
THE "LIGHT SHAFT"

June 2021



Bruce Rogers & Laurie Toole, with their Austin 7s

Laurie took about 10 years to finish the car

Photo Bruce Rogers

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OST 2 – Glenburn, 2nd May 2021

Dean Hunt & Kevin Pilbeam finished 3rd at Glenburn.



Jason Stock & Greg Cox



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

JUNE

2	Wed	7	A	M.G.M./Spares
5	Sat	7		Spares/B.B.Q.
6	Sun	7		O.S.T. 4 - Strathewen
12/14		7	A	BORDER RUN
16	Wed	7	A	H.A.S./Spares
27	Sun	7	S	Fish & Chip Run to Tooradin
	Sun	7		O.S.T. 5 - Woori Yallock
29	Tues	7		URRRS - Ambulance Museum

The Club's Meeting have recommenced 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

JULY

7	Wed	7	A	M.G.M./Spares (HW Sub Committee Election)
10	Sat	7		Spares/B.B.Q.
11	Sun			O.S.T. 6 - Three Bridges
21	Wed	7	A	H.A.S./Spares
18	Sun	7		Xmas in July
25	Sun	7	A	Frost Bite Touring Run to Dale Shaw OST
	Sun	7		O.S.T. 7 - Dale Shaw Trial – Rob Roy

AUGUST

30/1	Sat/Sun			<i>VHRR Winton Festival of Speed</i>
3	Tue			<i>CAMS Delegates Mtg</i>
4	Wed	7	A	M.G.M./Spares
7	Sat	7		Spares/B.B.Q.
	Sat			<i>Federation Mtg.</i>
8	Sun	7		O.S.T. 8- 71st John Pryce Memorial Trial - Glenburn

LIGHTSHAFT COPY CLOSINGCopy for Lightshaft **closes** late on***Tuesday 22 June 2021.***

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

I am writing this report in anticipation of what will be a successful and memorable Historic Winton. For those who are not involved in Winton let me assure you that all the groundwork has been done by our hard working Winton committee and members. The only thing that cannot be controlled now is the weather.

Whilst every member of the Historic Winton committee has an important and vital role to perform there are some who are at the sharp end of the proceedings. At the risk of omitting someone, I would like on behalf of the membership, to extend a vote of thanks to the following:

Peta Lee, Secretary of the meeting and Entry Secretary.

Robert Humphreys, Preparation of the Winton contract, sign on registers, invoicing, various other documentation and overseer of procedures.

Noel Wilcox, Planning, face-to-face representative with Winton Motor Raceway. Various other roles including promotion of the event with other clubs and drivers. Preparation of the programme.

Russell Dickson and Greg Drummond. Sponsorship and advertising.

Leanne Goethel. Media releases and social media

Paul Goethel. Treasurer.

Colin and Maria Cheesman. Awards and Trophies.

Fay Stevens. Gatekeeper controller.

Ted Thompson, Ron Crellin, Allan Barnes, Mike Belcher. Paddock control, Parking and volunteer listings.

Graeme Logan. Event overseer and adviser.

Tony Press. Club Minute Secretary.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT cont.

The Editor is now looking forward to Winton articles for inclusion in the July Light Shaft. June will see more activity for the members with a number of events being conducted. The weather is getting cold and damp, perfect for OST number four. The Border Run in Portland is the place to be if you want the atmosphere to be warm and friendly with our South Australian Austineers. If hot fish and chips are your thing then the run to Tooradin is for you. To finish the month off, a warm welcome is offered by the members of the Ambulance Victoria Museum followed by lunch at Zagames Hotel Boronia.

2021 will be fun

Len Kerwood

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

It has been busy on the membership front with the OST season getting underway and we welcome all the participants signing up again.

We also welcome the following new members:

Bevan Jones from Canberra who has taken over his parents, Peter and Marion's Open Road Tourer. Bevan will be relocating the car from Geelong to Canberra.

Bruce and Ann Dickey from East Ivanhoe are soon to collect their 1935 Fabric boat tail special.

Our total membership now stands at 417 members.'

