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The Editor's 1928 Chummy stopped on a traffic island at Woodville Park.

# Austin 7 Journals

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## A Word from GB



Much has happened in my life in the past two months. Carol my wife and I have travelled New Zealand to join a Coach tour for 19 days visiting both North and South Islands. There was a lot of devastation to the roads and we were held up every day with road works and road closures in particular in the North Island. On the South Island we visited the only Castle in New Zealand called Larnach. As I was suffering with a back complaint I did not go on the guided tour of the castle and was outside on the front lawn when a P76 car turned up. Then to my surprise there were another 20 following. These were on a visit to the castle for a photo shoot. Talking to some of the owners I discovered that they have 60 cars in their club and are planning a trip to Sydney next year bringing their cars to Australia by ship.



There have been three changes at the club and a fair amount of work in the garden area. The bushes along the side fence have been removed and four stumps removed. The bushes had developed sooty mould, on its branches which deposited black powder and stained the fence. Darryl has pressure cleaned the fence and the garden area is now starting to look respectable.

The Austin 7 Club Race Timing Clock made by Bruce Ide for the Austin 7 Club Timing Team has been erected at the Clubrooms adjacent to the covered barbecue area. The clock was used by the Timing Team at various venues including Port Wakefield and latterly Mallala Motorsport Park before the advent of electronic timing devices. This has given us some more space in the storeroom and allows members to see the old timing clock displayed.

The sliding door to the side of the hall has been fitted with an electric roller shutter to cut out the extreme heat during summer and to also make the side door more secure when no one is there. It also allows us to remove the plastic inside blinds that were damaged by the chairs being pushed into them.

Just to let you know I will be a little quiet at doing jobs at the club over the next couple of months as I am having a major operation on my back, however in the meantime, I welcome all new members to the Austin 7 Club and wish you well in your stay with us.

**Graham Buesnel**  
**President**



## COMING EVENTS FOR 2023

### April 2023

- 16 A7 Club Day Run to St Kilda 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 Run to Hahndorf, contact Andrew Dawes for details of this event.
- 8 Monthly Club Meeting at 7.30pm.
- 16 Leisure Run
- 21 A7 Club Event – A Funkhana will be held at Kersbrook Oval. Ralph Drage will advise details to members by email soon.
- 22 Technical Night
- 27-28 Historic Winton

### June 2023

- 4 TTM Regularity #3
- 5 Committee Meeting
- 12 Monthly Club Meeting at 7.30pm. preceded by meal at Clubrooms.
- 17/23 Austin 7 Club SA Inc 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday drive to Farina & Marree via Blinman & Flinders Ranges. Any enquiries regarding this event to David Searles
- 18 Club event at the clubrooms
- 26 Technical Night

### July 2023

- 3 Committee Meeting
- 10 Monthly Club Meeting at 7.30pm.
- 18 Leisure Run
- 23 Hills Luncheon, this event is usually to somewhere in the Adelaide Hills but occasionally further afield, details soon.
- 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.
- 15/18 Border Run with Vic/SA A7C
- 19 Leisure Run
- 24 Federation Picnic Day to Macclesfield. This event previously held at Wirrina is a free picnic style gathering of members of Federation Clubs.
- 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
- 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, this date may change due to the organiser attending the Supercars. Watch out for any movement of this event.
- 27 Technical Night

### December 2023

- 4 Committee Meeting
- 10 Christmas Function at Mawson Lakes Hotel.
- 11 Monthly Club Meeting at 7.30pm.



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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 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)



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)

Andrew for this year is also organising the Pre-war Austin Run to the Adelaide Hills staying overnight at the Hahndorf Mill Motel on Saturday 6 May and Sunday 7 May 2023.

A deposit to the A7 Club of \$50 is required to secure your booking for this relaxing weekend in the Adelaide Hills. Please contact him on the above number.

### Advance Notice

The Annual Austin 7 Clubs SA & Victoria's Border Run is going to be held during the period of Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September to Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023. Tentative arrangements are being formulated which could see the Friday departees travel to Naracoorte for an overnight stop before heading to Mount Gambier on the Saturday. Members departing Saturday from Adelaide would drive direct to Mount Gambier.

The Annual Border Runs have been part of the Austin 7 Clubs SA & Victorian calendars since 1955 and with a couple of years of absence this will be the 65<sup>th</sup> time we have gathered at somewhere near our state border. As this event is a package of accommodation and meals costings aren't as cheap as they used to be, however please keep this event in mind for your attendance when final details are announced.



