
THE "LIGHT SHAFT"

July 2021



With the National Rally in 2022, perhaps a nice sports
would be the way to travel. See For Sale Notices

Photo Alan Ray

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Above David Isom camped, in the cold
Lucas driving dad, Leo in the Crema sports
A good display of A7s
Photos David Isom





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

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

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

AUGUST

30/1	Sat/Sun			<i>VHRR Winton Festival of Speed</i>
4	Wed	7	A	M.G.M./Spares
7	Sat	7		Spares/B.B.Q.
8	Sun	7		O.S.T. 8- 71st John Pryce Memorial Trial - Glenburn
8	Sun	7	A	<i>Day Run</i>
14	Sat			Club hire – Janne’s All Day Craft Day
15	Sun		S	<i>V.S.C.C. Rob Roy</i>
18	Wed	7	A	H.A.S./Spares
22	Sun	7		O.S.T. 9 - Panton Hill
27/29	Fri/Sun			<i>All-Historic Racing – Wakefield Park</i>

LIGHTSHAFT COPY CLOSING

Copy for Lightshaft **closes** late on

Tuesday 20 July 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.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As we all now know that thanks to all the hard work by so many and the great weather we had, Historic Winton was an outstanding result. I am pleased to report that our treasurer Paul has now finalised our payments to the Winton Motor Raceway.

The club now has to focus on the coming events, such as the Annual Rally and the National Rally, as well as OSTs and various social events and runs. This of course is all subject to the ever-changing COVID arrangements, so please give your support to your fellow club members when and where possible.

Sadly I have to report the passing of John Kessner senior who was a member for many years. John and his family have been hard working supporters of Historic Winton and as a family received the Harry Firth award for the families supporting motor sport. Unfortunately due to the COVID restrictions the members were limited in being able to pay their respects to John. On behalf of the members I offer our condolences to the Kessner family.

As President I would like to thank Tony Press and John Shiells for keeping the communications channel open to members via emails and zoom meetings. In these difficult times it is most important that the club have your current email address as this allows the club to keep you informed and up to date with the vintage, classic car movement.

In closing please refer to Russell Dickson's membership report welcoming new members to the club. To those new members we trust that in time you can enjoy the club and all the facilities that we offer.

2021 will be fun

Len Kerwood

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We welcome the following two new members with their very different Austin 7 stories.

Phil Marshall from East Malvern.

“I grew up on a farm and my father purchased a 1928 Austin 7 for my brother and I to drive around the farm. This we later sold, after which we bought another Austin 7, which is the one I have now. It has been with different family members in sheds since it was last driven in the early 70’s. My brother recently sold his farm, which presented an opportunity for me to acquire this vehicle. I have commenced restoration and saw participation in the Austin 7 Club as a good opportunity to seek advice on how I should approach this, as the vehicle is in fairly good condition (except for the seating) and mostly original. From the engine number and chassis number and some casting marks my best guess at this stage is that it is a 1937 Ruby tourer.”

Daniel Zampatti from Tullamarine.

“My 1927 Chummy sadly broke its crank the first time I drove it. After spending the day driving around Melbourne and doing the errands, it broke a mile from home. I pushed the car back, but not before pushing past the fruit and veg shop to do the last of my shopping. After filling the car with groceries I then pushed it the rest of the way home.” Walter Raschle is helping rebuild the motor.

We are also pleased to welcome back rejoining members Michael Farrell (now living in the UK), Paul Egerton-Green and David Monk along with his daughter Claire. David has just got his late father Maurie Monk’s bright yellow 1932 Box Saloon back on the road.

Russell Dickson

VALE John Kessner Snr.

The pure joy of driving an
Austin 7.

In memory of
John James Kessner
20 August 1932
to
1 June 2021



Personally, I have fond memories of the Kessner Family supporting our Annual Austin 7 Rallies, both Johns arriving in late open road tourers.

John Snr sold his car to Nick Oliver which has subsequently, I believe, been sold into NSW.

John McMillan

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

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.

Monthly General Meeting – Wednesday 7 July 2021

Election of Historic Winton Sub-committee

Assuming that COVID restrictions will allow a meeting at the Clubrooms, this meeting combined with a Zoom meeting

At the July Monthly General Meeting it is proposed to form an Historic Winton Subcommittee for the coming year.

Nominations are invited for position on the Sub-committee.

If you are prepared to assist, as a member of the organising team, either before HISTORIC WINTON, OR at the race meeting, then please let Peta Lee know.

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.

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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

**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

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.