Regards Russell

Editor's Ramblings

It seems appropriate that about the time that our Club was conducting its first Observed Section Trial, Michael Flanders and Donald Swann were penning the chorus to a song that could well become the anthem for the favoured sport of many of our members:-

The Hippopotamus

Mud, mud, glorious mud,

Nothing quite like it for cooling the blood!

So follow me, follow,

Down to the hollow

And there let us wallow

In glorious mud!

You get your chance to join them, by coming on the FROSTBITE RUN

Alternately, you too could become one of

“A regular army of Hippopotami.”

THE VICTORIAN CLUB PERMIT SCHEME

*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/>

COMING EVENTS

The Club's Meeting Room will be limited by the expectation that everyone will "socially distance".

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

NOTE: The "old" system of paper "CHECK-IN" only permits very limited attendees in our Meeting Room, virtually precluding most meetings.

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.

OST 4 - Strathewen - Sunday 6 June 2021

625 Eagle Nest Rd Strathewen See **Melway Key Map 9 M2** Property is exactly 6.25K from the start of Eagle Nest Rd. Follow OST (Observed Section Trial) signs

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

BORDER RUN – PORTLAND 12,13 and 14 June 2021

The Border Run is not far away. We currently have a dozen going from our club and the South Aussies have 26 going at last count. This is an opportunity to drive or trailer your car and then enjoy some country driving on quiet roads. There is a contingent of Austins leaving on Friday travelling to Colac for a chance to catch up with local members. Likewise, Steve Morgan , a member at Koroit has offered morning/afternoon tea for members passing through. Greg Lindsay has been busy arranging our Sunday activities, which will be in the warm community/town halls of Bessiebelle and Macarthur , where we have morning tea and lunch catered for by the Macarthur Primary School Fundraising Committee. There will be guest speakers to talk about Lake Surprise /Budj Bim and the history of Macarthur (\$20 per head). So charge that battery, pump up those tyres and come and reconnect with our enthusiastic SA members.

As detailed in the previous Lightshaft, we are staying at the Richmond Henty Hotel Complex, where we have a conference room, restaurant and ample trailer parking. Accommodation and all meals are included in the price for this event and the various pricing options are detailed below:

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.

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Please call, text or email us to select your pricing option and room type as rooms are limited. We will require a \$100 deposit to confirm your booking. Please make the deposit payable to:

Austin 7 Club Inc

BSB 083 323

Acc 811 316 316

Description: Your Name and BR21

We look forward to your company on this event.

Regards, Brian and Glynis Gibbons Ph: 0418508611 or 0427837555

Email: secretary@austin7club.org

Fish & Chip Run to Tooradin Sunday 27 June 2021

Should you wish to travel with other members meet at Dandenong Park, Lonsdale Street, Dandenong Melway Ref 91A F9 for 11.30am departure otherwise travel directly to site.

Tooradin Original Fish & Chip Shop

87 South Gippsland Highway, Tooradin

traveling south left-hand side of highway, shop coloured blue.

Google for menu and if you wish to order ahead phone 5998 3284.

After collecting your meal, park and meet on river edge of Foreshore Road
OR, if wet weather in shelter (if not already occupied) at the end of
Foreshore Road.

Bring Tea/Coffee & desserts or you may wish to purchase an Ice Cream at Tooradin's famous Ice Cream Shop.

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Warning: apart from the shelter mentioned above there is no wet weather plan - so, come prepared if necessary.

More info if required call John McMillan.
0408 994 510

OST 5 - Woori Yallock - Sunday 27 June 2021

1805 Warburton Highway. Take the Warburton Highway (B380) to the traffic lights in Woori Yallock. The site is a further 2.0 km (approximately) on the left along the Warburton Highway opposite Lisatia Park Road (follow the signs)

URRRS Event

Tuesday 29 June 2021

On this occasion we will visit

Ambulance Victoria Museum

Factory 1/55 Barry Street Bayswater (Melway Ref 64 H5)

Arrive by 10.15am for 10.30 start.

