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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 2008

I am writing this the day after a great weekend in Euroa, We must thank Ted and Mary Jones for organizing the Motel and BBQ on the weekend.

The day at McIntosh's farm went off very well I do believe, A great day was had by all and thank you to those members who helped run the day. With daylight saving early this year, it will give you extra time to catch up on all those outstanding jobs.

Brian Brooks gave a very interesting talk on A30 maintenance at Euroa and of course Tom and Dot came up with things again.

Keep an eye on coming events for our Christmas break up.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Don Jones".



Don having a rest at the Euroa Show and Shine

**Australian Austin A30 Car Club Inc.
(Ass. Inc. No A0008084W)**

Minutes of the meeting held on the 17 September 08
at the Camberwell Uniting Church Hall 314 Camberwell Road Camberwell.

Meeting opened at 8.15 pm.

Attendance. The President thanked the fourteen members present.
The President welcomed a visitor Steven Talbot

Apologies. Dot and Tom Bacon, Brian Brookes, Ian Warren, Ron and Laraine Maddocks.

Minutes of previous meeting 16 July 08.

Moved. David Linke Seconded Percy May.

Correspondence.

Depender September 08.

The Light Shaft. September 08.

Castlemaine Historic Vehicle Club. September 08.

The Austin Magazine 81

Swan Hill Pioneer Museum re Wolseley weekend 3-6 Oct

Moved. David Linke Seconded Bob Talbot.

Treasurers Report.

Receipts for the month were \$397.00

Payments for the month were \$305.80.

Moved Dianne Davie. Seconded Mario Napoleone

Membership In the absence of Tom Bacon report was given
79 paid up members 7 Outstanding 2 have resigned.

Editors Report.

The Newsletter was out on time.

The Web site is operating well.

Club Captain

Coming events

4-5 October Eurora Show & Shine.

18-19 October Warrigal Old Wares.

There was a good attendance at Newport Railway museum with 9 members and four cars. Brian Brookes gave a very information tour.
Marong was also good.

Merchandise

It is proposed to request through the A30 Minutes if any members would like to buy an enamelled belt buckle to suit an 1 ¼ belt at approx \$40 plus postage before placing any orders.

General business.

It was proposed that Don Jones obtain a quote for a Club Banner.
 The English Club has paid for 40 One hundred year Badges.
 Mario Napoleone has moved house but still retains the same phone number.

Next meeting to be on 17 September 2008.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm.

A Sticky Situation

Recently I had a Rocker cover which I wanted to de-rust. Having heard of the powers of molasses I thought I would try it.

I emptied a 550 gram jar of molasses into 8 litres of water to completely submerge the cover.

After a week I took it out and after hosing off the gunk found that light rust was disappearing. During the next week I hosed off the gunk every second day.

After the second week the heavy rust was starting to disappear.

After the third week the cover was fit for light sanding and priming.

A victory for molasses.

David Linke

Club Belt Buckles

I am thinking of producing a Club belt buckle in a format similar to the Club's badge.

It would be oval in shapes not to cut into the tummy when you bend over.

The badge would be made for an 1 ¼ belt and enamelled

I need an intention to buy from several members who wish to grow old disgracefully as a minimum order of ten is needed to cover the tooling cost. The price would be \$40 plus postage.

David Linke 03 9543 8263

A Journey of Nostalgia

I first sighted my Austin A35 one hot sunny day in January 1984. We were holidaying in Christchurch and it had been advertised in the paper, so the next day after reading about it we pulled up outside the car yard in Ferry Road and there it was a 1957 A35, Registration AP828, 59000 miles on the clock and really in much the same condition as it is in today. After taking it for a test drive it all seemed pretty good to me and after some haggling over the price, drove it away for \$1 995.00.

Marilyn had the pleasure of driving it home to Invercargill 500km to the south.

So began my journey of nostalgia with Austin A35's. A trip that began in 1965 when in my first year of work I made my first car purchase a 1958 A35 2 Door Rego AC904, 28 000 miles on the clock. Purchase price \$700.00. When I think back my wage as an apprentice at that time was about \$15.00 per week so it appeared a big undertaking. My family had always been with Austins. Dad had several tens and a cousin who lived with us had gone through 7's - 10's and Austin A40's. Several of my mates by this stage were into A30's. So when the opportunity came to buy the A35, I was sold.

