



AUSTIN 7 CLUBS' ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD AT THE HERITAGE MOTOR CENTRE, GAYDON

AT 1100 HOURS ON SUNDAY 13th OCTOBER 2013

Present

Andy Lowe	Chairman A7CA; MA7C
Chris Garner	Vice Chairman; PWA7C
Phil Baildon	Archivist A7CA
John Wyett	Treasurer A7CA; NA7C
Robin Boyce	Former Editor The Grey Mag; MA7C
Howard Annett	Magazine Distribution and Back Issues; A7OC
Graham Baldock	Public Relations A7CA; EA7C; DA7C; HA7C
Jim Blacklock	Registrar A7CA; Cambridge A7 & VCC; Arrow Register
Brem Bremner-Smith	MA7C
Arthur Davies	MA7C
Nick Beck	BA7C and ScA7C
Gill Davis	750 MC; Cambridge A7 & VCC
Roger Price	Online A7C
Dave Orange	EA7C
Les Morley	EA7C
John Williams	SWA7C
Stuart Howard	HA7C
Graham Smith	SA7C
Bernard Cowley	DA7C
Steve Hodgson	Worthing Gp
Bob Prophet	Secretary A7CA; MA7C; PWA7C

Apologies

Hazel Gore	Advertising and MA7C
Bernard Griffiths	Events & Projects Co-ordinator A7CA
Chris Charles	Website Co-ordinator A7CA; Special Register
Ed Waugh	Editor The Grey Mag; PWA7C
Dave Martin	Asst Archivist A7CA
David Charles	Special Register
David Cochrane	Pram Hood Register
Ian and Pam Mason Smith	Dorset A7C
Mike Ward	Hereford A7C
Ruairidh Dunford	Gordon England Register
Mike Tebbett	Mulliner Register
Lorna Mountford	Swallow Register