Entry fee \$7.50 per head

Includes Morning Tea, Formal presentation & Guided tour.

Parking on site for A7s & A30s

Visit followed by Lunch at Zagames Hotel

Cnr Boronia Road & Dorset Road, Boronia (Melway Ref 64 K9)

For Morning Tea and Lunch booking numbers your intention to attend would be appreciated.

Phone John McMillan

Home 5931 3876 Mobile 0408 994 510

Email mcmillanjp9@bigpond.com

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OST 6 - Three Bridges - Sunday 11 July 2021

1020 Little Yarra Road. Proceed along Warburton Hwy to Yarra Junction. At the only set of traffic lights turn right into Yarra Junction Noojee Rd ([Little Yarra Rd](#)), proceed 10.2 kms, look for OST sign on right (an apple orchard) and proceed to the rear via the road, please do not go near the trees and park in the area signed parking.

Back by popular demand

Christmas in July 2021



When: On Sunday 18 July 2021 at 12 noon

Where: Location Caulfield Glasshouse at
31 Station Street, East Caulfield (Caulfield Racecourse)

Good Austin 7 parking

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Aiming for 3 Course Seniors Meal as soup, turkey, ham and vegies, and plum pudding plus a bottle of red and white wine per table

Cost: \$36 per person (\$72 per double) *estimate only* as menu has not yet been set by the venue for 2021 – **reservation is made for 32 persons**

Very Important that you email your intention of attending to socialsecretary@austin7club.org to confirm numbers for catering

Payment is preferred by:

Bank Transfer with reference as **CIJ – “your surname” to:**

BSB 083 323 Account Number 811316316

Ron Crellin

Social Secretary 2021

**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

COMING EVENTS**FROST BITE RUN**

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

CoCoo 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

Editor's Note

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OST 7 - DALE SHAW TRIAL

Rob Roy - Sunday 25 July 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.

ADVANCE NOTICE



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 \$10 per couple (either way- not an expensive night out for some fun and frivolity) with a light supper to be supplied (depending upon our COVID restrictions in place at the time)

BYO drinks and glasses

Also note, that if you have particular food/drink requirements, we ask that you self cater

Please indicate by email to socialsecretary@austin7club.org of your intention to attend asap

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Pay *preferably* by electronic transfer via BSB as “**WHIST and your surname**” as the reference to **Austin 7 Club Inc with details as BSB 083 323 Account 81 131 6316**

Names to Ron and Helen are requested no later than HAS prior to Saturday 11 September 2021

Ron Crellin - Social Secretary 2021



of her time.



An original May Gibbs drawing from 1919 which she drew for the Spanish Flu epidemic. It is time to mask up Melbourne.

History does repeat itself.

COMING EVENTS

2021 Bay to Birdwood Update

Classics full, Veteran & Vintage spaces filling fast!

Participation in this year's event is motoring along and the response so far has been fantastic, thank you to all who have already entered. The quota for Classics is full (for now!). The Veteran and Vintage quota (pre-1950) has limited places left and they are filling fast.

As a precaution our current COVID management provision restricts total capacity for the 2021 event to 1400 (it is usually 1750). This cap is so that we have every chance of delivering the 2021 event with a fabulous Finish Festival at the National Motor Museum.

We recommend Classic vehicle owners register on the Reserve List now. When places become available, we will let you know.

If you own a **pre-1950 vehicle** and want to enter the 2021 Bay to Birdwood, we recommend you enter now, as places are filling fast. If you have any questions about entering please contact the event office [via email](#) or on (08) 8568 5019.

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.

COMING EVENTS

Bob Booth Pub Crawl Preliminary Notice **29th October – 2nd November 2021**

“A step back in time”

**Preliminary information for your consideration,
full details will be provided closer to the date.**

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.

Assuming everyone books with past enthusiasm, Austin 7 Club members will be the only guests for the Cup weekend which will provide plenty of opportunity for social activities or just time out at your choosing .

