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Meetings

The Austin 7 Club NSW Inc meets at 8:00pm on the 2nd Wednesday of each month at Bankstown-Sports, 8 Greenfield Parade, Bankstown NSW. Parking is available via Mona Street (off Greenfield Parade) in the multi-level car park. Visitors are welcome.

Deadline

This magazine is published seasonly. Contributions to Baby Torque should be sent to The Editor, Baby Torque, P.O. Box 6009, North Ryde NSW 2113

President's Report

Happy New Year to all club members and welcome all new members who have joined the club in the past year.

It may be appropriate to remind ourselves that all the club members are like-minded people who love the Austin 7s, enjoy the social connection, friendship and club outings, and enjoy the privileges and financial benefits offered by a government registered vintage car club. Enjoying the government privileges will obviously come with responsibility. The club has to be run properly and be up to date with any of the latest changes in law and regulations. Many of you are aware that a number of car clubs have been deregistered for failing to comply. Having been the club president for the last 12 months, I have come to realise how much work is actually required to run the car club which is also doubling up as a social club. The yearly stock take of spare parts, for example, took more than a man-day to complete. Fortunately, the club committee and many club members are enthusiastic and generous with their time and energy making the running of the club enjoyable, interesting and easy.

The Austin 7 club has held the AGM in December 15, and the 2015 office bearers and committee members were re-elected to run the club for another year. If the past year of variety of activities, which many of you had participated and enjoyed, was any indication, 2016 will be just as good if not better. The 2016 program has been published, and there will be more overnight trips this year. Two country members, the Moyes and the Theyers, have already organised two weekends away during the coming year at Crookwell (Potato Festival) and Oberon (Flowers Festival)) respectively. A reminder also for the 2017 Austin 7 National Rally to be held at Toowoomba in April, 2017. Details of the rally is on page 14, please contact Maureen if you need an application form.

We would welcome all members to participate in our activities, and would welcome country members to organise country runs for the future.

Happy Seven Touring
Paul Pui

NOTE: Please be aware that Warren Gracie has not finalised his new address, any matter relating to HCRS of your Austin 7 should be addressed to "AUSTIN SEVEN CLUB NSW Inc, PO Bix 366, CASULA MALL NSW 2170".

Events Report

The Centennial Park Display Day was spent relaxing and chatting with members and family whilst we enjoyed the pleasant weather. There were 6 Austin 7's on display with another one misbehaving badly not far from the entrance gate. It was great to see Maria & Graham Burgess who travelled from Speers Point to join in the day. Attending on the day were: Mark & Joanne Wellington, Mervyn & Maureen Boatwright, Paul, Katie & Jackie Boatwright, Trevor Hails, Paul & Amy Pui, Graham & Maria Burgess & family, Russell Linfoot.

In November, the Austin 7's did a mystery run finishing at Berowra Waters for lunch at the seafood cafe. The weather the day before was not promising to be good for the run. On the Sunday we started out from North Strathfield and were joined later on our travels by Bob & Judith Riches and their friends who were visiting from the UK. Considering the weather on the evening prior to the run, it was great to see Mark & Joanne Wellington, Paul & Amy Pui, Bob & Judith Riches and friends, Paul & Sandra, Jessica, Katie, Jackie & Emma Boatwright, Mervyn & Maureen Boatwright and Russell Linfoot who got lost brave the forecast and enjoyed the day and the lunch.

Our latest run was to Club Menai for a delicious breakfast followed by a run to Kurnell. There were 4 Austin 7's and 5 moderns on the outing. Participating were Mark & Joanne Wellington, Bob & Judith Riches, Paul & Amy Pui, Russell Linfoot, Warren Gracie, Ashley Cottell, Paul, Sandra, Jessica, Katie, Jackie & Emma Boatwright, Mervyn & Maureen Boatwright and Lal Ethrington.

Check in this magazine for reports on other events attended including the Christmas Party and see the reports written by some club members.

