

A30 MINUTES

A NEWSLETTER OF THE AUSTRALIAN AUSTIN A30 CAR CLUB INC.



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From the Front Seat

A message from Club President, Don Jones

Welcome to April

A happy Easter to all club members, I hope you did not eat too many chocolate eggs. By the time you read this, Austin's Over Australia will be history. Those members who went I am sure you had a good time.

I have just picked up the new mugs. There was a discussion at the last meeting re gold rings, and how they do not like the microwave oven, so no gold ring on the mug. So now we have a green ring, if you would like to own a set of these see Bob at the next meeting.

The last club meeting was down on numbers, but I went through the newsletter and found that last year was the same, so it looks like March is a month where everybody is away.

Don't forget Pakenham Picnic on the 15th and Pam and Warrens run on the 20th May. For those going to the Zoo on the 22nd April I hope you find your relatives.

I am sad to report the passing of Pat Linke, all our wishes go to David and his family.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Jones". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Memories are like gems, tuck them away in the treasure chest of your mind. Never let them go.

Anonymous

Australian Austin A30 Car Club Inc.
(Ass.Inc.No. A8084W)

Minutes of the meeting held on the 21st March 2007, at the Camberwell Uniting Church, 314 Camberwell Road, Camberwell.

Meeting Opened

The meeting was opened at 8.12pm 15 members present
In Bob Dickson's absence the chair was taken over by Dot Bacon

Apologies:

Glenys & Bruce Hall, Steven Talbot, Pat & David Linke, John Freeman, Ian Warren, Warren & Pam Barry, Faye & Joe Reilly, Bronwyn & David Taylor, Shun & Bob Dickson, June Overton, Diane Davie, Angela, David, Cristina & Mario Napoleone, Lyall & Jenny Dowell

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on 21st February 2007 were accepted as a correct record of that meeting. Moved: Ro Seconded: Brian Brooks Carried

Business Arising:

Brian Brooks name was missing in the write up on Australia Day, even though his car was there.
Sorry Brian

Correspondence:

Out: Uniting Church

In:

Newsletter from –
AMVC of W.A; AMVC of NSW; Austin 7 Club, Castlemaine Historic VC: Traditional Car Club UK; Austin A40 CC; Austin 7 Club of SA, Spotlight Austin A30/35 Owner Club UK.
Moved: Bob Talbot Seconded: Harvey Overton Carried

Treasurers Report:

Don Jones tabled a detailed report on the financial state of the Club in Diane's absence.
Moved: Don Jones Seconded: Tom Bacon Carried

Editors Report:

Graeme requested he needed more members to do a write up on their vehicles.
Jim Fowler offered to do one for next month.
Another good magazine, copy deadline 4th April 2007

Librarians Report:

In Bruce's absence no Librarian Report but I am sure Bruce has plenty of books etc.

Membership Report:

Currently 87 members.

Club Captain:

Fred reported on the British European Day at Flemington Race Course, a good turn up of Club members.
Approximately 1,000 cars attended the show.

Coming Events:

6th to 9th April – Austin's Over Australia in Canberra
 22nd April - Trip to Melbourne Zoo – Details in Newsletter
 20th May - Picnic at Pakenham - Details in Newsletter
 17th June – Run to Tyabb – Details in Newsletter

Regalia:

Bob reported no Grille Badges available and only a few mugs.
 Don Jones to order more mugs.

General Business:

Don reported that Pat Linke was unwell. We all wish her a speedy recovery. Glenys Hall is also on the unwell list, so we wish her a speedy recovery also.

Tom Bacon – Inquired about information forms on details of “Your Austin” to be given out at Austin's Over Australia. Tom also gave details, which he obtained from the A40 Club, on the cost of going to Austin's Over Australia in Perth 2009.

He also gave a Report on the AOMC meeting and that the Technical Book Shop in the City has closed down after 65 years of trading.

Also reminded members that Marong will be on the 26th August

Harvey Overton had a trip to Numurkah recently and visited the Bakery. He suggested that we have a weekend away to Numurkah and catch up with Dot & Jeff Stewart who are past members of the Club.

