
"THE LIGHT SHAFT"

September 2021



Joan Leech at the wheel of the monoposto Austin 7 at RobRoy in 1949.

Photo Dacre Stubbs collection - thank you to Martin Stubbs

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More of Jim and Joan Leech car at RobRoy in 1949.

Reportably this car may have been destroyed in one night of madness on the streets of Geelong

Photos Dacre Stubbs collection





Magazine of the Austin 7 Club Inc. In its 72nd year

Foundation Patron of the Club

Col. A C R Waite,(dec.) MC, OStJ, DL, JP, Freeman of the

**City of London 1894—1991., Life member of the British Racing Drivers Club.
Winner of the first Australian Grand Prix.**

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

1	Wed	7	A	M.G.M./Spares
4	Sat	7		Spares/B.B.Q.
5	Sun	7		O.S.T. 10 - Dale Shaw Trial – Rob Roy Frostbite Run, combined with History Tour
11	Sat	7	A	Crazy Whist Night CANCELLED
15	Wed	7	A	H.A.S./Spares
19	Sun	7		O.S.T. 11
29	Wed	7		URRRS

OCTOBER

3	Sun	7	A	Annual Austin 7 Rally
2/3	Sat/Sun		S	Vintage Collingrove
2/3	Sat/Sun	7		O.S.T. 12- Two Day Trial - Gilderoy
6	Wed	7	A	M.G.M./A.G.M./Elections/Spares
9	Sat	7		Spares/B.B.Q
10	Sun	7	A	Jazz/Music at the A7 Clubrooms Bathurst W/E
16	Sat			Club hire – Janne’s All Day Craft Day
20	Wed	7	A	H.A.S./Spares
23/24	Sat-Sun		S	Mt Tarrengower Hill Climb
30	Sat	7		OST End of year/Presentations

The Club's Meeting and Spares Days will recommence, *from time to time*, but with an expectation that everyone will "socially distance".

This use of the Clubrooms is only possible if attendees "CHECK-IN" their attendance with a "QR" code.

Spares Hours Saturday - 12:00 Noon to 2:30pm

NOTE NEW HOURS FOR SPARES

Spares Hours for Hot Air Session. - 7:30pm to 9:00pm sharp

Keep in touch regarding whether other events have been cancelled, rescheduled, or in another format.

The Editor clearly is unable to keep up with the last minute cancellations.

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Copy for Lightshaft **closes** late on

Tuesday 21 September 2021.

Austin Seven Clubs Association

The Online Archive

Handbooks, Parts Books, Body Parts Book and lots more.

Just download it to your computer - all part of our membership of the Association.

More being constantly added.

These references are a great way to identify parts for your Austin7.

Also it may help to determine the year of the various parts.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to your club newsletter, at times like these you may question the need for a club. Clubs whether they be a tennis club, golf club or in our case a car club have one thing in common, that is they are a gathering of people with a common interest. The tennis racket, golf club and the Austin are the cement that binds the members together. Whilst the current restrictions limit what a club can and can't do it is important to focus on the members.

Over the last few months the committee have been able to keep the spare parts operating, all be it in a covid safe limited way. We have been able to report to you the members via zoom for our Monthly General Meetings. We are keen now to introduce a new information service where you the members can help each other. What is required is for members to be prepared to present a short presentation on some aspect of the Austin 7 or OST vehicle they have. This may take many forms, such as body construction, engine reconditioning or electrical aspects. These presentations would be presented via zoom and recorded for future viewings. They would not be restricted in duration time, they can be as short or as long as it takes to present, however no more than say half an hour is recommended. It is proposed to conduct these presentations on the third Wednesday of the month at 3pm. The club will supply the zoom link and assist with any technical issues. This is a great opportunity for the members to have a chat.

Requirements. One club member each month to put their hand up and have a go. Can we please have a member volunteer for **September Wednesday the 15th or 22nd**.

2021 will be fun

Len Kerwood 0419 504 233

Editorial Historical Ramblings

It's interesting to view the list of more or less continuous members, still surviving members, all members before April 1960.

Doug Veel	72
Allan Tyrrell	467
Nhejo	516
Bob Watson	523
Tony Press	529
Hugh Goldup	657
Dennis McIlroy	658
Alec Smart	693
Tony Bradford	697
Rick Perry	705
Brian Hussey	718
Nigel tait	744
David Lowe	765
Ken Innes-Irons	837
Graeme Logan	904

Also interesting to note a few that survive, but are no longer members, but have some contact, or contribution to the club.

John Fleming 23 Donated a pile of historical stuff a couple of years ago

Bevan Fenner 147 Active in AOMC

Bob Riches 177 Donated a whole pile of parts last year

Membership numbers are those as used in the original Club Membership Register, which were in chronological order.

Rob.H.

