

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 May 2008

As we enter the cooler months of the year, lets hope that our state of Victoria gets some rain, as it was brought home to me on the last run where the club drove through some of the driest paddocks I have seen for a long time. The area we traveled was just south of Bendigo in Victoria.

The club has decided not to raise the club dues this year, so the fees will stay as per last year.

Those wishing to go to Euroa in October this year please speak to Ted and Mary Jones and confirm your motel room or to book a room. The Jones's phone number is (03) 5772 1824.

The club has ordered new cloth badges as we were down to our last few, and don't forget to purchase an item from our regalia.

As to the web site, I do believe it has been a great asset to the club, so thanks to Graeme for doing this for us.

Hope all those sick are getting better. See you at the next club meeting or club run.

Don Jones

Important Notice to Members with Vehicles on the Club Permit Scheme

Refer page 17 for details

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

Minutes of the meeting held on the 16 April 08
at the Camberwell Uniting Church Hall 314 Camberwell Road Camberwell.

Meeting opened at 8.15 pm.

Attendance. The President thanked all those present for their attendance.

Apologies. Graeme McIntosh Bruce & Glenys Hall, Bob Talbot, Mario Napoleone, Bronwyn & David Taylor

Minutes of previous meeting 19 March 08.

Moved. David Linke Seconded Dot Bacon

Correspondence.

Club Plate registration from Colin McMahon

Depender April. 08

The Light Shaft. April 08

Austin News W. A. April

Castlemaine Historic Vehicle Club. April

A 40 Newsflash March. April 08.

The Tradsheet. March 2008.

Invitation from A40 Club to join them on 18 May rally to Bacchus Marsh.

Moved. David Linke Seconded Tom Bacon

Treasurers Report.

Receipts for the month were \$90. Payments \$139.45

Approved transfer of \$ 500 to General account from the Term Deposit.

Moved Dianne Davie. Seconded Ted Jones.

Membership

Tom Bacon reported that our membership remains at 87.

Editors Report.

In his absence it was reported that The Newsletter was out on time. Web site has had some problems.

The Editor is seeking some help to do the printing and posting of the Newsletter

He is happy to continue with compiling of newsletter and maintaining the website

A mail-out working party was formed with Dianne Davie and David Linke

Club Captain.

National Motoring Heritage Day is called for the 18 May when all heritage cars are to be seen on the road.

Club registered cars are authorised to drive.

Woop Woop rally on 4th May.

May meeting. How to fit electronic ignition to distributors.

June meeting. Dianne to speak about her trip to Sandakan (Death march trail)

August meeting. Brian to demonstrate fitting hydraulic brakes to rear of an A30.
August rally to South Dynon Loco maintenance centre. Detail to be advised.

Venue for a Christmas in July was canvassed.
Christmas break-up. BBQ to be held at Graeme McIntosh's place.

Merchandise.

Merchandise is available by contacting Brian Brooks on 03 9386 9385
The purchase of 100 cloth badges as authorized. The badges are self adhesive to stick to any surface except Polyester.

General Business.

The Club committee met on the 9 April. The committee recommended that the Club fee for 2008/2009 remain at \$40. In addition that there should be a Junior fee of \$20 for people under 18 years of age

Moved Don Jones. Seconded Dianne Davie. Passed unanimously.

The Committee also recommended that Club key rings be given to new members instead of cloth badges.

Country meetings. It was suggested that meetings be held in conjunction with country events. Suggested that a Club meeting be held on Saturday afternoon of Euroa Show & Shine Weekend followed by BBQ. Fred to place article in Newsletter

Austin over Australia Perth April 2009. Members who are interested in going to contact David Linke re accommodation and travel.

An information sheet be included in Newsletter.

Next meeting to be on the May 21 at 8 P M

The meeting closed at 9.25 pm.

Run to Gisborne Steam Festival

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Run to Gisborne Steam Festival

For some it was only a short trip up the Calder Highway, but for others it was a long way, especially if you came from Bittern.

Most of the members met up at the Calder Race Way and continued onto Gisborne, but as Tom had to be at the park early he dropped me off at Debbie's place (our daughter) and he continued on his way.

The weather looked a bit gloomy once we got passed the Sunbury turn off, but we travelled on regardless.

