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Monthly Newsletter and Events Update

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MAY 2011

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| <p><u>Club nights at The New Inn, Heckfield, 8pm, 2nd Monday in every month</u></p> |
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Mo's Mutterings

Hi folks,

Those of you with e-mail addresses hopefully will have received your newsletters by the end of April. Don and I have been away most of the last two weeks and when at home we have had the Dubai part of the family with us. Busy, busy!

I enjoyed club night with our lovely club member Anne Butcher demonstrating her Wessex embroidery skills, as I am sure all the other lady club members did and although I can hardly sew a button on I can appreciate Ann's expertise. The samples Anne brought with her were so beautiful, I wish I had her talent. Thank you Anne for coming at such short notice!

Drive It Day was a brilliant day, well done Karen and Dave Witton but I must admit I didn't see many other "proper" cars on the roads during that day. Well, a couple of "classics" did go by the other way but not vintage or veteran.

Whilst with half the family in Dublin the week before Easter, daughter Karen said she did see an Austin but that was the only "proper" car and Don and I didn't see any at all.

I look forward to seeing many of you over the next few weeks and hope this lovely weather carries on throughout the summer.

Maureen

Chairmans Corner

The April Club night entitled Spring Airing gave a chance to bring the cars along and compare notes over a beer. This went off ok and the weather stayed dry if not a little parky.

The ladies meanwhile were enjoying a talk and maybe a master class on embroidery given by Anne Butcher who had very kindly stepped in at short notice.

The following Sunday saw a good few of us arriving at Karen & Dave's abode for refreshments and a raffle before setting off on a route devised by the cunning pair (Karen & Dave) to a pub on the outskirts of Petworth. We stayed there for a very nice lunch and a chat before departing on our ways. Some decided to visit Petworth House and others did their own thing but a most

enjoyable day out and many thanks to Karen & Dave for their hospitality and arranging the whole event.

At the last Club night I mentioned that Tim the landlord had again offered us a free night's accommodation and full English breakfast in October and many of you signed up for this. Since then though there has been a change of date so we are now holding it on **Saturday October 15th**, I have informed those that had signed up for it and i believe all are happy.

If you do want to join us there are only **FOUR** rooms left so you will have to be quick I look forward to seeing you at the next Club Night on May 9th.

John

COLINS COMMENTS

First of all I would like to say a personal thank you to Dave and Karen for organising a great 'Drive it Day'. The weather was perfect as was the coffee and bacon butties at their house, the lovely run through the Sussex countryside, the lunch at The Foresters Arms in Kirdford followed by a visit to Petworth House. A really good day which Ann and I both enjoyed.

Next year we will be celebrating the 90th anniversary of the Austin 7, which first took to our roads in 1922, and members of the Pre-war Austin 7 Club will be celebrating their 50th anniversary having started in 1962. However there is one anniversary this year, which would appear to have gone almost unnoticed. On 14th April the Highway Code, which I am sure we all adhere to, was 80 years old having been introduced in 1931.

It was introduced on the 14th April of that year in a bid to cut down on the number of accidents taking place on Britain's roads, before that I think most drivers did what they liked, probably making up their own rules as they went along, especially as the Driving Test did not come in until 1st June 1935. Some might say many motorists today still drive like that although I am sure no NHAEG members do. At that time there were just 2.3 million motor vehicles on the roads of Great Britain, yet over 7,000 people were killed in road accidents each year. In 2009 this number had fallen to 2,222 even though the number of vehicles on the road was now over 30 million. The Highway Code can therefore lay claim to saving thousands of lives over the past 80 years, although better car design and safety features have also helped a great deal.

Although the Highway Code has changed a lot over the years the spirit of the book remains the same: the first edition urged all drivers to be careful and considerate towards all other road users, putting safety first. The first edition cost just one old penny, some of our younger members may not remember them, and contained only 24 pages compared to the 15th and current edition first published in 2007 which contains 145, at a cost of £2.50. The first one was the only one to carry advertisements.

In 1931 mirrors were not even mentioned and it was suggested that drivers should sound their horns when overtaking. I am glad they don't do that now; we would forever have horns sounding in our ears as we drive sedately along in our Austins. A great deal of the original Highway Code was given over to hand signals, compared to the single page in the current edition. It also included advice to drivers of horse drawn vehicles to 'rotate the whip above the head; then incline the whip to the right or left to show the direction in which you wish to go.'

