
"THE LIGHT SHAFT"

March 2021



Glen Kelly's 1929 utility.

See Story on Page 22

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From Martin Stubbs.

A few historical photos of the John Kleine 750 Formula car, at Templestowe, now owned by Martin.

Right John Kleine doing a bit of tuning in the paddock.





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

MARCH

3	Wed	7	A	M.G.M. Zoom Meeting online
6-8				VHRR Phillip Island Classic
13	Sat	7		Spares
14	Sun			<i>VDC Yarra Glen Swap Meet</i>
17	Wed	7	A	H.A.S./Spares
18/21				<i>AGP Deferred about 6 months</i>
27	Sat		S	Eddington Sprints
31	Wed	7		URRRS

APRIL

2	Fri			Combined Clubs Hot Cross Bun Picnic Run – Braeside Park - A7 Club are hosting
2/5				Easter
7	Wed	7	A	M.G.M./Spares <i>Format to be advised</i>
10	Sat	7		Spares/BBQ <i>Format to be advised</i>
		7		OST Scrutineering & Test Day, Lilydale
18	Sun	7		OST 1
	Sun	7	A	Day Run
21	Wed	7	A	H.A.S./Spares

NOTE The items in Italics are not confirmed, at this time

Spares Hours Saturday - 12:00 Noon to 3:00pm

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

2021**MAY**

2	Sun	7		OST 2
			S	V.H.R.R. Rob Roy
4	Tue			CAMS Delegates Mtg
5	Wed	7	A	M.G.M./Spares
8	Sat	7		Spares/B.B.Q.
9	Sun			Mother's Day
15	Sat			Club hire – Janne's All Day Craft Day Austin 7 Heaven Workshop To be advised
16	Sun			OST 3
19	Wed	7	A	H.A.S./Spares
21-23	Fri-Sun	7	AR	Historic Winton
21	Fri	7		Benalla Historic Vehicle Tour
	Sat			Federation Meeting:
	Mon			AOMC Delegates Meeting

The printing of an A7 Club Annual Calendar of Events has been deferred, due to uncertainty about what events are likely to proceed

LIGHTSHAFT COPY CLOSING

Copy for Lightshaft **closes** late on

SUNDAY 21 March 2021.

Ever wonder why the word funeral starts with **FUN**?

Why isn't a Fireman called a Water-man?

How come Lipstick doesn't do what it says?

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

This year started with so much promise, however at the time of writing this report we find all our Victorian members in a statewide shut down which of course makes it so difficult to organise or run an event in the future. Added to this is the incompetence of our local authorities and government departments. Some of you may be aware that for the second year we are trying to have a Hot Cross Bun run with the VDC, VCC and CHACA to raise money for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal. The problem is that Parks Victoria, which you pay for in your rates, are unable to give a permit to use your parks in less than 8 weeks. The last time this event happened in 2019 CHACA was forced to remove the gatepost to gain access as the parks warden failed to turn up with the key.

For the time being we have to continue with Zoom meetings for our MGM and Committee Meetings. Whilst this is not ideal there are some benefits in that we are able to embrace our remote members. Last month was a first for the club when Ducan Logan from the Antarctic base attempted to join in but was limited by the demand on the Internet connection at the base. We encourage all members to join our zoom meetings it's not that hard, all you need is your smart phone or computer and click on the link that John Shiells will send you provided you have sent us your email address.

Membership

We are pleased to welcome a number of new members to the club. See Russell Dickson's membership secretary's report. To those new members we trust that you will enjoy the club and the benefits that are offered, and if there are any questions please feel free to ask any of the Committee or the membership for assistance as there is a great deal of knowledge within the club.

To those members who are unwell we are all thinking of you.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Unfortunately I have received notification that long time member John Needham has suffered a severe stroke and is currently in the Bendigo Hospital, our thoughts are with him.

