general photo taker for these Journals.







David Biven arrived in his Austin 10 2 seater dicky tourer with uncleaned wheels having just returned from the Red Dust Revival at Lake Perkolilli in WA.











2022 has been an eventful year for Austin 7s, here is a wrap-up of some of the local celebrations for the Centenary of the Austin 7.

**At Keswick for the VSCC display on 20 March**



**At Sporting Car Club's Historic Hillclimb Collingrove on 2 October**



**At the John Blanden Climb to the Eagle morning tea stop on 4 November.**





On Friday evening 18 November the A7 Club was invited to the meeting of the Veteran & Vintage Section of the Sporting Car Club where there were five Austin 7s on display. Each owner gave a short talk about their Austin 7. The segment of the meeting closed with a rousing rendition of Happy Birthday and cutting and consumption of a birthday cake. Thanks to Scott Appleyard in organising this event for us and to the Sporting Car Club for the invitation.



**Ian Wilson talking about his 1926 Chummy,**



**Malcolm Lake talking about his 1929 A7 Cup Special**



**Ian Motley talking about his A7 Racer #73**



Breakfast Run on Sunday 20 November at The Farm Willunga.



Austin 7 Technical Night Monday 28 November at the Clubrooms.





Christmas at the Clubrooms, Saturday 10 December 2022





Willunga Hillclimb Sunday 11 December , High St near The Old Bush Inn



Brett Watters attended the meet with his Peugeot 306GTi6



And a member from a bygone era, Ian Statham, still with Mitsi Bits



# Proposed 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Austin 7 Club Run to Marree via Farina Bakery and other eateries.

## 17 to 23 June 2023

To commemorate the Club's 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2023 it is proposed do go for a drive via the Flinders Ranges to Farina and Marree.

The event is open to all members and is open to any vehicle you are happy to drive the distance in the middle of winter.

Members towing a Camper or Caravan are also welcome to fit into the program, obviously the club will not be making any accommodation bookings for you, but if you advise of your attendance we can make extra arrangements regarding meals at certain locations.

Those driving a vehicle of the 20's or 30's like an Austin 7, are encouraged to do so, as the timing of this event is factored around these vehicles.

The event is over 7 days, will cover about 700 kms to our destination of Marree and another 700 Kms or so for the return home which in the main will be on sealed roads (except as indicated below).

The secondary reason for the trip is to purchase a loaf of bread from the Farina Bakery which will be open on our arrival.

So, the program, which is subject to accommodation availability is as follows:

**Day 1 Saturday 17 June:** Adelaide to Burra 160 km

OVERNIGHT AT: Paxton Cottages. Ph. 0488 513 101

**Day 2 Sunday 18 June** Burra to Blinman 342 Km

Lunch at Cradock Hotel Ph. 08 8648 4107 Stopping to view the Flinders at Hucks Lookout

OVERNIGHT AT Blinman Hotel

**Day 3 Monday 19 June Blinman** to Marree 214 km travelling the 32 Km through the picturesque Parachilna Gorge, this is unsealed but very do-able, (and really highlights the beauty of the Flinders in our cars). Lunch at Farina Bakery where they will be expecting us.

Next two nights at Marree Hotel Ph.08 8675 8344

**Day 4 Tuesday 20 June**

At Marree, "a day of touring and looking around". If people feel inclined, they could also do a flight over Lake Eyre as the Marree Hotel has aircraft doing joy flights (this would need to be booked well in advance).

Total distance to Marree around 716 KMs.

### Return journey

**Day 5 Wednesday 21 June**

Marree to Hawker via Farina for morning tea or to pick up more fresh bread or visit Talc Alf (outback Art Gallery) at Lyndhurst.

Lunch at the Prairie Hotel at Parachilna.

In Hawker, Jeff Morgan (Tony's Brother) has a fantastic Art Gallery and has offered to cook a sausage sizzle for us so this could be our tea.

OVERNIGHT AT Hawker Hotel. Kms 271

**Day 6 Thursday 22 June**

Breakfast at the Flinders Food Company in Hawker.

Hawker to Burra via Quorn, Wilmington. with Wirrabara or Stone Hut for lunch.

Evening meal at a Burra Pub, OVERNIGHT AT Paxtons, Burra 273 Kms

**Day 7 Friday 23 June**

Burra to Adelaide 160 km

Total Return Journey about 700 Kms

Expressions of Interest can be forwarded to David Searles by email to [dsearles10@bigpond.com](mailto:dsearles10@bigpond.com)



**FOR SALE:** Five 1932 Austin 10 wheels 4.00 X 19 inch, powder coated in black some 30 years ago and showing no signs of deterioration (except a bit of dust on them). The wheels have never been fitted with tyres. The rims and plenty of wheel nuts, are free to someone who is restoring an early Austin 10, but \$500 if you just want to on-sell them. If an interstate or overseas person desires these wheels, the cost is just the freight to get them from Adelaide to wherever. Please contact the editor of this magazine whose details appear on page two.