Action

<p>Welcome</p> <p>1. The Chairman welcomed the meeting.</p> <p>Minutes of the previous Meeting</p> <p>2. The Minutes of the previous Meeting, held on 14th July 2013, having been previously circulated, were deemed to be a true record of proceedings and were duly signed.</p> <p>Matters Arising</p> <p>3. There were no matters arising.</p> <p>Chairman's Report</p> <p>4. <u>Jack French's Garage</u>. The Chairman told the meeting that he had been offered Jack French's garage free of charge. The present owner was aware of its importance and was keen that it should go to a good, appropriate home as he wanted to build a modern garage in its place. The Chairman wondered what to do with it and said that he had been in contact with the Avoncroft Buildings Museum, Bromsgrove, whose Trustees he had asked to consider the idea of taking it into their collection. He said that he thought that there was a reasonable link between Austin Sevens and Avoncroft as Midlands A7C and The Vintage Austin Register had both held Rallies there. He reminded the meeting that Grand Prix racing started in this shed with the preparation of 750 cc cars. It was agreed that Avoncroft was an appropriate resting place for such a historic shed; the Chairman agreed to let the Committee know the outcome.</p> <p>5. <u>Military Register</u>. Ashley Hollebhone had enquired whether or not there was a Military Austin 7 Register and, if not, wondered about starting one. It was agreed that this would be an excellent idea and the Chairman said that he would contact Ashley and encourage him to get it off the ground.</p> <p>6. <u>Swallow Register</u>. The Chairman told the Committee that Lorna Mountford had taken over the Swallow Register from Ann Walker. He reported that she intended to expand the Register to include Hornet, Standard and Swift Swallow cars too in the hope of attracting new people into the group to keep it more viable in the future as well as it being appropriate to group Swallow cars together in this way. He said that Lorna's details would appear in the Grey Mag and on the website in due course.</p> <p>7. <u>A7CA Sign</u>. The Chairman recalled that, some 10 years ago, every Club had been issued with an A7CA sign to display at rallies etc. Whilst most at the meeting had no recollection of such a sign, he remarked that the MA7C sign was in his garage. He asked whether or not new ones should be made and distributed; after some discussion, it was agreed that such a sign was not necessary.</p> <p>8. <u>A7CA Car Badge</u>. Howard Annett remarked that he had seen an A7CA car badge (on e-Bay?) and wondered whether or not anyone knew anything about it. Nobody knew anything.</p>	<p>Chairman</p> <p>All</p> <p>Chairman</p> <p>Lorna Mountford</p> <p>Editor Webmaster</p> <p>All</p>
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<p>Secretary's Report</p> <p>9. The Secretary reported that he had nothing to report as it had been a quiet time. He had received a couple of enquiries which he had passed on to others who had answered the questions.</p> <p>Treasurer's Report</p> <p>10. The Treasurer reported a similarly quiet period. He told the Committee that the total liquid funds were £33,566.99 and invited those who wished to see the breakdown of this figure to look at the financial statement circulated with the agenda [<u>Secretary's Note</u>. The financial statement is attached to these Minutes]. He continued that there were no outstanding debtors, that expenditure will be necessary later this quarter for printing and distribution of 2013D (approx £2400) plus the annual rental for the archives space at the TSSC premises at Lubenham. He said that Phil Baidon would report on the progress of the move and the new agreed rental [Phil later confirmed that the new rental agreement would save around £1,000 a year]. He reported that all overseas clubs would be invoiced for their subscriptions and magazines supplied for 2013 following the issue of 2013D.</p> <p>11. Having asked for questions (there were none), the Chairman thanked the Treasurer for his report.</p> <p>Information</p> <p>12. <u>Magazine</u>. The Chairman welcomed Ed Waugh, the new Editor, whose first Grey Mag would be 2014A. The Secretary read out a report from the new Editor, who had reported that it was an honour to be taking on the role as Editor of the Association magazine and that he looked forward to the challenge which faced him in maintaining the standard built up by Robin Boyce. He regretted not being able to make it to the meeting but he hoped to attend the next meeting or, failing that, the AGM in April. He asked that all clubs send him a copy (electronic by choice) of their newsletter so that he could select articles for the Grey Mag – with Editor's permission. The Chairman also asked for a copy of every Club's newsletter. Finally, The Chairman thanked Robin Boyce for his many successful years as Editor and presented him with a decanter engraved with the A7CA badge.</p> <p>13. <u>Website</u>. The Chairman welcomed Chris Charles, the new Webmaster, who had already taken over management of the website. The Secretary reported that Chris had been unable to attend the meeting and had sent his apologies saying that he was currently in his first year studying Mechanical Engineering at the University of Sussex near Brighton. He hoped to get to a local Austin 7 meeting soon, although transport is an issue to get to these Club meetings. Lack of transport meant, also, that he would not be marshalling at Hyde Park for this year's London to Brighton Veteran Car Run; he would, however, enjoy their arrival at Brighton! He reported that Ilke Cochrane had completed the handover of the website on 26th August 2013 with the domain name and hosting ownership transferred into his control. He said that, since taking over, he had made a couple of minor updates which included contact details for the Essex Austin Seven Club and an error on the Member Clubs' page. More importantly, he reported that the Chassis Register downloads from Jim Blacklock had been updated on 6th</p>	<p>All</p> <p>Treasurer Overseas Clubs</p> <p><u>All</u> Clubs</p> <p><u>All</u> Clubs</p>
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<p>been updated and uploaded onto the A7CA Website on 9th October for which he thanked the new Webmaster, Chris Charles. He pointed out that, again, thanks to Chris Charles, the Surviving Austin 7 Register could be down-loaded and printed (in landscape orientation) in whichever order was required, i.e. Chassis, Registration Number, Car Number, Model, Country, Club, Register, plus New Entries in 2013, Questionable Entries, Scrapped Austin 7s and the list of Austin 7 Clubs in the Association and their Code Number. Each page had column headings but he asked all to bear in mind that, in the Austin 7 Register, there were around 135 pages per Register. Jim continued by saying that the Surviving Big 7 Register could also be printed from the A7CA website, in a similar range of ordered tables, but that there were only 5 pages, this time in portrait orientation. One further point to note was that these Registers could be printed in colour. He told the meeting that, so far this year, 268 New Entries had been added to the Register or, in other words, 268 new, old Austin 7s. He reported that there were 10,627 entries in the Register. The latest new/old Austin 7 was a 1924 AC Tourer which, at some stage, had been "sort of modified" from a 4-seater to a 2-seater; it had been found in Austria – the only Austin 7 known to reside in that country. He concluded by pointing out that he and Graham Baldock were working on an idea for a small sticker to promote the A7CA Surviving Austin 7 Register.</p>	All Clubs
Support	All Clubs
<p>17. <u>Spares and Suppliers</u>. The Chairman mentioned Chip 'n Trac – a tracker device which could be run on any voltage from 6 to 24, could be moved between cars or any other machinery, required a sim card so that it could send a text message to the owner's mobile if the car were to be moved and for which no annual fee was payable. The system was being offered to A7CA members for £99 (including VAT and delivery) instead of £149 [<u>Secretary's Note</u>. Details are attached to these Minutes].</p>	Registrar/ PR
<p>18. <u>Breakdown</u>. The Chairman asked for thoughts on a breakdown register: the Secretary reported on behalf of Ian Mason-Smith from Dorset A7C that he had found a strange anomaly with the usually excellent RHS Insurance. On the 'Yorkshire Experience' one of his Club Members had a deployment problem with the tow hook on his (modern) car. Initially, RHS had said that this wasn't covered although the trailer, tow-car and A7 on board all were. Eventually, RHS had relented and the member had been returned home. Ian had taken this up with RH as a general point and, after much to-ing and fro-ing, finally received the following confirmation:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">"Thank you for confirming the details. I confirm that we will provide assistance following a fault with a deployable tow hook and I am sorry that it has taken so long for this to be confirmed to you by email."</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Leigh Greve, Equity Red Star 1 October 2013</p>	All members
<p>Gill Davis noted that the RH recovery service in Yorkshire had been excellent. Dave Orange noted that A7CA didn't operate an Association-wide technical forum and he offered to look at starting such a system. It was noted that Cornwall A7C had a very good forum.</p>	All members
<p>19. The Chairman advised members to check on the validity of their trailer</p>	Dave Orange

