



THE AUSTIN SEVEN CLUBS' ASSOCIATION



President: Bob Wyatt
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MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD IN THE MEETING ROOM

THE GREEN MAN PH, 14 DAVENTRY Rd. DUNCHURH CV22 6NS

SUNDAY 9th JULY 2017

Present	Chris Garner	Chairman; PWA7C
	Bob Wyatt	President
	Nick Turley	Vice-Chair; PWA7C
	Andy Lowe	MA7C
	Howard Annett	Grey Mag Distribution and Back Issues; A7OC
	Phil Baildon	A7CA Archivist
	Alan Billington	OA7C
	Nick Beck	Bristol A7C and Scottish A7C
	Arthur Davies	MA7C
	Dave Orange	EA7C
	Les Morley	EA7C
	Hugh Barnes	Secretary, Cambridge A7 & VCC
	Bob Garrett	Hereford A7C
	Gerald Mullord	PWA7C
	Brem Bremner-Smith	MA7C

Action

1. Apologies for Absence		
David Aylmore	Devon A7C	
David Charles	Cornwall A7C; A7 Special Register; Norfolk A7C	
Jim Blacklock	Arrow Register	
Ruairidh Dunford	Advertising and Gordon England Register	
David Cochrane	Pram Hood Register 1922 - 26	
Paul Maulden	Norfolk Austin 7 Club	
Angie Smith	Solent A7C	
Ian Mason-Smith	Dorset A7C	
Charlie Plain-Jones	PWA7C and Save the Jack French Garage Project	
Ed Waugh	Editor the Grey Mag; PWA7C	
Roger Brown	A7CA Registrar; A7OC; 750 MC	
Chris Heeley	Treasurer A7CA; PWA7C	
Hazel Gore	MA7C	

Gill Davis
Dave Martin
Steve Hodgson
Chris Charles
Michael Ward
Roger Price

750 MC; Cambridge A7 & VCC
PWA7C
Worthing A7C
Webmaster A7CA
Hereford A7C
OA7C

2. Minutes of the previous Meeting

The Minutes of the meeting held on Sunday 9th April 2017 were deemed correct

3. Matters Arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Officers Reports

a) Chairman

The Chairman said that as your new Chairman I would like to thank many of you for the help, encouragement and support given to me so far. I am fortunate that our new Secretary, Hugh, and I work very well together and regularly bounce ideas and suggestions off each other. I look forward to working closely with Nick our VC and of course continuing to do so with our other Officers and you all.

As I said before, many of us feel the Association needs to work closer with our Clubs, to make them feel more inclusive in what we do and suggest and to show in turn we are open to their ideas. There are a lot of skilled and informed people in the Seven world and we need to work more closely together for the good of the general membership. We have several ideas as to how to improve on this and which will be discussed and rolled out over the next months.

Stepping into the Archivist's territory a little there are several items which I am sure you'll find of interest:

Russell Curtis, one of our Australian members, a couple of weeks ago, kindly brought over around 120 brochures and general Seven literature which the Archives does not possess. I met up with Russell, collected them and these are now with the Hampshire Archive Office being digitised. They will be returned to Russell on his return home. I would like to record the Association's grateful thanks for such a kind gesture. Alongside this the Gladys de Havilland archive is also being digitised...so, much to go up on our website in the coming months.

Tom 'the Pom' Newsome will be over in the UK in August and is being interviewed by Nick as part of the oral history project.

Last Friday I drove to Welshpool where I met up with the grandson of Louis Kings – '20s racing driver of Twenties and Sevens. The outcome of this meeting was that I came away with his entire archive which I am going through and again much of which will be digitised for our website.

Lastly we have been fortunate to have been sent electronic copies of literature and

photographs from the A.N.L. Maclachlan family album. We are trying to source the originals for digitising and are in discussions with the current owner of the car to build up a full archive history of both the car and the man.

Just a note on our Register of cars. There are gaps, particularly with regard to those in other countries. I have made contact with one of the Australian clubs who hopefully will be able to furnish Roger with a list of their cars and I hope I can get this to spread throughout the Antipodes and North America.

The Motor for the Million. Our aim is to revise, partly rewrite the book and make it available for publication in 2022. This may seem a long time away but we need to start building a team of editors and contributors etc, some of whom will be from other countries. We aim to select the team but if anyone has any useful suggestions or copy then we would like to hear from them.

b) Secretary

The Secretary reported that the last 3 months had been a little quieter than in his previous report, however, that didn't seem to stop an almost daily telephone call with the Chairman. One thing of note that he has become involved in is the effectiveness of RH insurance cover that affected 3 or 4 of the entrants on the 750MC Eurotour who had suffered breakdowns. He has heard from all of the people directly and is talking to Emma Airey of RH/Hiscox regarding this. It should be noted that he is not trying to resolve the individual cases but is taking a more of a view as to how to prevent such things occurring in the future. He has asked Emma to provide him with a report detailing the individual events, how they were handled, what went wrong, what was done to rectify them and what procedures would be changed or put in place to ensure that such things didn't happen again. There will also be a series of recommendations as to how such events might be dealt with in the future to improve the response to any breakdown events. That should be available well before the next Association meeting and will be circulated as soon as it is to hand.