Graeme McIntosh to give a write up on his recent trip to Bundaberg.

Brian Brooks inquired about a Web site for the Club. Will check on cost.

Fred Braunies will make enquires if anyone is interested in a run to Geelong by Train and a return trip by Ferry. Also run to Scoresby by Steam Train. More details later.

Ean Caldwell gave a report on his Austin he recently brought. He needs information etc. so will contact Bruce.

Bob Talbot reported his son Steven has just become engaged. Congratulations Steven & Melanie.

Russell gave a report on his Countryman, which is now up and running ready for AOA.

During meeting Mario rang from Tasmania to apologize for not being at the meeting. BUT more important – Mario has his Countryman on the road – Club Plates

Well done Mario, Angela, David & Cristina.

Raffle was won by - Brian Brooks, Easter Basket and Russell Clough, Set of Spanners.

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as

WEDNESDAY THE 18th APRIL 2007

At the Camberwell Uniting Church, 314 Camberwell Road, Camberwell at 8.00pm

The meeting was closed at 9.30pm

Dot Bacon
 Acting Secretary

To all the members who are attending AOA we wish you well and have a great time.
 Club Permit drivers ensure you are fully covered – Possible extension of Permit.

Vale Pat Linke

*The body of Pat Linke died on the 22 March after a seven year fight against cancer
Her spirit never wavered
Pat loved her A30 Pud 005*

David



The A30 Convertible photographed at the National Motor Museum, Gaydon, Warwickshire by Henk Keulemans.

Sidelights Magazine Autumn 2006

The Latest from the Talbot Family

Congratulations

Steven & Melanie from all your friends at the A30 Club
On your recent Engagement



New members this month

Nicollette & Peter Mark from Lower Templestowe

Welcome

AUSTINS OVER AUSTRALIA 2009 COMMITTEE

Chairman: Athol Gorn (08) 9276 923
 Organizing Committee: Fred Singleton (08) 9622 1192
 Secretary: Ken Devine (08) 9390 5310

COME WEST IN 2009

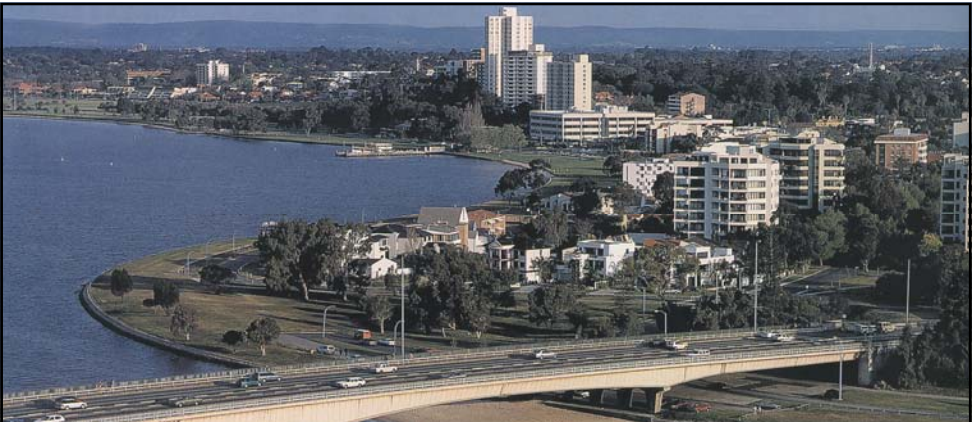
The AUSTINS OVER AUSTRALIA 2009 COMMITTEE, representing the Austin Motor Vehicle Club of W.A. is conducting Austin's Over Australia in 2009.

Preliminary plans are already in place. The main registration area is in Forrestfield approximately 10km from the City. This is a very central location with a major International Caravan/Tourist Park 500 metres away and a major Recreational Centre, and a large motel 2km away. Also for those who wish to have their cars transported by truck or train the Transport Terminal is 1km away.