But by now the weather was looking OK. As it was only 9.00am, Debbie, Hannah and myself went down to the Gisborne market which is held the first Sunday of the month. We had a great time buying some plants and some lovely home made bread. Plus a few more things, before we decided we had better get to the Steam Festival. But alas change of plans, Paul Ilko rings to say that he would drop Nina and Maxine off at the market could we wait for them. So back we go to the Market and do the rounds once again, by this time the crowd had increased. About 11.45 we thought it was time to head back to the Park as the men would be feeling a bit hungry.

After lunch we all had a browse around at the machinery and then watched the Tractor Pull, this was most interesting, and it was certainly a crowd puller. Of course as the tractor were pulling the weight behind them they were leaving great big holes in the track and of course after each pull another tractor would come up and grade the track but only cover up the holes but would not fill them in. The next tractor pull, the tractor would end up down the holes again. It was getting a bit frustrating until I believe someone by the name of neither or Nina suggested that they use a compactor to make sure the holes were filled. Well guess what they took her advice and it worked.

But it was a every enjoyable day we all left about 3.30.

Those that attended the day were Maxine & Jim Fowler, Don Jones, Nina & Paul Ilko, Sophie & John Biggs, Tom & myself along with Debbie, Shanleigh & Hannah.



BOOKS & DVDs AVAILABLE FROM THE CLUB LIBRARY

AUSTIN 100 YEARS 1905 to 2005 DVD at Scienceworks displaying cars to celebrate 100 years of the Austin Motor Co. This DVD was put together by Tom & Dot de Mille productions and displays all cars in attendance. A good coverage of the event with voice over from the dulcet tones of Dot .

AUSTIN A30 SERVICE MANUAL. We have a few copies of this manual. It covers all you need to know about your A30 and provides good technical tips to make the task easier.

MEN AND MOTORS OF THE AUSTIN by Barney Sharratt. Barney is a noted Austin expert researcher and this book goes behind the people who worked at Austin It tells a wonderful tale of the people who worked at Austin together with the benevolence of its founder Herbert Austin. The Austins produced at Longbridge were some of the best produced cars of the time and this book provides an insight into the reasons why they were such good cars.

POST WAR BABY AUSTINS by Barney Sharratt. Another book by Barney. If you have not read this book ,you know very little about the Austin A30.This is a good read loaded with lots of good pictures and good detail. It will make you appreciate the durability and excellent engineering that went in to producing a low cost car that did not cut corners in regard to quality.

A TUNING THE A SERIES ENGINE by David Vizard. This book is loaded with lots of technical detail about the A series engine put together in a very easy to understand format. Even if you don't want to modify your engine , this book provides some excellent advice on minor tuning improvements that can make your car perform better and be more pleasant to drive.A good read.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CLUB WILL SEND POST FREE TO ANY COUNTRY OR INTERSTATE MEMBERS ANY OF THE ABOVE ITEMS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THIS YEAR .

YOU CAN ALSO REQUEST OTHER BOOKS FROM THE CLUB LIBRARY – JUST CHECK OUR WEB SITE : www.austina30.net.au FOR DETAIL AND WE WILL FORWARD TO YOU.

A MAXIMUM OF TWO BOOKS CAN BE OBTAINED (EITHER ONE AT TIME OR TWO TOGETHER) DURING 2008. THE CLUB MEMBER CAN HAVE THE BOOK FOR A 4 WEEK LOAN AND THEN PAY FOR THE RETURN POSTAGE.

PLEASE USE THIS SERVICE AS IT IS PROVIDED FREE BY THE CLUB AND WE WANT EVERYONE TO SHARE IN THE CLUB'S RESOURCES. MANY OF THE BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY HAVE BEEN GENEROUSLY DONATED BY CLUB MEMBERS.

Contact Brian Brooks on 03 9386 9385 or Graeme McIntosh on 03 9551 1723 for loan services.

OUR TRIP TO ROBE

Dot Bacon

We had nothing to do with our time one weekend so we travel to Shepparton for a 70th Birthday and two weeks later we headed for Robe in South Australia to attend a Wedding. Tom's nephew Luke Bacon who lives in Horsham decided to get married in Robe, ANZAC weekend.

Tom generally marches ANZAC day with the National Service men, but this year he had to give it a miss.