A distribution email has recently been sent to members advising I have tentatively booked a number of rooms for the 2017 Rally in Toowoomba, so if you wish to go as a group please contact me a.s.a.p. to ensure your name is added to the list. Also don't forget to notify me if you intend taking your Austin 7 to Eastern Creek as the tickets will be ordered & paid for very shortly and only one order will be placed.

Happy Austin 7 Touring
Maureen Boatwright

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

“Many Happy Returns” to all members celebrating their Birthday during Dec 2015, and Jan. Feb, 2016.

Your Club Membership renewal was due on 1 January 2016

Single Membership Fee for 2016	\$50
Family Membership Fee for 2016	\$55
Joining Fee	\$30

The Joining Fee applies to all new members and those who have not renewed their Membership by 31 January each year.

Note: Please be reminded that members who failed to renew their membership 2016 in time will not be receiving further issues of the club magazine.

UPCOMING EVENTS

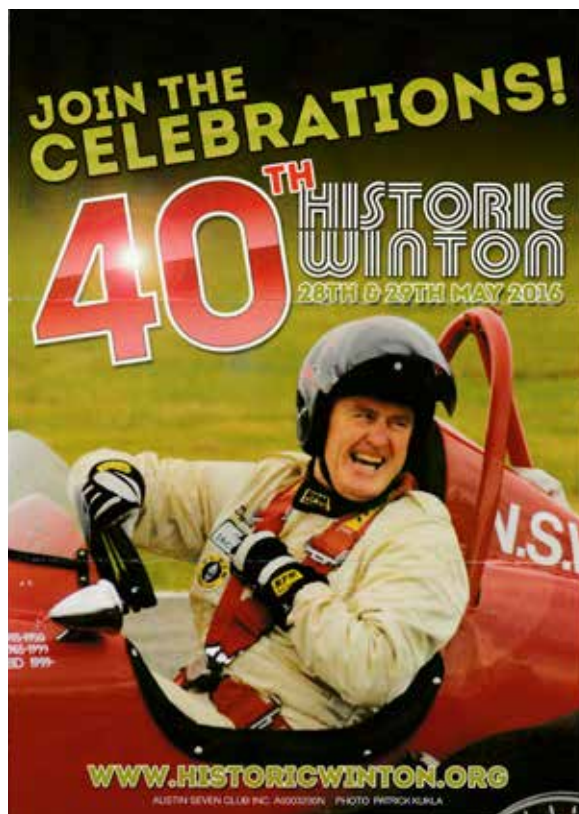


26 Jan 2016	Australia Day Festivities – CARnivale at Parramatta Park (Entries have closed) or picnic by the water with canoe hire (for those interested). Meet at Prince Edward Park, Woronora at 10.00 am. Please contact Maureen if you wish to hire a canoe or need directions to the park.
21 Feb 2016	Twilight Fish & Chip Run – Meet NRMA Car-park George Street, North Strathfield at 2.30 pm to depart 2.45 pm. Run will finish at Banjo Paterson Park, Gladesville. Vauxhall Owners Club has been invited to join us on this run.
4/5/6 Mar 2016	Weekend based in Crookwell. Includes Potato Festival & visiting places in the region I guarantee you have never seen. This run organized by members Kath Coleman & John Moyes.
17 Apr 2016	Don Avery Memorial Shield Run. The 3 W's Austin 7 Run – Windsor/Wilberforce & Wiseman's. Meet NRMA car-park George St. North Strathfield at 8.15 am to depart 8.30 am. Morning tea BYO. Lunch at reasonable prices at Club. Contact Maureen with numbers attending as bookings required. This run organized by member Russell Linfoot.
15 May 2016	National Heritage Motoring Day-Breakfast Run. Restaurant in Revesby & short run after for those interested. Meet Memorial Pk, corner of Restwell & Ross Sts. Bankstown at 8.00 am to depart 8.15 am. Bookings required, please contact Maureen with numbers attending.
19 June 2016	Ladies Day – North. Includes Morning Tea & Lunch and maybe a visit to a member's garage.
16/17 Jul 2016	Mountain Rally Weekend organized by VMC. Numbers required for accommodation, please contact Maureen.
August 2016	Shannons Sydney Classic at Eastern Creek and All British Day at Kings School, North Parramatta. Please contact Maureen to order your tickets a.s.a.p. as Austin 7 Club will place their order only once.
23/24/25 Sept 2016	Presidents Weekend Away based in Oberon.