Some excellent events have been planned with a day to Whiteman Park in the Swan Valley which houses the State's major Motor Museum, and hopefully the main Sunday Display at Fremantle the port city of W.A. and its many historical attractions.

We promise you an exciting event showing off Western Australia's tourist attractions together with an Austin's Over Australia event you will not forget.

Ken and Diana Devine and Brian Knowles are attending Canberra AOA and will be happy to answer any questions, and will also be displaying some of the locations.



Perth skyline viewed from King's Park

A hobby is hard work you wouldn't do for a living.
 Anonymous

How smart is Your Right Foot ?

Just try this! It is from an orthopedic surgeon. This will boggle your mind and you will keep trying over and over again to see if you can outsmart your foot, but, you can't. It's preprogrammed in your brain!

1. WITHOUT anyone watching you (they will think you are GOOFY.....) and while sitting where you are at your desk , lift your right foot off the floor and make clockwise circles.
2. Now, while doing this, draw the number "6" in the air with your right hand. Your foot will change direction.

I told you so!!! And there's nothing you can do about it!

You and I both know how stupid it is, but before the day is done you are going to try it again, if you've not already done so.

Another Example of Global Warming



Coin Puzzle

Add one coin to this diagram so that all coins can then be joined with five straight lines, two of which must be diagonal. The lines must not cross or touch each other.

Solution page 13



Austin's Over Australia Report

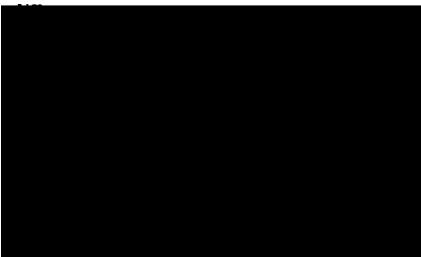
Our club members that went to Canberra have not yet returned.

For some detailed reports of the successful event we will have to wait until next month.

Dot Bacon reported she has gathered enough hot air from Canberra to easily fill next months newsletter.

DRILLING SPLIT PIN HOLES

Recently drilled some split-pin holes in some bolts. Not having a suitable punch at hand with which to start the drill, I found it very difficult to prevent the drill from drifting. I overcame this difficulty by screwing a thin nut on to the bolt, and then inverting a castellated nut and screwing this down to the required position, this provided the right size hole to enable the drill to start.



UNDER THE FLYING

Hints and items of interest compiled by Allan Waller

STOP CORROSION

Corroded battery terminals can be cleaned up with a mixture of baking soda and water, then washed with clean water. This will remove all the white or green corrosion which causes poor battery performance. Before replacing the leads, the battery poles can be smeared lightly with a mixture of one part of baking soda to three parts of cup grease. Don't use too much grease, or the connection will be a poor one and battery performance will fall off. A washer cut from old felt (an old hat) soaked in grease and placed under the terminal will prevent further corrosion.



MYA30 - The Road to Bundaberg

By Graeme McIntosh

Three months after registration and successfully completing four thousand kilometres of short trips around Victoria, it was time for MYA30 to do its first big trip.

Loaded up with fuel, water and camping equipment we headed off to Bundaberg. I had already spent several nights in front of the computer with my GPS plotting a route which did not go on any of the highways, this added another 900km further than

going up the Newell Highway but would suite me and MYA30 much better.

Here are some of the locations I passed through on my way. Broadford, Corowa, Lockhart, Lake Congelligo, Nundle, Bonalbo, Killarney, Cecil Plains, Murgon and Gin Gin. The best driving and scenic roads were around the Border Rangers area on the New South Wales, Queensland borders. The narrow roads, with no traffic, swept though the mountains, and were a delight for MYA30, although some of the steep grades required second gear to climb up them and slow down going down them.



In the two weeks we travelled 5800km and averaged 16km per litre = 45mpg and never touched the tool kit.

Two weeks back and MYA30 was off again, this time over Mt Hotham.

After Easter I think we may head to Kosciuszko, but that's another newsletter.