The latest edition includes new legislation on the use of mobile phones, smoking in vehicles, high occupancy vehicle lanes, vehicle emissions and many other things that no one would have heard of in 1931. It is now available in many formats such as online, as a download and on CD Rom with a voice-over for people with reading difficulties.

I wonder what the Highway Code will be like in another 80 years time, that's assuming that cars will still be around then, or will the oil have run out with no suitable replacement found, in which case the horse will be making a comeback. In the meantime a belated Happy 80th Birthday to the Highway Code.

Safe and Happy Motoring.

Colin

Secretary's Scribblings

Trevor Wild

As it was Jane (Hanslip's) expressed wish that any donations made in Trevor's memory should go to "Help for Heroes", it is pleasing to report that donations received from members, plus a further amount donated from Club funds, resulted in the sum of £229 being forwarded to that organisation to assist in funding the excellent work it continues to do in supporting the treatment and rehabilitation of wounded service personnel. In addition, Jane herself, received a further £150.00 which will augment proceeds from the recent *Drive It Day* activities (i.e. 'Bacon Butty' donations and Raffle held at Dave and Karen's), plus, when all are gathered in, the contents of H4H boxes displayed on our vehicles during the day.

Jane has since also made us aware that Trevor had reserved 10 car park spaces at Southwick House, HMS Dryad, north of Portsmouth. He had done this in anticipation of the trip to Normandy he and others intended making in June this year to attend the annual D-Day celebrations. Southwick House is now largely unheard of or has been overlooked in many of the reports, films, books, etc., covering D-Day and the Normandy landings which took place in 1944. However, very significantly, it was the temporary headquarters of General Eisenhower and all those who planned the memorable events at that time and is now open to the visiting public, where such items as the huge plywood wall map, manufactured by a Midlands toy factory and covering the entire area of the Normandy beaches in question, is still in situ and the room where the momentous decision to 'Go' for June 6th was made.

Should anyone wish to make the trip down to Southwick House, ideally in 'real' cars of course, the date is Friday 3rd June. Details of its location and special significance can be found by 'Googling' Southwick House. No doubt Jane can also provide further details of the arrangements, should these be required.

FBHVC Newsletter Digest

The NHAEG is a member club of the Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs and, as such, is included in the distribution list for its bi-monthly newsletter.

The primary aim of the FBHVC is to try to ensure that we all continue to have the right to use our vehicles on the road – regardless of their age. This it does by lobbying politicians and government officials as and when the necessity arises and in ensuring that the extent to which Brussels may seek to curb such use is kept firmly in check.

The following extracts have been selected from the latest newsletter as being of possible interest to NHAEG members.

1) IMPORTANT SURVEY. In keeping with its primary goal the FBHVC is currently about to conduct a survey of the number of individuals involved in the historic vehicle movement and the number of vehicles they own, as well as the value the movement brings to the economy. Its last survey was in 2006 when the gross value of the movement was found to be in excess of £3bn annual expenditure and this now needs to be brought up to date – hence this new survey.

All members are urged to take part and to encourage others to do so as well; the more people who do, the more accurate will be the results and the better able the FBHVC to protect all our interests.

The simplest way to participate is to go to www.fbhvc.co.uk and click on the survey. The link will open early in May and remain open until the end of July.

Alternatively, to complete a paper questionnaire, just send a C5 stamped, addressed envelope to FBHVC, Kernshill, Shute Street, Stogumber, Taunton. TA4 3TU.

2) PROPOSED CONSULTATION ON EXEMPTING EARLY VEHICLES FROM TESTING REQUIREMENTS

A report earlier this year indicating that the Department for Transport was planning a consultation on exempting some early small vehicles from the need for an MoT has received widespread circulation resulting in rumour and speculation inevitably turning such a proposal and opinions associated with it into fact! The FBHVC is anxious to ensure that the situation is fully understood by those with an interest in the topic.

One major concern, which has already been raised by some clubs has been speculation that restriction of use might subsequently be introduced, though the FBHVC is adamant that it would not bargain over, or condone, any such restriction.

Clearly this issue is at a very early stage and processes associated with all aspects of the consultative process will take many months to complete. Nevertheless, it is an interesting idea and we will all be very keen to see what, if anything, emerges from the discussions and any change in the current laws, dealing with the testing of motor vehicles, which may result.