We were thrilled to be asked to attend so we decided that we would travel down to Portland, we have not been down that way since Adam was a pup. We booked in well ahead as being ANZAC Weekend we could have trouble getting accommodation. So Friday morning we headed off for Portland about 10.00am and just drove quietly along. We also had Luke's grandmother with us, as she only lives just around the corner from us, so with Bet sitting in the back and me in the front you can just imagine how quiet it was. I think Tom just turned off or took his hearing aid out.

Our first port of call was Colac, here we had our lunch and thought we would have a look at the Lake. But it was dry as a bone. Lucky we did not bring our bathers. Back in the car we drove onto Portland. Staying there for the night, next morning we got back in the car and continued onto Robe. Along the way we had thoughts of going into Mount Gambler to have a look at the Blue Lakes, but the heavens opened and it just belted down, we have not seen that much rain for months. At least the farmers would be jumping up and down. So we had to give Mount Gambier a miss. The rain start to clear just out of Robe and by the time we arrived the sun was out and blue.

After settling in at the Motel and changing we headed off for the wedding. They were going to hold it in front of the Robe Yacht Club on the sand. They had thought of every detail except one and that was the TIDE. Yep the tide was in so it was held up on the balcony of the Yacht Club. The sun was shinning the whole time and it went off with a bang. During the night we had plenty of rain, we were hoping we would be getting it down in Melbourne. The following day we headed to Horsham for the night. Travelling along it certainly gives you a shock to see just how dry our countryside is. The paddocks are just bear, and the dust blowing the top soil (if any) away. It must be heart breaking for the people living on the land. The Lakes around Horsham etc. were just bone dry. After staying the night at Horsham we left the next morning for home.



Rare find is a little piece of history

Article from the AUTOGUIDE

NAME: Bob Whitbourne. Occupation: Retired.

For how long have you been associated with cars? Since I was a very young teenager I helped my older brother build a speed car which was a very successful car. What do you enjoy about it? I have been associated with car clubs for many years and have been to many interesting places.

What was your first car? 1928 A-Model Ford.

What car do you drive now My everyday car is a Ford Falcon, but my 'special' car is an Austin A35. What appealed to you about your current car? An Austin A35 is a rare model in Australia and very hard to find.

How much time and money do you spend on your car? I spent a lot of time and money on it when I first restored it, but it is remarkably cheap to run now.

Is it expensive to maintain? No. My son is a qualified mechanic and does all the servicing now. What can you tell us about your car (design and history)? It is a 1957 Austin A35.1 bought the car from the gentleman that purchased it from the Austin Motor Co in England. It's a rare two-door salon. I am a founding member of the Austin A30 Car Club of Australia and had an A30 at the time but searched high and low for an A35. I purchased this car in 1981 and fully restored it. The club was formed in 1980. What's so special about your car? Everyone seems to enjoy looking at cars this age and reminiscing about old times.

What is your dream car and why? A Lexus, but I don't think I could ever afford one.

How far has your car travelled? I don't know. The speedo has been around more than once since I have had the car.

Where is your favourite place to go on a Sunday drive? Anywhere as long as it's in the Austin. We do go to Newstead quite often and local areas.



WOOP-WOOP

Sunday 4 May 2008 Fred Brauneis



We met at Wallan at 9.00am and drove to Romsey through beautiful countryside up and down hills to Lancefield where we stopped at the bakery for morning tea. Chocolate éclairs were in high demand just ask Graeme, Don and Annette – quality control! After Lancefield we turned left onto Burke & Wills Track and it was quite interesting as we drove up the hill to see the vegetation change to very dense with lots of bracken. On the other side we had a good run down to more open woodland and farmland. It was a pleasure to zoom along with hardly any traffic.

Further on was a monument for the first flight in Victoria, 1910 a homebuilt plane and was interesting to learn about. We pressed on to Mia Mia and Redesdale and stopped at the bridge over the Campaspe River. The bridge was built around 1867 and was designed to take a twelve ton load when they only had bullock carts. This showed forethought from the engineers at that time and still carries all the traffic today. In Redesdale we turned right to Sutton Grange which recently celebrated 170 years of settlement. We had a look at plaques that commemorate different events at that time and then onto Woop-Woop.



We arrived a little late and there were lots of people waiting for our arrival. It was good to see country members from Echuca, Shepparton, Mornington, Bittern and Melbourne. Woop-Woop is a sculpture garden/gallery/tea room and has about 100 sculptures mostly made out of scrap metal and galvanised iron with Australian sayings and activities like the lizard race, betting on two flies crawling up a wall and so on. The tour took about 1¼ hours and there was lots of laughter and fun. We finished off with afternoon tea and then dispersed in all different directions to go home.