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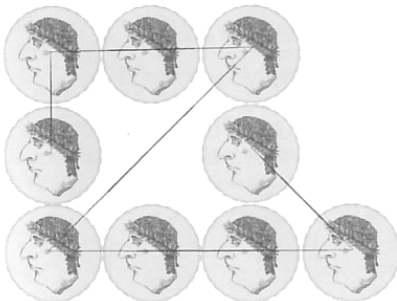
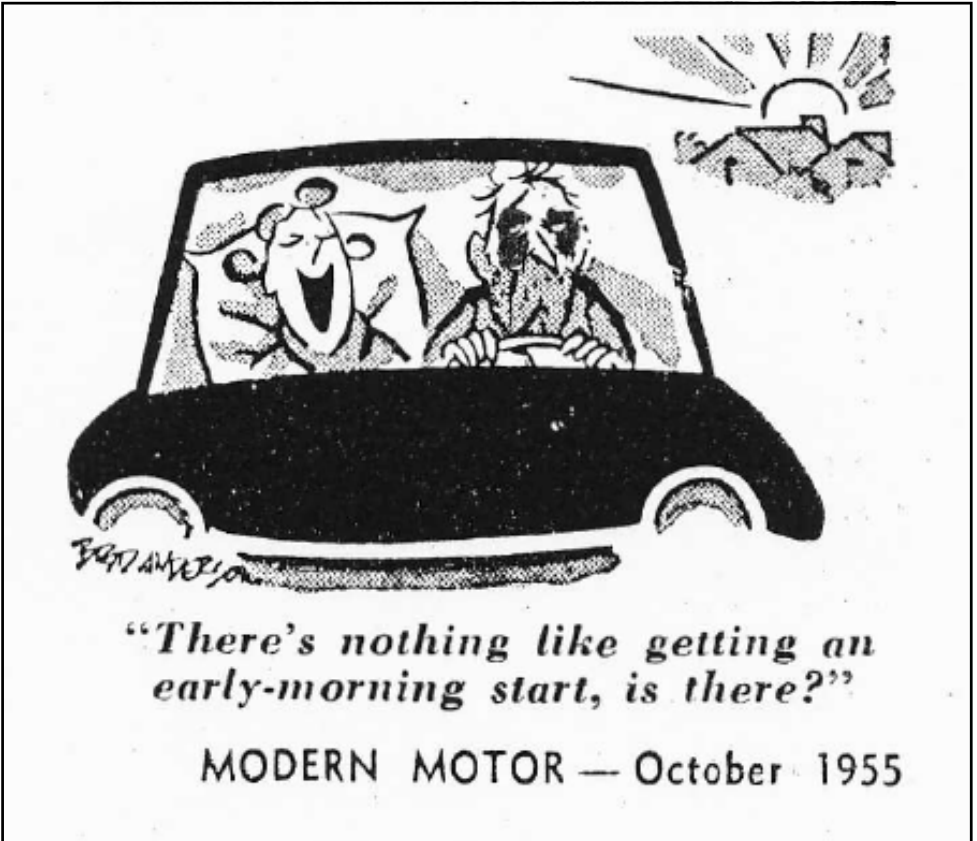
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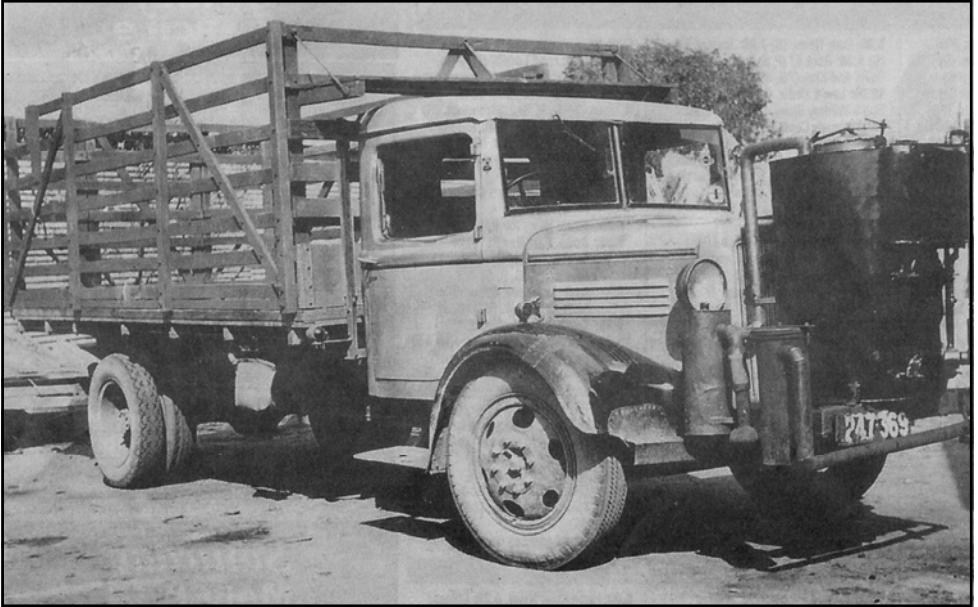
Some A30 club members returning from their Easter trip to Canberra