Personally, I quite welcome the annual test since it provides an ideal opportunity to accompany the knowledgeable, 'real car' friendly MOT tester, I routinely use, during his inspection of my vehicles and can take a really good look at the underside when raised up on the lift. I wouldn't object, however, to a lowering of the test fee for older vehicles, which, evidently, has also been considered but is, of course, firmly opposed by all the major operators of testing stations even though the amount of time spent testing such vehicles is considerably less than that for more modern ones.

3) MOT TESTING STATIONS

A list, compiled by the FBHVC, of MoT testing stations which *understand* historic vehicles continues to grow and currently stands at over 170 entries. This list can also be found on its website (given above) and is updated every Monday.

Woking Hospice 10th Classic Car Show and Fayre

As was mentioned in last month's newsletter this event is being held on Sunday 5th June and comes highly recommended.

Further details can be obtained by contacting Sue Spencer, Fundraising Department, Woking and Sam Beare Hospices, on 01483 881750. Also

Entry Forms can be downloaded via their website: www.wsbhospices.co.uk. As a last resort Nick (Buchanan) can probably also provide you with one of these. Entry is £5.00 per car with two occupants and should be submitted before Friday 20th May 2011. Please also note carefully that Club Entries are also welcome (minimum of 5 cars per club) but each car should be on a separate entry form.

If you wish to enter as a Club member, rather than an individual, please mark the Entry Form clearly as an "NHAEG Entry" in the appropriate space.

This should be sufficient to ensure we are all parked up together.

Quiz News

April – 'This Will Make You Cross'. It may well have done since I haven't received a single entry so far! You still have until 6th May to get your entries in though so maybe there'll be a rush towards that date!

Meanwhile, for this month (May) it's more of the same I'm afraid, so the chances are that it will 'Make You Even More Cross!'

90th Birthday Celebrations for the Austin 7 ~ July 2012

Preliminary plans for this were discussed at some length at the A7CA AGM, held at Gaydon, on Saturday 16th April.

It was clear that there has been a considerable amount of interest shown by dedicated A7 Clubs, as well as those for other models, around the country.

Precise details for the event have yet to be finally agreed upon and drawn up but, as was outlined in last month's newsletter, it will take the form of a three-day event, to be held in the grounds of and using the facilities available at, Warwick School. The NHAEG Committee has agreed to have some peripheral involvement with the staging of the event and, at this time, this would appear to be associated with marshalling of non-A7 participants/groups during the set-up stage on the opening day, Friday 20th June 2012.

Initially, the next day, Saturday, was intended to be the static, display day which also will be open to the general public (for a fee) and during which, later, various activities will take place for the enjoyment of those attending. The final day, Sunday, was to be devoted to a 'run' or possibly 'runs' out into the Warwickshire countryside for those interested in doing so.

However, a suggestion from the floor, at the AGM, might change this format and the Saturday and Sunday programmes may be switched around. If this actually happens it may have some effect on NHAEG's involvement since, from opinions expressed thus far, it's unlikely that many, if any, would want to be attending for the full, three-days, especially if attendance is to be combined with an extended group trip, to 'Shakespeareland' and its surroundings, as our annual 'excursion'.

Nevertheless, there are still 14 months or so to go and a firm decision on how the event will fit in with our plans still has to be made.

If, however, there are any members who are willing to assist those already stepping up to the plate (viz: Dave and Karen) in helping to make this event one to remember then please do get back to me some time soon. I am sure whatever we sign up to will prove not be particularly onerous or taxing.

Inter Register Club

The Alvis Rally, on 9th April, was held, as it was last year, on a perfectly beautiful, cloudless day and covered an area surrounding Chichester. This year, Roy (Roberts) and I performed rather better than our humiliating efforts last year. We didn't win any prize but, equally, didn't disgrace ourselves either. The main thing was we thoroughly enjoyed the event and 'Clarissa', my Colwyn, behaved impeccably around the South Downs, now that she has an oil-free clutch plate!

The next event is the Trally, on June 18th, which Richard (Scott) is organising on behalf of the 750MC. For those who may not be particularly interested in the competitive aspect and would simply like to enter it as a tour he's happy to mark up a map for this purpose. An entry form and Supplementary Regs appear elsewhere in this Newsletter but if you would like to enter, in any category, please contact Richard at rscottOK@btinternet.com, or on 0118 983 2224 for further details.