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FROST BITE RUN

This will be a picnic run, so 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

I have done limited planning for this event, due to the COVID restrictions on travel.

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.

COMING EVENTS**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.

OST 8 - 71st John Pryce Memorial Trial - Glenburn - Sunday 8 August 2021

From the Glenburn Roadhouse continue north on the Melba Highway for about 6.5 kms . Turn right into Murrindindi Road., travel approximately 2 km, turn right into Old Murrindindi Road , follow for about 2 km, property is on the left.

**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

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The Gippsland Vehicle Collection

presents
Rod & Custom
Cars & Bikes



Opening
Sun 11 th
JULY
2021

**A DISPLAY OF UNIQUE HAND CRAFTED BEAUTIES
 AT OUR MAFFRA MOTOR MUSEUM FROM JULY 11th
 2021 UNTIL END OF OCTOBER 2021**



Museum open Fri to Mon 10 til 4
 Daily during school holidays
 Anytime by appointment (groups)



gippslandvehiclecollection.org.au

DAY RUN - Sunday 8 August 2021

Watch this space for more News on this event.

OST 9 - Panton Hill - Sunday 22 August 2021

253 Motschalls Road Proceed along Kangaroo Ground - St Andrews Road to Panton Hill. Turn right at Long Gully Road. **Melways ref 264 B8.**

Proceed along Motschalls Road and turn left into Turnung Road. Follow OST Mud Trial signs.

COMING EVENTS**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

Pay *preferably* by electronic transfer via BSB as “**WHIST and your surname**” as the reference to

Austin 7 Club Inc with details at 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

More Photos and news on the website

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

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

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2021 Bay to Birdwood Update

26 September 2021

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.



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54th ANNUAL AUSTIN 7 RALLY

Mornington 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



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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

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.

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

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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!

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

"He has all the virtues I dislike and none of the vices I admire."

-- Winston Churchill

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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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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.

HISTORIC WINTON



CLUB PERMIT SCHEME

INITIAL APPLICATION FOR A CLUB PERMIT

The Club does not authorise CPS applications for MODIFIED vehicles, other than Austin 7s and their derivatives, since the Club Permit Officers would not have sufficient experience to judge eligibility, and are now required to attest to eligibility.

*‘An applicant for a *Club Permit for any vehicle other than an Austin 7 must be a Full Member of the Austin Seven Club Inc.’*

To this end the Club Permit Officer will request a statement from any applicant for new CPS vehicles that are NOT Austin 7s, to state that the vehicle is not modified outside the Regulations, or the VSI 8 or the VSI 33, whichever are applicable, and that any vehicle manufactured after 30 June 1975 meets the ADRs

TO APPLY FOR A NEW PERMIT

Your Club Permit Officers require the following with any CPS application:

- “ MUST be on the VicRoads Club Permit Application Form
- “ MUST be accompanied by a VicRoads Vehicle Eligibility and Standards Declaration for Club Permit Vehicles Form
- “ MUST be accompanied by a current Certificate of Roadworthiness (within 30 days of the Declaration Date)
- “ Dated photographs of front, driver’s side, back, driving positions (side on with driver’s door open), and where possible - Chassis number, engine number, car number and a photo of ALL modifications.
- “ An application for a “modified” Austin 7 MUST be accompanied by a VASS approval certificate
- “ An application for a “modified” Austin 7 motorcycle MUST be shown to meet the Standards applying to Motorcycle & Mopeds VSI 4

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CLUB PERMIT APPLICATIONS AND RENEWAL ARRANGEMENTS - COVID 19

AUTHORIZATION BY CLUB PERMIT OFFICER

During the period that Club Meetings are Suspended, due to the health crisis, approval of your Club Permit Renewals or Applications will need to be mailed, WITH A SELF-ADDRESSED STAMPED ENVELOPE, to the Club Permit Officer, at:-

Russell Dickson

OR

Robert Humphreys

115 Yarrbat Ave.

27 Peters Dve

BALWYN, VIC., 3103

CHELTENHAM, VIC., 3192

Electronic RENEWAL applications, following the VicRoads process will NOT be accepted by the Austin 7 Club—Club Permit Officers.

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.

"I've had a perfectly wonderful evening. But this wasn't it."
-- Groucho Marx

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The AOMC have alerted clubs to changes affecting Club Permit Scheme vehicles, but also a number of other Vehicle Standards that may be of interest to our members.