**THE AUSTIN 7 CLUB ROOMS AND CLUB SPARES
are located at
UNIT 8, 19-23, KYLIE PLACE, CHELTENHAM NORTH.**

All correspondence to the Secretary:

Austin 7 Club Inc. P O Box 462, Moorabbin. Vic 3189

Please do not send mail to clubrooms

Spares are open:-

M.G.M. from 7.30 p.m. to 8.00 p.m.

H.A.S. from 7.45 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. and between 12:30 p.m. and 2:30 p.m. on the Saturday following the M.G.M. (or the following Saturday if the former clashes with a Club Event)

Spares can be ordered by mail from:

Janne and Robert Humphreys, 27 Peters Drive, Cheltenham Vic 3192

Or mailorderparts@austin7club.org

I finally remember what Zoom meetings remind me of.



“Shaun, your glass is empty, will you be having another one?”

“And what would I be doing with two empty glasses?” Shaun replied.

COMING EVENTS

SPARES

To comply with COVID requirements and being fair to others, Graeme Logan has asked that you come to Spares with a list prepared beforehand, to speed up being served, and enable compliance with our COVIDSafe Plan.

Please also be prepared to use the QR Code, from your phone, which saves the Club from needing someone to act as “SIGN-ON MARSHALL”.

OST 10 - DALE SHAW TRIAL

Rob Roy - Sunday 5 September 2021

Clintons Rd ROB ROY Melway Map 265A10.

This is one of our two most important trials of the year, as it celebrates the life of Dale Shaw, who built so many successful Trials cars, but also sprint and racing cars, and was instrumental in freely advising Club Members, and others, on the design of superlative car suspension systems.

CLUB VISITOR

If you know of a Member who is unwell or in Hospital please contact Bruce Walker, our Club Visitor. He will visit or send a card to the Member.

Contact Bruce on brucewalkerartisan@gmail.com

9807 1729 or 0409 410 700.

COMING EVENTS**FROST BITE RUN & HISTORY TOUR****Sunday 5 September 2021**

Deferred from July.

This will be a picnic run, so make your own way to the start at 10:00am, or earlier, at:-

CoCoa MooN CaFé

Cnr Warrandyte Rd & Webb St WARRANDYTE - Melway 23F11

We'll have some morning coffee here, to thaw out the hands and nether regions, and then drive on via a scenic route to ROB ROY, with a few stops and diversions.

Lunch will be a BYO Picnic, at the MG Car Club's Rob Roy Hill Climb circuit, in Clintons Rd ROB ROY Melway 264K9.

Since I've done a FROST DANCE, the remaining part of the day may be somewhat dependant on the weather.

After watching a few Observed Section Trial sections, it is proposed to drive on to either Yarra Glen, or even Healesville for afternoon tea.

Rob. Humphreys 0427 772 281

Colleen dropped a Euro coin, intending it to fall into the blind man's hat on the pavement, but missed. As quick as a flash, he scooped it up and put it in the hat. "You're not blind" she said. "No I'm not" said Paddy, "Its Murphy who's blind. I'm just filling in for him while he's gone to the pictures".

COMING EVENTS

CRAZY WHIST SOCIAL NIGHT at OUR CLUB ROOMS

Saturday 11 September 2021

with Whist starting at 7.15pm

LIMITED to 8 tables of 4# per table

Cost at \$5.00 per head or not an expensive night with a light supper COVID restrictions

BYO drinks and glasses

Ron Crellin - Social Secretary 2021



CANCELLED

\$10 per couple (either way-out for some fun and frivolity) to be supplied (depending upon our in place at the time)

**2021 Bay to Birdwood
26 September 2021**

Classics full, Veteran & Vintage spaces filling fast!

For Details see website or previous Lightshafts.



COMING EVENTS

**Shannons American
Motoring Show** 

Sunday 26th September 2021
Yarra Glen Racecourse Armstrong Grove, Yarra Glen

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Admission:
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 gippslandvehiclecollection.org.au

LIGHTSHAFT ON THE WEBSITE

You can receive the whole of the magazine in glorious technicolour - if you are happy with only receiving your magazine in this form, then please let the Membership Secretary know.

Rob. Humphreys

Even if you want a hard copy, consider updating your email, and requesting an electronic copy as well.

The Dublin pensioners club go on a mystery tour every Wednesday and, to make it interesting, they have a sweep to guess where they are going. Shamus, the coach driver, has won five weeks on the trot.

COMING EVENTS

URRRS
29th September 2021

For our next URRR's run we have been invited to visit Graeme Logan's workshop for an informative presentation on timber framing for vintage cars. Graeme will also speak about the challenges of some recent projects.

Time: 10.30am

Location-192 Bittern-Dromana Road, Merricks North
Melway Reference 162- A11

Morning Tea provided on arrival.

Followed by lunch at the Dromana Hotel.