Inter-Register Events – 2011 – Revised dates

| Date | Organising Club | Event | Location | Possible Clashes |
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| Sat 18th Jun | 750MC | "Trally" - mix of na rally and treasure hunt | Hants/Berks | VSCC Harewood Hill Clim and Yorkshire Tou |
| Event on offer: Sun 26 th June | Riley | Bathos Trophy scatter rally | Worcestershire | LC&ES weekend a in Worcestershire |
| Sun 17 th July | Humber | Navigation Rally | Dorset | VSCC Southern Ra Sat 16 th July |

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| Sun 31th July | STD | Driving Tests + to | Hungerford | VSCC Norfolk Tour |
| July (date to be set) | <i>Alvis – may not happen</i> | Navigation/ Treasure Hunt | Scotland | |
| Sun 18 th Sept (tbc) | Riley | Scatter | North Wilts/ Gloucestershire | VSCC Yorkshire Tr |
| Sun 25 th Sept | Crossley | Treasure Hunt | North Yorks | LC&ES weekend Cotswolds |
| Sat 1 st October | Alvis | Scatter Rally | Dartmoor | VSCC Loton Park 1 st and 2 nd Oct |
| Sat 19th Nov | ATDC/NHAE | “Nightjar” Scatter/Orienteeri | Surrey/Hants/Ber | VSCC Cotswold Tr Sat 19 th Nov |

The weather is amazingly tropical as I conclude this piece. Let's hope it remains so for some time although I guess the gardeners amongst us may justifiably be wishing for a few drops of the wet stuff.

Trevor

Don's Doodlings

Our luck must run out one day! I refer to the brilliant weather we seem to have when we have a club run. This year's Drive It Day was no exception. Our thanks go to Karen and Dave for organising the whole day which Maureen and I enjoyed very much.

Apart from Drive It Day and club night, Chummy and Queenie have stayed in the garage as I have been preoccupied dismantling my 1927 top hat which I have called Dolly. The body has been removed from the chassis, with a little help from my friends, and put to one side, as I will get around to this later. Only yesterday I dismantled the last parts from the chassis so it is ready to go away for shop blasting and painting.

Now I must really get down to sorting out all my boxes and parts etc. for Beaulieu Autojumble which is on 14th and 15th May next. I hope to see you there, free tea and cakes for club members. You will know our stall, just look out for Mandy, in red field.

Don

Need Maps?

If you aren't aware of the site already, anyone ever requiring or looking for maps of any kind, e.g. OS Landranger, Explorer and many others is highly recommended to check out www.dash4it.co.uk where these are available at very much lower prices than are available in High Street stores, such as W.H.Smith etc. They're normally more than 30% cheaper and often at even more attractive prices. Items are generally despatched the same day as ordering, sent First Class, post free and there are no credit card charges. A real deal!

QUERIES OF THE MONTH

Some more “Queries of the Month”, these originally appeared in “The Austin Magazine & Advocate” during the 1930s and 1940s. This month’s selection consists of No 491 Tyre Stopping, No 625 Manifold – Austin Ten Four and No 716 Valve Cotters – Austin Seven.

No 491 appeared in May 1933, No 625 appeared in December 1934 and No 716 appeared in January 1936.

No 491 – Tyre Stopping

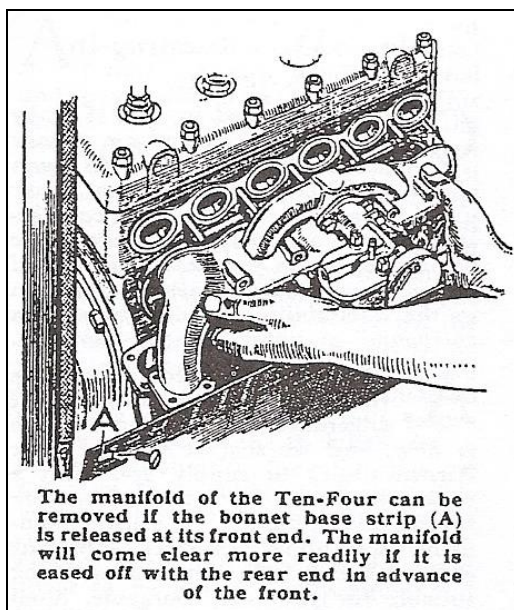
Q. *The writer of “Prepare For Summer Motoring” in the “The Austin Magazine” for April recommends one to fill the cuts in tyres with stopping, but omits to say what stopping. I have tried many so-called tyre stoppings but the only trouble with them is that they do not stop! If the author can recommend some really reliable stopping I should be glad. Until then it is just a waste of time in my opinion, trying to stop such cuts.*

A. The article in the April issue recommended the filling of cuts in tyres as a necessary precaution against those cuts extending and irretrievably damaging the cover. There are a number of good stoppings on the market and possibly you would find the Dunlop tread cut filler, obtainable in 8-oz. tins, a satisfactory form of stopping. It is, of course, important to follow the maker’s directions in applying these stoppings to cuts, in being essential to remove any flints first and then to clean the cut thoroughly with petrol before pressing in the actual stopping material. We think that if you take these precautions the stopping mentioned above will prove satisfactory.