I understand that the 4 people who suffered problems have now been contacted directly by RH and their expenses reimbursed etc. Taking this forward, the Secretary is arranging to visit the Brentwood Offices of RH later this year to meet with Emma Airey and other members of RH/Hiscox staff to include underwriters, the Breakdown Manager and those who would be directly involved in such events to give them greater clarity in the needs and expectations of Insurees..

In the meantime, it is suggested that organisers of any event that would see a significant number of cars (likely to be insured through RH) to provide details to Emma (for the time being) so support services can be made aware.

c) Treasurer

The Treasurer sent his apologies but had provided a copy of the accounts which had been circulated to the meeting and are added to these minutes as Appendix 4. The Secretary read a written report:

The accounts to June 2017 are attached. The revenue received in the first 6 months for subs and magazines was from overseas clubs that were invoiced after the final distribution of magazines in 2016 and their payments were received in 2017.

Secretary

The invoices on UK clubs for 2017 are not yet finalised. I have done most of the work to get the figures ready and hope to send all UK invoices out within the next few days. The overall cash in the bank will seem low right now, but this is timing as the invoicing will bring in around £12,000.

It is worthy of note to point out the receipts that have come in this year for the Production Changes publication. The printing costs were met by Bob Wyatt and so the amount shown has gone straight to Association funds along with the (just over) £1,000 which came in during 2016.

A purchase order has been raised for £3,744.00 to cover the foundation laying for the Jack French Garage project. From recent communication, I believe this work will be invoiced in the near future.

Any questions, please feel free to ask.

Points raised: Howard Annett asked if Clubs were Invoiced once per year, was any change in the number of Magazines that may happen during the year taken into account? The Treasurer will be asked to provide the answer.

Dave Orange asked if there was any plan to change the price of the Magazine. The Chairman replied there were no such plans currently but should there be a change mooted, that would be raised at an AGM.

Howard Annett mentioned that there had been a falling of the number of Magazines required each quarter and he needed to reflect that in the total ordered from the Printers.

d) Advertising Manager

The Advertising Manager sent his apologies and the Secretary read a written report:

Hazel has now passed all of the paperwork and job spec. onto me – the handover has been very smooth and I am very grateful to her for all her help and time so far.

We have received a small trickle of private adverts and a new-look RH advert – all of these have been passed on to Edward for inclusion in the current Association Magazine. I shall continue to liaise with Hazel to ensure I follow conventions at the end of the year to thank trade advertisers and seek business from them for the coming year.

e) Archivist

MOVE ROOMS What a difference a week makes.

We were ready to move rooms on Thurs 29th until I got a last minute email-NO NEED TO MOVE. A little annoying as I had suspended any sorting pending a big shuffle. But consolation is-we do not have the upheaval and can stay put. It does show however we are vulnerable to landlords and I hope before the 100th anniversary rally (5 years away) we have found a more accessible home. We have tried the City museums etc but no way-they are trying to cut costs which means cut intake.

Maybe we should think again about Gaydon, (Coventry is full to bursting, Beaulieu is too Southern based for a countrywide set of clubs) I suspect BMH archivist Gillian Bardsley will be retiring soon so let's wait and see if a new broom is amenable to us.

Treasurer

FILM I have been to Rob Foxon in Leicester (he has the original AMCo celluloids we copied for the 2012 Warwick rally) and looked at the 16mm 1972 film given to us John Ward and invited 2 quotes for copying, the Liverpool one has neither acknowledged nor quoted. It is 8 mins of silent edited film by the late Rivers-Fletcher. It really needs a voiceover as there are a good number of faces that we can identify.

Harley Jones *Cinenostalgia* of Cardiff can do it for £40 stick, or £50 disc and stick.

I will Cc Tim of ONLINE club to ask if sound can be added by them later or it it best by the Cardiff outfit, then send the film there.