Coin Puzzle Solution, from page 8

Arrange the coins as shown

Mr Clapp's Bedford truck in 1942 with the Gas Producer on the front (refer next page)



FEDERATION



Pakenham Picnic

Sunday 15th APRIL 2007

Fun day at the Royal Melbourne Zoo

Sunday 22 April 2007

Meet at main entrance at 11.00 am.

(Event Contact: Fred Brauneis 0412 100 144)

For more details on these events refer FORTHCOMING EVENTS page 16



On the Road

with Bob Laughton

Bob and family have headed off to Canberra over Easter for the Austin's Over Australia meeting and was not able to make his usual contribution to the newsletter. Bob has sent down the following article from the Tatura Guardian about gas producers. As fuel prices increase we may all have to look at alternatives for our A30's.

Fuel alternative in 1942

During World War 2, and for some time after, there was an extreme shortage of motor fuel for civilian use. Most private car owners were issued with coupons to purchase four gallons of fuel per month. Primary producers were allotted more, as were carriers whose operations were considered an essential service. The ration was never enough to allow each user to operate without very severe restriction.

An alternative was charcoal burning gas producers. Charcoal gas lacked the power of petrol or diesel and the equipment was very heavy, dusty and inconvenient to operate. Mounted on the vehicle as an alternative fuel source, a gas producer consisted of a furnace to burn the charcoal plus apparatus to clean, cool and mix the resultant gas with air.

In 1942, Mr Lindsay Clapp constructed a gas producer on his father's Bedford truck with the help and advice from Mr Oriel Hunt and Mr Bill Thomson with the welding.

The barrel was a little smaller than a 44 gallon drum, but was of fairly heavy gauge steel. At the lower end was the 'tuyere' through which the air for the fire was admitted. This consisted of a one inch tube surrounded by a water jacket without which the air tube would soon be burnt away. The water jacket was connected to a tank of about two gallon capacity from which a small size tube conveyed a drip feed to the fire which, when heated, added hydrogen to the CO gas giving slightly extra power.

From the top of the barrel, gas was drawn out and passed to a bank of 'scrubbers' which were needed to extract dust particles from the gas. The first couple of 'scrubbers' were simply cylinders into which the gas entered at an angle causing a centrifugal motion which had the effect of causing the heaviest dust particles to pass to the centre and drop to the bottom. The next filter was filled with sisal moistened with oil and the final filter was filled with a kind of felt. After the final filter the gas was mixed with air and drawn into the engine.

There were extra controls in the cabin, petrol to gas cable, water control, air to gas cable and accelerator pedal.

The high seating position of the Bedford truck allowed the driver reasonably good vision over the contraption mounted on the front. A bag of good quality charcoal would provide fuel for 30 miles.