A fully equipped guest kitchen adjacent to the main building will provide facilities for shared breakfast preparation and possibly an evening meal. The grounds provide ample off street parking area for **Austins only**, and it is probable that moderns and trailers will need to be parked off site, at time of writing we are still investigating another option for parking.

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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”. It is possible that there will be 88 kms of early evening/night time driving for meals. Costs should be similar to previous years.

John McMillan Mob: 0408 994 510

Federation “Golden Oldies Tour” News.

It has been decided to delay the Golden Oldies from August 2021 to March 27 2022. This means that the tour will start from the Wunghnu picnic and will travel the same route from there and end in Bendigo on Sunday 3rd April 2022.

We realise this may be disappointing to some people however the decision was made based on current COVID restrictions and the impact this has on meal venues, the covid vaccination progress and sponsorship availability.

We currently have 65 cars who have indicated they would like to attend - appropriately 125 people, and we are happy to keep it open until 85 entries which will mean it will be the largest Golden Oldies so continue to encourage other Vintage vehicle owners to enter.

For those people who have indicated an Expression of Interest in the Tour **we will keep you on record unless you let us know you are not interested now that the date has changed** to next year. So please contact us only if you wish to withdraw your EOI.

We will update you later in the year on accommodation and meals etc and will open up the entries to allow you all to officially enter!

Thanks for your interest in the Tour!

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.



WARRNAMBOOL
CITY COUNCIL

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

More Photos and news on the website

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

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

A promotional poster for the Austin Seven 100 Years Warrnambool National Rally 2022. The background is a solid light blue. On the left, a stylized black and white whale is depicted swimming upwards and to the right. The words "Austin Seven" are written in a black, cursive script across the whale's body. To the right of the whale, the text "100 YEARS" is displayed in a large, white, outlined font. Below this, a small black silhouette of an Austin Seven car is shown. Underneath the car, the text "WARRNAMBOOL National Rally 2022" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font. At the bottom of the poster, the text "We are excited And you are invited!" is written in a white, sans-serif font. Below that, "National Rally" is written in a bold, black, sans-serif font, followed by "Saturday 9th April - Thursday 14th April" in a black, sans-serif font. Further down, the text "Celebrate 100 years of Austin Sevens whilst exploring this beautiful part of Victoria Come have a whale of a time in Warrnambool!" is written in a smaller, black, sans-serif font. At the very bottom, the contact information "Enquiries: 2022rallyinfo@gmail.com" is written in a black, sans-serif font.

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.

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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

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.

PARKING AT CLUBROOMS

In the interests of all members could those attending meetings please park only **in the marked spaces**. Please leave the forecourt for **AUSTIN 7s ONLY** and any **handicapped members**, and please make access available for those **delivering or collecting** goods or club equipment.

OST NOTES

Dale Shaw Trial 2021 - 25th Anniversary

It was with great interest that I read about Dad's old racing car on the cover of the Jan/Feb 2021 Lightshaft.

For interest sake that photo was taken in 1958 at Rob Roy. I have dad's original photo which he mounted on board and I have since framed. If I can help with any other photos please do not hesitate to contact me.

I am sorry to read about Wayne Mathew's health situation but what a legacy for him to donate a well raced, preserved and loved car. I am humbled by his generosity and truly hope the car does end in a place where we can all admire it and the dedication gone into its life thus far.

I watched Trevor race that car at Rob Roy in 2010, the day I raced Bob Booth's billy cart!! It was very impressive to watch Trevor roar up the hill and I felt a great sense of pride for all involved.

Trevor was always a very kind gentleman to me and even brought the race car to the Dale Shaw Trial for the 10th Anniversary.

Speaking of which it is the 25th Anniversary of the Dale Shaw Trial this year! Amazingly we are running the event at Rob Roy and would love the club to be involved in any way, even if it is just a day trip to visit.

Acknowledging that it has been 25 years since an intelligent motor sport technician, designer and builder left our presence is hard to fathom and I am very grateful to the Austin 7 Club for supporting the running of the Dale Shaw Trial all these years.

The event this year is to me more a celebration of the passion dad put into his motorsport and the support, encouragement and information he gave to everyone else with the same interest.