CHASSIS DRAWING an unusual request came for manufacturing drawings to which I replied we did not have details-ours are all GA – with only a very few machining tolerances. The request was to help make a totally NEW Austin Seven or several. We have resisted these ideas as the DVLA and C&U regs will not accommodate such a new creation. They claim to have bought the rights to the name AUSTIN however that is not what Gaydon might perceive. I happened to buy an OXFORD DIECAST “Dan Doncaster” Seven Van on which is printed *Austin and Morris are registered trademarks of Nanjing Automobile (Group) Corporation. Licensed by British Motor Heritage Ltd (Licensing Agent LM)*

CHANGES BOOK we have sold over 300 so over 100 remain and odd copies are still requested, Dave Martin has collected a few typos to correct and an idea to fill the back 4 blank pages in a future reprint.

Phil also reported the acquisition of several new items for the Archive.

Firstly, he had recently purchased from a French source, 3 photographs of the 1923 Boulogne Racers that had never been seen before. A Richard Edmonds Auction had provided a rare Gordon England Booklet and a local contact Phil had met in Market Harborough had suggested that she had a photo album belonging to her Grandfather, Lewis Sheridan, who had raced with Holbrook in the 1929 TT. Phil will follow this up.

Points raised: Nick Turley commented that he had the skills to convert the 16mm film to digital format. He pointed out that this did not mean creating a DVD but a conversion to a more appropriate digital format that could be used for a number of purposes.

Ron Hayhurst, through a neighbour of his, has offered the Archive a number of period 16mm Austin publicity films that were also brought to the meeting which Nick Turley kindly offered to undertake the digital conversion. The 16mm projectors that we had also been offered (for which the Association has no need) are to be offered to Rob Foxon, through the auspices of Phil Baidon, for his use for his film shows.

The meeting discussed the approach by John Stubbs of Black Arts Design Ltd, who had inquired as to whether we held any chassis drawings in the Archive that would aid him in his plan to ‘re-manufacture’ Austin 7s. The Archivist stated that Archive

Vice-
chairman

Archivist

<p>didn't hold any drawing (other than general schematics) that would help him. The opinion of the meeting generally was that we wouldn't be able to help and that measurements could be gleaned from chassis' he already owned or could easily acquire The Secretary will write to him accordingly</p> <p>f) Editor</p> <p>This quarter has been a bit different in the way that I have produced the Grey Mag over the past few years and the Pre-War Mag before that. Due to circumstances beyond my control I've lost the ability to produce the proofs of the magazine. These proofs were full mock-ups of the magazine and not only allowed the magazine to be proofed but also to check the pictures and if I needed to tinker with them in terms of lightening/darkening them. For this issue I had to get Lavenham (the printers) to produce the proof for me. Despite exceeding their deadline for the proofs there was a few problems in the proofs arriving...all of which they apologised for. Even though there was this problem we managed to get things sorted and away. With having to do it this way I will have to consider pulling the press date forward for future issues. Now I am aware of it I can compensate for things but will assess the situation after the next quarter.</p> <p>There are some nice articles in this quarter including one from the Antipodes. It is great to hear about their trip as we don't often get many articles from fellow enthusiasts from the other side of the World. There is also another lovely centre image from the Tim Harding collection of a Taylor Sports. It maybe a little out of focus but I felt it was worth using due to the rarity of the Taylor's plus it is a really nice period picture.</p> <p>Points raised: There was some discussion about the issues the Editor had with the time scale between the Press date and publication date and there was a suggestion that extra time in that process might be appropriate. That decision would be left to the Editor</p>	<p>Secretary</p>
<p>g) Registrar</p> <p>The Registrar sent his apologies and the Secretary read his report:</p> <p>There have been no updated spreadsheets available on line since February, due to circumstances beyond my control. For now, they can be downloaded from www.rgbrown.co.uk/a7ca-registrar and it is hoped that they will be available again very soon though the Association web site.</p> <p>'Development - It is probable that the Excel spreadsheet will remain the master file, but a database will be used to produce the downloadable spreadsheets. Advantages include consistency and better sorting. The July spreadsheets will have the changed, better, sort order. Another benefit of a database is checking and reporting problems, such as duplicate chassis numbers and making neat printable reports'</p> <p>If anyone wants further clarification please ask them to contact me - email or mobile.</p> <p>The Secretary noted that a more comprehensive report from Roger would be circulated as an Appendix to these minutes</p>	<p>Editor</p>

h) Web Master

The Webmaster sent his apologies and the Secretary read the following report:

The main A7CA website this half of the year has had nearly 8000 views, a slight reduction comparing to the previous year. Visitors are now spending greater length of time on the site with an average viewing time of 2 minutes 54 seconds. From the 7881 visitors there have been 15k page views.

There has been a 17% decrease in desktop computer and laptop viewers with an increase of 7.5% of mobile phone users.