Seen in the WOOP WOOP car park.

The Simons's 4 door from Echuca and the Stenbens's 2 door from Shepparton.



Mario Napoleone was presented with a CERTIFICATE of ACHIEVEMENT from the club for eventually getting his A30 Countryman finally registered.

(Miracles do happen)



Tony Benetto of the Sprite club has advised that:

John Sprinzel who came third in the 1958 British Touring Car Championship in an A35, founder of Speedwell tuning company and many other A35/Sprite related feats will be having a dinner (organised by the Sprite Club) at the Sandringham Yacht club on Sat 8th November 2008.

Details of costs and time will be available closer to the event.
Those interested ,please call myself or Fred to arrange bookings.

I would like to get a table together for A30 club members if possible.

Extract from an interview with John Sprinzel -:

Sprinzel: 1958 was the year I got to drive for the BMC factory team. Not that my rallying was proving very successful. After a string of DNF's ("Did Not Finish") it wasn't until the Swedish "Rally of the Midnight Sun" that I managed to complete an event. My Touring Car racing was going much better, and in the first British Touring Car Championship series our little Austin A35 led until the final tie-decider at the end of the season. I had failed to get one fastest lap, and had to be content with the class victory and third place overall behind Jack Sears' Austin A90 and Tommy Sopwith's "Inspector Morse" Jaguar



On the Road

with Bob Laughton

G'day. Sunday 13 April was the 'Tatura' Cup and the race was won by a New Zealand gelding 'Chase the Sun' having his first run in Australia. He was heavily supported in the betting ring getting up to \$5.50 before a big rush before the gates opened to \$3.80. 'Chase the Sun' is entered in the Caulfield – Melbourne double! Jockey Ryan Maloney was trapped wide from barrier 13 but the horse was travelling well all the way and got up in the last few strides.

Our nearest neighbour, Mooroopna, has been in the news lately with the finding of human remains found in a 'long drop' toilet at Toolamba. Another bad one was the trial of two aboriginal boys under the influence getting stuck into a tourist, not a good look all round. I do know these two boys were at a local alcohol 'dry out' farm which makes it worse. You can read into that, I know the facts.

A report from The Sydney Show tells that the best merino ram and supreme exhibit went to 'Grathlyn' Stud, Hargraves near Mudgee NSW. The best merino ewe went to 'Nerstane' Stud, Woolbrook NSW. 'Animate' ridden by Adam Mellers of Beaudesert, Qld jumped two clear rounds and earned his Olympic minimum eligibility standard certificate to take out the World Cup Show Jumping qualifier at The Sydney Royal Show. 'Aravale', Piedmontese Stud, Bowral won the breeds best exhibit for the third year running.

The best Piedmontese exhibit Aravale Benedict, eighteen months old, was champion junior bull as well.

Anyone with a few loose dollars hanging around this is for you. 'Colstoun' 16 km from Gunnedha is asking \$3.25 million.



The Federal and South Australian Governments have unveiled a \$50 million package to support workers and the region affected by the Mitsubishi Motors Corporations decision to close the Tonsley Park Vehicle Assembly Plant. The Mitsubishi workers made redundant will also receive training and employment services. Mitsubishi and the AMWU will oversee the implementation of the Labour adjustment package.

Enjoy ya Austins, keep the LPG and diesel pumps ticking over.

PS My green A30 is in hospital about to have a heart transplant, damn clever those Shepparton doctors! We hope Ha Ha and no medicare benefits OUCH!

Bob

Bob's 70th Birthday Bash

Dot Bacon



Tom & I were very privileged to be invited to Bob Laughton's 70th Birthday. Living in Maidstone it was only a hop, step and jump to Shepparton for the night. In other words a three and half-hour drive.

But it was well worth the quick trip to help Bob celebrate his Birthday.

His wife Emelda and daughter Charisma, plus their families and friends attended. Locki their son was away on camp with the Air Force Cadets.