<p>insurance whether that trailer was attached or not. Gill Davis remarked that she had been unable to insure a home-made trailer as it had no chassis number. The Chairman reminded members that trailers and caravans were likely to be subject of an MOT test. Arthur Davis noted that the tow bar and its wiring was now included in the MoT Test.</p>	<p>All members</p> <p>All members</p>
<p>Any Other Business</p>	
<p>20. Graham Baldock showed the prototype of the A3 size Austin 7 Model Recognition poster and sought the Committee's agreement to print 1000 copies of it at a cost of £120 + VAT. After some discussion, it was agreed that these should be printed and distributed free of charge to all Clubs and that a .pdf version would be available, also free of charge, to all Clubs, including Overseas Clubs; any member could download it from the website. In response to an enquiry about laminating the poster, he mentioned that he had taken a copy on his memory stick to his local printer who had printed and laminated six copies for £5. Graham gave away those six copies and asked for an errors to be notified to him before he produced the final version and went to press in about a month's time. He then told the Committee that he intended to produce the poster in book form in about 18 months' time. This would allow him to increase the size of the photographs and add more text to each; the cost of 1,000 copies of the book would be some £400. After little discussion, the Chairman proposed, Gill Davis seconded and all agreed that the poster and book projects should go ahead as outlined above.</p>	<p>All members</p> <p>Graham Baldock</p>
<p>21. The Chairman updated the Committee on the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Classic Car Club who were seeking renewal of their membership of A7CA: he had heard nothing.</p>	<p>Beds and Herts</p>
<p>22. Chris Garner reported that PWA7C would be exhibiting at the Classic Car Show at NEC in November and that the new book on Bert Hadley would be available for purchase.</p>	<p>All members</p>
<p>23. Howard Annett reported that he would be representing his Club (A7OC) at the FBHVC AGM and that he rarely saw any A7CA representation there.</p>	<p>Chairman/ Secretary</p>
<p>24. Brem Bremner-Smith sought clarification on Club Members' details which could be given out to other members without contravening the Data Protection Act. It was suggested that name, initials, town, telephone number, car details and e-mail address would not contravene the rules.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>25. The Chairman asked that all Clubs let Bernard Griffiths have dates for inclusion in the calendar for 2014.</p>	<p>All Clubs</p>
<p>Date of Next Meeting</p>	
<p>26. The next Committee Meeting will be held at 1100 hours on 12th January 2014 probably at The Heritage Motor Centre, Gaydon.</p>	<p>All</p>
<p>27. The Chairman declared the following dates for the diary: 13th April 2014 (AGM), 13th July 2014 (Committee) and 12th October 2014 Committee). Locations will be advised later.</p>	<p>All</p>