No 625 – Manifold – Austin Ten Four

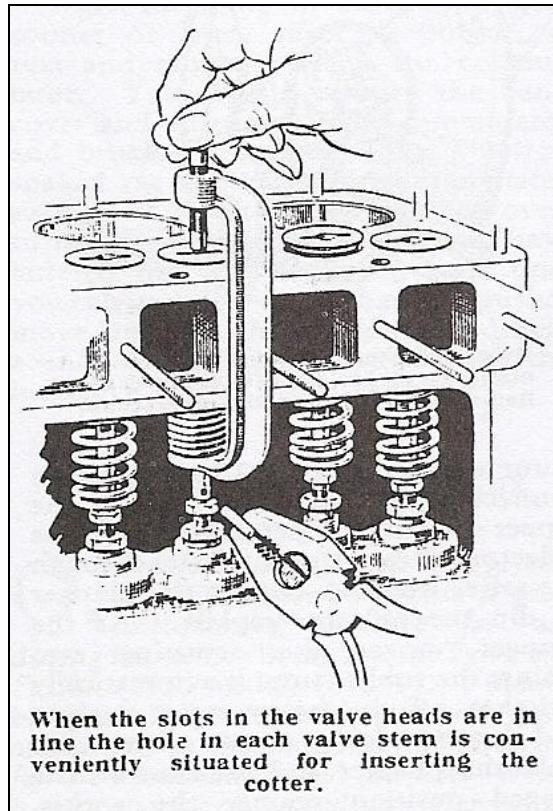
Q. *I am thinking of decarbonising my Ten-Four, but before doing so should like your advice on the removal of the manifold. It seems to me that the bonnet base-plate will prevent this part being pulled sufficiently clear of the cylinder block studs to allow its removal.*

A. Although there is not much clearance for the exhaust manifold of the Ten-Four, you will find that by disconnecting it from the exhaust pipe and releasing the bonnet base strip at its front end, it will be possible to work the manifold clear of the studs, if anything working the rear end off somewhat in advance of the front end. It will be necessary to spring the bonnet base strip slightly, but the manifold will come clear with a little manipulation



No 716 – Valve Cotters – Austin Seven

Q. *I am about to decarbonise and grind-in the valves of my Austin Seven, but before doing so seek your advice concerning the valve cotters. I have had considerable trouble in fitting these on previous models, and eventually purchased a pair of cotter pliers for the purpose. I see now from the handbook that the valves have cotter pins in place of the split-cone formerly used, and consequently, as the cotter pliers are now unsuitable, I am wondering whether any special tool is necessary for removing or replacing the cotter pin in each valve stem. The illustration shows the pin held by a pair of ordinary pliers. Are these suitable?*



A. You will find reassembling the valves after grinding them in very much easier with the pin-type cotter as now fitted on the Seven, than with the split-cone cotter formerly employed. The only requirement to remember when refitting each cotter pin is to have its hole in the valve stem facing outwards, so that the pin, held in a pair of ordinary pliers as illustrated, can be inserted into the valve stem. By seeing that the slots in the valve heads are in line it will be ensured that the cotter holes are in a suitable position for refitting the cotter pins in this way.

The “Queries of the Month” are reproduced with the kind permission of the Austin Ten Drivers Club (ATDC)

Some More Old Advertisements

This one is from August 1957; AB Fletcher of Birmingham is advertising some Austin 10 spares. They appear to be for the crocodile bonnet model, probably ex WD stock.