151 Point Nepean Road, Dromana
Melway reference 159-J5

To assist with catering/bookings can you please indicate your intention to attend.

presentation/lunch or both

John McMillan
Mobile: 0408 994 510
Email: mcmillanjp9@bigpond.com

COMING EVENTS

54th ANNUAL AUSTIN 7 RALLY

Morningson Park

Sunday 3rd October 2021

All entered cars will be judged for a trophy under the categories shown on the Entry Form, which is included as a centrefold in this Lightshaft.

Please nominate your car/cars within an appropriate category.

Whilst this event remains subsidised by the club, a fee of \$15 applies.

BYO Picnic lunch

10am onwards

RALLY DIRECTOR is Phillip Hallo

0413 185 576 or philhallo.hallo@gmail.com

ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY 24th SEPTEMBER 2021

See Form in the centrefold of previous Lightshafts.

Open to ALL Austin 7s and derivatives.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION



At this year's Annual Rally we have hired a hall, located in the grounds of Morningson Park. The hall will be used to escape any bad weather and can also be a place for members to display/sell Austin 7 spare parts (tables provided, no trailer loads please).

There will also be some live music to enjoy from 2pm.

Contact Phillip Hallo for more information

Bob Booth Pub Crawl

‘A step back in time’

Friday 29th October to Tuesday 2nd November 2021

Calling for Expressions of Interest

This year’s Bob Booth Pub Crawl will be centred around the beautiful Bellarine Peninsula and Greater Geelong area.

The base will be Point Lonsdale with accommodation at the Point Lonsdale Guest House - Est. in 1884 presenting some old-world charm with a nostalgic trip into yesteryear in 22 charming rooms.

You will in most cases have the luxury of an ensuite bathroom and tea & coffee making facilities with access to a lounge and conference rooms, bed configurations, room sizes and costs vary.

The guest house is double story with upstairs bedrooms accessed only by stairs as there is no lift.

A fully equipped guest kitchen adjacent to the main building will provide facilities for shared breakfast preparation. The grounds provide ample off-street parking area for **Austins only, moderns and trailers** will need to be parked off site on vacant **public land** a short walk from our accommodation.

The program will allow you time for some self-guided visits with many places of interest to see or perhaps a walk across the road to view the infamously treacherous stretch of water known as “The Rip”. There will be some night time driving for evening meals.

Room costs for 4 nights over 21 rooms range from \$440 - \$560. One room with additional facilities is available at \$760. Costs for evening meals and activities are still being finalised and will be advised as soon as possible.

Action required now.

**Indicate your interest by email (preferred)
or phone John McMillan**

Email: mcmillanj9@bigpond.com

Mobile 0408 994 510

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RACV ALPINE RALLY - Saturday 20 to Saturday 27 November 2021

In 2021 RACV will celebrate the centenary of the RACV Alpine Trials, events that were significant milestones in Australian automotive history. To commemorate those milestones, RACV, along with the Vintage Drivers Club, will be organising an event recreating the original 1921 Alpine Trial.

Details of this Centenary Rally appears in past Lightshafts.



This year's event theme is **The 1920s**
FASHION PARADE
Prizes for the best period costume for both men and women.



Come and have a great day on the banks of the beautiful Seven Creeks Euroa.

- Show Vehicles - \$10 (incl. driver)
- Show Bikes - \$5 (incl. rider)
- General Public - \$5, Kids Free
- Pre-purchased on-line tickets only
- See Website for details and link

Federation "Golden Oldies Tour" News.

It has been decided to delay the Golden Oldies to 27 March 2022.



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CONTACT: Ross Holt 0417 562 059 Email: euroashowandshine@outlook.com www.australiannationalshowandshine.com.au

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Geelong Revival 26 – 28 November 2021

The quarter mile sprint track along Richie Boulevard on Geelong's picturesque waterfront will roar to life on the weekend between the [F1 Australian Grand Prix](#) and the [Australian International Airshow at Avalon](#),

The Geelong Revival Motoring Festival – its predecessor, the Geelong Speed Trials – have been around since 1956. Usually on the last weekend of November, and is a celebration of the rich motoring history of Geelong, Australia and beyond.

Accompanying the speed trials along Richie Boulevard will be a host of other displays, activities, entertainment and food, ensuring a fun day out for all members of the family.

For more information visit geelongrevival.com.au

More Photos and news on the website

<http://www.austin7club.org/>

And you can check for up-to-date information on events and news.

To all of you who have a car under the Club Permit Scheme.

Check your date of EXPIRY of your Permit.

ALSO check ALL details - including expiry date, addresses etc.

When paying ALWAYS retain your receipt.

Keep a scanned copy of your receipt with your logbook.

**Renewal Notices are a bit flakey, as it appears that
VicRoads is becoming more reliant on **YOU** having a
My VicRoads Account.**

LETTERS TO EDITOR

Motorsport Australia (CAMS) - website Event Entry

I placed an entry for the VSCC Rob Roy Hillelimb, for 15 August, with Motorsport Australia, Online, as required, for my Singer Holden Sports.