# 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Austin 7 Club S.A. run to Marree via Farina Bakery and other eateries. 17 to 23 June 2023



**Day 1 Saturday 17 June:** Adelaide to Burra 160 km  
OVERNIGHT AT: Paxton Cottages.

**Day 2 Sunday 18 June** Burra to Blinman 350 km  
Lunch at Cradock Hotel then stopping to view the Flinders at Hucks Lookout  
OVERNIGHT AT Blinman Hotel

**Day 3 Monday 19 June** Blinman to Marree 210 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

**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).  
Scenic air flights: <https://aridair.com.au/marree/>  
Total distance to Marree 720 km.

## 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. 270 km

**Day 6 Thursday 22 June** Breakfast at the Flinders Food Company in Hawker.  
To Burra via Quorn, Wilmington, Wirrabara & Stone Hut for lunch. Then Gladstone, Georgetown, Gulnare, Spalding and Burra.  
Evening meal at a Burra Pub .  
OVERNIGHT AT Paxtons, Burra 280 km

**Day 7 Friday 23 June**  
Burra to Adelaide 160 km Total Return Journey 710 kms

If coming on this event, you will need to confirm your accommodation by contacting the following places.

Day 1 Saturday 17 June Burra Paxton Cottages on 0488 513 101  
Also book for Day 6 Thursday 22 June

Day 2 Sunday 18 June Blinman Hotel on 08 8648 4867

Day 3 Monday 19 June Marree Hotel on 08 8675 8344

Also book for Day 4 Tuesday 20 June

Day 5 Wednesday 21 June Hawker Hotel on 08 8648 4102



After confirming your accommodation, please let me know so that I can monitor progress of numbers coming on this event. To date there are 15 people coming driving 9 vehicles staying in the above accommodation.

There is no close-off date for this event, if coming, please arrange your accommodation as soon as possible. If caravanning or bringing a swag please let me know by end of May so that you can be included in any meals (if required) at venues listed. A further four people in two vehicles have indicated their independent attendance.

Thank You

David S – Editor Ph 0408 700 047

## PAST EVENTS

### Australia Day Run Thursday 26 January 2023

In recent years the Australia Day Run has been to Walker Flat for a picnic event hosted by the Murray Mallee Auto Club. However, as Walker Flat was under water this year their event was cancelled so we conducted our own run.

On a warm, but not over-hot morning, twenty members/wives/partners met at the Tower Hotel, Magill. The 12 cars that carried us to the destination included a variety of “old” cars, including Eric van Kruyssen and Dianne in their '38 Austin 8 tourer (Eric joined the Club in April last year) as well as four Austin 7s which were quite an attraction as we motored past the Scenic Hotel at Norton Summit. Among the 7s was Rob Stephens (who joined the Club only 4 weeks ago) in his nice “7”. Welcome Eric, Dianne and Rob.

After leaving the Tower Hotel carpark we had an 8 kilometre up-hill run to Norton Summit. I must admit I was a bit worried about the 7s making the climb without difficulty (the first time I drove that road in my 16 on a fairly warm day it vapourised so severely I had to make a risky u-turn, glide down the hill and try another route to my destination). No such problem on this day – everybody got to Norton Summit in very good time with no difficulties reported.

From there it was mostly down-hill, along Marble Hill Road and Montacute Road, then to the Thorndon Park reserve for a picnic lunch. Although the park was reasonably crowded, we found a good shady spot for lunch and to relax for the afternoon.

The Rotary Club of Morialta runs a Rubber Duck Race at the Park each Australia Day. They have over 2,500 rubber ducks which are numbered, “sold” for 4 for \$10, and then raced in heats down a winding channel over about 100 metres. Prizes range from \$50 to \$1,000 for the grand final race-off. Good fun and raising money for worthwhile Rotary causes.

Overall, we all had a pleasant day which gave members the opportunity to give their vintage and classic cars a run.

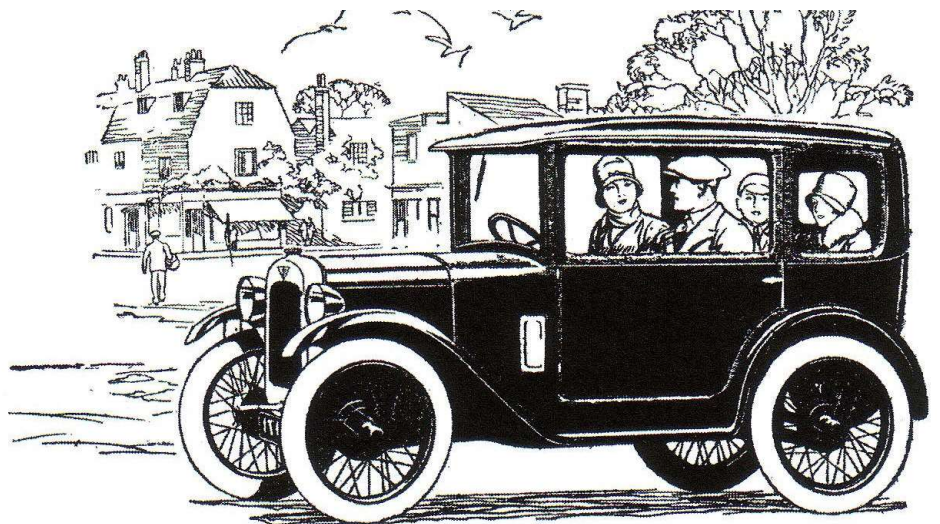






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## The 2022 *Track Time Motorsport* Awards

On Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2023, the **A7C/Track Time Motorsport Regularity Awards** for 2022 were held at the Royal Coach Motel. Organised by Tony Morgan, the night attracted 70 guests, including A7CSA President Graham Buesnel, Motorsport Australia Board member Kristen Bailey and former Vice-President of Motorsport Australia Bob Piper. Also present were drivers, crew, wives, husbands, friends and officials, for a 3-course meal. All were entertained before the presentations with quizzes and other prize-giving revelry, with two ladies at our table getting what they wanted – a toy elephant and an outfit- matching tiger!!

Then “Pass-the-Parcel” game caused many laughs – especially as there were lots of contenders for “the shiniest bald head” choice!

Tony thanked our sponsors – *Hampstead Auto Repairs*, *Amcomm Technologies*, *United Petroleum*, *Highland Titles* and *Little Gem Photography* - for their support of our meetings; and *Darryl Brigg* for the *Ladies* and *Men’s Trophy* awards and for supplying cars for several of the Ladies; and also thanked officials from SAMROA, *Women for Wheels*, the *SA Motorsport Scrutineer’s Association* and the *A7C timing team* for their continuing support.

The draw for new Highland Titles saw Josephine Zollo and Graham Buesnel being elevated to Lady and Lord respectively.

Before the awards presentations began, Tony noted that in 2022 there were 80 drivers competing in the six meetings held over the year, and that the scheduled December meeting was cancelled due to the return of the V8 Supercars to the Adelaide circuit.

With the use of vision from various drivers and other sources, Tony again showcased his excellent videoing and editing skills with the film/soundtrack of the year’s events.

Representing Hampstead Auto Repairs, *Dave Zollo* presented the placegetter’s trophies from the individual meetings, including -

**A7C Championship:** 1<sup>st</sup> John Ellis, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sandy Watters, 3<sup>rd</sup> Craig Marshman and then *Graham Buesnel* presented the annual trophies to the following -

### **2022 TTM Trophy**

1<sup>st</sup> Anthony Verner, 2<sup>nd</sup> Gary Owen, 3<sup>rd</sup> Sandy Watters

### **2022 TTM Rookies Cup**

1<sup>st</sup> Sam West, 2<sup>nd</sup> Simon Layne, 3<sup>rd</sup> Scott Brownridge

### **2022 BMW Regularity Challenge**

1<sup>st</sup> Phil Martin, 2<sup>nd</sup> Phil Scadding, 3<sup>rd</sup> Mario Fiore

*Darryl Brigg* then presented the following-

### **2022 TTM Ladies Trophy**

1<sup>st</sup> Fiona McCubbin-Mee, 2<sup>nd</sup> Katrina Nelson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Kathryn Page

### **2022 TTM Gentleman’s Trophy**

1<sup>st</sup> Brett Watters, 2<sup>nd</sup> Anthony Verner, 3<sup>rd</sup> Gary Owen

These winners were recorded for posterity by our photographer Lesley Little, and are available on [www.littlegemphotography.com.au](http://www.littlegemphotography.com.au).

To round out the evening, Tony then presented a series of “special awards”, which had been highlighted on the video, show-casing various “oooops” moments by drivers and crews – all were well received and gave a comic relief to the end of the trophy giving.

So everyone enjoyed an entertaining night, with sincere congratulations to all winners.

## **Barry and Rae Frost**



*A selection of trophy winners at the TTM Awards night.*







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## TTM Regularity Trophy - Round 1, February 12 at Mallala

Entries: TTM 31

Rookies: 1

Weather: Fine and warm

Flies: Still away on holidays!

Our sponsors were Hampstead Auto Repairs, Highland Titles and Darryl Brigg.

*Note the closeness of the scoring after heat one. After his practice session, the Rookie (Dylan Ballone) was included in the TTM field.*

HEAT 1, 8 laps - 1<sup>st</sup> Steve Conroy Holden Torana LX, 28 pts; 2<sup>nd</sup> Anthony Verner Mercedes Benz SLK 320, 34 pts; 3<sup>rd</sup> Andrew Baohm Holden Monaro, 17 pts; 4<sup>th</sup> Toby Trenwith Mitsubishi Lancer, 40 pts. Anthony and two others scored two 0 pts laps while Andrew and two others scored one 0 pts lap.