This article has been researched and compiled by Eileen Sullivan, Librarian, Kyabram Historical Society Photographs and information for this article were contributed by Mr Lindsay Clapp.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

15 April 2007 (Sunday)

Pakenham Picnic (Event Contact: Don Jones 0427 392 219)

Hosted by The Dandenong Valley Historic Car Club Inc.

Pakenham Racecourse, Racecourse Rd, Pakenham Melway Map 317 G8

BYO Picnic Lunch. Light BBQ lunch available. Tea & Coffee supplied.

Starts 10.00 am

Members meeting place - Mc Donald's car park Melway ref Map 317 D6 at 9:15 to leave at 9:30, to arrive in mass so that we can all park together. Any questions ring Don or Fred.

18 April 2007 (Wednesday)

Club meeting at the Camberwell Uniting Church at 8.00 pm

22 April 2007 (Sunday)

(Event Contact: Fred Brauneis 0412 100 144)

Let's have a fun day at the Royal Melbourne Zoo, the oldest Zoo in Australia.

Most people haven't been there for decades, so come along and see how it has changed. The Butterfly House and the Gorilla Rainforest are among the key attractions. Bring children, grandchildren, friends along. Meet at main entrance at 11.00 am.

20 May 2007 (Sunday)

Outing to the Pakenham Botanic Gardens to check out the native gardens.

Details later.

17 June 2007 (Sunday)

Club run to the Tyabb Packing House at Tyabb

A special treat for the girls! Details later.

Fred Brauneis - Club Captain. Tel: (03) 9457 4038 (ah)

CLUB PERMIT VEHICLES ARE AUTHORISED TO ATTEND THESE EVENTS.

Note: Owners of vehicles operating with Club Permits should carry a current copy of this Newsletter & a copy of the AOMC Club Permit Handbook in their car at all times.

Two roads diverge in a wood, I took the one less traveled, and that made all the difference.

ROBERT FROST

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Contact Alan 02 96833793 MORRIS MINOR WORLD Parramatta NSW

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Two door A30. Preferable green and in good order. (1/2)
Contact: David Linke 03 9807 8263

Wanted to Buy

Rear floor panel that covers the spare wheel in the rear of a Van or Countryman (1/2)
Contact: Luke Quick 03 50252159

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New A30 windscreens. Price \$60 each.

New Hinge Pivot Balls (These are the small brass balls that fit into the door hinges.)

Two balls are required per door). Price \$20 per set of two balls.

(A percentage from the sales of these items is donated to the club.)

Contact: Dianne Davies Phone 0421 666203 for more details

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April 2007

Snowy Mountains NSW

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May 2007

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AUSTRALIAN AUSTIN A30 CAR CLUB INC.

CLUB MEETINGS

Club meetings are held on the **3rd Wednesday** of each month from **February to December**. Commencing at **8.00 pm**.

VENUE

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Club Grill Badge (Members)	\$20.00
Club Grill Badge (Non Members)	\$25.00
Tea & Coffee Mug with Club Badge	\$ 6.50
A30 50th Year Rally Grill Badge	\$20.00
A30 50th Year Rally Cloth Badge	\$ 9.00
Club Umbrella (Dark Green with Flying 'A' logo)	\$30.00
A5 Binder for copies of 'A30 Minutes' inc. 25 pockets	\$10.00

All items are plus postage, if applicable

**All Club Merchandise enquiries to Bob Talbot
Telephone: (03) 9546 1347**

CLUB CONTACTS

Please direct information & enquiries as follows:

Correspondence to the Secretary – Bob Dickson

Newsletter articles to the Editor – Graeme McIntosh

Membership enquiries to Membership Secretary – Tom Bacon

(Contact details are shown inside front cover)

SPARE PARTS

Contact Thorpe at

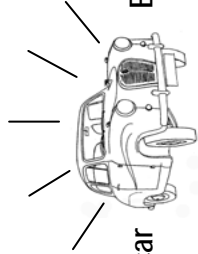
Morris Minor Australia, 56 Alex Avenue, Moorabbin. Victoria. 3189

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