News

Guidelines for modifications to vehicles operating under Victoria's Club Permit Scheme

June 15, 2021



Connecting
our communities

Vehicle Standards Information 33

June 2021

This information sheet supersedes
all previous copies of VSI 33.

Guidelines for modifications to vehicles operated under Victoria's Club Permit Scheme

All vehicles in Victoria need to comply with specific standards to ensure that drivers and passengers are provided with a minimum level of safety. A modified vehicle must not be used on a road or road related area unless the modification has been approved by VicRoads or carried out in accordance with guidelines published by VicRoads. The Vehicle Standards Information (VSI) sheets provide this guidance by outlining vehicle standards and modification requirements for light vehicles.

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DOWNLOAD INFORMATION SHEET

The Department of Transport (DoT) has made updates to several VSIs. The updates directly support DoTs continued focus on safety and will ensure road users in Victoria are safer than ever before.

There were six VSIs open for consultation:

- VSI 1 Bull Bars
- VSI 5 Conversion of Vehicles to Motor Homes
- VSI 6 Requirements for A – Frame Towing of Vehicles
- VSI 8 Guide to Modifications for Motor Vehicles
- VSI 26 Roadworthiness Requirements
- VSI 33 Guidelines for Modifications to Vehicles Operated Under Victoria's Club Permit Scheme

There were six VSI feedback forms, one for each VSI, the opportunity to provide feedback is NOW CLOSED as of **Friday 5 March 2021**.

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact the Safer Vehicles team via vehicle.policy@roads.vic.gov.au

Thank you

Safer Vehicles and Future Vehicle Technology

Read through the list above carefully, and as can be seen, each information sheet can be downloaded, from the VicRoads website.

Whilst VSI 33 is the most important applying to Club Permit Scheme cars, some of the others may also be of interest, as related to your wider motoring activities.

If you have a motorcycle, VSI 4 is equally relevant.

"I am enclosing two tickets to the first night of my new play; bring a friend.... if you have one."

-- George Bernard Shaw to Winston Churchill

"Cannot possibly attend first night, will attend second... if there is one."

-- Winston Churchill, in response

A Reminder Of Very Past Events

Hi Robert

I have attached an article it may be of interest to you and others. It's about race car helmets not so much A7's.

I research and write information about the 1934 Parsons and Phillips Ford V8 Special race car for our own family archives.

Last month I decided to research my grandfather's unusual race car helmet, the original I have in my possession.

I hope you enjoy the Warren helmet test photo, it's a classic demo.

A link to a film takes you back to motor car racing in the mid 1935 features the helmets used by Jack Philips and Ted (Snr) Parsons.

After Historic Winton, this was more on my radar, the Safety Regs/ Scrutinising for cars is well worth the time and effort. I was on pit lane duty reminded of the dangers when some badly damaged cars passed by.

How fortunate the club was able to conduct the event during COVID times, with the best of North East weather. A great effort by everyone, good to be back.

Today our lockdown has eased in regional Wangaratta, while in Melbourne understanding others may be feeling like taking on a wall, as in the photo not recommended.

I continue to enjoy reading the newsletter articles, which keeps me connected with the club.

Hope all is going well with you

Regards

Rob Parsons.

Remote A7 Member

A Reminder Of Very Past Events

The Warren Safety Aviation Helmet

This rather comical photo was taken in 1912. The man is the British inventor W.T. Warren, and the image is him leaping against a hanger wall at the flying school of William Hugh Ewen at Hendon in the UK.

His invention, the Warren Safety Helmet was a spring-equipped pilot safety helmet, which was padded with horsehair. It was designed to absorb an impact as head injuries were the leading cause of death in flight accidents at the time. The helmet saw considerable use during World War 1 and an example of Warren's invention can be found in the British Imperial War Museum.

The other men in the photo are the flying school's owner William Hugh Ewen, in the Middle on the left stands his chief pilot Lewis Turner and the man on the right was named A.M.Ramsey. The photograph was published in the aviation magazine Flight on the 6th April 1912.

(source Internet)



The Mystery RAF Helmet ‘Helmet Aviation’ 22C/12

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A 2nd patent 1916 the improved 'Warren' Safety Helmet being the best candidate in 1920-1924 RAF listed issue as part of your flying kit. Leather and cork structure, vented ear collars, later models included ear audio piece and the introduction of a breathing mask.



