

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 October 2007

This month has come and gone, as it only seems like yesterday that I was running late with this report.

Having spent the weekend at Euroa with the club to attend the Euroa show and shine, we would like to thank Ted and Mary Jones for another well organized run.

The club has a full calendar over the next few months with our Xmas lunch out west. Bookings are now being taken, so if you would like to go please contact Bob Talbot or Fred Brauneis to secure your seat.

The major club raffle was drawn at the last meeting with our editor winning the A30 wishbones and Mario winning the Tupperware.

Hear that our treasurer has survived another overseas venture.

Those attending Bendigo Swap don't hesitate to call in and rest at my site just down from the main gate Site no. 2213.

Catch you at the next event.



Don Jones

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

Minutes of the meeting held on the 19 September 2007
at the Camberwell Uniting Church Hall 314 Camberwell Road Camberwell.

Meeting opened at 8.20 pm.

Attendance. 19 members were in attendance.

Apologies. Ted & Mary Jones, Warren & Pam Barry, Ian Warren, Angela Napoleone, Ron & Laraine Maddocks.

Minutes of previous meeting

Tom Bacon was in attendance and was able to explain that contrary to the published Minutes that none of the Clubs application forms to Vic roads had been refused but that one application was queried then approved.

For personal reasons the only names able to be registered with Vic roads were Tom Bacon, Bob Talbot and Don Jones

Moved David Linke seconded Percy Hall.

Correspondence

AOMC seeking nominations for Hon. Secretary

RACV Applic. Great Australian Rally

2008 Western District Tour

City to Cape Tour 28 Oct 2007

London to Brighton car Run Oct 2007

Events Tasmania, offering incentives to Clubs to conduct events in Tasmania.

Various Club magazines.

Treasurers Report.

In the absence of the Treasurer an abridged financial report was given.

Moved D Jones Sec. Percy May

Editors Report

Web site operating well. It was drawn to the attention of the meetings that advertisements were appearing on the web site before the A30 Minutes were posted out. The meeting approved this procedure.

Library.

Graeme has received some of the Club archives.

Bruce has completed about half the catalogue. A copy was circulated for the information of the meeting.

Club Captain

Two members attended a very crowded Steam Rail event.

The next Club outing is the Euroa Show and Shine on 6 & 7 October and on the 21 October to see Joe Reilly on the Bellarine Peninsular.

The Macedon Rally in 2008 was highly recommended

Membership

78 members are paid up for this year and 13 are outstanding. Letters to be sent.

Regalia.

Items are available for sale.

General Business.

Secretary to investigate the use of a Post Office box for correspondence.

The residential address for the Annual Return to Dept Consumer Affairs to be that of the Public Officer.

Graeme McIntosh has a new A30 Van with Sprite improvements.

Graeme McIntosh won the raffle for two reconditioned lower wishbones and was not disqualified because he had a new van. Mario Napoleone won second prize of Tupperware.

Next meeting to be on Wednesday 17 October. 8:00 pm.

The meeting closed at 9:45 pm.

David Linke

Secretary

AUSTRALIAN AUSTIN A30 CAR CLUB GRAND RAFFLE

The raffle was drawn on 19 September 2007 at the club meeting in the presence of 19 club members.

Prize: A30 reconditioned wishbones

Winner: Graeme McIntosh

Prize: Tupperware to the value of \$200

Winner: Mario Napoleone

Congratulations to both winners and many thanks for everyone's support. The raffle was very well supported and raised \$400. It was great to see the involvement of interstate and country members who applied for tickets by mail.

The money raised will be put towards the set-up and operation of the club's website over the next two years. The website is well and truly up and running and has been a great boost for the club. If you haven't yet checked it out, here's the address:

www.austina30.asn.au

A big thank you to Brian Brooks and Bob Talbot for donating the prizes for the Grand Raffle.

Membership 2007/2008

It has been very pleasing to receive the strong support to the Club. Current membership number being 85.

Five Members have not indicated their renewal for 2007/2008.

A letter of appreciation from the Club has been sent to the Members thanking them for their past support to the Club and wishing them well for the future.

It is hard to say that the deletion of "Membership Secretary" on the return envelope has solved the problem with the mail.

My thanks to all Members for the support to your Club, the Austin A30 Car Club.