The Chassis Register continues to be the most popular area of the website, with 3854 searches through the Online Chassis Register this half of the year. This is a 5.8% increase compared to the same period last year. The second most popular area is the list of member clubs and meeting locations.

The Online Archive continues to be an attraction, with 2117 visitors since January this year, spending an average of 4 minutes 49 seconds on the website. It must be noted that 48% of visitors are new and have never visited the website before. Hits come from all around the world with the most popular after the UK being Australia, New Zealand, United States and Germany. 25% of the traffic comes from people using tablets and 10% on mobile phones. This half of the year, the most popular area is the Show Brochures with 1975 views, followed by the Handbooks and Parts Lists with 1509 views.

The Facebook page following continues to grow now with 561 likes with increased engagement. If clubs have content they would like shared please get in touch.

Points raised: The meeting was informed that Chris' academic career had now come to an end and that he had been awarded a First in his Master's Degree, that he had been awarded Professional Team Services Award for 'Student of the Year' and that he had been interviewed on TV when displaying the 'Formula Student' racing car he and his Team had built, at Goodwood Festival of Speed. The meeting sent their congratulations to Chris for all his achievements.

5. Officer Vacancies 2018

The Secretary reminded the meeting that with the revised Constitution, the positions of Registrar, Editor and Secretary will be up for replacement that in April 2018. This gives us a year to find likely candidates for the three positions and let them work alongside the present incumbents to get a grasp of each role so the transfer of responsibility is effortless and seamless. Of course, enthusiastic nominees for the three posts are actively sought. He asked that everyone gave thought to suitable candidates and asked that the present incumbents to actively canvass their own replacements.

6. Centenary Plans

The Chairman reminded the meeting that 2022 will see the Centenary of the Austin 7 and, that from an organisational point of view, any events to mark the occasion should be being considered now. The view of the meeting was that another Rally at

<p>Warwick would be an excellent idea and there were many comments on how the previous rally, in 2012, had been one of the best Austin 7 events ever organised. Feedback from Warwick School was that this was also the best organised event they had ever hosted. It was agreed that an approach should be made to Warwick School already to open a dialogue regarding a Centenary event.</p>	<p>Chairman/ Secretary</p>
<p>The Association was already bringing together a team to revise the Motor of the Millions and that would also be republished to mark the Centenary.</p>	<p>Chairman</p>
<p>The Chairman invited other suggestions for marking the occasion.</p>	
<p>7. DVLA Representation</p>	
<p>The Secretary raised the possibility of the association appointing someone to represent the Association in discussions with the DVLA regarding the registration of substantially rebuilt cars. Howard Annett suggested that this role was already being represented adequately by the FBHVC. The meeting decided that the role was not necessary.</p>	
<p>However, a further discussion took place regarding all DVLA reps within the Clubs getting together to ‘compare notes’. The Secretary will try and re-invigorate this initiative.</p>	<p>Secretary</p>
<p>8. A7CA Archive Publicity</p>	
<p>The Vice Chairman raised the topic of ongoing publicity for the Association Archive. He had recently made a couple of presentation of the Bob Wyatt interview to a couple of Pre-War Groups that had been well received but it was clear from feedback, that the Archive web site was still not particularly well known. He felt strongly that we needed to work harder to explain how the Archive works, how it can be accessed and what it contains. He suggested that he could prepare a presentation that could be circulated to all Clubs to help with this. The Secretary said that he had already volunteered to give such a talk to the Cambridge Club in November and would also be prepared to give the talk to Norfolk and Essex Clubs so will work with The VC in the preparation of a Power Point and/or other resources.</p>	<p>Vice Chair/ Secretary</p>
<p>9. Publications</p>	
<p>The Chairman mentioned the 3 upcoming publications that would be of interest to all A7 owners.</p>	
<p>The PWA7C are undertaking a revision and reprint of the Austin 7 Source Book. There are some limitations to the revision in that the existing pagination has to be maintained but the opportunity is being taken to remove some of the ‘spurious’ entries and rewriting some of the entries to correct errors and reflect additional</p>	

information that has come to mind in the intervening period.

Veloce are to publish (expected in October) a new work by David Morgan, 'The Immortal Austin 7'. The Chairman had helped by proof reading the book and said that it would give a different viewpoint on the car and is likely to be well received.

Finally, the Motor for the Millions rewrite would also be a major addition to existing publications.

10. Jack French Garage Report and funding

Charlie Plain-Jones sent his apologies but he would be attending the 750MC Historic Racing double header at Anglesey (and also the Atwell Wilson Open day). A comprehensive report is attached as Appendix 2 to these minutes but the highlights are:

The refurbishment of the garage walls continue and a prototype roof truss is just about to be delivered. The intention is to completely assemble the building in its current location, then dismantle it for transport to the Museum. An order for the base (paid for from the grant from the Association) has been placed and the necessary concrete slabs have been delivered to site. Charlie had attended Beaulieu with the Project's new (and rather splendid) publicity stand which the Secretary thought to be excellent.