(source internet)

Parsons and Phillip Ford V8 special Race Car Helmets

Both driver Jack Phillips and the Observer Ted Parsons(Snr) wore these helmets when racing the Parsons and Phillips 1934Ford V8 Special. The inside inscription on the Helmet reads, *'No2 Tautz &Co. Patent 17855 Aviators Safety Helmet. Maker:- Tautz &Co, Hunting, Military and Multifit Tailors, 12 Grafton St, Newbond S.t London W'*

Curtis and Tautz &Co. were given permission to use the patent to make helmets for the war effort.

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The introduction of the 22/C the helmet was approximately 18 months following WW1. Telephony and oxygen mask adaptations were used late WW1. Warren's internal sprung dome 1917 model 25/C does not have this system however Included materials like leather, cork, horse hair. The Letter 'N' inscribed on the 22C/12 indicates that the helmet is not for further purchase, now obsolete, for the more improved version. This seems to be the case with Ted Parsons helmet which has the Letter 'N'. This helmet was replaced by the D Type Tropical Helmet in 1942 22C/969-972 of a different style and shape suited to the tropics. (information was from web sources)

While the helmet was obsolete for aircraft, they were used by Parsons and Phillips while racing the car between 1935 to 1939. The lack of sporting regulations, these cars also lacked the safety features of seat belts, not considered a benefit for car racing. Drivers had a steering wheel and co-driver a grab handle to hold onto, it would be common in rollovers to 'duck' down and to brace yourself perhaps to be trapped or otherwise flung free of the car, all with grave consequences.

Ted Parsons first introduction to motor race was at the Benalla Airstrip circuit, perhaps a likely place to find such a helmet. On the back page of Ted's Race Cars photo album, he made a list of racing car drivers who had lost their lives to motor car racing during his involvement. A reminder to himself to the dangers of the sport. Ted retired from racing after the 2nd world war, the car was sold, he focused his interests towards Golf and Film making. (Search:- ACMI YouTube , 'Ted Parsons Car Racing' Wangaratta or Tarrawingee)

Jack and Ted wore leather face shields to protect them from their own flying stones and other track debris on the race tracks, an idea adapted from the oxygen flying mask. All the leather was painted white to match

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the cars paint work; aviation goggles also protect their eyes.

A race at Wirlinga Albury, Parsons and Phillips while overtook the lead car. The driver had received a laceration to his face, while it may have come from Parsons or Phillips car or his own, he managed to crossed the finishing line in 2nd place to Parsons and Phillips car.



Parsons Photo Album



Parsons Photo Album

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Ted (Edwin) Parsons Snr –co driver wearing helmet, goggles white overalls (pocket had the fordV8 embroidered) wearing a a leather ‘Kidney’ support belt (adapted from motor cycle riders who wore these). To look your best under the overalls, it was common for Ted to wear a white shirt and tie.

(The Person behind Ted in the photo is unknown from the Parsons Photo Album.)



Some of the memorabilia of Ted Parsons snr, in the background Ted's helmet and goggles, the Albury Gold Cup, displayed in Rob Parsons 1927 A7 van. Parsons and Phillips Wangaratta Motors was Est. in 1924.

researched and written by- Rob Parsons. 5/2021

PAST EVENTS - HISTORIC WINTON

It is interesting to observe that, even in this year where a restricted event was planned, we still had over 230 Officials signed on, of which about 120 were Austin 7 Club members, or their families/friends.

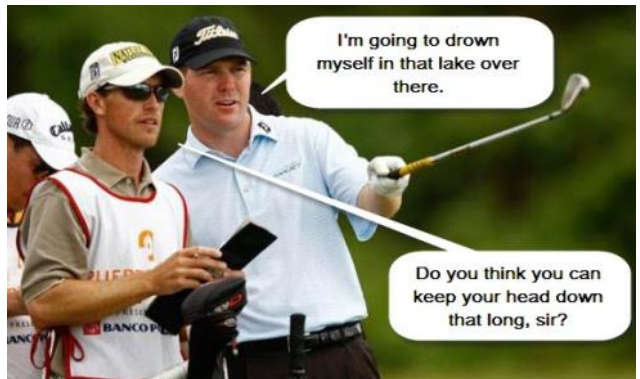
Many of our interstate supporters did not attend due to the fear that they may get caught by COVID restrictions.



I think that many envy the salubrious transport shared by the team of officials.



Something for the golfers!



HISTORY

Martin Stubbs says he found a photo on the desktop of this Austin 7 chassis competing at Greensborough which may be of interest to members, the year could be 1945 and someone will recognise the driver and registration?

I guess safety standards were a little relaxed at most motor sports events, at that time.

What body? what roll bar? what support for the steering column? what helmet? what protective clothing? - forget the spectators!

WHAT FUN!