HEAT 2, 5 laps - 1<sup>st</sup> Katrina Nelson Peugeot 206Gti, 20 pts; 2<sup>nd</sup> Duane Gent Holden Commodore VE, 21 pts; 3<sup>rd</sup> Anthony Verner 23 pts; 4<sup>th</sup> Scott Brownridge Mitsubishi Lancer, 23 pts. Katrina and one other scored two 0 pts laps; Duane, Scott and three others scored one 0 pts lap.

HEAT 3, 5 laps - 1<sup>st</sup> John Ellis Holden Commodore VX, 15 pts; 2<sup>nd</sup> Allen Hawkins Hyundai Excel, 16 pts; 3<sup>rd</sup> Scott Brownridge 16 pts; 4<sup>th</sup> Andrew Baohm 17 pts. Allen, Scott, Andrew and four others each scored one 0 pts lap.

HEAT 4, 5 laps - 1<sup>st</sup> Sam West Hyundai Excel, 9pts; 2<sup>nd</sup> John Ellis, 9 pts; 3<sup>rd</sup> Allen Hawkins 12 pts; 4<sup>th</sup> Steve Conroy 13 pts. Sam and Allen scored two 0 pts laps; John and five others scored one 0 pts lap.

HEAT 5, 4 laps - This was red flagged when Dylan Ballone rolled his Mitsubishi Lancer at Turn 7, fortunately without serious injury, and the results are as at 4 laps.

1<sup>st</sup> Toby Trenwith 10 pts; 2<sup>nd</sup> John Ellis 10 pts; 3<sup>rd</sup> Sam West 11 pts; 4<sup>th</sup> Juris Kuznecovs, Lotus Exige 380 Sport, 12 pts. John scored two 0 pts laps; Toby, Sam, Juris and three others scored one 0 pts lap.

The meeting points: 1<sup>st</sup> Andrew Baohm 121 pts, 2<sup>nd</sup> Steve Conroy 142 pts, 3<sup>rd</sup> Toby Trenwith 148 pts, 4<sup>th</sup> Anthony Verner 150 pts, 5<sup>th</sup> Allen Hawkins 156 pts.

The **2023 TTM Trophy** : 1<sup>st</sup> Steve Conroy 66 pts, 2<sup>nd</sup> Andrew Baohm 64 pts, 3<sup>rd</sup> John Ellis 61 pts, 4<sup>th</sup> Toby Trenwith 58.5 pts, 5<sup>th</sup> Anthony Verner 54 pts.

This was also Round 1 of the Ladies Trophy.

Heat 1, 8 laps - 1<sup>st</sup> Kristen Bailey Mitsubishi Magna; 2<sup>nd</sup> Julie Olsen Honda Civic; 3<sup>rd</sup> Susan Glasson Nissan Cefiro; 4<sup>th</sup> Kathryn Page Hyundai Excel; 5<sup>th</sup> Katrina Nelson Peugeot 206 Gti.

HEAT 2, 5 laps - 1<sup>st</sup> Katrina Nelson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kristen Bailey, 3<sup>rd</sup> Julie Olsen, 4<sup>th</sup> Susan Glasson, 5<sup>th</sup> Kathryn Page

HEAT 3, 5 laps - 1<sup>st</sup> Katrina Nelson, 2<sup>nd</sup> Julie Olsen, 3<sup>rd</sup> Kristen Bailey, 4<sup>th</sup> Susan Glasson 5<sup>th</sup> Kathryn Page

HEAT 4, 5 laps - 1<sup>st</sup> Kristen Bailey, 2<sup>nd</sup> Katrina Nelson, 3<sup>rd</sup> Kathryn Page

HEAT 5, 4 laps - 1<sup>st</sup> Kathryn Page, 2<sup>nd</sup> Katrina Nelson.

The Ladies meeting points: 1<sup>st</sup> Kathryn Page 561 pts, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kristen Bailey 876 pts, 3<sup>rd</sup> Julie Olsen 960 pts, 4<sup>th</sup> Susan Glasson 1213 pts, 5<sup>th</sup> Katrina Nelson 1446 pts.

The **2023 Ladies Trophy**: 1<sup>st</sup> Kathryn Page 10 pts, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kristen Bailey 8 pts, 3<sup>rd</sup> Julie Olsen 8 pts, 4<sup>th</sup> Susan Glasson 6 pts, 5<sup>th</sup> Katrina Nelson 4 pts.

*Barry Frost*



## After the Flood Run

On 19<sup>th</sup> February 19 people in 11 cars left the Mt Pleasant bakery (of course) and headed for the Murray River to have a look at the result a few weeks after the peak of the flood.