Bob's grandson also celebrated his birthday on the same day. So it was a double celebration. We all met at the Family Chinese Restaurant, we had never been to one before as we thought it was mainly chicken on the menu, and Tom and chicken do not go together. But there were plenty of different foods to choose from and we really enjoyed it. When it came for Bob to cut his cake he had a smile from ear to ear, the reason being was that Emelda had got them to put a photo of his A30 on it. They did an excellent job of it. But once he cut it there was not much left of the Austin.

We have a great night, but it was time to head back to the big smoke, as we had another engagement on the Sunday. The trip home was very pleasant, we arrived home about 11.15pm.



FORTHCOMING EVENTS

18 May 2008 (Sunday)

National Motoring Heritage Day

On National Motoring Heritage we would like to see or hope to see as many cars on the road as possible. All Clubs are asked to promote this day. Our Club has been invited by the Austin A40 Car Club to join them on their Heritage Run.

We will all be meeting at SHELL/KFC Westgate for a 10.00am START. Then drive to Bacchus Marsh, visiting the local produce stalls on the way, followed by a scenic drive to Merrimu Reservoir for a picnic lunch. BBQ and shelter available. Return trip via Gisborne or Diggers Rest.

21 May 2008 (Wednesday)

Club meeting at the Camberwell Uniting Church at 8.00pm

14 June 2008 (Saturday night)

John Wanner Swing Orchestra

Music and dance at the Austrian Club to the fabulous 18 piece orchestra and vocalists. Bookings essential asap as we will book a table for 10. \$17 entry. Contact Fred 9457 4038 or 0412 100 144

18 June 2008 (Wednesday)

Club meeting at the Camberwell Uniting Church at 8.00pm

22 June 2008 (Sunday)

Outing to the Sunday market at Southbank and then lunch at Bob & Saichon Dickson's restaurant Vilom Thai, 357 Smith Street Fitzroy 1.00pm.

Contact Fred as soon as possible.

July 2008 (Sunday)

By popular demand lunch and free entertainment at the Austrian Club. Date to be advised.

August 2008 (Sunday)

Outing to the rail yards date to be advised. Contact Brian Brooks

August 2008

Federation Picnic at Marong. Always a good weekend away well supported by the A40 Club. For enquiries ring Ron or Laraine Maddocks 03 5974 2304

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.

Buy, Swap & Sell

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.

Important Notice to Members with Vehicles on the Club Permit Scheme

VicRoads will send the Annual Renewal Form

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Please sent the form to the **Membership Officer (Tom Bacon)** to verify your Membership as financial. The form will be signed, stamped and returned to you to make payment at VicRoads.

A photo copy of the paid Renewal at VicRoads must be sent back to the **Membership Secretary** for record purposes.

Three Club Members have been authorised by VicRoads to sign Renewals (prefer the Membership Secretary for Renewals) or to issue a Permit for Special Use the following: -

**Don Jones
Bob Talbot Contacts in
front of the Newsletter
Tom Bacon**

Do not forget to carry in your car the required information

**MAY 2008**

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19	20	21 <u>Club Meeting</u>	22	23	24	25
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June 2008

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16	17	18 <u>Club Meeting</u>	19	20	21	22 South Bank
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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

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 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)

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Contact Thorpe at

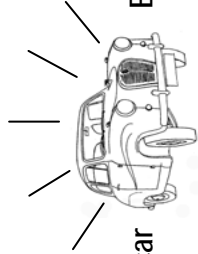
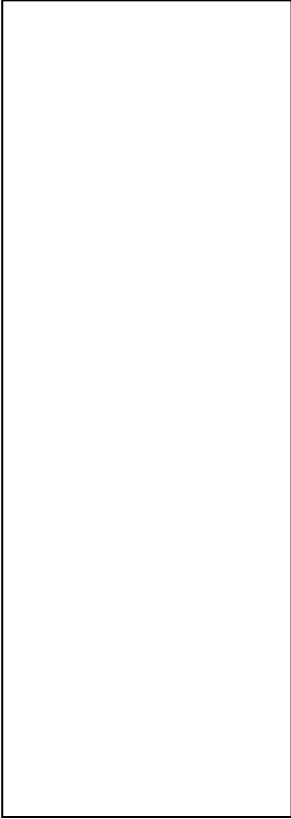
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Note: The current membership card is now laminated and has the Club stamp on the reverse side. Members wishing to purchase items from Thorpe of Morris Minor Australia, Moorabbin, Vic. should present the card to obtain a discount. Country & Interstate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



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Austin A30 - small car

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