Annual Display Day at Centennial Park



Members enjoying a day out at Berowra Waters.



Camel Poo in the Car Park

Q. What is the difference between a camel and an Austin Seven

A. Not much

This I learned when I joined a famous cameleer and explorer on a thirty day expedition across the Gibson Desert. Camels are unusual beasts, not unlike Austin sevens. They don't always want to start in the mornings, don't always want to go where you want them to go and often break down in the most difficult places.

I set out on the 2005 desert expedition as an assistant cameleer with Andrew Harper who has made some extraordinary expeditions through the desert country of Australia on both scientific and exploratory adventures.

The most amazing behaviour those desert animals have drawn me to appreciate their habits and needs, and to the extent of their truly admirable abilities. You may ask what

that has to do with Austin Sevens. I will get to that, but first I must explain the difficulties we faced in traversing the extremely inhospitable desert sand dunes and swales of the Gibson Desert while existing on rationed and precious water. The ability of the camels to carry huge loads which included water and food for the party of 9 was truly amazing, with the sad knowledge that there would be no water available to the camels who would have to survive thirty days of hard slog across the sand without a drink.

The reason for the trip emanated from the historic claims of an early explorer of a water soak that he found which may have existed beneath the sand from eons before. Many early explorers and adventurers have met untimely failure in crossing Australia's deserts due to the inability to source the critical ingredient for survival... Water.

Having spent our long days traversing the previously uncharted areas of the desert using the only available



Camel Poo in the Car Park

information gleaned from earlier reports and satellite maps, we were confronted with some difficult and seemingly insurmountable problems. One such occasion forced an unwanted stop when one camel fell and was injured therefore unable to carry his load, and another camel ate poison bush which caused him to nearly die. These camels loads of three hundred kilos were shared among the remaining animals and we were once again under way and able to continue the journey .

As this was not my first desert camel journey, having previously trekked with Andrew Harper across the Simpson Desert two years previously, I was acutely aware of the danger and difficulties of facing the desert extremes. The Simpson Desert was of very different topography with incredible daily changes to the colour and variations of the endless sand dunes, some 40 metres high. Adventure is not for the faint hearted or the fearful even though the privations may at first seem unmanageable. Living in the desert without water to wash might be unthinkable to most people but becomes easier the longer you face the shortcomings as a group and are reliant on each other for success.

Many earlier explorers faced similar difficulties when the newly invented motor car became another method for transporting stuff and people through the inhospitable central parts of Australia. The early Austin Sevens were renowned for some of the seemingly crazy attempts to do the seemingly impossible in the seemingly impassable parts of our country.

It was at the end of my Gibson Desert trek while preparing for 700 Km trip back to Alice Springs for a desperately needed bath when I came upon another adventurer, (Graham Burgess) who was waiting to take my thirsty camels on yet another trek across the Great Sandy Desert. How could I have known we were almost neighbours where we lived back in NSW. The fellow turned out to be a vintage car buff who became an Austin Seven owner and a friend. The more I learned about his Austin Seven the more I realised how much they had in common with camels. My camels have carried difficult loads through difficult terrain with only the most modest

amount of maintenance, very much like the Austin Sevens of earlier times as well as the ones that still survive today.