Please if you have a photograph, a story, a report an event or a technical item, Graeme our Editor would be pleased to receive it.

From the feed back I receive from Members, they enjoy reading about different experiences from others throughout Australia.

Tom Bacon

Vehicles on Club Permits (Victoria)

Just a reminder, if you are on an outing ensure that you have in your vehicle Club Newsletter – stating the event you are attending. (Insuring that you are operating within the dates stated)

Copy of your receipt VicRoads Club Permit Certificate.

The Victorian Club Permit Scheme – Handbook

Membership Card

Note – Should you wish to operate outside the stated dates in the Newsletter a Special Use Voucher must be obtained from the Club Officer.



Brisbane British Display day 2007 (Photo Peter Jones)

http://mywebsite.bigpond.com/peter_aj/

Steamrail – Camberwell to Mitcham Sunday 16 September 2007



It was fantastic to see so many young and old train enthusiasts eagerly waiting to board the 11.15am steam train at Camberwell Railway Station. The distinctive steam whistle caused a lot of excitement especially for the hundreds of children. It was a push-pull steam train with K Class locomotives at either end of the train so it could go from Camberwell to Mitcham and back without turning. The W type first and second class carriages had timber paneling, walk through corridors and comfortable compartment style seating.

On the way to Mitcham it was standing room only as we passed through some steep grades in Melbourne's leafy eastern suburbs. Our family and friends settled in a first class compartment for the return to Camberwell.

It was also a perfect opportunity for train spotters along the way to capture travel from a bygone era. The train driver obliged by blowing the whistle and letting off steam from the coal fired locomotive.

Our grandson Luke, almost three years old, thought it was wonderful.

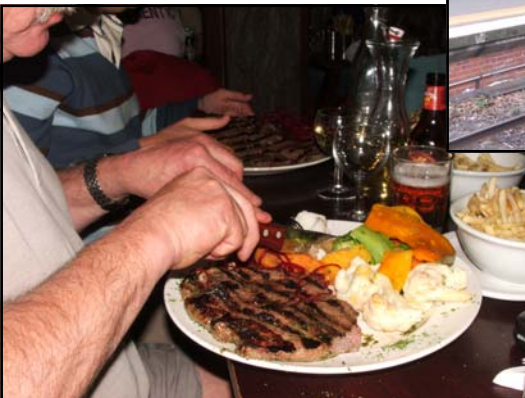




We enjoyed lunch together in Camberwell - ask Don Jones about the steak!
Thank you Don for taking photos on the day.

Steamrail Victoria Inc is a not-for-profit volunteer group dedicated to restoration and operation of historic locomotives and rolling stock and run excursions over the public transport network to all parts of Victoria. More information www.steamrail.com.au

Annette & Fred Brauneis



Fred's Steak

Euroa Weekend

Once again Euroa Show & Shine was upon us, meeting up at the same venue we all headed for Euroa. We had everyone wondering where our little A30 was, well you have to wait until next months Newsletter to find out, as this write up is only small as I have been told been to have it in before the dead line.

But it was a great weekend, nearly 1,000 cars plus motor bikes and trucks were on display. Our Motel was great and we had members from the A40 Club and the Chrysler Club in our group.

John Shaw & Desleigh from Eltham, who have not been in the Club very long, it was the first time out for their Austin, won the Austin Club's best Car Award and were really thrilled along with us. As by the photos you can understand why.



Well as this has to be short and to the point I will finish up. But next month you can read the longer one version.