**FOR SALE :** 1937 Austin 7 Open Road Tourer  
In excellent condition. \$15,000  
Location: Northern Adelaide. Contact Joan Watters 0419 825 871





# The Austin Seven in Print

This original talk was given by the author, Ron Burchett, to members of the Austin 7 Club of South Australia on 13 August 1984. A comprehensive book list (*updated on the 12th of August 1998*) follows this transcript. Finding some of these older books can be a problem, one shop in Australia that sources a number of these is 'The Pitstop Bookshop', while in the U.K. Richard Hunt's Vintage Motorshop at 749 Bradford Road, Bartley West Yorkshire is a good bet.

"This talk is aimed at sports cars/special building, but a lot of what will be said is equally relevant to the maintenance of touring cars.

The array of literature available for reference is quite impressive and perhaps bewildering to some. As an indication the lists I have prepared as hand-outs tonight comprise over two pages of close type, and the list covers only the better known writings.

Firstly, let me make it clear that there was never any such thing as a factory Austin Seven workshop manual. To the best of my knowledge the Austin Works at Longbridge did not start to produce manuals for their products until the advent of the Eight and Ten in 1938. For the Seven the closest they got to a manual was the regular issue to the trade distributors of monthly Service Journals from April 1927 on. These covered model changes, service operations, complaints and promotional literature and were not normally available to the public.

Quite early (1927), a very practical down-to-earth little book written in quaint layman's language was produced by one T R Nicholson, and this evolved through some six editions and sold many thousands. These are still obtainable in the late (6th) edition but the earlier ones are quite rare and have become collectors' items. In 1935 a man called Goodwin wrote another handbook which was published by Pitman. This book deals with day-to-day care and routine maintenance of your Seven without going into detail of major overhauls. This book also went through several editions and in 1944 was revised by Abbey and became "The Book of the Austin Seven and Eight".

If you were blessed with a Baby Austin in the thirties then you had to rely on the makers handbook and spare parts book supplemented by handbooks like Pitman and Nicholson, and with reference to general books like Newnes "Modern Motor Repair".

It is strange in retrospect that for a vehicle which was produced in such large numbers, nearly 300,000 over a span of some 16 years that the owner-driver was expected to make do with the handbook and parts book supplied with the car and any other unofficial independent literature he could gather.

Since that time, it is probable that more books, articles etc. have been written about the Austin Seven than any other car in history perhaps with the exception of the Model T Ford. Still stranger is the fact that a large proportion of those writings were prompted by and centred upon special building and tuning when the car was never intended for such purposes.

This started in the late 40s and early 50s after World War II when in England people turned their attention back to motor sport and the 750 Motor Club fostered the 750 formula, aimed at cheap motor sport based on Austin Sevens, which could be bought for 10 a pop at the time. Over that period just about everything that it was possible to try and do was tried and done, and this is evidenced in the 750 Motor Club publications starting with the Special Builders' Guide 1st Ed 1954 through to the Austin Seven Companion. In particular, the articles by Jack French on "simplicity" are compulsory reading for special builders and home mechanics alike. Graphic descriptions of bending framework and panels around suitably shaped trees and straightening bent chassis by driving a laden truck over it are common. Around the same time Holland Birkett wrote his classic article "The Austin Seven from the Special Builder's Angle" in English "Motor Sport" (May 1950) - this also is essential reading.

Also in the early 50's, one JH (John) Haynes wrote and published two very handy little guides, "How to Build Austin Specials" and "Building a 750 Special". Both these have long been out of print but, are useful references if you can get them. Like many others who commenced ventures associated with Austin Sevens, J Haynes went on to become a leading publisher of high standard workshop manuals.

Following these, in 1958 L M (Bill) Williams, the proprietor of Cambridge Engineering, wrote his standard reference book "Austin Seven Specials". The title is perhaps a bit misleading as, while covering



the refinements associated with special building, the book provides an excellent reference for major overhaul, maintenance, and tuning of touring cars. A later revision of this book is still available new. In recent years, with the final recognition and acceptance of the fact that the Austin Seven is a true thoroughbred and a very collectable motor car there have been several major additions to Austin Seven literature. First was Wyatt's book "Austin Seven - Motor for the Millions" published in 1968 and now into a third edition. This one traces the history of the Seven model by model and has become another standard reference.

The most significant recent publication has been the "Austin Seven Companion" compiled by members of the 750 Motor Club and in effect collecting in one volume the fruits of some 40 years of experience and development together with hitherto undocumented subjects such as gearbox overhaul and car electrical systems - truly an Austin Seven Bible.