2021 will be fun

Len Kerwood

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

We would like to welcome the following new members:

- ◇ Bernard Snoodyk from Myrtleford
- ◇ Ranjith Samarakoon from Berwick
- ◇ Warren Tite from Tahmoor NSW
- ◇ Jim Runciman from Hovea WA
- ◇ Tony Lennerth from Mount Gambier SA
- ◇ Graeme Hall from Mildura
- ◇ Richard Kempster, Kate Palmer-Kempster, Griffin and Oscar from Emerald. Richard has purchased the Box Saloon, from the Laughton family, that his father, Colin, restored and drove on his honeymoon. Peter and Trish Laughton had bought it from Colin over 30 years ago. Tony Alexa from Oak Park. Tony had previously been a member in the 1970s.
- ◇ David De La Harpe from Fitzroy North who is hoping to buy an Austin 7 Sports.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS cont.

- ◇ Greg Hallihan from The Basin who is part owner of the ex Maurie Monk/Bob Watson Top Hat Saloon with Brian Gibbons.
- ◇ Mark Donnelly from Caringbah NSW who has a 1925 Roadster that has been off the road since 1959 and a 1932 roadster that was last on the road over 25 years ago.
- ◇ Stuart Banks from Brighton East who has a 1929 Chummy on the road and a 1936 Tourer "in lots of little bits".

Please note that if you have not renewed your membership by the end of February, you will have to pay a joining fee of \$35.00 to re-join the Club. This will then give you an opportunity to be listed in a future Light Shaft and welcomed to the Club.

From the Membership Secretary



Editor's Ramblings

Editor's NOTE - You will note that I have changed the Heading to this month's Ramblings, as I have a personal urgency of emphasising a frustration of most Editor's, and I want to keep all my remaining hair.

Robert J. Humphreys - Your Editor

EDITOR's Rantings

An Editor's job, in a Club such as ours, is a balancing act of:

1. Trying to elicit interesting reading matter that relates to the varying interests of our members, and
2. Editing the grammar and formatting of content of articles, and
3. Adopt the format of submissions (commonly A4) to suit the format of the A5 magazine that we produce, and
4. Converting graphics to a format that suits the chosen publishing system - presently MS Publisher (since it is cheap), and
5. Trying to get timely submission of Coming Event information for at least two issues prior to an event, and
6. As a default, drafting suitable Coming Event information, so that members have suitable advance notice of events, and
7. Trying to make the newsletter reasonably entertaining, and with enough variety to suit the varying interests of members, and
8. Acting as a stop-gap to verify that statutory notices are adequately published, in advance, in accord with our Club Rules, and
9. Attempting to make the Lightshaft, and other publication, graphically interesting, and

Editor's Rantings

10. Last, but not least, ensuring that the Lightshaft is submitted to the printer in a timely manner to ensure hard-copy mailing meshes suitably with the cycle of meetings and the release of electronic copies to members.

Whilst my lack of creative talent is quite often variably challenged in achieving a Lightshaft that suits the constraints of items 1 to 9, I find my greatest frustration is receiving timely submission of content.

I try very hard to accommodate late submission of content, which quite often can affect the format of major parts of the publication.

It is for this reason that I publish a closing date for content on Page 3 or 4, every month.

This "*LIGHTSHAFT COPY CLOSING*" is not in accord with a strict timetable, as Public Holidays, and other constrictions, affect the advance submission of copy to the printer. It is also chosen to suit availability of the Editor, or part of the dedicated team that performs the mailout, or when part of the process clashes with a Club Event or other motor sport activity. It is also affected by public holidays, and some not so public holidays.

I therefore appeal to members to have some respect for the team that contributes to the content production and mailing of the Lightshaft, and check the - :

LIGHTSHAFT COPY CLOSING

More Photos and news on the website

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

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

COMING EVENTS

The Editor has already encouraged you to get “computer savvy”.

In these uncertain times of COVID restrictions, the ultimate format of some of the Coming Events can change, at the last minute.

Those who have supplied an email address are more likely to have received a timely update in a “late advice” about how events are to be conducted (or cancelled).

You will note that General Meetings at our Clubrooms have not been resumed, as the COVID restriction on numbers is too limiting.

However, the Club is working towards refitting the Clubrooms, so shortly future meetings will combine both attendees, and electronic attendees. We'll have some big screens to view those who are attending by “Zoom”.