Dot Bacon

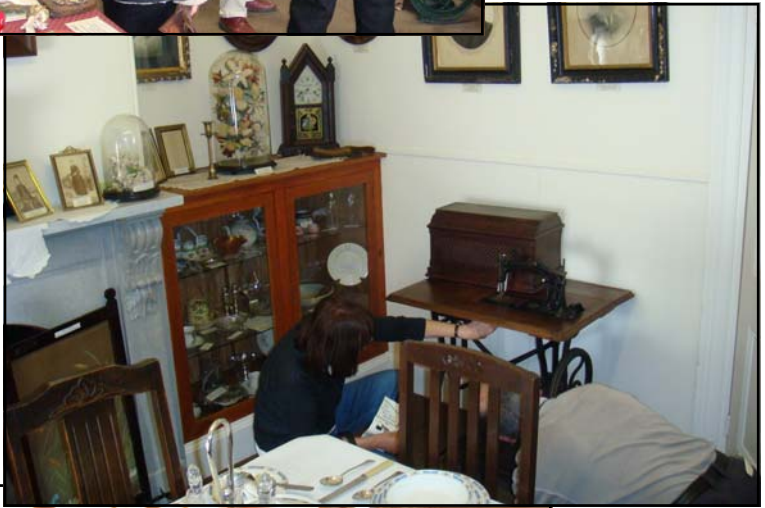




**Farmer's Arms
Hotel Museum,
Euroa**

Mary & Ted Jones,
Tom Bacon and Don
Jones

Fred and Annette
Brauneis checking
out the workings
of one of the
sewing machines
on display



Tom and Dot
Bacon wandering
through some of
the outdoor
exhibits



**Club BBQ at the
Castle Creek Motel,
Euroa**

Don Jones doing a great job



Hugh camp fire at the BBQ

Our club on the
banks of Seven
Creeks





Our Club's A30's line up along the banks of Seven Creeks



The Rocker Cover races

Tom Bacon's handy work



Our Treasurer Dianne Davie on her recent adventure trip to Borneo



We will be looking forward to a full report.





On the Road

with Bob Laughton



G'day, just a rural theme this month, well at least one of our club members was seen "On the Board's" (inspecting fleece's for her spinning-weaving pursuit) at The Australian Sheep and Wool Show at Bendigo.

It was nearly all Merino exhibits, but Alpacas, meat breeds, fleece competitions and trade displays. The supreme merino exhibit was a ewe from Western Australia, took plenty of Broad Ribbons. Headed north to NSW in our phone area (03) 58..... we have some great Merino studs, "Boonoke, Mulwala", one oak "poll" merino stud,

"Willandra", "Woodpark", and "Avenel", to name just a few. While Australia has some of it's own recognized breeds of cattle, ie dairy - The Illawarra Shorthorn, beef Murray Grey here is another, The Mandalong Special's. The drought and less irrigation is taking it's toll here now in this area the Goulburn Valley. Some "new season" grass hay and crops have already been cut and baled, a bit of a help.

Locky's basket ball team went down to the 1st semi 28 to 25 against the Demons at Shepparton. Locky did not play and has not had any sport for a month, he is not well, but is on the improve the last few days. He play's for Tatura Titans at Echuca on the 6th and 7th October boys U16 yo not bad for a 13yo. Teams to play, Castlemaine, Wodonga, Rochester and Phillip Island. Phew I just wish I was 13 again. "Tatura Hot Bread" win the best vanilla slice in Australia again, two years in a row. They used to make 250 vanilla slices a week between September 06 and March 07. They now average 1000 a week and after featuring on "The Great Outdoors" TV show the week after 2600 and since averaging nearly 1700 a week with the flow on business awards etc.

The Ford Focus add has dropped off the TV. Last Wednesday I went to the local Ford dealer in Shepparton ie "Darryl Twitt" as there were eight brand new Focus's on show. I was there but 30 seconds when up came a salesman. Low and behold not one diesel in stock, "Too much money" was his well rehearsed reply, I could not help myself, as I asked to see a Territory diesel! we do not make them?.

He was starting to lead with his chin now, I suggested I would go next door and look at VW and Honda diesels, my fun for the day.

Not very often I get a visit from a young lady but last Sunday not one but two visits and both by the same Christian name, ie Christina. My friend George the Greek came to see me with his partner Christina, George was in his 69 Rolls Royce and suggested I could take it for a little run.

This machine has pristine coachwork and done a genuine 45 thousand miles. A quick walk around to check tires, down on all four to look underneath and just as I expected, its not a "Boy" car. A quick look under the engine bonnet, no oil leaks, no petrol smell fumes, everything under the bonnet looks neat and tidy, but commercial quality, ie truckish. I was wondering if the 6.75 litre engine was big enough to "Stir the Possum" in

this lovely machine, nice wide doors. The cockpit looks nice, also some gauges on the tunnel, all set off in plush walnut, genuine not plastic. The seats were not plush, or luxurious, but rather "British". A bit let down sitting in the drivers seat, I sort of sat on top and not into the seat. But one thing it was surprisingly comfortable, I felt safe and secure, I liked the driving position almost "sport" but just that I was high off the ground.