Point raised: The Chairman thanked the volunteers for all their hard work in this particularly worthwhile project.

11. Alternator and Distributor Update – Ian Mason-Smith

Ian has sent his apologies but has provided a comprehensive update attached as Appendix 3 to these minutes. The Secretary read Ian's following comments:

First of all, I am greatly indebted to members of the Dorset Club for undertaking the testing of these items and offering really sound advice and feed-back. Also to BB Classics who have taken on the challenge of designing and producing these really useful additions to our A7 Arsenal.

It is important to point out that I have no commercial interest in the product and am definitely not responsible for the performance – or lack thereof – of these products. My only interest was to seek out a couple of components that might have some advantage to our A7 Motoring!

However, if you do have any feedback – good or bad – I would be happy to collect your comments and pass them on to BB Classics who I have always found most helpful and positively interested in making the endeavour a success.

Electronic Distributors Ruairidh Dunfords review.

I was very interested to hear Ian M-S's report about the introduction of Electronic

DK4 distributors at the last meeting. On the back of this, and the generous discount offered via the Association, I purchased seven units, four of which I have now fitted to cars. My observations are that the unit is very easy to fit and improves smooth running, low torque and starting – considerably. One unit was fitted to a car on the Eurotour and worked perfectly throughout, two others are also performing well but over a shorter test mileage, so far. The last unit was faulty from the outset and provided very rough running – this has since been acknowledged by Accuspark and a replacement is on its way back to us. There has been some discussion about the necessity to fit carbon/silicon HT leads in place of the copper ones normally used – so far I have not found this necessary and in discussion with others they tell me their experience is the same. If build quality, and therefore longevity, of these units is consistently good then I would recommend them to anyone requiring a new distributor. Well done to Ian and his team for pushing the development of these at a very affordable price.

12. Any Other Business

a) Christopher Blakey and ‘Celebrate the Seven’

The Chairman and Secretary took the opportunity at the Beaulieu to meet with Christopher and talk with him about his project. We have suggested that he might like to attend the October meeting to put forward his ideas and garner feedback. In the meantime, the Secretary read the following introduction:

The “Celebrate the Seven” project aspires to encourage younger drivers and engineers to carry on the legacy of the Austin Seven, its clubs and activities and promote the marque to the wider world. The project will culminate in the Trans-Siberian rally in 2019, which happily already has a number of possible participants.

To secure these objectives, one part of the project over the next two years will be to attend a number of events and exhibitions with a “Celebrate the Seven” roadshow, which will also raise funds for charitable causes. The show will entail a small but quality display, including iconic cars, films and information on all things Seven with the opportunity for members of the general public to get the hands-on joy of driving a Seven around a short skills course themselves.

This being a chance that many outside of the Austin fraternity have little chance to experience, and could do much to widen participation. As part of this, it would be great if there were other Seven owners who would be prepared to have their cars on static display at any events that were in their locality and be prepared to discuss and promote the Austin Seven and the relevant club’s activities and services. We would also welcome any help in compiling a “World of Sevens” handbook, the “Celebrate the Seven” website and keeping my lovely car going!

If there were any club members who feel they would like to be part of this project and are willing to help in any way at all, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Chris Blakey 07704140884
christopherblakey@hotmail.co.uk

b) Bob Cross, A7OC

<p>The meeting was informed of the untimely death of Bob Cross, Secretary of the A7OC. Chris Garner spoke on behalf of the Association, sending condolences to Bob's family and making the point that the Red Cross Directory was a true legacy for the Austin 7 movement. Howard Annett commented that the Directory would continue, with Dave Waller taking over its compilation.</p> <p>c) Insurance issues</p> <p>Various points were raised from the floor as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If an owner was deceased, did this invalidate any insurance? • If a car was being driven by a driver other than the insured, should they be able to invoke a breakdown recovery? • A recommendation was made that Insurance certificates should be checked to ensure they contained 3rd party cover for the Insured to drive a car not owned or hired by them. <p>The Secretary said he would clarify these points with the Insurers</p> <p>d) Publishing of Minutes.</p> <p>A question was asked regarding the publishing of Meeting minutes on the Association web site. The Secretary said he would follow up on this.</p> <p>Further to the above, The Secretary stated that it was his intention in future to circulate all Club Magazine Editors a precis of these minutes for inclusion in their magazines.</p> <p>There being no further business, the meeting closed at 1.00 pm</p> <p>13. Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>The next meeting, will be held at 11.00 am on Sun 8th October 2017 in the upstairs Meeting Room of the Green Man, 14 Daventry Rd, Dunchurch, CV22 6NS.</p>	<p>Secretary</p> <p>Secretary/ Web Master</p>