NOTE: Spares Saturdays will resume, as well as Hot Air Sessions, but without any supper or barbecues, and strict control of the number of members in Spares, at any one time.

The Club's Meeting Room will also be limited to about 35 attendees, at any time, and 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.

NOTE: The “old” system of paper “CHECK-IN” only permits about 17 attendees in our Meeting Room, virtually precluding most meetings.

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 3 March 2021

We are AGAIN having the MGM via ZOOM.

If we do not have your email address, please advise events@austin7club.org - so that we can send you a ZOOM invite to the meeting.

The meeting will commence at 8:00pm. Visitors very welcome.

Spares will not be open.

SPARES - Saturday 13 March 2021

Note the amended hours 12:00 Noon to 3:00pm

There will be no BBQ.

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COMING EVENTS

HOT AIR SESSION/SPARES - Wednesday 17 February 2021

The Club's Meeting Room will be limited to 35 attendees, at any time, and with an expectation that everyone will "socially distance".

Hours will be 7:30pm to 9:00pm

The same comments about Spares applies as for the Saturday Spares.

URRRS Event Wednesday 31st March 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

COMING EVENTS

HOT CROSS BUN RUN GOOD FRIDAY - 2 APRIL 2021

Annual Charity Event: Generous donations collected for the Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal



WHERE - Rosella Oval / Picnic Area – Braeside Park

Enter Braeside Park from Lower Dandenong Road.—Rosella Oval is the last oval on the left hand side before the exit back onto Lower Dandenong Road. Please note this is a ONE WAY circuit.

Lower Dandenong Road, Braeside. Melway Map: 88 E8

Come early to try to park all our the cars together as a club.

Look for the Austin 7 flag banners.

WHEN Time. 9.00am till 2:30pm

BYO Picnic chairs and tables, Lunch and drinks, sunscreen.

No Alcohol is permitted.

The organisation of this event is shared by the Veteran Car Club Vic (VCCAV), Vintage Drivers Club (VDC), Classic & Historic Automobile Club of Australia (CHACA) and the Austin 7 Club Inc. This year will be hosted by the Austin 7 Club Inc.

Please come along and join in our club display and have a great day out with fellow car enthusiasts and enjoy the multitude of superb vehicles that are on display.

COMING EVENTS

Free Hot Cross Buns, tea and coffee provided, along with scintillating conversation.

Housekeeping: No animals are allowed in the Park.

Please take your litter home with you.

Do not feed or handle the wild life.

Drive very carefully on the oval.

Braeside Park is closed on CODE RED fire danger days and the event would be cancelled.

OBSERVE ALL COVID PRECAUTIONS AND SANITISE REGULARLY

Human beings seem unable to put aside the urge to compare - is yours bigger than mine?



In the case of an Austin 7 owner, the answer, when compared with the Sunbeam 350HP, is that, YES, 18.3 Litre, V12 and 355 bhp is significantly bigger - AND it needs a bigger trailer, bigger parking space and bigger fuel tanker to follow it.

COMING EVENTS**BORDER RUN 12,13 & 14 June 2021**

Please mark this in your calendar.

This year's Border Run has been organised by your Club and will be to Portland to meet our South Australian Austin Seven counterparts. This is one of our longest continuous events and provides an opportunity to make and renew friendships with like-minded impecunious enthusiasts (aka Austin 7 owners).

These country events enable us to drive our Austins in areas of low traffic volume and at a relaxed pace. For those who are not experienced with driving their cars for long distances, pop it on a trailer and join us for a rewarding weekend travelling around the local area, seeing places of interest and sharing meals and accommodation with our South Aussie friends.

More details will be provided in upcoming magazines.

Regards, Brian Gibbons

Ph: 0418508611

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.