Put the foot down and holy moly it goes like a sports car but no noise. Beautiful, round a few corners, slowly now, guiding it like a truck, out the back road, it was "Let it rip Boris". The seats really coming into their own now, back support and all round feeling of secure felt good. Pink and white blossoms were just a blurrrrr as were black and white cows and grey fence posts, hope nothing is coming out of a farm gate. Doing just on 100mph it was so stable, easy to steer and no hanging on for dear life, no effort at all for machine or driver — I want one, thank you George and Christina.

Now the other Christina arrived late on Sunday. Christina arrived with her Dad Ian, people from The Austin's Over Australia - Canberra will remember Ian's Little "Yellow" upright 1934 sedan, Ian was also the Magician's helper. Ian and Christina were on their way from Sydney to Adelaide in their Mitsubishi 4 x 4. A cold Coke and a Vanilla slice and they were on their way. Christina tells me she is the proud owner of one and a half Austin 1800's, but only one engine was going. The next silly question, which engine?, the correct answer, the engine in the "whole sedan". I wish they could have stopped overnight but they were on a tight schedule.

Oh I almost forgot Charisma, the girls won the 1st semi against the Aboriginal girls but went down by a couple of points in the second semi.

I notice the "Mahindra" pickup is on the market, a four door ute from \$23,990 plus costs. But our friend Magna is falling in sales again, even though LPG is available from new, sales are only a little over half of expected figures wanted.

The Equine influenza, EI still has the whole of Australia horse industry up in arms, but one positive I saw, a young foal was born during this period so it's name is Gi-Ei-Oh, good one.

Against government odds an ethanol refinery is starting up at Marinna, 7km N-E of Juneee, southern NSW. It's expected to produce 250 million litres of fuel ethanol annually. Other beneficial products manufactured are dried distillers grain, a nutritious animal feed with a protein level of 35% and a liquid fertilizer outlet and a co-generator power unit.

The construction will employ up to 550 fobs, 60 full time jobs when operational and up to 1500 jobs indirectly. Grain will be draw from a radius of 250km and an estimate of 500,000 tones of on farm storage of grain within a 10km radius of Marina.

I am for anything that will keep the petrol companies at bay. Well enjoy ya Austin's, but keep that bio diesel going into ya tanks and cars.

G'Day Bob

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

17 October 2007 (Wednesday)

Club Meeting at the Camberwell Uniting Church at 8.00pm

21 October 2007 (Sunday)

Outing to see our old mate Joe Reilly on the Bellarine Peninsular. Meet at the Todd Road Shell Service Centre near the Westgate Bridge at 10.00am for 10.30am departure. We will then proceed to Geelong for brunch at the Corio Bay Roadhouse, then onto see Joe.

There is an option to go home via Queenscliff Ferry to Sorrento or the Princess Freeway to Melbourne.

Contact Fred Brauneis 9457 4038 or 0412 100 144.

27 October 2007 (Saturday)

Euroa Show Day welcome all to a car display in their Arena as there is no horse show.

11 November 2007 (Sunday)

Lunch at Bob Dickson's Restaurant Vilom Thai, 357 Smith Street, Fitzoy 12.30pm. Set menu \$18 per person. Contact Bob Talbot or Fred Brauneis

17/18 November 2007 (Saturday & Sunday)

Bendigo Swap Meet

21 November 2007 (Wednesday)

Club Meeting at the Camberwell Uniting Church at 8.00pm

2 December 2007 (Sunday)

A30 Christmas Party at Alfred's Homestead, Warrandyte. Full carvery / smorgasbord \$33 per person, children half price. Beautiful surroundings, space to park cars. Book early Bob Talbot 9546 1347 and Fred Brauneis 9457 4038

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.

Pinned to the door of one of the display buildings at the Farmers Arms Hotel Museum, Euroa.



Buy, Swap & Sell

WANTED

Any information on all pre World War One Austin vehicles, the information I need is model name, engine size and any other specifications, years built and body styles.

Also I have lost the screws that hold the front guards to the A pillar during my move. I had two sets in Sydney (16) but have looked everywhere and cannot find one. Can anyone in the club help me.