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Andy Ranson

NHAEG Club Nights and Events Diary

Club Nights

| | | Arranged By |
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| May 9 th | Joy Craig from the Reading Fuchsia Society will be in the Conference Room for the gardeners amongst you. (Postponed from April club night.) + N&N for non gardeners | Karen |
| June 13 th | Half Gallon Run | Andy and Do |
| July 11 th | Concourse d'Elegance | Committee |
| August 8 th | Walking Rally | Trevor/Jean |
| September 12 th | Wessex Stitchery in the Conference Room or Noggin & Natter | Anne Butcher |
| October 10 th | Talk on Guns by Peter Gillet | John Hancock |
| November 14 th | Auction | Don/Trevor/Colin |
| December 12 th | Festive Fun | TBA |
| January 9 th | AGM | Committee |

Events

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| June 5 th | Visit to Clandon Park (non club event) | A7OC Dave Witton for details. |
| June 5 th | Woking Hospice Car Show (non club event) | Nick Buchanan for details. |
| June 11 th | Bearwood Invitational Car Show | Colin |
| June 20 th -24 th | Trip to Holme Lacy | Trevor/Jean |
| June 25 th | BEN Run (non-club event) | Colin/Trevor for details |
| July 3 rd | Pinewood Open Day Car Show. (non club event) | Details in March newsletter |
| July 17 th | Visit to Woodley Aircraft Museum or walk at Dinton Pastures followed by run and BBQ | John/Joan |
| July 31 st | Picnic in the Paddock | Don/Trevor/Colin |
| August 14 th | August Amble | Colin/Ann |
| August 29 th | Littlewick Show (non-club event) | Colin for details |
| September 3 rd | Longparish Fete (non club event) | Details in March newsletter |
| September 10 th | Heritage Day at Basildon Park. | Details in March newsletter |
| November 19 th | Nightjar | Nightjar Committee |
| December 5 th | Christmas Dinner | Trevor/ Jean |

If you know of any events not listed please let me have details. Colin

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Austin Seven Clubs Association (A7CA) **AGM on Saturday 16th April 2011 at Gaydon**

Phil Baidon, standing in for Chairman Bernard Cowley – away dashing up and down some hill in Wiltshire in his A7 - welcomed 33 attendees and, in particular, our President Bob Wyatt. Later in the programme, Bob generously announced his Donation to the Association of: the press cuttings of Gladys de Haviland's epic A7 'Round the World' trip; correspondence from Bob Burgess, a long-standing Austin employee; and a 1923 copy of the Austin In-House journal 'The Advocate' – great material for our Archives and the Grey Book.

Phil also welcomed two very special guests Peter and Peggy Butler – the proud owners of the now-famous Le Mans A7 'Speedy'. Not only had Peter graced us with his presence but also brought along 'the Car' for us all to ogle over and observe it expertly piloted by Dave Wilcox.

The Meeting re-elected the three Officers of the Association: Bernard Cowley, Chairman; Ian Mason-Smith, Secretary; and John Wyett, Treasurer; and agreed the current 12 Committee Members in their respective areas of responsibility. It was also agreed that Hayden Morgan, our ex-Secretary, would assist the Association Registrar Sandy Croall with the 2012 Register and thereafter take on the position of Registrar.

Ian confirmed our total membership of 65 Clubs covering all 5 Continents – 29 in the UK, 21 Overseas and no less than 15 Registers. In addition, Tom Hamblin has agreed to establish a 'Hamblin Register' for incorporation into the A7 Sports Register.

After months of perseverance, Gordon Phillips has now produce the Association Breakdown Register – a list of willing helpers across the UK who will assist 'Austineers in Need'. This edition in a bright blue cover and a new format also includes a list of 'Recommended Tools & Spares' for the A7 traveller. The Meeting gave Gordon a huge vote of thanks for this vital item of support that we will all carry and hope never to use!

Celebration Events for 90th Birthday of the A7 – 2012 - are coming in thick and fast:

- Australian Rally October/September

- Eurotour – ‘Alpine Amble’
- JOGLE – N. Herts 750 MC and Partners
 - 50th National Rally at Beaulieu
- 50th Anniversary of the Pre-War A7 Club

And our own Association Celebration at Warwick School – 20th to 23 July
– was formally confirmed, key details agreed, and many vital roles confirmed.

In response to requests for additional ideas, Brian Eckerley Essex A7 Club, has suggested a convoy of A7s and A10s at Wootton Bassett in support of the ‘Help the Heroes’ campaign. All interested, contact Brian: beckers1@sky.com (copy to Ian please)

Bob Wyatt presented the Ray Morley Award to Peter Butler for the outstanding performance of the A7 Speedy at Le Mans this year.

He also presented the Ken Warren Award – via Editor Robin Boyce – to Mike Tebbett for a huge amount of material and useful leads for the ‘Grey Book’.