Chairman:

July 2017

Secretary:

Appendix 1 – Registrar Report

A7CA Registrar's Report 2017-18 April - June

At the start of my third year in office, activity is summarised in these tables, this report will be attached to the Committee Meeting minutes. The stream of information from members, clubs and model registers has continued, thank you, please keep it coming. It was suggest that Bantams are underrepresented in the Register. Enquiry with two American model registers suggested there may 650, Register has 10, but so far they are unwilling to share. If anyone can help, please contact me.

Submissions 2017-18 (2016-17) Apr - Jun	
eform	email
52 (267)	39 (167)

Some owners do not want their cars included, so I don't personally check Austin 7s that I come across and add them regardless. In the interest of security the Register does not hold contact or location details. Club and model registers are recorded if the details are offered, and this is the only way owners might be contacted.

I try to respond to submissions within a week, but not all result in a change to the Register. It is *your* data which I accept at face value unless there is an obvious problem, for example with the format of chassis or engine numbers. Also, your submission may suggest that a vehicle no longer exists, and it is a survivors register. Sometimes I am right, sometimes wrong. Accuracy is my aim and no offence is intended when I seek clarification.

There have been no updated spreadsheets available on line since February, due to circumstances beyond my control. For now, they can be downloaded from www.rgbrown.co.uk/a7ca-registrar and it is hoped that they will be available again very soon though the Association web site.

A7CA all marques Register 2017-18 (2016-17)			
	all	new	change
Apr	38 (31)	5 (12)	33 (19)
May	25 (20)	8 (10)	17 (10)
Jun	24 (28)	12 (15)	12 (13)
Jul	(83)	(18)	(65)
Aug	(62)	(15)	(47)
Sep	(14)	(04)	(10)
Oct	(21)	(18)	(03)
Nov	(40)	(11)	(29)
Dec	(14)	(05)	(09)
Jan	(27)	(07)	(20)
Feb	(15)	(05)	(10)
Mar	(12)	(06)	(06)
year	87 (367)	25 (126)	62 (241)

As previously noted I was working towards a database rather than spreadsheet master version. I now think it probable that the Excel spreadsheet will remain the master file, but I will use a database to produce the downloadable spreadsheets. Advantages include consistency and better sorting. For example car numbers may be written with the two parts separated by a space or a dash. Excel sorts them as text, with space separated car numbers before those with dashes. Sorting with Access can ignore space or dash and sort in numerical order. This also applies to other fields. The July set of downloadable spreadsheets will have the changed sort order. If this causes problems please let me know and I will try to find a solution. Another benefit of a database is checking and reporting problems, such as duplicate chassis numbers and making neat printable reports.

Register entries, especially new entries these days, often omit club or model register details. If the A7CA record of your car has no club or model register information, it would be helpful to add it. I also ask club and model registrars to check their records against the Association Register and let me know what needs to be added or changed. I believe the information held by club and model registrars is the best record since they should be in regular contact with their members. Maybe club chairmen can from time to time check that their end is working as intended? The on-line

submission form makes it easy to submit a few records, but if there are a large number of please get in touch to agree a better way.

R G Brown - A7CA Registrar - 04.07.2017

Appendix 2

Jack French Garage project Report To A7CA 26th June 2017

The Garage project continues to accelerate in pace with real visible progress on all fronts.

The Garage structure

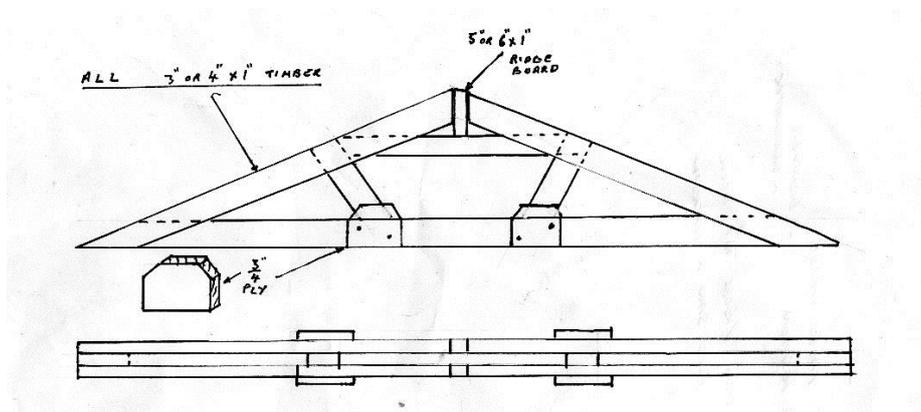
All wall panels have been restored and where necessary re covered with original sheeting from the roof. The panels are now temporarily assembled and the outside rubbed down and painted. Painting of the inside is in progress. See pictures



The next steps will be the Roof Trusses and the repair of the doors, see next section.