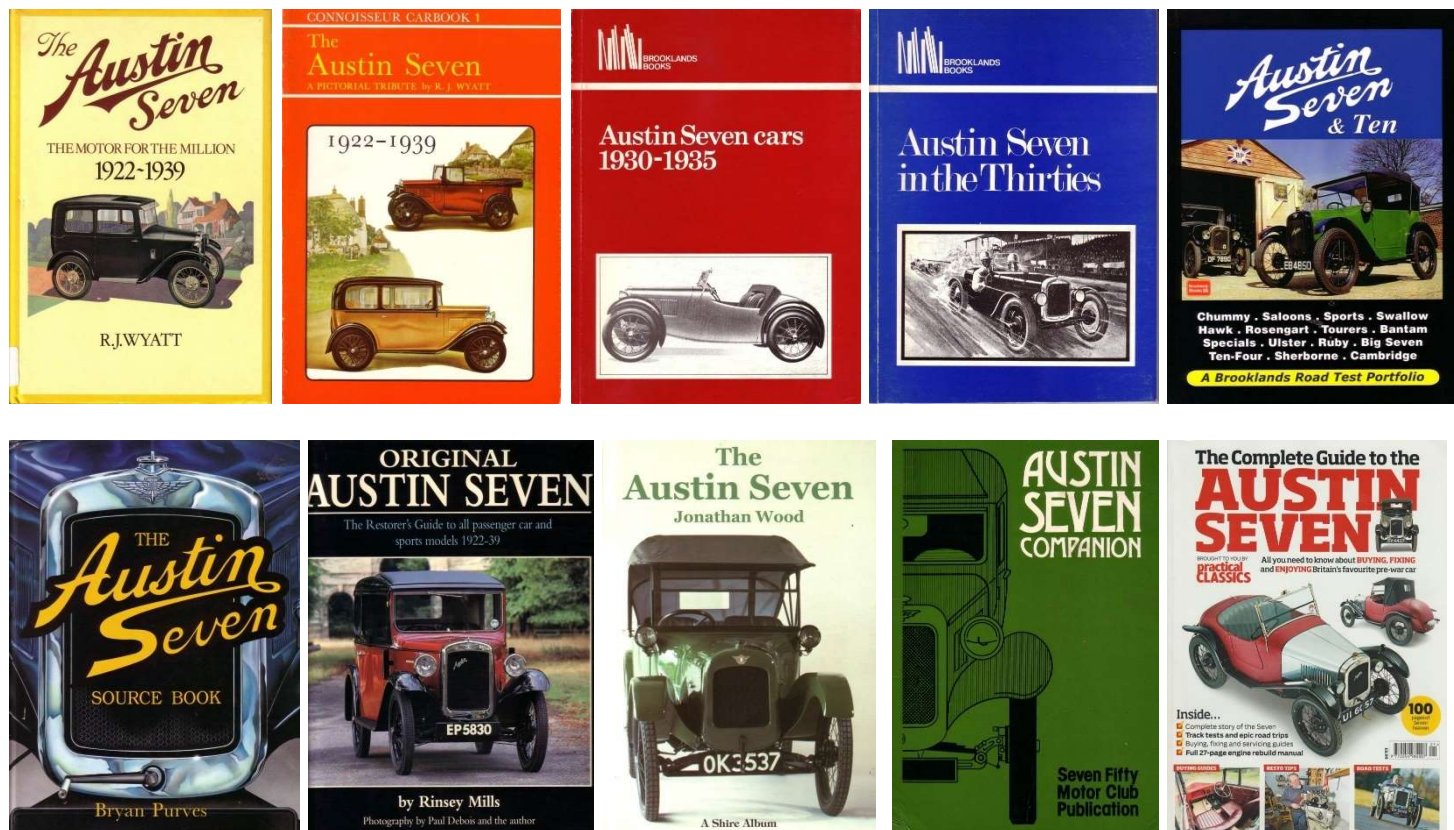
Close on the heels of the release of the Companion came the reprint of the factory Service Journals arranged by Dave Williams of the Seven Workshop, and now newly released we have the Parts Book/Catalogue complete with exploded assembly drawings in the modern fashion from the John Platts Austin Seven Centre in Bristol.

For anybody starting from scratch, whether home mechanic or special builder, if I had to recommend one book, I would have to advise the "Austin Seven Companion". If looking for further detail, then I would suggest the likes of the Service Journals Reprint and Williams "Austin Seven Specials". The new Parts Book/Catalogue from John Platts should also be considered.

For the special builder, Chris Gould's book is also recommended. After that, the field broadens, and it becomes a matter of reading anything that you can get your hands on.

Most of the writings of the 50s have been out-of-print for many years and have become collectors' items, some quite rare and expensive. However, in these days of very efficient photo-copiers, it is often possible to obtain copies of these rare items when required.

In closing might I say that I am sure that the last word has still to be written on the Austin Seven, and that new items will continue to be published in years to come as long as the cars continue to exist."





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