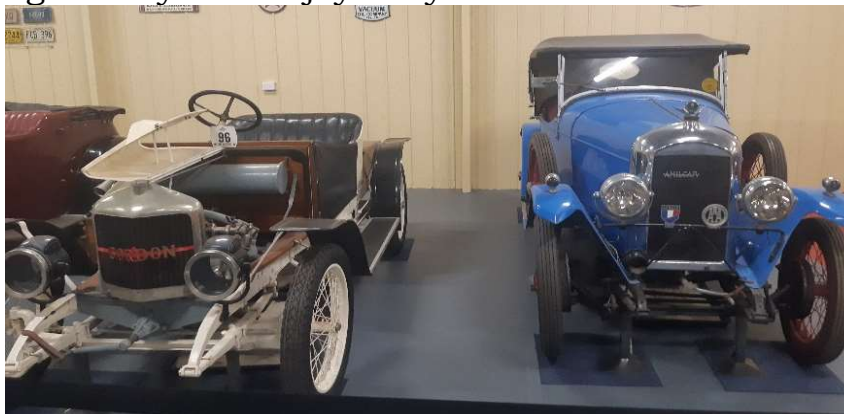
We turned down-river before we got to Mannum to the small shack village of Caloote. You'll see in the photos that little harm had come to most of the residences there. The major problem there was ours – Darryl Byfield's A7 engine locked up. Fortunately, he and Brian Kynaston were able to free it up and rejoined us at Aussie Apricots, in Mypolonga. Aussie Apricots is a family-owned (headed by Kathy and Paul Prosser) apricot orchard which processes its entire crop by drying the fruit and then producing and marketing dried apricot products as well as confections, jams, and so on.

They also have two garages of very collectable cars. One museum houses a collection of American muscle cars which includes Corvette, Stingray, Thunderbird, and several others. Paul's enthusiasm for these cars is evident in his knowledge of them. In the other museum-garage they hold, under a Deed of Trust, an unequalled collection of very old, unique and rare cars. The collection is owned by the Wicks family of Balhannah and includes a 1914 Gordon (the only one in the world) and cars with names of DKW, Turcat-Mery, Brockelbank, Besst Flanders and Amilcar, as well as 2 Chicago built Yellow Taxis of the 1920-24 era (Yellow Cab 99 ran in Adelaide). Fabulous!!

Paul and Kathy are great hosts and not short of a word or two, but very entertaining. I can recommend a visit to Aussie Apricots if you are ever in the area.

As we spent more time there than intended, some people were keen to head back to Adelaide while a few went into Mypolonga to have a look. The "before and after" photos show the river flats under water, so valuable dairy grazing land is unusable until the water recedes and the land dries out. The aerial photo of Murray Bridge (taken off the internet) shows the extent of the flooding near that city.

A good day was enjoyed by all.....Martin Lewis







**Caloote** Before the Flood. The tree on the left is a reference point.



**Caloote** After the Flood. The dark line on the road just above the Road Closed sign is the high water mark, The houses appear to be undamaged.



**Mypolonga** town edge before the flood. The tree line in the far distance is the river's edge



**Mypolonga** approx. the same position Note the farm shed in the centre of the photo



**Mypolonga School** Cricket Practice Pitch Before the Flood



At least the damp soil has greened the turf.



Looking up-river towards  
Murray Bridge, Swanport  
Bridge (Highway 1) in the  
foreground  
(Photographer unknown)





Above: A general view of Caloote and below, at Aussie Apricots Mypolonga.





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## ECHUNGA RECREATION GROUNDS

### 5th MARCH 2023

The 2023 All British Day was held at the Echunga ovals on 5<sup>th</sup> March, with a record entry of 923 British made vehicles. This year ABD featured the Rootes Group of vehicles which includes Hillman, Humber, Sunbeam, Clement-Talbot and Singer cars, Commer trucks and Karrier commercial vehicles. (Sunbeam and Clement-Talbot had merged prior to being taken into the Rootes Group, from which derived the Sunbeam Talbot cars.) In their heyday the car manufacturers that eventually formed the Rootes Group produced a range of everyday, luxury and sporting cars, and popular Commer Trucks. There were some prime examples of each brand on show this year.

In addition, the ABD paid respect to the BSA Bantam motorcycle range. Built between 1948 and 1972, the Bantam was many riders' introduction to motor-cycling. Production records were not kept by BSA but is estimated that over 400,000 Bantams were produced and sent all over the world. In this year's ABD, 85 Bantams were entered. Much nostalgia for many people in seeing that lot.

The Austin7 Club had 32 entries in this year's event, including eight Austin 7s, one Austin 16 (I had to get that one in) and six "other" makes.

Despite one wind squall and a few mild rain showers, the day was pleasant and the cars were viewed by plenty of spectators.....Martin Lewis











A moment to reflect on the passage of time with the attendance of an Austin 7 at the All British Day of Terry Ireland's Austin 7 special URT 777 (entered by Tim Ireland). The three photographs below taken in the fifties are of the same vehicle, at Collingrove and on the 1959 Border Run. Nice to see the Austin 7 still here and mobile.