Contact **Peter A Jones 0413 379 410** (2/2)

FOR SALE

1962 Austin A35 Van Good condition inside and out, no rust, restored in 2000. Van has a 1098cc motor, heavier gearbox, larger front brakes and a 4.2 rear axle ratio. Some spares are included. Car is located in Lithgow NSW . (Refer web site buy swap and sell for more information)

Price \$6500

Contact **Stuart Jones 02 63524506** (2/2)

FOR SALE

Four Doors and one Boot lid to fit Austin A30

Contact **Tom Dannatt 054 723628 1st Castlemain Scout group** (2/2)

FOR SALE

Austin a30 1955, restored, 4 door green, \$5250. ono

Austin a30 countryman, green original driveable, needs restoring, \$3000 ono (1/2)

Contact **Frank Wallace 03 50248338**

WANTED

Front bumper to suit an A30 with good chrome and no major dents (1/2)

Contact **Luke Quick 03 50252159**

Advertisements in this section will be inserted, free of charge, in two issues unless I am advised otherwise. The notation at the end of the advertisement indicates how many times it has been displayed. ie: (1/2) - first insertion , (2/2) - second insertion. Ed.



October 2007

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 <u>Club Meeting</u>	18	19	20	21 Joe Reilly's
22	23	24	25	26	27 Euroa Show	28
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November 2007

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Copy Deadline	8	9	10	11 Vilom Thai
12	13	14	15	16	17 Bendigo	18 Swap Meet
19	20	21 <u>Club Meeting</u>	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

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

CAMBERWELL UNITING CHURCH
314 Camberwell Road, CAMBERWELL. VICTORIA.
(Near Camberwell Junction)
Melways 45 J1

Parking available at front and rear of the building.

CLUB MERCHANDISE

Club Lapel badge	\$ 5.50
Club Cloth Badge	\$ 5.00
Club Window Sticker Badge (internal)	\$ 3.00
Club Key Ring	\$ 5.00
Club Grill Badge (Members)	\$20.00
Club Grill Badge (Non Members)	\$25.00
Tea & Coffee Mug with Club Badge	\$ 8.00
A30 50th Year Rally Cloth Badge	\$ 9.00
Barbecue aprons Heavy black cotton with Club emblem and pocket	\$20.00
A5 Binder for copies of 'A30 Minutes' inc. 25 pockets	\$10.00

All items are plus postage, if applicable

**All Club Merchandise enquiries to Brian Brooks
Telephone: (03) 9386 9385**

CLUB CONTACTS

Please direct information & enquiries as follows:

Correspondence to the Secretary – David Linke

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

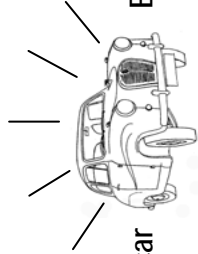
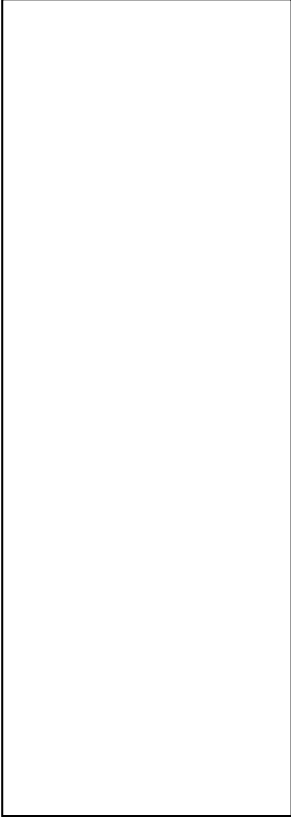
Morris Minor Australia, 56 Alex Avenue, Moorabbin. Victoria. 3189

Telephone: (03) 9555 1793 Fax: (03) 9532 2241

Note: The current membership card is now laminated and has the Club stamp on the reverse side. Members wishing to purchase items from Thorpe of Morris Minor Australia, Moorabbin, Vic. should present the card to obtain a discount. Country & Interstate members must quote their name and membership number. Thorpe has been provided with a current membership list to identify members.



IF UNDELIVERED PLEASE RETURN TO: THE SECRETARY, AUSTRALIAN AUSTIN A30 CAR CLUB,
Unit 2 12 Catherine Ave MT WAVERLEY VIC 3149



Austin A30 - small car

BIG personality!