We should be here to help each other and leave the competition on the racetrack!

Joanne Stritch (nee Shaw)

CAMS Permit: 321/0205/03

Date: 2 May 21 21 OST 2 Glenburn

Driver	Crew Member	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total	Placing
Gary Hawkins	Leanne Coakley	10	8	8	8	10	7	10	8	6	75	1
Ryan Blanche	Matt McIlarth	8	7	9	7	10	10	5	9	6	71	2
Dean Hunt	Kevin Pilbeam	9	7	6	8	9	10	7	9	4	69	3
Stuart Schweiger	Brandon Schweiger	9	7	3	8	10	10	7	8	6	68	4
Geoff Taylor	Leanne Coakley	9	6	5	5	9	6	2	8	6	56	=5
Grant Campbell	Lori Filsell	10	8	8	1	10	*2	3	8	6	54	=5
Stephen Della-Bosca	Gary Hatcher	10	5	5	7	9	1	3	7	6	53	7
Cooper Schweiger	Brandon Schweiger	7	4	2	8	9	1	5	8	3	47	8
Grant Della	Gary Hatcher	4	7	5	4	9	2	2	7	6	46	9
Rodney Wiersema	Cassie Wiersema	8	7	5	8	9	4	3	1	DNF	45	10
Brandon Schweiger	Cooper Schweiger	10	1	2	3	9	1	2	2	3	33	11
Greg Cox	Jason Stock	9	2	2	7	9	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	29	12
Nathan Hunt	Declan Caldecoat	3	5	5	1	2	2	4	4	1	27	13
Jason Stock	Greg Cox	3	5	2	3	2	1	3	1	4	24	14
Ian Stone	Nathan Holland	4	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	DNF	4	15

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PAST EVENTS

VHRR Rob Roy Hillclimb

Sunday 2nd May 2021

It was a stunning day for all and MGCC have done a lot of landscaping over the COVID break to make Rob Roy an even more attractive environment. Weather was perfect and we were entertained by a mob of Kangaroos deciding to use the track to get to another feeding area. I was disappointed that we didn't get any other Austin 7 Club members to compete in our class.

Our Club has a great history in the development of Motor Sport in Victoria and many members have sports and racing cars but we didn't see them. What would Trevor Cole say (expletives)!

After the difficulties with Motorsport Australia entry forms everything ran smoothly and the new self-scrutineering protocol worked well as long as we don't abuse it. I hope this can continue in the future. I think all competitors had the opportunity to complete five runs before finishing about 3,00pm.

Martin Stubbs

Photo of Martin

By Terry Regester



MOTORING

HWM WATCHING REVIEW

Hi team,

If you have a spare hour and twenty, and are interested in 50's and 60's motor racing, the story of HMW as told by

Simon Taylor to a group at Brooklands.

I found it a fascinating story:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jnSU9VSs_Iw.

HMW was a relatively unsung post war racing car team originally using Geoffrey Taylor's Alta engines and chassis- which had a more interesting time than the better known but less successful BRM.

Cheers, Tony Press.

Editor's Note (from Wikipedia - can it always be trusted)

Hersham and Walton Motors (HWM) is the world's longest established Aston Martin business (having acquired the franchise in 1951) and is well known as a racing car constructor. As a constructor, it is best known for its involvement in Formula Two from 1950 to 1953 and Formula One in 1954.



VERY PAST EVENTS

The photo on the back cover is of an Austin 7 that was set on fire by the French.

Those with an Anglo background might say “That is so like the French”.

However it was done when the local workers got hold of the Schlumpf Museum at Mulhouse.



The car was torched on 12th May 1977.

It was said by the spokesman, Pierre Schlofer, “Since the attitude is that there are workers to burn, we have cars to burn. There are 600 more where this one came from.”

The background is that 1900 workers lost their jobs. This was partly due to the woollen mills being overtaken by synthetics, partly by lack of investment by the Schlumpfs and probably by lack of interest as they became obsessed with the car museum. The mills were offered to the government for one franc, but was not taken up.