Since travelling in Graham's Austin Seven through rain and cold and climbing what seemed unclimbable hills as well as almost melting the brakes down the other side I have come to understand the nature of these little cars, and liken them to my loveable and indefatigable camels. I still maintain the incredible similarities between Austin Sevens and camels. They don't always want to do what you want them to do but I have learned to love them in the very same way. They are not the prettiest or the fastest , they are not the most desirable means of transport , they are not the easiest to get on with some times ,but just like my camels of the desert they are reliable in the extreme.

Next time I cross a hot and inhospitable desert I will still choose a camel over an Austin Seven but when I get home I feel I am probably more welcome at a shopping centre in an Austin Seven than I might be on a camel. The little cars are known to drop some oil about the place, (which you can always blame somebody else), but it may be a little more difficult to blame somebody else for the camel poo in the car park.

Who knows when I will get an Austin seven of my own so I guess for now I will have to rely on the camels. At least I will be well practiced at getting started, as well as working out how to stop while all the time annoying other road users by going so slow. Meanwhile I wait for my chance to become an Austin Seven owner, (read: Austin Seven Nut)

Elaine Taylor
NSW Austin Seven Club

Christmas Party and Presentation Day

Sunday 29th November 2015 was an important date in the busy diary of the Austin Seven Club of NSW – our annual Christmas Party.

In recent years the party has been celebrated at Macarthur Grange Function Centre and Twin Creeks Function Centre, Luddenham.

In 2015 our hosts were Paul and Sandra Boatwright who made available their beautiful home at Prestons. As the weather was hot and humid the swimming pool provided welcome relief for the four girls Jessica, Kate, Jackie and Emma.

Twenty five guests enjoyed refreshments, repasts and reminiscences in the outdoors covered area while a bank of overhead fans ensured the comfort of all present.

Members and guests travelled from near and far, and included Doug Veel, a visitor from Victoria, members Ross and Robyne Bell from Milton, guests of President Paul, and Amy Pui, Chen Lim and Choo Lee Khor, members Grahame and Maria Burgess from Speers Point and Elaine Taylor from Warners Bay, Lal Etherington and member Irene.

Townsend Catering provided a delicious three course roast dinner with all the trimmings – more than we could possibly eat.

Events of the day flowed seamlessly thanks to the planning and skills of the Committee and helpers. After lunch the mood was relaxed and various awards were presented to club members for their efforts throughout the year.

As the day was drawing to a close, we were shown Paul Boatwright's collection of working Go Karts. Paul described some of the intricacies of these high-tech machines including suspension adjustment, tyre selection and engine monitoring.

Our thanks go to our gracious hosts Paul and Sandra Boatwright for their contribution in making the Christmas Party a memorable day for all.

Russell Linfoot



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Shield and Trophy Awards 2015

Club Member of the Year	Mervyn & Maureen Boatwright
Most Enthusiastic Club Member	Elaine Taylor & Russell Linfoot
Club Car of the Year	Paul & Sandra Boatwright
Longest Distance Travelled to Centennial Pk	Graham & Maria Burgess
President's Week Away	Mervyn & Maureen Boatwright
Austin 7 Achiever of the Year	Helen Lewis
Motor Sports	Paul Boatwright
Quiz Winner – Centennial Park	Russell Linfoot
Point Score Winner	Maureen Boatwright

For Sale: 1929 Tourer -Contact Merv Boatwright on 0412 940 001

Breakfast Run

The events calendar for 2016 kicked off in magnificent style with a southern Sydney breakfast run in perfect conditions, bright and sunny, not too hot and best of all, the little babies purred along with the undulating downhill run. At 8.30am we set off from Bankstown with four Austins and 3 moderns to Club Menai for a sumptuous breakfast.