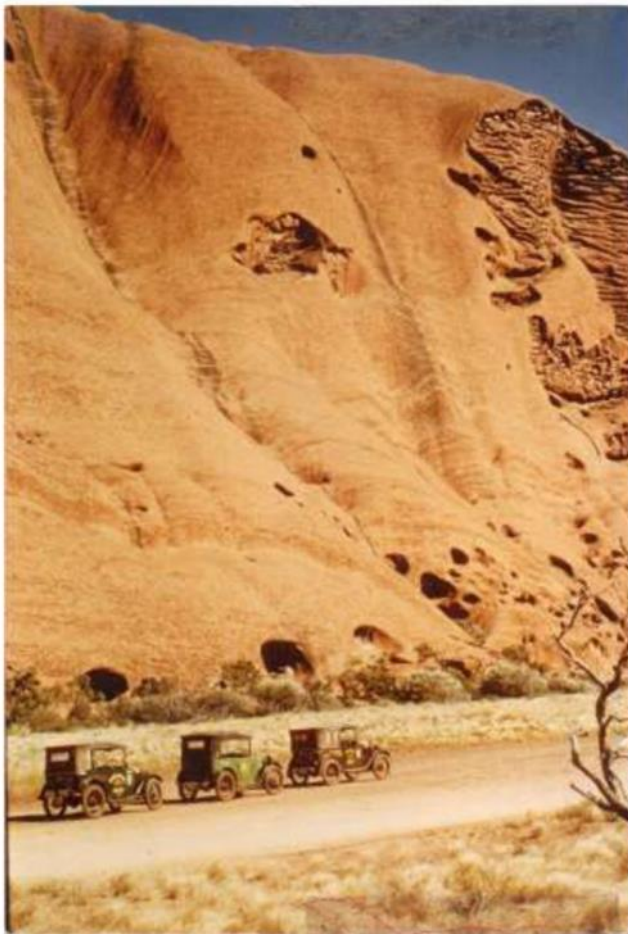
I received back an email saying that my entry for the 'Singha' sports was accepted.

Has nothing changed in that office?

David Lowe

From Hillman News
- Hillman Car Club
of South Australia

The photo is of the three Austin7s at Ayers Rock in June 1974 on the run that the Austin 7 Club of South Australia conducted to celebrate 21 years of the Club.



COMING EVENTS



AUSTIN 7 NATIONAL RALLY 2022

Newsletter No 1 tells all about this exciting National event, for all Austin 7 enthusiasts, including Big 7s and Austin 7 derivatives.

It also comes with an EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORM.

If you know of Austin 7 owners who are unlikely to receive news of the event, have a chat with them, and give their contact details to the Rally Sub-Committee, so that they can receive news about the event.

A copy of the Newsletter No 1 and the Expression of Interest is available on the website.



If you can help in some way to make our 2022 Austin 7 National Rally a great event, please contact the Rally Committee

AUSTIN 7 NATIONAL RALLY 2022 SUB-COMMITTEE

Chair- Andrea Casabene, Peta Lee (Minutes), Graeme & Bev Logan, Tony Casabene, Russell Dickson, Greg Drummond, David & Judith Finn, Peter & Lesley White, Ron & Helen Crellin, Carole & Len Kerwood, Maria & Colin Cheesman, Robert Baudinette, Helen & Michael Shegog, Neil Rickard.



We are excited
And you are invited!

National Rally
Saturday 9th April - Thursday 14th April

Celebrate 100 years of Austin Sevens
whilst exploring this beautiful part of Victoria
Come have a whale of a time in Warrnambool!

Enquiries: 2022rallyinfo@gmail.com

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A Tale of Two Gearboxes

Both these bits
grace my
residence.

The 4 speed came
with a spare Ruby
chassis +
mechanicals that
came with the 27
Chummy that was
my first car
through the 60s.



It ended up in that Chummy along with the 3 bearing motor replacing the seized vintage unit that had driven a box with no speedo drive.

The 3 speed is more interesting as it once motored at 97mph at Phillip Island. This seems a tall tale but the info came from someone who got things correct. It was on top of an Ulster box with a remote linkage. Hence the holes drilled in the sides. The car had a special body that I still have but never identified. The gears in the box were copied by the club when Brian Gibbons rebuilt a couple of boxes for my current roadster in 1993 and he discovered the Ulster parentage. One of those boxes with its high second gear helps the red and yellow roadster motor very well. The high first gear is not so much appreciated !

The 4 speed in my original Chummy got swapped back out when the crank broke. I was able to limp the car 1km home because the break was on the web between centre and no. 2. So, 3 and 4 provided motion and there was still erratic drive to the valves and distributor!