IRELAND BERRY B. WENT D. OVERALL



SOUTH AUSTRALIAN'S



Terry IRELAND AUSTIN 7





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Dear All British Day Entrants,

A belated but grateful thank you to everyone who participated at All British Day this year, either as a loyal entrant or possibly as a first-time attendee. The feedback we had on our new date has been well received.

There were many positive responses made on the day to the committee. We were delighted with the rich diversity of vehicles on display and the number of entrants and spectators for ABD 2023. Given the passage of time since our last physical event in 2020, the spectator attendance of approximately 4000 exceeded our expectations.

The Rootes Group did the Coventry City of Motoring theme credit with their comprehensive display of sports cars, saloons and commercial vehicles. The Triumph Riders Club also presented an excellent display of past and present Triumph motorcycles. These displays, complementing fifty other clubs in attendance, were an excellent celebration of British craftsmanship to the many spectators.

You may recall our attempt to beat a record set in the UK with 82 BSA Bantams at one event. With the aid of the Mayor of the Mt Barker Council, I am most pleased to advise that we had 83 Bantams on display at Echunga! This was an excellent result for the Australian BSA Bantam Community, both locally and interstate. Thank you to the many who owners who travelled from afar to participate.

For All British Day 2024, our 40th year, we would like to celebrate MG's rich history. We also intend to accommodate the motorcycle community with our British Motorcycle Muster. We have the drive, momentum and passion to head into 2024 and celebrate the British vehicle industry! Unfortunately, this may not be possible.

**Due to health issues and other commitments, the positions below will become vacant at the Annual General Meeting; there will be NO All British Day in 2024 if we do not fill the following roles.**

Secretary; Entries Coordinator; Programme /Print Coordinator; Marshal Coordinator; and, at least two general committee members.

Most people I speak to enjoy ABD and there are many positives the event brings to both the British vehicle clubs and the local community groups. We have endured so much in the past two years and it would be a pity for the momentum to stop for want of volunteers.

ABD has its history as a day put on by the clubs for the clubs and I hope you, as a club member reading this sees the merit in joining the committee and consider coming forward. It is not hard or complicated, and it is rewarding, and **all** are welcome to join. I will not sugar-coat it, if these positions are not filled at our AGM, I cannot see how ABD can continue.

The AGM will be held on **Tuesday, 11 April 2023, at 7.00 pm at the Sporting Car Club, King William Road, Unley.** - (By the time you read this the AGM would have been held, the ABD can still be contacted if you would like to volunteer – Ed)

Yours faithfully

Jamie Sandford-Morgan, President, All British Day



The Technical Night Monday 27 March was a visit to Paint Supplies Hendon, where twenty -five members assembled at Gary Johanson's Paint Supplies outlet. The evening turned out to be a very convivial one hosted by Gary. He laid on a variety of refreshments with plenty of local Riverside Pizzas from just down Tapleys Hill Road.





## **50 years ago - Looking back to motor racing in.....1973 at Adelaide International Raceway**

*1973 had five Australian Championship meetings and our A7C Trophy meeting.*

### **February 25 – 10<sup>th</sup> International Tasman Championship and South Pacific Touring Car Series**

A hot and dry day, with big fields and 3 lap records were set.

*Formula Vee Scratch – 6 laps: Len Croughan, Nimbus from L Anthony\*, Elfin and P King, Malmark \*New lap record of 1-09.3*

*Touring and Sports Sedans scratch – 6 laps: Bob Jane, Holden Monaro GTS350 from John Bassett, Ford Escort RS and Malcolm Ramsay, Holden Kingswood*

*Racing Car scratch – 6 laps: Malcolm Ramsay, Birrana 272 from Bruce Allison, Elfin 600 and Brian Shead, Cheetah Toyota*

*Sports Car scratch – 6 laps: W Peacock, Elfin 300 from Bill O’Gorman, Matich SR5 and M Drenth, Trident BMW*

### **“Chesterfield 100” International Tasman Championship - Final Round – 70 laps:**

*John McCormack\* (AUS) Elfin MR5 from Alan Rollinson (GB), Duckhams McRae GM1, Steve Thompson (GB), Chevron B24, Max Stewart (AUS) Lola T300, both 69 laps and Garrie Cooper (AUS) Elfin MR5, 68 laps.*

*\*Race time of 61-06.9, and lap record of 0-50.9 [As in 1972, Graham McRae (NZ)*

*McRae GM, failed to finish but had enough points (40) to again be the Champion*

*from John McCormack 29 pts and Frank Matich (AUS) Matich A50, 27 pts].*

**South Pacific Touring Car Series – 30 laps:** Peter Brock from Colin Bond, both Holden Torana XU1 and Noel Hurd, Valiant Charger [Peter Brock won the series]