COMING EVENTS



2021 Federation Golden Oldies Tour

The *Federation Golden Oldies Tour* is only open to Vintage vehicles (1919-1930). This Tour will travel through North-Central Victoria and will cover 1100km/680mile taking in Echuca/Moama, Deniliquin, Rushworth, Avenel, Seymour, Mitchelstown, Nagambie, Heathcote, Kyneton, Castlemaine, Maldon, Dunolly, Wedderburn and Bendigo. This is an opportunity to renew friendships with fellow Golden Oldies and visit museums, private collections and enjoy fun evenings and beautiful scenery.

At this time, we are seeking an **Expression of Interest** for people who would like to attend the Tour – please only complete the below if you are genuinely planning to attend the Tour. The decision to go ahead with the Tour will be subject to obtaining a sponsor and COVID-19 restrictions, and if there is a risk to congregate 120 people, offer accommodation or travel into NSW we reserve the right to alter, amend or cancel the Tour. **We will confirm on 2 April 2021** or advise everyone of a new date.

ENTRY FEE is planned as \$240per vehicle (depending on sponsorship) and **will be payable with the Entry Form (when the tour is confirmed)** Entry will include 2 adults for lunch at Marong, the final dinner and breakfast in Bendigo, some entertainment.

COMING EVENTS

EMAIL Expression of Interest to GoldenOldies-Tour@outlook.com.au

or MAILTo: Golden Oldies Tour, 41 Faradale Drive, Faraday, 3451

Questions? Call/text Anne on 0412848797 or Glenda on 0418345499

RACV ALPINE RALLY

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. The RACV Alpine Trial Centenary will be held from Saturday 20 November to Saturday 27 November 2021.

HISTORY

RACV held a series of reliability trials between 1921-1926. The route of the inaugural 1921 trial ran from Melbourne to Lakes Entrance, Tallangatta, Mount Buffalo, Wangaratta and Healesville before returning to Melbourne via a final loop through Ballarat and Geelong. The trial focused on Victoria's Alpine region, advocating for both tourism and the construction of better roads and services to expand the touring potential of north-east Victoria. They were both reliability and efficiency contests. Hill climbing contests and fuel consumption tests were also included with automobile companies using the associated publicity to promote their vehicles. The RACV Alpine Trial Centenary event will follow, as close as practicable, the route of the 1921 RACV 1000 Mile Reliability Trial.

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.

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.



The poster features a stylized whale on the left with the text 'Austin Seven' written in a cursive font across its back. To the right of the whale, the text '100 YEARS' is displayed in large, outlined numbers. Below this, there is a small illustration of a vintage car and the text 'WARRNAMBOOL National Rally 2022'. At the bottom of the poster, it says '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!', and 'Enquiries: 2022rallyinfo@gmail.com'.

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

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/>

CLUB NEWS

As mentioned in the President's Report the electronic Zoom MGMs are attracting many remote members to join us, and sometimes they even show us their cars.

Here's the story of one effort to get to our last meeting from another continent.

Duncan Logan <happiness_au@yahoo.com>

Thought I'd try to join but our Antarctic internet struggles of an evening when too many users use up the bandwidth.

I'll be back in Aus next month so will try again.

At the end of the MGM Duncan finally made the Zoom link briefly with John and I but apologised- everyone at the base was using the internet

CLEMENT SPECIAL IN BRISBANE 2021

Hi, Just a short note to let you know the Clement racer is now in Brisbane.

New owner now a member.

Cheers Trevor
Moore

Austin 7 Register
of Queensland



CLUB NEWS

We are always reporting yet another person on the sick list, but sometimes we hear nothing further.

However, when Brian Gibbons started his recovery from surgery, he heard that he could get “back on his bike”, but he had to take it easy, so here he is.

BUT, a recumbent bike is not “real” cycling, so now Brian is back on a “real” bike, and doing well.

It’s probably faster, through the traffic, than an Austin 7, or any modern vehicle, and energy efficient.



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.

It's a five minute walk from my house to the pub.

It's a 35 minute walk from the pub to my house.

The difference is staggering.

MY AUSTIN

GLEN KELLY is a new member who has been buying some treasures for his beloved baby, and tells us a bit of its story before he adopted his baby.

Glen lives in Llandilo NSW

“Attached is a photo of my little BRUM

I’m new to the Austin world so I don’t know much about this vehicle other than it belonged to Merv Briggs in Dayboro QLD.