Harry Crawford in Canberra

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My Austin 7

A Journey Newcastle to Urunga in December 1959

I recently found some photographic negatives of an Austin 7 that I owned back in 1959. They were taken on a Box Brownie Camera. They brought back vivid memories. Compared to today's restored vehicles it was a mess. All the repairs were carried out on the footpath in front of the flat, which was part of a house, where I lived in Cooks Hill, Newcastle.

No two tyres were the same size or brand.

The motor wouldn't stop. Whilst it had 2 cutouts on the bulkhead, both were defective and not in use and the wiring was re-arranged to function in a strange



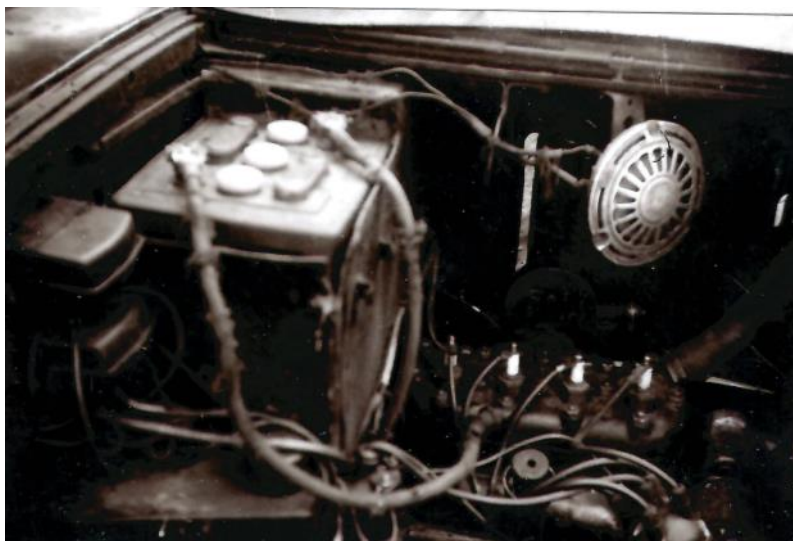
manner. When the ignition switch was switched off the motor would continue to run because the coil was connected permanently to the generator and at idle there was sufficient ignition to produce just enough spark to keep the motor running. To stop the motor I could stall it or momentarily switch on the headlights. I repaired one of the cutouts and returned the wiring to original.

The brakes were just there, the fronts each had a zigzag adjuster on their cable. The bottom roller on the handbrake had 3 pennies between it and the lever on the cross shaft. I left this all 'as was'.

It was a bit wild to drive. Unknown to me it had a broken RH kingpin which luckily couldn't escape.

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I set off on my journey to Urunga in the late afternoon. It was December 1959, I was 18. In the back seat I had all my worldly possessions, including my



Hohner accordion which I had bought for 4 pounds 10 shillings from a pawn broker in Newcastle.

The sun was setting when I was at Raymond Terrace. It didn't have a speedo cable. I stopped for petrol at Bulahdelah, the tank held 5 gallons, 40 miles to the gallon, about 200 miles in the tank. The trip was slow and tedious, I was travelling at 25 or 30 miles an hour. I crawled across the Bulahdelah Mountains it was raining all the way, an endless grind down through gears, if it wasn't in third gear it was in second gear, that seemed to go on for hours. It had a good electric windscreen wiper, a genuine Lucas, it didn't have a radio or a heater though, and no front side curtains. Must have been a bit wet in the back!

The sun was threatening to rise when I switched the lights off at Kempsey. I was making good time, I thought. The ammeter went from -1 to plus 10. The oil pressure went up significantly to nearly 5 lbs. It began to run well in the brisk dawn air.

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Only roughly 50 miles to go. I must have driven all night, at least 6 hours without a break.

At Deep Creek north of Nambucca Heads I went to change back a gear, pushed the clutch pedal in and it went clunklunklunk. That was the end of it. I had to walk back to the service station where there was a phone. I rang the house next door to my parents and an older brother who was home at Urunga came to the phone.

Meanwhile, at home my father had noted that the overnight train had passed through Urunga and that I must be travelling in 'that old car'. The neighbour came in to call my brother to the phone. It was my call, and the news was bad.

My brother borrowed an Austin A30 (803 ccs) which wasn't well, and when he arrived I was waiting, playing the button accordion, music relaxes one. He towed the Austin 7 to Urunga with the A30. It was very slow trip, one wasn't a lot bigger than the other.

I built another motor out of a couple of earlier model Austin 7 motors.

The only usable crankcase was an earlier model which left no provision for a petrol pump or starter motor. I bought a 6 volt SU pump from the wreckers at Coffs Harbour. Both the pump and the crank handle were commissioned into service. You guessed, no starter motor.

The Austin dealer at Newcastle had a kingpin sitting on the shelf which he didn't know what to do with, and I bought it at the right price. This was installed some months later.