28. There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 1226 hours.	
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Chairman:

January 2014

Secretary:

Austin 7 Clubs' Association
Financial Report 1 Jan - 30 Sep 13

Balance 1 January 2013	£	26581.65
<u>Receipts January-September:</u>		
Magazine sales	13421.50	
Magazine distribution recharged to clubs	356.08	
Subscriptions for 2013	425.00	
Subscriptions for 2012 in arrears	5.00	
Advertising	1573.90	
Archive sales	435.40	
Interest received	170.20	
Sale of binders	20.00	
Donation from Willis Group	500.00	
Sundry income	123.24	
Total receipts		<u>17030.32</u>
<u>Payments January-September:</u>		
Room hire and meetings	352.68	
Printing magazines	6195.00	
Magazine distribution	995.77	
Insurance	1722.50	
Archive costs	396.35	
Archive purchase	37.29	
Website cost	50.00	
Officers expenses	245.39	
Sundry payment	50.00	
Total payments		<u>10044.98</u>
Balance 30 September 2013		<u>33566.99</u>
<u>Analysis of Account balances at the end of September:</u>		
Lloyds		<u>13824.06</u>
Santander		0.00
Scottish Widows		<u>19742.93</u>
		<u>33566.99</u>
John Wyett A7CA Treasurer Sep-13		

All invoices for magazines, post and subscriptions sent to UK clubs have been paid.

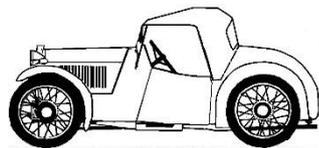
Austin 7 Clubs' Association
Warwick Rally 20 - 22 Jul 12

Financial summary	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Accounts</u>	<u>Accounts</u>	<u>Accounts</u>
<u>Receipts:</u>	£	£	£
Entry fees net of refunds	710	4,760.00	5470
Food/accommodation bookings	940	10,643.00	11583
Sponsorship		750	750
Autojumble		845	845
Beer sales		1920	1920
Misc sales and commissions		<u>242.59</u>	<u>242.59</u>
Total receipts	<u>1650</u>	<u>19160.59</u>	<u>20810.59</u>
 <u>Payments:</u>			
School facilities(see below)		15,170.58	15170.58
Programmes (net of sales)		1906.5	1906.5
Goody bags (see below)		5,655.17	5655.17
Ceilidh and jazz bands		1,050.00	1050
Security		907.20	907.2
Fire extinguisher rental		120.00	120
Postage and stationery	812.87	330.59	1143.46
Display of historic cars		1,034.00	1034
Site preparation and signs		233.48	233.48
Cost of beer		2,244.00	2244
Cinema		33.50	33.5
First aid (St John Ambulance)		556.20	556.2
Banner/flag		175.80	175.8
Miscellaneous		<u>537.34</u>	<u>537.34</u>
Total payments	<u>812.87</u>	<u>29954.36</u>	<u>30767.23</u>
 Receipts/payments	 <u>837.13</u>	 <u>-10793.77</u>	 <u>-9956.64</u>
 <u>School payment:</u>			
	£	<u>Goody Bags</u>	£
Licence	250	Notepads	924.8
Office/room hire	370	Mugs	1,872.72
Lighting/PA	220	Tea towels	1,460.60
		Bottle	
Food	6,388.44	openers	288
Accommodation	4,227.15	Plaques	650.4
Site fees	1,186.56	Stickers	296.55
VAT	<u>2,528.43</u>	Bags	<u>162</u>
Total as above	<u>15,170.58</u>		<u>5,655.17</u>