He stripped it down in 2017 for the National Rally but didn’t do anything with it, as Pam his wife got crook. It was her car. Merv painted it the yellow it is today.

I have all the photos if you want a story for the light shaft.

It is a 1929 model 3spd gearbox Ute as you can see in photo attached. I also have the roadster back panel and the roof but I rather like it this way.

The engine number is M85124”

Editor’s Note

Just so you do not think that utilities are too rare - read on.



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.

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

An original Parts Book, for your model is one of the most valuable resources, especially for remote members.

An original Handbook is also a handy reference.

MY AUSTIN

Hugh Bateman writes

“I bought my utility from an estate in Townsville, however I’m advised it originally came from Darwin.

I thought you might like to see the little tiger!”

See Photos on the back cover.

Richard Unkles – An update (from some time ago..- Ed.)

Hi Rob

I have been pushing ahead with the restoration of the animal ambulance and had a bit of luck last week.

I managed to unearth a bit of the original paint colour. See photo. Prior to this find I was dependant upon a few scraps on the hinges.

With some luck and a good number of hours work I might have it ready to paint sometime next month. Time will tell if that proves realistic.

Kind regards Richard Unkles

EDITOR’S NOTE

For those getting the Lightshaft online, the photo shows a good sample of green paint.

I hope you are all so excited that you’ll covert to also getting an electronic copy.



SOME AUSTIN 7S WEAR THESE CLOTHES

The JWF Story

Italia & Milano Sports Cars (1958 – 1971)

I hope that you have all read the newsletter that was circulated from the Vintage & Classic Car Club Ballarat

This book of 150 pages is an important part of the story of Austin 7 specials in Australia.

John Fleming of Merri Bridge Motors was Victorian agent for these bodies, and was a long time member of our club, and stocked a large range of Austin 7 Spares.

The J.W.F Story - J.W.F Glass-Fibre Industries J.W.F Italia & Milano Sports Cars (1958 – 1971) Published in 2020 By Bruce Polain 150 Pages

Dedicated to the wives, girl and boyfriends, partners and all those associated with motoring and motor sport enthusiasts, who spend bulk time and dollars on following their love of this particular passion. Long may it endure

Bruce Polain 2020 Australian Motor Heritage Foundation Australia has a rich heritage in motoring and the AMHF is committed to protecting the future of our past.

Based at Sydney Motor Sport Park, the files, books, magazines, photos, films and brochures will provide the main resource for research, education and interest in motor sport and motoring history.

Through the courtesy of Brian Caldersmith, a Foundation Director, we acknowledge the assistance of AMHF in the production of this important

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new Australian book. “The J.W.F Story,” a tale of three young enthusiasts who dreamt of making their own sports car....then actually built them in a classic example of Australian ingenuity, resolve and determination.

Ian “Sam” Johnson – Legally blind as a youth, Sam became fascinated with a new revolutionary technology – fibreglass.

Geoff Williams – a natural engineer and problem solver. As a youth, Geoff could take apart and rebuild any machinea vital skill in car construction.

Grant Furzer – a keen model-maker with an eye for design, Grant brought the characteristic alluring lines of the JWF Milano car to life.

The JWF story has its genesis in the boyhood friendship of three mates, Sam, Geoff and Grant, who built powered model aircraft and flew in their local area. Noise objections from local residents saw this activity curtailed.

During the early 1950’s the mates made use of a shed in the back yard of Sam’s parents, and started building 1/12th scale race cars from scratch with “O” gauge model train motors. The original models were built in balsa, then branching out into plastic moulding and ultimately using fibreglass.

In the mid-fifties Stan Coffey, a race car enthusiast, imported into Australia a Ferrari Monza which had been raced overseas by the English race driver, Mike Hawthorn. A beautiful car, so Sam built a perfect scale model.

With their 18th birthdays approaching when they would be able to get their drivers’ licences, the boys decided to build their own real cars. In 1957, the backyard shed was used to make a fibreglass body of the Ferrari Monza body six times larger than the original model. Grant purchased a 1937

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Austin 7 car for fifteen pounds, and their first body was attached to the Austin 7 chassis.