*Formula Vee Scratch – 10 laps: L Anthony from Len Croughan and Geoff Davey, Elfin*

*Touring and Sports Sedans scratch –10 laps: Bob Jane from Malcolm Ramsay and John Bassett*

*Racing Car scratch – 10 laps: Leo Geoghegan\*, Birrana 272 from Bruce Allison and Brian Sampson, Speco Toyota \*ANF2 lap record of 0-55.0*

*Sports Car scratch – 10 laps: Bill O’Gorman from W Peacock and Dean Hosking, Asp Clubman*

### **April 4 – Australian Sports Car Championship meeting**

The weather was mild and dry for the second heat of this Championship.

*Sports Car scratch – 6 laps: Henry Michell, Elfin 360 Repco V8 from Stuart Kostera, Matich SR3 and G Crawford, Elva BMW*

*Racing Car scratch – 6 laps: John McCormack from Garrie Cooper and Stan Keen, all Elfin MR5*

*Touring and Sports Sedans scratch – 6 laps: Tom Naughton from Leo Geoghegan, both Porsche 911S and John Kay, Indy Camaro*

*Formula Vee Scratch – 6 laps: G Davey, Elfin from Len Croughan and Ron Miller, Stag*

**Australian Sports Car Championship – Heat 2 – 35 laps:** Lionel Ayres, Renmax Repco from Henry Michell and Ray Strong, Chevron 8 SR5

*[Although a non-starter here, SA driver Phil Moore, Elfin 360 Repco V8, won four of the six heats to win the championship, 52 pts from Lionel Ayres 38 pts and Ray Strong 26 pts]*

*Racing Car scratch – 10 laps: John McCormack from Garrie Cooper and Stan Keen*

*Touring and Sports Sedans scratch – 15 laps: Peter Finch, Indy Camaro from Tom Naughton and Leo Geoghegan*

*Formula Vee Scratch – 10 laps: Len Croughan from Ron Tansell\*, Stag and Geoff Davey*

*\*Equal FV lap record of 1-09.3*

*Sports Car scratch – 6 laps: Henry Michell from Stuart Kostera and Ray Strong*

*Touring and Sports Sedans scratch – 6 laps: Leo Geoghegan from Tom Naughton and Colin Morris, Holden FJ*

*Racing Car scratch – 6 laps: Michael Stillwell, Elfin 622 from Brian Sampson and B Halden, Elfin 600*

## **April 20 – A7CSA Trophy meeting**

Using the short circuit, our Clerk of Course was Rob Brosnan and Secretary of the meeting was Mick Hammond and we had...*“Perfect weather for racing” – from A7Journals #41, July 1973*

*Maxwill Motors Trophy - Touring Cars and*

*Indianapolis Speed Shop Trophy - Sports Sedans, Heat 1- 5 laps:*

*Touring: Mel McEwin from Norma McEwin and Peter Moore, all Toyota Corolla*

*Sports Sedans: Ivan Piatanesi, Austin A30 from Graham Bishop, Morris Mini and*

*Denis Baldock, Ford Anglia*

*FVA of SA Trophy, Formula Vee – 8 laps: Len Croughan from Ron Tansell and Ron Tatzel, both in Stag FV*

*A7 Journals: “.....the usual Vee close finish, Len was 0.1 secs in front of Ron Tansell with Ron Tatzel another 0.1 secs behind...”*

*Port Carriers Pty Ltd Trophy, Sport and Racing Cars - 5 laps: Barry Schrapel\*, Nimbus F3 from Mike Drewer, Asp Clubman and Colin Trengove, Wasp Corolla*

*\*New outright lap record of 0-50.0*

*Ian Richards Transmissions Trophy, Sport and Racing Cars - Division 2 - 5 laps: Peter Hunter, Lotus Super 7 from Ken Parrish and Gary Stevens, both FV*

*A7 Journals: “.....Doug Trengove had his racing A7 entered but only managed 11/2 laps when the crankshaft broke:”*

*Maxwill Motors Trophy - Touring Cars and Indianapolis Speed Shop Trophy - Sports Sedans, Heat 2 - 5 laps:*

*Touring: Norma McEwin from Mel McEwin and Peter Moore*

*Sports Sedans: Ivan Piatanesi from Graham Bishop and Colin Morris*

*Final placings after the two heats:*

*Touring: Norma McEwin from Mel McEwin and Peter Moore*

*Sports Sedans: Ivan Piatanesi from Graham Bishop and Colin Morris*

*BP Wilpena Trophy, Sports Cars – 5 laps: Chris Cole, Capricornia from Peter Hunter and Malcolm Johns, Asp Clubman*