Regards Martin



You beaut bogan ute

Austin 7 restoration a labour of love and a real head turner



By **ROBERAH GUYNAIM**

THESE are the days when you can't get a ute for \$1000.

The 1927 Austin 7 was a real head turner. It was the only ute in the world that was built in Australia. It was the only ute in the world.

But great owner Roy Campbell had a vision. He wanted to restore the car to its original glory. It was a real head turner.

"I started out wanting to build a ute, but I wanted it to be a real head turner. I was a real head turner."

Mr Campbell, 68, brought the car back to life. He had a lot of fun. It was a real head turner.

He would give it to me to use. It was a real head turner. It was a real head turner.

The ute can now be seen in the streets of Roberah. It was a real head turner.

Mr Campbell said he had never wanted an Austin 7 before he was a kid. He had a real head turner.

"He had three of them and would take the girls out of town. He had a real head turner."

"I would give you the keys, even when I didn't have my license, so I could go for a spin."

"That's when I fell in love with them. It was a real head turner."

Mr Campbell says he would rather get behind the wheel of the 42-year-old car than the modern cars around the streets today.

And that is despite the fact that it has a weak engine, it is a real head turner.

"The windows open right up so you can have a look at the scenery. It was a real head turner."

The old Austin has its original owner's name on the side. It was a real head turner.

But Mr Campbell says he has to order special tires from overseas for the car.

BEAUT UTE: Roy Campbell and his 1927 Austin 7 — voted the best Bogan Ute. Pictures: **ARJUN SANSON**



SOME THINGS NEVER CHANGE.

By REBEKAH CAVANAGH

THIS ute is apparently as bogan as they get.

The 1927 Austin 7 was awarded the Best Bogan Ute at this year's Australia Day ute rally in Darwin.

But proud owner Ray Campbell had no idea what the award actually meant.

"I had to look up bogan in the dictionary when I got home," he said.

"I found one meaning that said it meant rebellious so I was happy with that."

"She's a pretty rebellious looking car – she's a real beauty."

Mr Campbell, 69, brought the vintage car from Queensland two years ago.

"It looked a bit rugged – it was all there it just hadn't had any TLC," he said.

He quickly got to work in his shed at Berrimah to get it back on the road.

The ute can now be seen turning heads as it cruises around Top End streets.

"I've never been sorry about buying her," he said. "She's a real head turner."

Mr Campbell said he had always wanted an Austin since he was a kid as he used to watch his neighbour race them up White's Hill in Brisbane.

"He had three of them and would race the guts out of them then we'd spend the next week working on them so they could race again," he said.

"He would give me the keys, even when I didn't have my licence, so I could go for a spin."

"That's when I fell in love with them."

Mr Campbell says he would rather get behind the wheel of the 82-year-old car than the modern cars zooming around the streets today.

And this is despite the fact that it has a crank to start it up, a maximum speed of 80km/h and doesn't have any blinkers or airconditioning.

"The windscreen opens right up so you can have as much air conditioning as you want all day – it's very cool with the breeze on your face," he said.

The old Austin has its original seven horsepower 740cc engine and wire spoke wheels.

But Mr Campbell says he has to order special tyres from interstate for the ute.

'On ya bike'



This 1913 photo shows a fully equipped fire fighting machine. As a backup, if the water supply was non-existent, the poor old fire fighter would have probably built up enough puff to blow out the fire.

What price would a collector pay for this today?

I know that we have a few in the club.

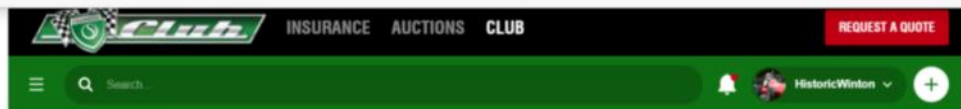
"His mother should have thrown him away and kept the stork."

-- Mae West

"Some cause happiness wherever they go; others, whenever they go."

-- Oscar Wilde

PAST EVENTS



Shannons. One of our major sponsors for HISTORIC WINTON recently produced an excellent report, photos and comments on their website - well worth a look. Here's an extract of a small part of that report.

Historic Winton for 2021: A BIG success!

255 Views 9 Replies Reply



General

By **Retroautos** - 23 May 2021

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The 44th Historic Winton event for historic race competitors and spectators has just concluded. More than 200 car and 100 motorcycle competitors raced. Last year's racing was cancelled due to the COVID 19 lockdown.

Spectators social distanced comfortably around the short track in the fresh country air and sunshine.