With its light, fibreglass body, the performance of the Austin improved dramatically. While road-testing their “new” red car, the Editor of “The Sports Car World Magazine”, Doug Blain, stopped them, had a drive and wrote an article in the magazine in June 1959.

Twenty more bodies were quickly built of the JWF Milano 750 Roadster, all based on Austin 7 cars. These were quickly sold!!

“The Sports Car World Magazine” of July 1959 had a beautiful photograph of a red roadster with a yellow and black roadster, both registered in New South Wales, on the magazine cover.

Consequently the JWF business name was registered and a suitable factory found in Sydney. The boys all left their occupations and built 3 bodies a week during the first year of production, many being sold by four agents in Victoria, Queensland and Western Australia.

With changes and a new chassis, the JWF Milano Roadsters were quickly built with MG, Triumph, Austin, Morris, Jowett, Singer, Ford and Holden mechanicals, plus a few with a chassis from Nota.

The boys were very successful racing their various cars in N.S.W motor sports. At this stage, there were about 200 cars being used as everyday vehicles or in motor sport. Later that year, they built their second car called JWF Italia coupe and roadster based on the Ferrari 250 Coupe which had a longer chassis, and some were built with a Nota spaceframe chassis. 13

These later cars were built with Repco Holden, Supercharged Ford Zephyr, and Chrysler Valiant mechanicals.

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In latter years, JWF was producing Frank Matich SR3 and SR4 racing car bodies and other speedway racing car bodies or Hot Rods. In fact, in 2013, a JWF Milano Roadster was built to race at Lake Gairdner in South Australia.

The last JWF Milano GT2 Coupe was built in 1971, with Holden 179 mechanicals, but was upgraded to Holden 202 modified engines at a later date.

This excellent new book covers the History of the JWF Company, its cars, their racing history and everyday use.

A number of cars have been sold to overseas owners for use in Historic Racing. In fact, recently a JWF Coupe race car sold in England for 30,000 pounds!! Bolwell Australian Car production occurred well after the JWF story. Ron Gay.

Editor's Note

In the past, our Club had quite a few Milanos, I had a "virgin" shell, that I sold to Keith Johns, I don't know if Susan still has it.

Bruce Maplestone, in his youth built quite a good Austin 7 version, which he passed to Russell Grabert, then Len Thomas - a few others, and last I heard resided in Inverloch.

Chris Moir and a couple of other members had Big 7 versions in the Club, and Barrie Fisher modified one with a rear engine, Renault 750 engine I think. Barrie probably still has this one.

INITIAL APPLICATION FOR A CLUB PERMIT

Given the new responsibility for compliance with eligibility, the Committee has decided that it will 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

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

115 Yarrbat Ave.

BALWYN, VIC., 3103

OR

Robert Humphreys

27 Peters Dve.

CHELTENHAM, VIC., 3192

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MARKET PLACE**or how to keep your parts****New flesh sensing technology: enter the Saw Shield**

There's a new entrant into the flesh sensing sawblade technology arena. Stopping tablesaw and bandsaw blades within milliseconds of flesh proximity is the touted feature of this US technology. The website video notes the technology has been developed and now marketed by 'Mat', an aerospace engineer and 'Wes' who works in AI and is a lifelong woodworker.

On triggering, the 'sacrificial' brake cartridge is destroyed in the process, however their tests showed that after having been 'subjected to numerous activations, the sawblades were not destroyed and were ready to use'.

The manufacturers claim the units are easy to install and 'compatible with 10" thin kerf and regular kerf tablesaw blades'. The bandsaw unit is compatible with any blade down to 1/8" wide.

Check out the video and info at: <https://www.getsawshield.com/>

MARKET PLACE**Or How to get your parts!****MAIL ORDER PAYMENTS TO AUSTIN 7 CLUB SPARES**

Payment for parts is preferred by Direct Deposit.

Please note Spares Banking Details, located at the bottom of our Invoices.