Photo is from “The Schlumpf Obsession” by Denis Jenkinson & Peter Verstappen, published by Hamlyn in 1977. The publishers got into strife with the receivers regarding access and copyright and so all European copies were withdrawn. Luckily this did not happen in Australia.

The Schlumpf brothers had legal action brought against them but they fled over the nearby Swiss border and holed up in the Hotel Trois Roi in Basle. It was rumoured that the brothers owned the hotel. All they took from the

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museum was the radiator mascot of the Bugatti Royale designed by Ettore Bugatti's artist brother, Rembrandt.

As is well known the Schlumpf collection became the basis for the French National Car Museum and is well worth a visit. Whilst there I strongly suggest that you also visit the National Railway Museum. Allow a day for each. Note the collection is so large that it does rotate reasonably regularly, though it seems this applies more to the post war cars than the pre-war.

Richard Unkles

FOOTNOTE From the Editor

The 2014 Legends Model Bugatti was called the Rembrandt Bugatti.

OUR AUSTINS

Here's our Austin 7 Van, in its present state, with the sign writing we have just done.

A big thanks goes out to Bruce Walker & his son Dean for helping with this project.

Greg & Jenny Drummond



OUR AUSTIN HISTORY

Or is this PAST EVENTS

Hello Rob

When I read that this year's Border Run is to Portland I thought you may want to use this photo taken many years ago. I thought we were based in Portland but the Post Office states Coleraine.

1st car SA entrant, Ken logan #2 and perhaps you are #4.

Regards

Tony Johns

Hi Tony,

Thanks for the photo.

Yes, that's me in JCF378, a number that graced the car for a short time, during the late 1960s.



That Reg.No. came with the Stringer Special, from Fred Roberts in 1968.

The Border Run is the 3 day, 25 to 27 April 1969 (Anzac weekend), to Warnambool.

We participated in the Vintage Rally, at Coleraine, on the Saturday - the Lightshaft reported that 9 Victorian A7s and 6 SA A7s participated.

Rob.H.

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Robert's Note

That's me in my 1930 Austin 7 Tourer.

It's interesting to revisit the plates that I've had on the car (all legally compliant).

Initially in 1966 I registered it as JNZ103.

But JNZ103 also, for a short time, graced the front of a George Green bodied A7 sports, that eventually found its way, via Ken Innes Irons, to Geoff Hale. Geoff removed all my crappy body (repairs) and crappy body filler, and did a superb job on a total restoration on this sports, which was then sold to Bairnsdale.

Meanwhile the registration on the tourer had lapsed, but was then re-registered IJN767.

Then, a few years later, I purchased the Stringer A7 special sports.

I drove the sports for quite a while (Registered JCF378), as everyday transport, until dad got tired of me driving cars that didn't always suit, and seemed unreliable, so I grafted a Renault Dauphine engine, which was more reliable and cheaper. (The whole Dauphine came courtesy of the Collingwood tip, for about \$20).

Then the Dauphine engine became unreliable, so, courtesy of a purchase from Bruce Maplestone, I replaced it with a three bearing late A7 engine.

Dad was still displeased about the reliability of my transport, but more particularly about the oil leaks on the driveway - so he found me a 5 year old Ford Zodiac that he was trading on a new vehicle for one of the Directors of the firm that he was Transport Manager for.

PAST EVENTS

I sold the Stringer Special, with oil leaks, to Graeme Logan, after transferring the rego to the 1930 tourer.

Dad was pleased that I now had a “modern” car that may attract a suitable partner to a wayward son.

However, the oil leaks on the driveway were now usually courtesy of the tourer.

My tourer migrated to the Club Permit Scheme in 2007, so I have transferred the oil leaks to 5 283.



Another photo from Tony of that Border Run.

What fun we had, always starting at 12 Midnight from Hammills Tyre Service in Flinders St extension, just west of Spencer St

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Graeme Logan 0409 963 091

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If a Vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a Humanitarian eat?

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See Story about this car on Page 24 of the May Lightshaft.

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Neil Johannesen 9802 3010 0412 038 601

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