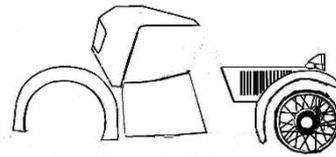
CHIPnTRACE and CHIPnTRAC

In this quarter's (2013D) Grey Mag, there are details about the members' discount scheme which Chairman Andy Lowe and the committee have agreed with RBS Property Marking Ltd for their security systems. It was thought that the Austin Seven Clubs' Association Clubs might wish see some additional details about the systems. Modern cars are becoming more difficult to steal and, with extensive structured ID numbering systems for the individual parts, it much easier for the police and trading standards officers to link stolen components back to the original car crime. However, this year, two of Britain's biggest police forces, The Met and Manchester, admitted that they screened out up to 60% of crimes because, after initial review, they were considered to be unsolvable. Budget restrictions meant that the police had to ensure that every penny spent was seen to be effective and, if they could not track where a stolen car has been taken or if the owner could not provide evidence of items which had been taken which would stand up in court, the police are most likely to put these crimes on the unsolvable list. Austerity and poor performance of traditional investments has put up the values of the classic car and motorbike and their lack of modern security has made them a target for thieves.

STOLEN



Sold abroad



or broken up and sold as parts

As a potential victim, we can all do something about this and it need not be expensive. Autumn is often the time classic car enthusiasts plan to take a car off the road for some winter fettling or work in the garage on a project. The car will have its battery removed so any alarms or trackers will not be working but you can fit ID tags to the important components and help deter theft. CHIPnTRACE needs no power source and works all the time.

<p>1. Holographic anti-tamper ID tags. These are easy to fix with a self-adhesive backing which has a two-layer glue. The second layer will leave a permanent message.</p>	
<p>2. RFID (Radio Frequency IDentification microchips. Simply drill a small hole, insert the chip and cover over with paint or superglue. These microchips conform to International Standard ISO11784/5 and are the only ID markings backed by EU legislation.</p>	
<p>3. Warning signs for doors and windows.</p>	
<p>4. You can register all the ID marks including manufacturer's serial numbers and a photograph on your own secure account at The National Mobile Property Register. This is approved by The Home Office for Police use and is FREE.</p>	

The normal price is £29; A7CA members' price is £19 (inc vat and pp)

CHIPnTRAC Security tracking without annual fees.

<p>GPS/GSM self-monitoring tracker. Has a rechargeable internal battery (spare included) which will provide power for up to 7 days. Voltage converter included to connect to either 6 volt or 12 volt system (positive or negative earth) to power the tracker and charge its internal battery. A 150Ah 6 volt battery will last up to 4 months in alert mode and over 1 year in sleep mode. When the GPS signal is weak, the tracker uses the mobile phone signal, if available, for an approximate location.</p>	
<p>Controlled by your mobile phone. The vehicle's position is simply a phone call away and you receive a text message with the grid co-ordinates to give to the police to intercept the vehicle. If you have a web-enabled smart phone, you can see the location on Google maps. Using your phone, you can set alerts which the tracker will monitor. Shock - Movement – Speed – Stockade</p>	
<p>What else do I need? Just a SIM card to fit in the tracker. This can be a PAYG card and, with text messages at just 8p – 10p each, the running cost is unlikely to be more than £10 a year. If you have a contract mobile, ask your provider for a second SIM card (different phone number) and then you can use part of your monthly free text message allowance for the tracker.</p>	
<p>We won't leave you on your own if the vehicle is stolen. You can contact us and we will, with your authorisation, help monitor the tracker and liaise with the police. There are no fees for this service. We can also arrange for the recovery and secure storage of the vehicle, although this may involve payment of your insurance police excess.</p>	
<p>We also include component marking from CHIPnTRACE with 4 Holographic anti-tamper ID tags and an RFID microchip.</p>	

The normal price £149; A7CA members' price is £99 (inc vat and pp)

Normal prices are from our advert in *Practical Classics* magazine and on our web shop

A7CA Members have their own special shop page. Scroll down our Home Page to SPECIAL CLUBS and click on Austin 7 Clubs and enter the password **speedily**

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