I traded the Austin 7 at Bellingen near Urunga, on an Austin A40 Farina. Sixty years later I'm wondering if it was a good idea. Well, I had nowhere to garage the Austin 7, and it didn't keep up with my job requirements.

Mervyn Savins

Merri Bridge Motors

(John Fleming)

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5, Springs, H.S. inners	16/- set
its reground to 3/4" R.	18/- set
its reground to 7/8" R.	20/- set
nd Bolts, 90 Ton	3/6 ea.
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e Gasket Manifold	4/- ea.
e Gasket Sump.	4/9 ea.
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der Head Studs, long	1/6 ea.
der Block Studs, Std. and O.S.	1/6 ea.
der Heads, Alloy	£8/10/- ea.
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ont and Rear, 1 1/8" Roller	£3/2/8 ea.
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geover Bonded brake shoes, Austin 7,	
g 7, Morgan	38/- set of 4
el Bearings, large	30/3 ea.
el Bearings, small	18/2 ea.
el Hub Gaskets	1/3 ea.

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King Pin Kits, '23-'35 models	37/9 set
King Pin Kits, '36-'38 models	39/5 set
King Pins, std., also 3, 5, 10 thou. O.S.	10/2 ea.
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King Pin Bushes, top	2/10 ea.
King Pin Bushes, bottom	4/- ea.
Front Spring Bushes	2/10 ea.
Front Spring Shackles	27/6 set
Rear Spring Shackles	14/7 ea.
Rear Spring Bushes	3/3 ea.
Rear Axle Keys	1/6 ea.
Rear Axle Bearing Nuts	6/- ea.
U Bolts, all models	6/6 ea.
U Bolts, Self-locking Nuts	1/- ea.
Rear Axle Shafts, all models, 7 h.p.	135/- ea.
Close Ratio Gears	£14 set
Dist. Drive Gears, '29-'38 models	33/7 set
Radius Rod Ball Cups	15/- pr.
Wheel Alloy, 15"	£8/10/- ea.
All dist. parts, '34-'33 Models.	

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Timing Covers shortened and Welded over.
Front Flanges Welded back into case.
All Classes Alloy, Steel and Cast-iron Welding.
Changeover Front Axle Pins Fitted.
Axles Reclaimed.
Blocks Rebored (don't remove head studs !!).
Chassis Boxed and Modified.
Radius Rods Boxed.
All Chassis and Engine Modifications as well as
General Automotive Repairs.
Batteries, New and Rebuilt.
All Syncro Parts, 4-speed Gearboxes, also Bearings.
Petrol and Oil Tank caps.
Universal Joints, Hardy Spicer, and Fabric.
Starter and Generator Overhauls.
Bushes, Bearings and Brushes.

An extensive range of second-hand parts always
kept in stock.

OUR AUSTIN 7s

Back in the 1950s and 1960s, whilst we still had Austin Distributors, followed by various BMC suppliers who stocked some parts for our Austin 7s, there were also some specialist suppliers of Austin 7 parts.

- ◆ John Fleming operated Merri Bridge Motors and stocked a large range of new and second-hand parts, and
- ◆ Ken Hume operated Mascot Auto Accessories in Elizabeth St Melbourne.

John was an extremely active member of the Austin 7 Club, built, and raced Austin 7s, was on our A7Club Committee for 5 years, in the 1950s, as Track Steward, Competition Secretary, Interstate Secretary and a variety of other roles, and was an avid promoter of the formation of Philip Island Auto Racing Club. In that role, our Club was nearly the joint organisers of the first event at the new circuit at Philip Island, which only failed because of financial constraints.

John Fleming, John Pryce and Doug Veel were also strong promoters, and encouragers, of the development of Austin 7 Clubs in NSW, SA, Qld and WA. Hence the reason that both the SA and NSW Clubs were formed using our Clubs logo.

Rob.H.

"I didn't attend the funeral, but I sent a nice letter saying I approved of it."

-- Mark Twain

"He has no enemies, but is intensely disliked by his friends."

-- Oscar Wilde

OUR AUSTINS

Around 1990 Colin Kempster bought an Austin 7 Saloon from the original UK owner which he shipped to Australia in 1996.

When Colin died in 2017 Peter Laughton purchased this immaculate Saloon from his friend.

Just before Peter died in in October 2020, arrangements were made to return the car to Colin's son Richard Kempster, who has joined the Club.

The photograph shows Anthony Laughton (right) handing the car over to Richard Kempster.

Anthony Laughton



Looking after your collector vehicle

Stolen car

The proud owner of a magnificent 1956 Chevrolet convertible, wrote to say he had restored the car to perfection over the last few years, and sent this:

On a very warm summer afternoon he decided to take his car to town. It needed gas, as the gauge was practically on empty, but he wanted ice cream, so he headed first to his favourite ice cream shop.