*Esso Mitchell Park Trophy, Racing cars – 5 laps: Barry Schrapel from Colin Trengove and Len Croughan*

*Touring and Sports Sedan Trophy race – 8 laps Touring: 1<sup>st</sup> Morris Earth Movers Trophy – Mel McEwin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Mel McEwin Motors Trophy – Norma McEwin*

*Sports Sedans: 1<sup>st</sup> Australian Motors Trophy - Ivan Piatanesi;*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Fisher Terrace Boat Store Trophy – Kym Sutherland, Holden Torana*

*Sports Car Trophy – 8 laps: 1<sup>st</sup> D Smith & Sons Trophy – Chris Cole*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Parade Motors Trophy – Mike Drewer*

*Racing Car Trophy – 8 laps:*

*1<sup>st</sup> Stan Keen Motors Trophy – Barry Schrapel*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Birrana Cars Trophy – Colin Trengove*

*Shell Woodville North Trophy, Touring and Sports Sedan handicap – 8 laps:*

*Peter Moore from David Perry, Ford Anglia and Mel McEwin*

*A7 Journals: “.....David Perry made the most of his handicap and led to the last corner where he was passed by Peter Moore.....”*

*Shell Blair Athol Trophy, Sports Car Handicap – 6 laps: Mike Drewer from Peter Hunter and Graham Scott, Scott S1*

*A7 Journals: “.....Chris Cole won two scratch races but in the handicap....crashed into the Armco at the pit lane entrance....”*

*Aunger Accessories Trophy Racing Car handicap – 6 laps: Ron Tansell from Colin Trengove and Bernie Stack, Tiger FV*

*TB Continued*

*Barry Frost*



Members may be interested to know that the South Australian Government has commenced its promised SA Car Club Program, which was announced during the campaign leading up to the election. The page below gives a brief outline of the grants program which will run over the next four years.

There are a number of grants that may be accessed by this club under the main grants streams as below. For example the club could ask for a grant for computer equipment or a grant for Regularity or milestone events like the upcoming Austin 7 105 year in 2027. The clubrooms may also be eligible for upgrades which would improve access by members.

Members can access the program from the South Australian Government website [www.dit.sa.gov.au/SACarClubProgram](http://www.dit.sa.gov.au/SACarClubProgram), have a look at it and make a suggestion to the club.

The State Government recognises the pivotal role car and motorcycle clubs provide to the South Australian community and has established the SA Car Club Program (SACCP) to provide \$2 million of funding over four years from 2022-2023. Grants to the value of \$500 000 will be available for each year of the SACCP.

The SACCP aims to support community South Australian car and motorcycle clubs to build capacity, increase participation and better meet their growing operating costs, including managing their role within the conditional registration scheme.

Eligible clubs can apply for grants in one or more of the following streams:

### Who is eligible

Incorporated South Australian not-for-profit car or motorcycle clubs who have a membership base of at least 20 members and have been operating for 12 months or longer.



#### Program, equipment and operational grants

##### Eligible projects include:

- Cost of administering the club's role within the conditional registration scheme.
- Purchase of new safety and operational equipment.
- Systems improvements (e.g., IT systems, software upgrades, membership portals, data collection systems).
- Training of instructors, officials, administrators and volunteers.
- Initiatives to increase female participation rates.

**Estimated application completion time**  
**30 minutes**



#### Events and activities grants

##### Eligible projects include:

- Rallies.
- Race meets.
- Festivals.
- Conferences.
- Exhibitions.
- Car and motorcycle shows.

**Estimated application completion time**  
**2 hours**



#### Infrastructure grants

Applicants must contribute 50% in funding towards the project and have local council support.

##### Eligible projects include:

- Construction or upgrade of clubrooms and facility accessibility.
- Track upgrades and safety barriers.
- Training and driver education facilities.
- Storage upgrades and developments.
- Modifications to ensure that an existing facility meets environmental and Occupational Health and Safety regulations.
- Energy saving initiatives such as the installation of solar panels and batteries, and other innovative smart technologies.

**Estimated application completion time**  
**5 hours**

**Want to discuss a project idea?**  
Contact the Department for Infrastructure and Transport  
SA Car Club Program team:



(08) 7133 2999



DIT.SACarClubEnquiries@sa.gov.au

**Applications open:**  
Saturday, 25 March 2023

**Applications close:** midday  
Monday, 24 April 2023

**Applicants notified:** June 2023



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Life member Murray Lewis, in his Austin 7 Race Car at the 9 chain sprint course at Gawler Belt.  
In 1958, the realignment of the main Gawler-Nuriootpa Highway at Gawler Belt (Willaston) resulted in a stretch of bitumen road being closed off and becoming private property. Successful negotiations with the landowner resulted in this becoming the new site for all 9 chain sprints from 24 August (extract from Austin 7 Club SA 50 years book).