AC904 served me very well and remained in service for several years and many trips including a circumnavigation of the North Island complete with all camping gear.

In 1968 I sold the Austin to my father who continued driving it until he passed away at age 80. The A35 stayed in the family for several more years after it was handed over to my cousin, but unfortunately was written off several years later.

I moved on and my next vehicle was a beautiful Riley 4/72 which remained in my service until 1970 when I was called up for National Service in NZ army and after playing soldiers for several months I was discharged back to Civvy Street without a car and the big decision what to buy. Atlas it had to be an Austin of some sort. Something practical like a 1957 A55 Cambridge seemed to be the way to go for someone about to be married with a house to renovate. This Austin turned out to be a great car and gave me several years of trouble free motoring and was followed by an equally reliable A60 Cambridge (English Version A60's were sold in NZ). About this time I was fortunate to get access to company vehicles and Austins no longer formed part of our lives.

During the next few years I would often say to Marilyn that if we came across a good A35 I would buy it and store it in Mum's garage and use it as a fun car. This became a bit of a family joke as it appeared as though it would never happen and then came that holiday in Christchurch, the newspaper add, the trip to Ferry Road and old AP828 my \$1995.00 dream car. I had to have it, the start of the nostalgia journey.

Following Marilyn home from Christchurch that day I couldn't imagine the adventures that lay ahead.

1988 the Wybrow family had sold up in Invercargill and were Brisbane bound, all our possessions were stacked in a 20 foot container and dispatched in Kiwi language to the West Island. Tucked up in the corner of the container jammed between 2 mattresses and stuffed full of blankets was old faithful AP828 about to start it's new life in the sunshine.

On arrival in Brisbane I discovered that the A35 cars were a bit on the rare side not having been sold in Australia and after joining the Austin club other priorities seemed to get in the way, a growing family, setting up a business and the Austin seemed to get forgotten for about 8 years. In fact I almost sold it, until in 1996 we decided to join up again with the Austin Club and get the Austin back on the road.

Since our involvement in the Austin Club we have travelled in all directions in our A35, now registered as S12049 including a trip to Rockhampton, AOA in Canberra 2001 and the enjoyable trip to Euchuha for the celebration of 50years of the A30-A35.

Our A35 is a great touring car with a good driving position it can maintain a steady 55mph and give economy of around 45miles per gallon.

Although the car has been in our care for over 24years we haven't exactly piled the mileage on. When purchased in 1984 it had 59 000 on the clock, it now stands around 76 000 so only 17 000 miles in 24 years. I think it's about time to get old AP828 out more often to smell the flowers.

Our A35 shares accommodation with 3 other Austins, 1953 A30 a 1954 A40 Ute and a 1956 A90 Westminster.

So when you combine all that together it equates to an awful lot of flower smelling or as I prefer to call it, 'Nostalgia Journeys'.

Maurice Wybrow

The Austin Man



Club BBQ – At our Editors Farm

Today they are tipping about 18 degrees and rain, they will no doubt be right with the 18 degrees but rain, forget it.

We had to drive across Melbourne to Heatherton about 35kms.



Arriving at Graeme's place a number of the members had already arrived. While we were waiting for the lunch to cook most of us had a tour around the property, blimey there were tractors, trucks and of course Austin's plus lots of machinery for the men folk to drool over.

The range of large four wheel drive and conventional vans and utes was an eye opener, and, almost all were in running order.

The tractors were purpose

fitted to certain tasks that was associated with the past market garden and flower production on the property.

It was a credit to Graeme as everything was nicely stacked away neat and tidy.

About 1.30pm our lunch was ready and everyone sat down and tucked into a lovely BBQ and salads followed by desserts.

After lunch members spent further time in viewing the range of vehicles and equipment plus many discussions on members cars that were driven to the event.

It was a very enjoyable and relaxing day.





Firstly thanks to Graeme for his hospitality and the use of his farm, and to the Committee members who arranged the day and Fred who I presumed purchased the meat, but also did the cooking.

But most of all many thanks to Dianne, Annette, Pauline & Maxine who supplied the Salads, sweets etc., also to Ro who helped Fred with the cooking and also without hesitation did all the washing up.