He had trouble finding a parking space and had to park the car down a side street.

He noticed a group of young guys standing around smoking cigarettes and eyeing the car rather covetously. He was a bit uneasy leaving it there, but people often take interest in such an old and well-preserved car, so he went off to enjoy his ice cream.

The line at the ice cream shop was long and it took him quite a while to return to his car. When he did, his worst fears were realized - his car was gone.

He called the police and reported the theft and then went back and bought a quart of pistachio ice cream. About ten minutes later the police called him to say they had found the car abandoned near a gas station a few miles out of town.

It was unharmed and he was relieved. It seems just before he called, the police had received a call from a young woman who was an employee at a self-service gas station. She told them that three young men had driven in with this beautiful old convertible. One of them came to the window and prepaid for 20 dollars' worth of gas. Then all three of them walked around the car. Then they all got in the car and drove off, without filling the tank.

The question is, why would anybody steal a car, pay for gas that they never pumped and then abandon the car later and walk away?

Looking after your collector vehicle

They couldn't find where to put the gas!



One wonders if similar would happen with our cars, with no keys, fuel tank hidden, floor starter switch, fuel tap and battery isolation hidden.

I can well remember when we took our cars to King Island and each of us provided printed instructions of how to take all these actions, so that the wharfies would be able to drive our cars off the Bass Strait cargo ship.

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NEWS FROM SPARES

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From time to time some members have pointed out that there are some big jumps in our prices. This is because in some cases it has been 10-15 years ago since we last had them made, been made by a friend of the Club at mates rates or in the case of imported parts they sometimes attract the attention of the Customs people who then add a tax.

We point out on the front of our parts catalogue that prices may vary without notice as new stock arrives.

On the table behind the roller door in spares there is a whole lot of bits and pieces of stuff. I would like to clear this area out, so come and pick over it. Prices are very cheap or free.

Graeme Logan

0409 963 091

More donations are needed of useable parts. Can you assist with those obsolete bits and pieces down the back of the shed you no longer need. Panels, Suspension, Engine, Gearbox, Tools all required to top up our stock for you the members.

One's trash is another's treasure .

We want to continue providing this essential service to all our members both near and far.

There was a power failure in a Dublin Department Store last week - and three hundred people were stranded on the escalators for more than two hours!

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FOR SALE

One early Chummy 3 speed gear box. Restored by John Needham and never used \$1,600.



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One updraft manifold. Accept best offer.

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John McMillan 0408 994 510



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FOR SALE • THE AUSTIN 7 FLEMING SPECIAL.

Based on a 1931 Austin 7 this purpose built racing car was constructed in Melbourne by John Fleming. John commenced racing it in 1958 and sold the car in 1961. Since then the car has had 9 owners all of whom have campaigned it. The car has had a CAMS log book since their inception and now also has a CAMS Historic Certificate of Description. I have owned the car for the past decade.

In order to minimise the car's weight [320kgs] the specification of this racing car is very basic. There are no non-essential ancillaries; however I have fitted a starter motor. This means that the performance is pretty good for a non-supercharged 802cc motor. The A7 engine is fed by two 1¼"SU's and has a purpose built "bunch of bananas" exhaust manifold. A 4-speed close ratio Needham box is fitted and drives through a standard A7 rear-end setup.

An enclosed purpose made trailer comes with the car.

This A7 Special is fun to drive and handles predictably. A combination of light weight and modern motorcycle tyres ensures that the times recorded at any speed event are only limited by the ability and bravery of the driver.

The car is situated in Brisbane and will be sold on an as is/where is basis. The asking price is \$17,500.00 o.n.o. including the trailer and a second differential.

JON VOLLER. 0400 194 347.

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The Austin 7
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*It is the policy of our Club that owners of Austin 7 Club Club Permit vehicles **MUST** maintain financial membership at all times.*

Your Club Permit Officers are, our Membership Secretary Russell Dickson and Robert Humphreys.

Remember to plan ahead if you need a Club Permit Scheme application or renewal signed or issued. You will find more detail on the club permit scheme on the Web Site

<http://www.austin7club.org/>

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Or SITUATIONS VACANT



McDermott's Workshop.

Although now better known for his Silver Ghost restorations and repair and service on later model Rolls-Royce, Bentley and Bristol cars, previous member Robert McDermott is still involved in Austin 7 restoration and still owns the 1934 Roadster that he purchased when he was a small boy.

His Footscray workshop currently have **3 positions available** that may be of interest to club members.

- ◆ One for an interested person experienced in mechanical repairs,
- ◆ A second position for an enthusiastic young person wishing to start an apprenticeship,
- ◆ A third is for an experienced coachbuilder or woodworker.