The Roof

Many thanks go to John Eden of the Midland Club who has volunteered to manufacture the five new roof trusses that are required, as the originals are beyond use. John plans to have a prototype truss ready to offer up to the building to check for fitting and eve overlap etc. during the first week of July. Once the sizes are confirmed he estimates 7 – 10 days to manufacture the other four plus provide the six purlins to support the panels. John is trying to source 'rough cut' timber to give a period appearance but this is getting difficult to obtain because of Health and Safety concerns regarding the risk of splinters (!).



The prototype truss will also allow precise measurements for the new roof panels and get these on order; one week delivery, cut to size, has been promised.

The costs of the roof work will be met by the Roofing Donation so this will not draw on the funds held by the A7CA. The costs of the trusses will come in under the original budget, see section on Exhibitions.

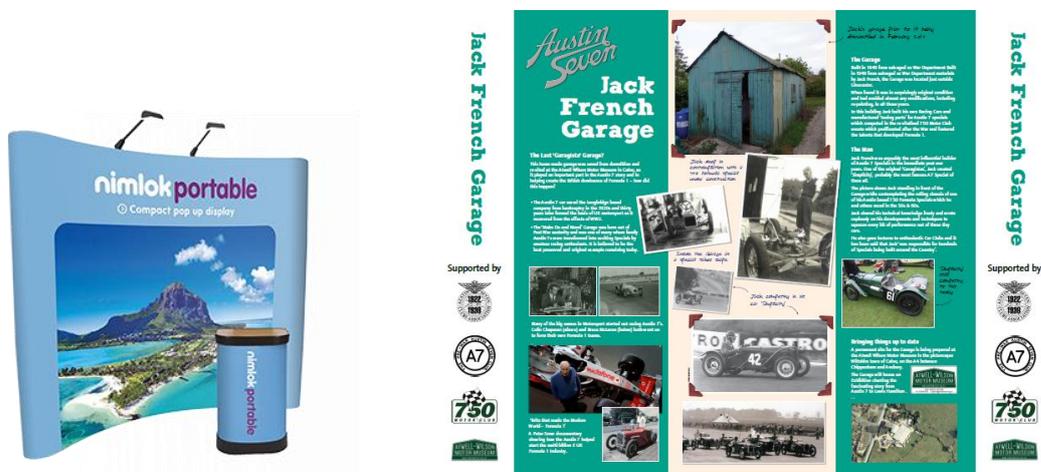
The Base

The original flooring slabs, all 79 of them, were transported to the Museum on the 15th June and thanks go to Nick Allan who arranged this.

The order for the concrete laying has been placed with BC Construction and they expect to have this finished by mid July. This cost is being covered by the A7CA as per the last meeting.

Exhibitions

The Project has been lucky enough to obtain a Nimlok Portable Pop Up Stand including lighting which rolls up into a wheeled case which also forms the desk. It small enough to fit into the boot of most compact cars:



Nick Allan has designed the graphics and the stand will be used at 750MC Beaulieu and then hopefully at the Atwell Wilson Museum Open Day the following Sunday. Afterwards it will be used as the centrepiece of the Garage once assembled and until the replica Simplicity is ready.

The cost of this is covered by the under spend on the roofing so this will not impact the funds held by the A7CA.

Charlie Plain-Jones
26th June 2017

Appendix 3 –

Update on the A7 Accuspark Distributor and Alternator – Ian Mason-Smith

Distributor

As announced at the previous A7CA Meeting, the Accuspark A7 Electronic Distributor is now in production and available on the Accuspark Website: www.accuspark.co.uk

The Association is issued with a limited-period unique discount as follows:

model No.: DKY4 6v or 12v - available to Members at £89.95 using Club Discount Code: “club7”

We have had this item on test in the Dorset Club now for over 500 miles on more than one car with no problem. Regrettably I have had one reported failure – sadly just before the Eurotour! and the Company will be looking into this. Another glitch, is that, as the device by definition has no points, setting up the timing can be a bit tricky. The Company suggests using a strobe, which is not very convenient on an A7. So we have found it easier to:

- Get the engine to about tdc on compression on (say) No.1
- Set the Rotor-Arm at about the No. 1 lead-position
- Get the engine started
- Turn the distributor back and forth for best running
- Lock into place

Really much as we do already

Hope all goes well!