It was certainly appreciated. I know all present had a very enjoyable day and looking forward to another one in the future.

Thanks again to Graeme for his kind hospitality and his brother Andrew and the ATHS truck club for supplying the tables and BBQ.

Dot Bacon



Shine and Show at Euroa



Once again we are off to Euroa for the Show and Shine, blimey the time goes fast. Tom said that he needs another month in the year. Brother that would give the Pollies an extra month to fleece us.

We had arranged to meet further up the Hume as they have decided to build an overpass, which cuts off the Donnybrook Road/Hume Highway intersection and of course no parking or no Service Station. Anyway we were able to meet at the right place.

Travelling along the Hume our first stop of call was the wayside just the other side of Seymour.

On our journey we were passed by quite a few of the older vehicles heading for Euroa.

Arriving at the Motel and booking in most of us decided to walk into the Town for lunch, after sitting in the cars for so long you needed to stretch your legs

After lunch we headed back to the Motel as we were going to have a Club meeting at 3.00pm.

We had very good turn up of members plus the A40 Club, but disaster struck Don started the meeting, asking for reports from the Secretary, Treasurer, Club Merchandise and Membership Secretary, but it came down to the Editor/Librarian has he anything to report **NO JUST DEAD SILENCE**, does the Club Captain have anything to report, **NO JUST DEAD SILENCE**. But we understood the reason why, they had both left the day before in their cars and were travelling all around the countryside, mostly back roads. So far away they could not be reached by phone.

We were more worried about Annette as she was with them. We continued on without them after the meeting Brian Brooks gave a demonstration on how to change wheels etc. which the members from both clubs enjoyed I think some learnt a few pointers. It was a great meeting and just something a bit different.

The wandering three did arrive eventually.

About 5pm members from the both Clubs helped get the BBQ on the go, Wendy & Eric the proprietors of the Motel had once again provided a lovely nice bon fire. Which was

most appreciated.

Sunday morning about 7am some of the members went down to the venue and set up our spot which once again was right on the side of the creek. The others came down in dribs and dabs.

We had a great turn up of Austin's. During the day Robyn & Bill Simmons arrived they had been to the Deniliquin Ute Show, Harvey & June Overton came up for the day, they had just got home from Canada and also from visiting their son Jessie. Philip Bau-

wanes one of our newer members also came for the day.

The weekend was most successful, weather was perfect and they say that over 950 cars attended plus bikes. The best they have had. They certainly get the business people



behind then as the amount of trophies was outstanding. Once again the A30 Club was successful, Mary Jones won the Trophy for the Best Austin with her Austin Ute and Ted Jones's Countryman came in second. Their friends from Toowoomba drove the Countryman so Ted handed them the Trophy. Some of us stayed on until the Monday before heading home. And of course the weather changed and it

rained on and off all the way home. But the farmers were happy.

But it is a worry the three members who came late to the meeting were heading off together, I hope they get home before our next meeting.

Well that is all hope to see more members at Euroa next year 5th October.

A thank you to all the ladies who supplied the salads and sweets for the BBQ and a thank you to Ted and Mary for arranging the weekend and also getting the meat for the BBQ.

Dot Bacon



Taken at the Euroa Show and Shine Weekend



Our lineup of A30's on the bank of Seven Creeks



Dot and Nina sorting out the sweets



It was Brian Brooks birthday and he got a surprise birthday cake from Pauline



Mary Jones won the best Austin trophy



Lineup outside the motel

Done Jones's Yellow A30 with trailer



Just waiting for the BBQ to start





On the Road

with Bob Laughton

G'day

Well plenty happening up here in the Goulburn Valley at the moment. Here it's the last half of September and most farmers are working around the clock making silage, mostly in the small bales with green plastic wrapping, but I have seen a couple of pits here in Tatura.

It's taken farmers a few years to get used to making 'silage' but around here this year it's popular, mind you there is probably a bit more grass growth than the last 9 or 10 years. Most crops look reasonable right through Elmore Bendigo districts and canola has been in flower for over 14-15 days, so all OK but it's still not too late for a nice rain, in fact quite dry here for now but ideal conditions for making silage.