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NEWS FROM SPARES

December and January have been a very busy time for some of us in the spares group. Three loads of junk/gold, whichever way it is seen as, have been picked up, sorted and put away. I have another lot to look at as well.

There is a fibreglass body from one of the loads, see photo at back in 'for sale' section in last month's Light Shaft, it is \$100.00. Contact me for inspection as the body is at my place, there is no room in spares.

After waiting for 3 months, we received a delivery from England, unfortunately about 1/3rd of the order couldn't be filled. Things are fairly chaotic over there and they are having trouble getting a lot of normally easily obtained parts. Brexit is also complicating things. A further order has been placed with another Company. I guess we can only try.

Our heads are now on the shelf at a cost of \$540.00. These have been slightly modified from the last batch with a better gas flow and an improved spark exposure.

As a result of our request for help in the spares department. I welcome Courtney Rumble and David Easton to our team. Neil Rickard has finally been cleared by our bank and is now doing the banking etc., that Janne Humphreys has been doing, thanks Janne for all your efforts.

Graeme Logan

0409 963 091

14 February 2021

MARKET PLACE

Market Place advertisements will normally appear for FREE in two consecutive Lightshafts Editor

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.

FOR SALE FROM CLUB SPARES

Fibreglass sports body—poor condition. \$100.

Came with recent load of second-hand spares.

Graeme Logan 5989 7344



MARKET PLACE**FOR SALE**

1937 Austin Big Seven Tourer. New tyres and upholstery.

Comes with the original owner's service manual.

Engine no. A1067 Chassis no. 9897

Vintage car registration for Queensland. Fully restored. In Mackay, Queensland.

I am too old to use it now.

Bill Beetham email beethambill@gmail.com

Asking price \$18,000.00 pick up only.

**FOR SALE.**

AUSTIN 7 ENGINE STAND.

PAIR OF A7 LUCAS HEADLIGHTS.

PRE 1931 RADIATOR CORE

LUCAS FUSE/CUT OUT WITH BRASS COVERS.

PLATED CENTRE 18INCH WHEEL.

AVON 3.50X19 INCH TYRE, 99%

PRE 1931 PETROL TANK.

Wayne Styles. 0417 532 412.

FOR SALE wheels

Five Austin 7 wheels with new tyres 3.50 x 13" tyres.

Vaughn 0418 311 032

MARKET PLACE**FOR SALE**

Chassis LWB high frame.

Very straight, no rust pitting.

Sandblasted and painted gloss black.

The best chassis I have owned, but I have no use for it.

No number stamped or found. Suit 1932 to 1934, later van, ute or special.

\$700 or near offer.

Courtenay Rumble (near Oakleigh) 0438 900073

**FOR SALE**

Supercharged Austin 7 Racing Car

Price \$28,000

Contact Ken 0413 744 337



MARKET PLACE

FOR SALE

Austin 7 frame. Asking \$100.

It needs lots of TLC but nothing irreparable in the right hands.

Frame is in Balwyn

Peter Ford 0422 388 378.



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ML Magneto HT cap or complete Magneto

Would be grateful if someone could assist with an HT cap or complete ML magneto type RF4

Jim Runciman

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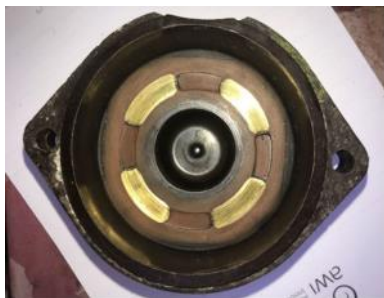
OLD CAR GEARBOXES P L (03) 9553 3203



Since many members do not often see magneto Austin 7s.

Here's the remnants of what Jim Rinciman wants to replace.

See WANTED advert opposite



The Marshalite clock-type traffic signals were common from about 1936, to the 1970s. The trouble was, that there signal period was not variable and could not easily be vehicle actuated, so they died in the same way as others. The last that I remember, were used in a



pedestrian crossing in Nepean Hwy, around Edithvale. Rob.H.



Hugh Bateman's
Utility.

See brief story on
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