Alternator

The long-awaited alternator is now in production and in shipment.

As soon as I have the marketing details I will circulate to all Clubs via our Hon Sec. – to date, I have received nearly 100 expressions of interest!

The prototype has been tested on a test-rig and gives 10 – 12 amps at typical dynamo running speed. It is now installed in an Austin 7 where it has been running happily for over 5 weeks, holding the headlights ok. As the device has a built-in voltage regulator it will of course (unlike the dynamo) only charge the battery when needed and so will often just show zero on the ammeter.

One other bit of work we had to do is to devise the correct way to connect to the car wiring (not tricky but needs to be right!) – we will pass a wiring diagram to the Company to include in the production package.

Personal Note

First of all, I am greatly indebted to members of the Dorset Club for undertaking the testing of these items and offering really sound advice and feed-back. Also to BB Classics who have taken on the challenge of designing and producing these really useful additions to our A7 Arsenal.

It is important to point out that I have no commercial interest in the product and am definitely not responsible for the performance – or lack thereof – of these products. My only interest was to seek out a couple of components that might have some advantage to our A7 Motoring!

However, if you do have any feedback – good or bad – I would be happy to collect your comments and pass them on to BB Classics who I have always found most helpful and positively interested in making the endeavour a success.

Ian Mason-Smith

Appendix 4 – Treasurer’s Accounts – June 2017

<u>Financial Report 1 January to 30 June 2017</u>	£	£
Balance 1 January 2017		36,169.01
<u>Receipts January-June 2017</u>		
Magazine sales	779.00	
Sale of back numbers	0.00	
Subscriptions for 2016/7	35.00	
Magazine distribution recharged to clubs	382.83	
Receipts Identifying Austins Booklet	10.00	
Receipts Warwick DVD	0.00	
Advertising	913.75	
Interest received	18.64	
Receipts for Jack French Garage Project	0.00	
Sale of binders	24.00	
Insurance Payouts	0.00	
Archive sales	0.00	
Digital Archive Receipts	0.00	
Other miscellaneous income	0.00	
Production Changes Book	706.50	
Index Booklet Receipts	0.00	
<u>Total receipts</u>	<u>2,869.72</u>	
<u>Payments January-June 2017</u>		
Printing magazines	4,653.00	
Magazine distribution (postage)	559.36	
Identifying Austins Booklet Costs	0.00	
Subscriptions (ie FBHVC)	0.00	
Room hire for meetings	99.00	
Binders Costs	0.00	
Insurance	2,169.60	
Archive costs	726.25	
Archive purchase	259.00	
Digitisation of Archives Project	1,774.99	
Website cost	0.00	
Officers expenses	889.28	
Production Changes Book	1,910.00	
Index Booklet Costs	0.00	
A7CA contribution to Jack French Garage project	0.00	
<u>Total payments</u>	<u>13,040.48</u>	
Balance June 2017		25,998.25
<u>Analysis of Account balances at the end of June 2017</u>		
Lloyds: A7CA Funds	4,456.02	
Lloyds: Jack French Garage project fund	1,711.90	
Scottish Widows	<u>19,976.33</u>	

26,144.25

Payments Jan-Jun

Donation to archive post costs STEWART	50.00
Lavenham Press 2016d	1,560.00
Lavenham Press CHANGES book	1,910.00
A7C Room Hire Reimbursement	49.00
Expenses Howard Annett	146.15
Expenses Hugh Barnes	35.00
Expenses Phil Baildon	70.14
Insurances Routen Chaplin	2,169.60
Digitisation Hampshire CC	1,625.00
Digitisation Barnes Transparency Unit	149.99
Lavenham Press 2017a	1,560.00
Lavenham Press Postage	205.23
Expenses Treasurer Ink	89.98
Expenses Phil Baildon	21.87
Expenses Chairman	29.99
Expenses Treasurer Stamps	13.20
Expenses Chris Garner	98.00
Garage Chart for Archive	60.00
4 x posters for archive G Beckett	66.00
Expenses Roger Brown	47.50
Expenses Chris Heeley	15.00
Expenses Garner Gifts for Hazel and Andy	89.99
Room Hire Green Man	50.00
Pook Archive Purchases	60.00
G Beckett book for Hugh research	17.25
Expenses Hazel Gore	93.88
Expenses Treasurer Wine	17.48
Lavenham Press Postage	220.20
Expenses Howard Annett and postage	137.78
Archive cost Dropbox Fenella Leigh	79.00
Lavenham Press 2017 b	1,533.00
Expenses Dave Martin	21.25
Essex A7C reimburse re Hiscox RH	100.00
Storage Safe Hold re Archive	576.00