The RACV Golden Oldies Tour came through Shepparton with about 25-30 cars on display in The Mall for a few hours. Most cars were A Model Fords but also a Bullnose Morris, Pontiac, Alfa Romeo and a Chevrolet. All were in lovely order and attracting a good crowd, bigger crowd than car shows in Euroa and Hanging Rock.

The inside story of fitting the recon engine to the A30.

I had the engine at home near the front door for probably over a month as I didn't have a garage to work in, although I have a carport and the weather was cool, raining etc besides I did not feel so well.

A couple of nice days and my 'partner in crime' Ian suggested if it's a nice day tomorrow he would give me a hand to drop the engine in the car. I had bolted the clutch and new plate on, put the water pump off the old engine on with a new gasket also, new thermostat in, all OK, but could not get the two top bolts to go through the gearbox backing plate to engine.

The good doctor had put two bolts in the backing plate to the engine, they were not part of the engine going to the hospital, but somehow I've gained two engine bolts. A delay for a while till we sorted it out, oops nearly forgot, fitted new by-pass rubber hose and by-pass tube ie screwing into head after removing old tube, putting on generator, fan belt, radiator etc.

It was time to fill up with oil ie shell 10-30 'cos it was on special at Big W, now the radiator with green anti corrosion fluid \$5 at Supercheap, not the green anti boil antifreeze. Quick, quick, hurry, hurry it's getting dark says Ian, but I'm not happy not having checked out the ignition timing, oh well I would give it a go. She would not start, had enough for today and will check ignition tomorrow.

Next morning Ian arrives and the old crank handle comes in handy for ignition timing etc, play around for a while and change the ignition distributor cap and change wiring to suit, put rocker cover back on, give it a try, 10.00am yep plenty of petrol, nearly full, about two year old. It must have gone flat by now or turned to kerosene.

Ha ha 'eureka' first kick, a bit of smoke, running on all 4, all OK, ticking over not a problem. Push the car on the grass, clutch not engaging, leave her running while we have a cuppa and Tim Tams. Ten minutes later damn water leaking everywhere, engine hot by now, water on head on engine number side, lots of water dripping off backing plate (engine side and gearbox side) wipe wipe, have torch, can see lots of water on exhaust side down low on engine, still see water below running off backing plate, still both sides,

even with torch cannot pinpoint leak.

The engine had been spray painted 'Brunswick Green' green anti corrosion, but the engine being shiny I could not get a good sighting with all the water on both sides of the backing plate. Ian suggests it may be the rear welsh plug, but I did not believe so as water was coming from the water pump area, I thought not the bloody water pump again! I was not a happy camper. Stop the engine, leak stops cools down, but as soon as engine hot leaks again, probably lost a litre over 1 hour, had enough for today will buy some cochineal from IGA to put in the radiator tomorrow morning.

In the meantime I ring Grumpy Thorpe and ask him to send me a welsh plug and gasket between engine and backing plate just in case, and can I mention I agree one can be grumpy when you are the best in the business. For all you know every time Thorpe sends me parts they always fit, arrive within a couple of days and nicely packaged. Good one Mr Grumpy Ha Ha.

I had decided the engine was to come out (again) tomorrow morning. By this time I'm grumpy, I've lost my spectacles, give it another try, starts first kick, let the engine warm up and put in the cochineal, but no specs, I've grabbed the chocolate instead of the cochineal, straight into radiator hmmm smells like Nestles chocolate to me, look at bottle, damn wrong one.

I get the right bottle and empty into radiator, not long after 'red' water is sighted on exhaust side on top of sump and drops coming off backing plate, both sides, also lots of drops coming off breather pipe, by this time a big damn! Drain the water on the grass, push car under cover, ready to lift engine out, same procedure again, radiator, starter, exhaust etc. Getting to be expert at getting engine in and out.

Out she comes and push car away and put engine on cast iron chair, chain block still on engine. This time engine would not go back in until I pressure tested the engine right or wrong. Ian was still driving me mad by saying it may be that rear welsh plug, but I doubted it, but seeing I had the engine out I would put in a new one anyhow.