Ian updated the Meeting on the future of John Coleman’s famous Car: the Car is now part of an historic ‘Feats of Endurance’ Exhibition, which was formally opened at Beaulieu last month. The Car will be at Beaulieu until October 2011, after which it will be on permanent display at Gaydon.

As several people were attending the visit to Warwick School, the bulk of the AOB was left to be covered by the Minutes and comments requested for our next Meeting, except for two items:

Vince Leek has had his book excellent book ‘Austins over the Andes’ re-printed to meet demand – at same price of £12.95 or £16.25 with P&P: Vince Leek: A7VCL@btinternet.com

Happy Event: Ruairidh Dunford Scottish A7 has recently enlarged his family by the production of twins – with some help from Tanya – so Poppy Elidh and Daisy Ellen join Willow in the A7 Caravan – congratulations! - the word is that Ruairidh has already started work on two identical pink A7 Chummies.

Visit to Warwick School after the AGM, kindly arranged by Les and Joy Gammon, was well attended and all feed-back was highly favourable.

ROUTINE ACTIONS for Clubs please:

- update A7CA Rep info to Ian – do note and check e-mail address, several changes!
 - alert Sandy Croall of any Register updates or corrections
 - let Les Gammon have any changes to number of Mags needed

Enjoy your Summer Motoring in your lovely Austin Sevens

NEXT MEETING

at the ASSOCIATION ARCHIVES CENTRE Lubenham

on SUNDAY 16th July 2011

Ian Mason-Smith
Secretary A7CA

Tel: 01425 473949

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"THIS WILL MAKE YOU EVEN MORE CROSS"

All answers, again, contain the letter 'X'

Entries please, to Trevor Edwards, 55 The Brambles, Crowthorne. RG45 6EF, together with £1.00 (towards cost of prizes), by Friday, 10th June 2011.

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| 1. | IT TURNS IN THE CENTRE | _ _ _ _ | (4) |
| 2. | GROUPS OF SHEEP? | _ _ _ _ _ | (5) |
| 3. | SOUNDS LIKE MAGIC SPELLS IN THE FIFTH MONTH | _ _ _ _ _ | (6) |
| 4. | ANNOY A PERSON FROM CHINA OR INDIA? | _ _ _ _ _ | (8) |
| 5. | A FIGHTING DOG | _ _ _ _ _ | (5) |
| 6. | A FORMER FARM MACHINE, OR A DENTIST? | _ _ _ _ _ | (9) |
| 7. | THIS SHOULD MAKE YOU MOVE QUICKLY! | _ _ _ _ _ | (8) |
| 8. | SOUNDS LIKE A DUTY ON BAD BEHAVIOUR! | _ _ _ _ _ | (6) |
| 9. | KEY POINT OR GANG OF ROGUES? | _ _ _ _ | (4) |
| 10. | 1960'S TEENAGER ATTACKING COPPER? | _ _ _ _ _ | (5,5) |
| 11. | THIS SOUNDS 'TIME TO GO HOME'. | _ _ _ _ _ | (6) |
| 12. | GREEK KING CONTAINS 2 OF QUIZ'S SUBJECT LETTERS | _ _ _ _ _ | (6) |
| 13. | RIVER CROSSING FOR COW'S RELATION | _ _ _ _ _ | (6) |
| 14. | SOUNDS AS IF IT WAS A SMALL RIVER | _ _ _ _ _ | (7) |
| 15. | 20 TH CENTURY JAZZ MUSIC | _ _ _ _ _ | (9) |
| 16. | PEOPLE WHO COMPLAIN GRIND THESE | _ _ _ _ | (4) |
| 17. | A SWEET AGE! | _ _ _ _ _ | (7) |
| 18. | RABBITS DON'T LIKE IT! | _ _ _ _ _ | (11) |
| 19. | OCCURS IN MARCH AND SEPTEMBER | _ _ _ _ _ | (7) |
| 20. | DOMESTIC RATE PAID BY PARROTS? | _ _ _ _ _ | (4,3) |

Submitted by:.....