We were the first group to arrive and were impressed by the recent club renovations. After placing our breakfast orders we noticed that the staff were equally impressed by our cars as most of them were out in the carpark, taking selfies with the Austins, instead of frying eggs. Once that was out of the way the serious business of devouring breakfast took place. Serious indeed as Club President Paul Pui again demonstrated the art of eating one's own body weight, trying to keep up with the younger members like myself (edited). He even admitted that he had a snack before leaving home, just in case.

After breakfast it was agreed that we should continue on further to Kurnell. Once again the babies enjoyed another

downhill run out past the sand dunes to the beach. There was still a little evidence of the mini tornado that passed through the area last month but most of the damage had been repaired.

The beach area is still pristine and it didn't take long before the kids were enjoying the cool water while the adults enjoyed the shade of the trees. Whilst relaxing, it was surprising how popular the area has become in recent times. It wasn't long before our breakfast run started to approach lunchtime and perhaps time to end.

Again another fabulous Austin 7 Club event organised by Maureen Boatwright and enjoyed by all.

Remember that it is not a prerequisite to have your Austin on the road to participate in club events. You're welcome to come along in your modern vehicle.

Mark Wellington



FOR SALE

Parts for your Big Seven

#6018 Big 7 Aluminium side water inlet—unfinished \$30.00 ea.

#6113 Big 7 Exhaust manifold gasket \$57.00 ea



Expression of Interest Form

Austin Seven Register of Queensland Inc.

2017 Austin 7 National Rally, Toowoomba

I wish to express my interest in attending the Austin 7 National Rally to be held in

April 2017 in Toowoomba.

Name/s		Postcode	
Postal Address			
Phone	Home Number	Mobile Number	
Email address			
Number attending			
Club			
Signed	Date		/ /

Please return the completed Expression of Interest form by

Post to: Austin Seven Register of Queensland Inc.,
1376 Old Cleveland Road,
Carindale Qld 4152

Or by email to: laque@bigpond.net.au

On receipt of the Expression of Interest form we will add you to our mailing list and send updates.

For enquiries contact John Que by phone on 07 3396 0882

Only 16 months to GO!!!



All Spare Parts correspondence should
be addressed to:

***Mr Mervyn Boatwright,
P.O. Box 366, Casula Mall, NSW 2170***

Tel: (02) 9822 8609



Point Score Trophy

Don't forget the Austin 7 Club NSW **Point Score** program. Our aim is to see as many people as possible attending events and meetings (including monthly general meetings). Participation in an event or outing from the starting point to the finish will score you 2 points, while attending a general meeting will score you 1 point. These points are awarded whether you attend in your Austin 7 or modern car. The person with the highest points tally will receive a trophy at our Christmas Luncheon / Presentation Day. Come along and get involved.



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Austin 7 Club NSW Inc

"Dedicated to the preservation
and enjoyment of all types of
Austin Sevens"

Our Club is a member of The Council of Motor Clubs, Inc

The Austin 7 Club NSW Inc has been active since 1984 and aims to bring together people with the common interest of restoring, preserving and driving Austin Sevens. We are an informal family club that regularly takes our "Babies" to

the road for some fun social touring. Spare parts are available to Club Members through the Club Spares Division and our technical people will give advice, where possible, in regard to the restoration of these cars.



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RMS Regulations & Club Rules

Members are to observe all **RMS Regulations** and **Club Rules** as contained in our current **Constitution and Members Mate** booklet.

If this Club is nominated as your Primary Club under the RMS Historic Conditional Registration Scheme (HCRS) then the following documents **MUST** be carried in your vehicle at all times.

- a copy of your RMS Certificate of Approved Operation of Vehicle
- a copy of this Clubs Certificate of Insurance (Public Liability)
- a current or recent Baby Torque magazine



If bad weather conditions are looming please contact Maureen Boatwright (Home) 02 9822 8609 (Mobile) 0413 017 263 or Paul Pui (Home) 02 9958 1791 (Mobile) 0413 621 078 Saturday evenings or from 6:30am on the Sunday of the run.

Welcome New Members!

Ian and Victoria Theyers