Off with the clutch and flywheel and backing plate ie no gasket and the welsh plug 'brass' looked as good as brand new and not leaking. Parts had arrived from Thorpe, great timing, drilled a hole in old plug, took it out, cleaned it all up on block, put some gasket goo on new plug and give it a good 'wack' all OK and the gasket fits, good one, things are starting to look better.

Took the thermostat out, three nuts, got a cork to put in bottom outlet of water pump, another for the top outlet, got the garden hose, filled engine as much as possible, give the air compressor a start up, drilled a small hole in length of top cork to fit compressor fitting, you don't need much pressure we had about 15 -20 PSI, far too much as thought, bottom cork flying out just missing house window and I'm covered in water. Had enough for today, but now on right track (I think). Put cork in bottom outlet again and fill with water overnight.

Continued next month

Enjoy ya Austins, register them and keep Vic Roads in a job!
Keep the LPG and diesel going
Bob phew

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

15 October 2008 (Wednesday)

Club meeting at the Camberwell Uniting Church at 8.00pm

19 October 2008 (Sunday) Contact Don Jones (03) 5983 8788 & 0427 392 219

7th Vintage and Old Wares Expo

Lardner Park Waragul

Meet at McDonalds car park Pakenham for a 9:00am departure for Lardner Park.

2 November 2008 (Sunday)

Mystery Drive approx 150km ending at the Famous Buxton Igloo Roadhouse for lunch.. Meet at Fred Brauneis place 28 Haughton PDE Rosanna

Departing 10:00am Sharp

Contact Fred 9457 4038 or Graeme McIntosh 044 7714011

15-16 November 2008 (Saturday-Sunday) Contact Don Jones (03) 5983 8788

0427 392 219

Bendigo Swap Meet

19 November 2008 (Wednesday)

Club meeting at the Camberwell Uniting Church at 8.00pm

23 November 2008 (Sunday)

Historic Commercial Vehicle Annual Display

Sandown Racecourse, Racecourse Drive Springvale Melway 80 C9

Starts 9:00am Admittance \$10.00

10 December 2008 (Wednesday) (Note one week earlier than usual)

Club meeting at the Camberwell Uniting Church at 8.00pm

14th December 2008 (Sunday)

A30 Christmas Party, an afternoon at Fred Brauneis place.

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.

Anyone wishing to receive the newsletter via email in addition to the hard copy can send me an email using the email button on the clubs website and I will send a PDF file of the newsletter in full colour and as big as your computer monitor can display. (Looks much better in colour and bigger to read.)

Let us know if you have broadband or dialup as I will try and make the files smaller for quicker download times.

Bottom button on our website austina30.asn.au

Graeme McIntosh

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1955 four door A30, runs well but body fair, has had engine/drivetrain modifications.
\$1500 unregistered.

Phone Harvey 03 9859 4375

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Accessories to tart up my A30. Things like Bumper overriders, wind deflectors, fancy gear lever knob, 13inch wheel chromed wheel rims, badges etc

Phone David Linke 03 9543 8263

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October 2008

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		<u>Club Meeting</u>				Old Wares
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

November 2008

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					Bendigo Swap	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
		<u>Club Meeting</u>				Sandown
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 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

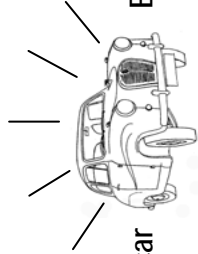
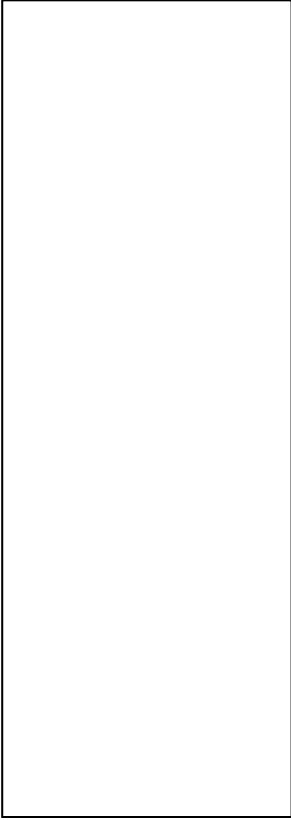
Morris Minor Australia, 56 Alex Avenue, Moorabbin. Victoria. 3189

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.



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Austin A30 - small car

BIG personality!