Inter-Register Club

750 MC T.Rally

Saturday 18th June

Entry Form

ENTRANT / DRIVERS

NAME:

Address:

..... Tel No:

E-Mail: Motor Club:

NAVIGATOR'S NAME:

Address:

VEHICLE MAKE: Model:

Reg No: Year: Class Entered: **E N B T**

Insurance Co./Broker: Tel No:

I declare that:

1. I have been given the opportunity to read the General Regulations of the MSA and the Supplementary Regulations for this event and agree to be bound by them. I declare that I am physically and mentally fit to take part in the event and I am competent to do so. I acknowledge that I understand the nature and type of the competition and the potential risk with motor sport and agree to accept that risk unreservedly. Further I understand that all persons having any connection with the promotion and/or organisation and/or conduct of the event are insured against loss or injury caused through their negligence.

2. The use of the vehicle hereby entered will be covered by insurance as required by law which is valid for such part of the event as shall take place on roads as defined by law.

Entrant/Driver's

Navigator's

Signature:

Signature

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In case of serious injury, please inform:-

Name: Tel:

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Entry to the Rally; £18.00 to include MSA fees and refreshments before the event for a crew of 2.

Rally Fee £18. 00

Additional Crew member @ £3.00

Finger buffet after the event @ £6.00

Total enclosed: £

Cheques payable to Richard Scott and send to: Old Kennels, Sulhamstead, Berks, RG7 4EB.

*Preferred method of communication will be via e mail.
Final instructions will be sent out in the week before the event.
Please include 2 SAE's (DL size) if you do not have e mail.*

Inter-Register Club **The 750 Motor Club "T.Rally"**

Saturday 18th June

Supplementary Regulations

The 750 Motor Club on behalf of the Inter-Register Club will organise a Navigational Rally and Treasure Hunt based at The Queen's College Arms, Pamber End Nr Tadley (GR 612 584 Map 175).

*The event will be a round of the 2011 Inter-Register Club Championship.
The meeting will be governed by the General Regulations of the RAC Motor Sports Association, the supplementary regulations and any written instructions that are issued by the club.
MSA Permit; tba.*

The event is open to pre-1941 cars entered by fully elected members of clubs comprising the Inter-Register Club and the VSCC. All cars must display a current tax disc and have a current MOT certificate for inspection at scrutineering. Entrants should ensure that their insurance will cover them for this type of event.

*The maximum entry will be 30. The organisers reserve the right to cancel the event should less than 12 entries be received. Entries open on publication of these Regulations and close on June 11th.
Entries must be on the official entry form and include the appropriate payment.
Late entries may well be accepted and paid for on the day if advised by phone first.
Entrants will require OS Landranger map 175, version C2 was used during preparation but any recent editions should suffice. A roamer, pencils, rubber, ruler, protractor, compass and clipboards will also be required. Car identification numbers will be provided.*

The event will comprise 3 Sections; two Navigation Sections of about 1 hour's duration split by a 1 hour Treasure Hunt Section. Entrants will be likely to drive in the region of 55 miles.

Cars should comply with RAC/MSA technical regulations and may not use any electronic or other average speed calculator. Timings will be scheduled timing with marking and penalties in accordance with the RAC/MSA Blue Book except as follows:

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| <i>For every minute early or late at a Time Control</i> | 1 point |
| <i>For missing a Codeboard, Secret Check or wrongly answering a Route Check</i> | 5 points |
| <i>For missing an Intermediate Time Control or entering from the wrong direction</i> | 15 points |
| <i>Breaking the ¾ rule</i> | 30 points |
| <i>Stopping in sight of a control or causing an obstruction</i> | 15 points |
| <i>Treasure Hunt:</i> | <i>Every correct answer is worth 2 points.</i> |

There will be three classes, Beginners, Novices and Experts. Any crew member who has won a class award or better, in an IRC or VSCC rally in the last 5 years, is defined as an Expert Crew. Beginners are those on their first Navigational Rally and will receive additional assistance with plotting if required. Novices are everyone else. In addition entries are invited from people unable/not wishing to take part in the Inter Register competition and can just Tour around the route with a marked map. There will be awards to 1st, 2nd and 3rd places overall, to the best team, as well to the overall winner of each class. The winning team comprises the three highest placed cars of a single marque.

The Rally Fee will include tea/coffee and biscuits at the start for a crew of 2. At the finish there will be an optional buffet of sandwiches, cakes @ £6.00 per head to be paid for in advance.

*Program of the meeting: 1000 – 10.45hrs Scrutineering and Signing on
1100hrs Route cards issued at 1 minute intervals
1515hrs First car due at Finish*

*Event secretary: Richard Scott, Old Kennels, Sulhamstead, Berks. RG7 4EB
Tel 0118-983-2224 or rscottok@btinternet.com*