Car of the Meet (overall best presented car) was won by Andrew Green for his 1927 Alvis 12/50, pictured,

The Austin 7 Club, which organises the event had only 10 weeks instead of the usual 10 months to get it all going. And everything went to plan. More than 200 volunteers assisted over the weekend.



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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" SUs 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.

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The Austin 7 Fleming Special

The theory of intelligence.

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In much the same way, the human brain can only operate as fast as the slowest brain cells. Now, as we know, excessive consumption of alcohol kills brain cells. But, naturally it attacks the slowest and weaker cells first. In this way, regular consumption of beer eliminates the weaker brain cells, making the brain a faster and more efficient machine.

And that is why you always feel smarter after a few beers.

Makes sense to me

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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.

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- ◆ A second position for an enthusiastic young person wishing to start an apprenticeship,
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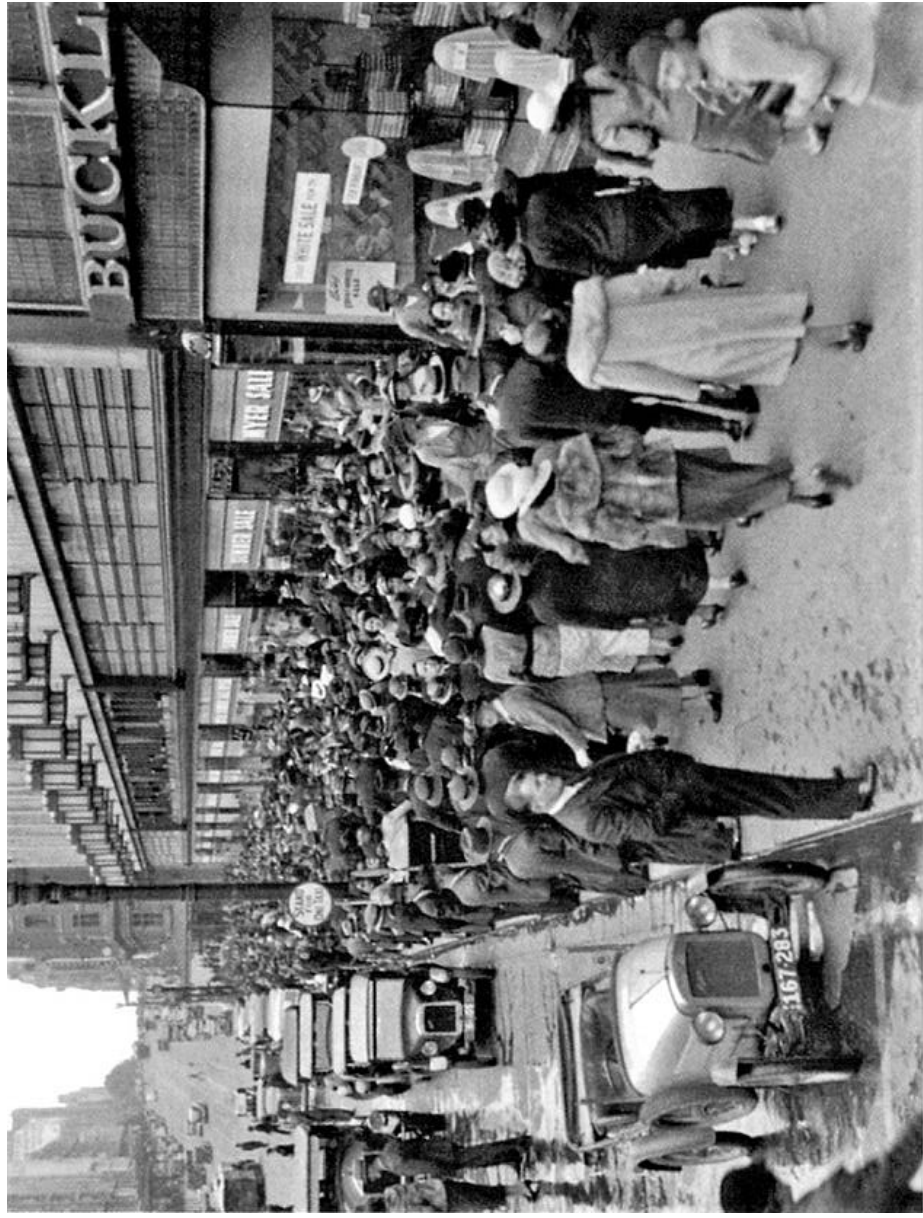
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