Robert can be contacted 9362 0291 or 0416 074 120

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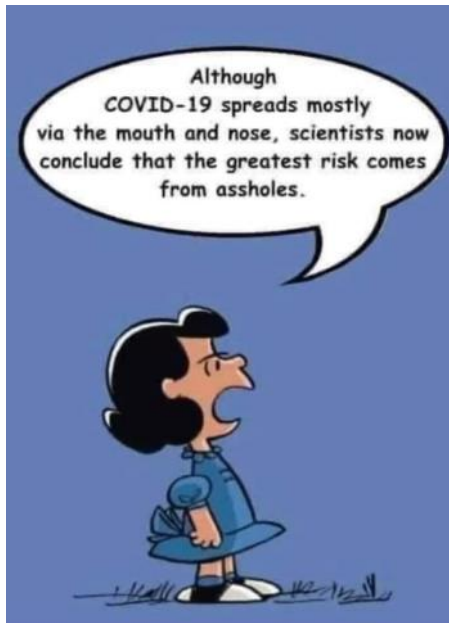
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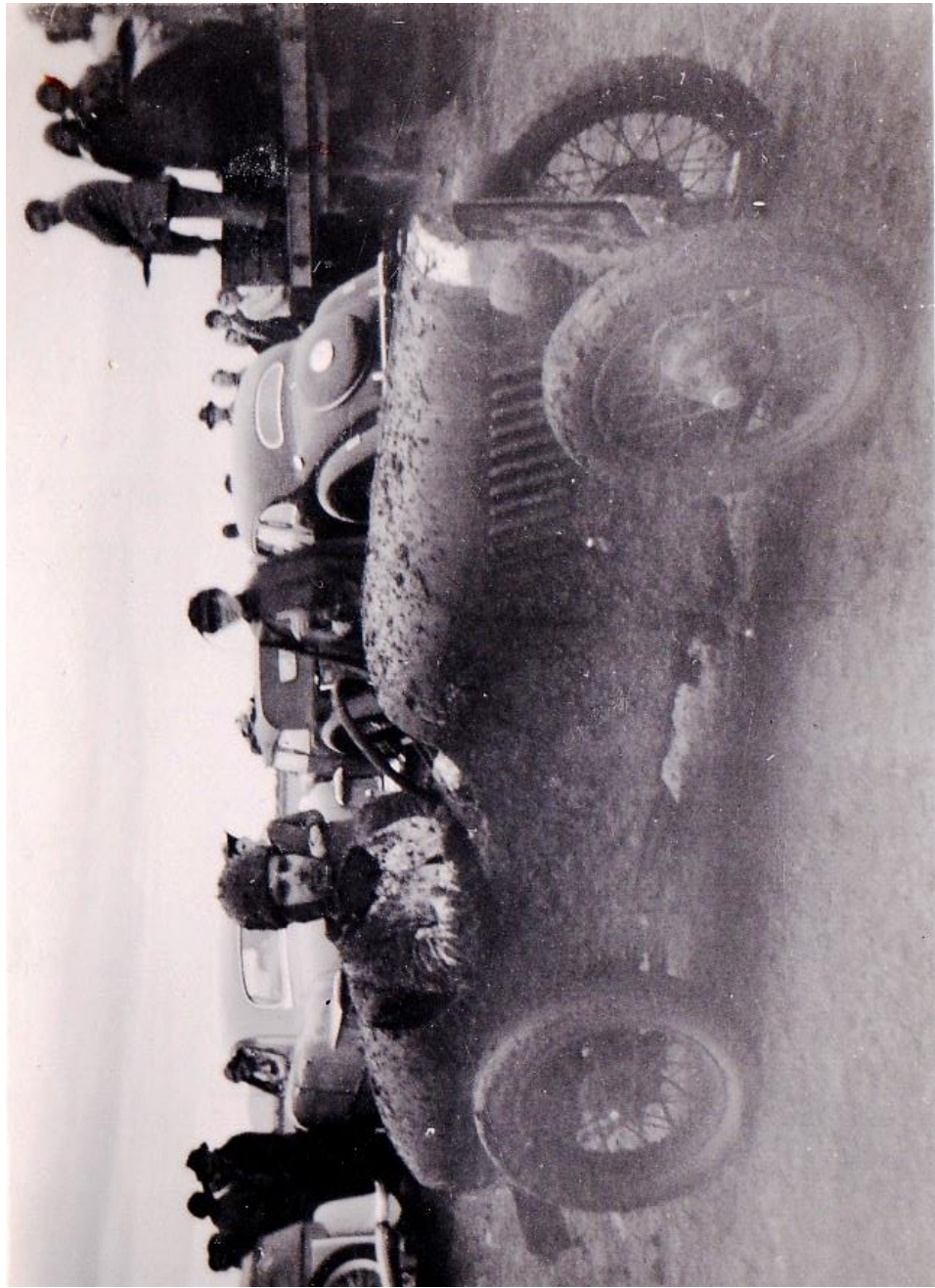
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