

# **Austin 7 Clubs Association (A7CA)**

## **Annual General Meeting**

**Sunday 19 April 2009**

**10.30am for 11.00am**

**Gaydon**

### **MINUTES**

#### **1. Welcome**

**Bernard** welcomed all attendees to the 2009 AGM and thanked them for making the effort to come along.

#### **2. Attendees & Apologies**

The Attendees & Apologies List was circulated and is at Attachment 1

#### **3. Record of Previous AGM**

**Bernie** read out the Minutes of AGM 2009 and asked for the Meeting's agreement.

Proposed by: Graham Smith

Seconded by: Steve Hodgson

**The Meeting agreed these Minutes.**

#### **4. Election of Officers**

**Bernie** presented the Committee's proposals as follows:

- Chairman: Bernard Cowley
- Vice-Chairman: Philip Baildon
- Secretary: Ian Mason-Smith
- Treasurer: Eric Jones

Proposed by: Lorna Martin

Seconded by: John Williams

**Agreed by Members**

The remainder of the Committee was also proposed as follows:

- Archivist Philip Baildon
- Registrar Sandy Croall
- Website Coordinator Ilke Cochrane
- Magazine Editor Robin Boyce
- Magazine Distribution Alan & Lorna Martin\*
- Back Issues Howard Annett
- Advertising Hazel Gore
- Breakdown Scheme Gordon Philips
- Events Coordinator Bernard Griffiths

Proposed by: Den Huke

Seconded by: Andy Lowe

#### **Agreed by Members**

\* Alan and Lorna informed the Meeting that they wished to step down from Magazine distribution after the next issue.

The Meeting wished to express their grateful thanks for years of invaluable service to the Association to our retiring Committee Members: Hayden Morgan, Malcolm Watts and Lorna & Alan Martin

**ACTION: Ian to draft letters of thanks for the above(and Glen) for Bernie's signature  
(for Hayden via John Williams)  
[Post-meeting Note – completed]**

## **5. Membership**

### **a. Current Membership**

**Ian** reported that, since the last Association meeting, he had researched and checked the principal points of contact for our Members (UK and Overseas), Associate Members and Registers and established a validated e-mail distribution list (at Attachment 2).

He summarised that currently we have a total Affiliation of 70, of which:

- Committee: 12
- Member Clubs: 16
- UK Associate Members: 9
- Overseas Members: 19
- Registers: 14

He noted that our Membership covers virtually all of UK, six other European Countries, all of N. America, South Africa, India, Sri Lanka, Japan and Australia and New Zealand –quite an achievement! - and that the only unsuccessful contacts to date were Japan and Australia with a prospect of a further contact in Jamaica.

**ACTION: - ALL to keep Ian informed of any changes  
- Ian to continue completing list and keep members informed**

#### **b. Proposal for Full Membership**

**Bernie** reminded the meeting that the Online A7 Club (OA7C) had requested that they be transferred from 'Associate Member' to 'Full' Member of the Association and that Member Clubs were requested at our January 2009 Meeting to seek the views of their Members on this and bring these views to this AGM.

Den Huke offered the view of the Cornwall A7 Club's essential criteria for membership as:

- holding a physical AGM at a stated venue
- be UK based with elected officers
- have a named A7CA delegate

Tim Griffiths (OA7C) confirmed that they met all three criteria.

The request was:

Proposed by: Den Huke

Seconded by: Andy Lowe

Members voted as follows:

- Members voting for the Proposal: 4
- Members voting against the Proposal: 6

**The Proposal was therefore rejected and the OA7C remain as an Associate Member**

### **c. Proposal for Register Membership**

Ian reported that, since the last meeting, he had recently been informed by David Cochrane that Damian Gardner-Thorpe was assembling a Gordon England Register and wished to join the Association.

The request was:

Proposed by: David Cochrane  
Seconded by: Ian Mason-Smith

**Members voted unanimously for the proposal.**

**ACTION: Ian to inform Damian and pass his details to Robin for the Magazine**

### **6. Finance**

Eric presented his Financial Report (Attachment 3)

Two minor amendments/clarifications were noted:

- under 'Expenditure' – 'Hebert Austin' replaced by 'Stanley Edge'
- an amount of £263 for advertising should be for the general account (not Archive Payment) as the adverts were of broader scope than just archives.

Acceptance of the Report was:

Proposed by: John Williams  
Seconded by: Alan Martin

**With the above amendments, the Meeting unanimously agreed the Financial Report**

Eric made a suggestion that, in view of the large balance held by the Association and the current low interest rates, that we should place a proportion of our holding on term-deposit.

After discussion, the suggested strategy was to:

- place £25,000 out of approx. £38,500 on a one-year fixed rate deposit
- Proposed by: John Williams  
Seconded by: Alan Martin

**The Meeting unanimously agreed the proposal**

**Action: Eric to undertake the above investment and report back**

The Meeting wished to record their grateful thanks to Eric for all his hard work on behalf of the Association throughout the year.

## **7. AOB**

**Ian** informed the meeting that he had very recently received a very comprehensive Report from **Sandy Croall** on the status of the Association Register (Attachment 4)

In this Sandy reports that we currently have 10,245 entries on the 2005 Register.

And, that he still has 25 of these Registers unsold – at £10 per copy

**ACTION: all Clubs to promote sales of the Register from Sandy**

**Sandy** also asked if future Registers should be produced in Book form or other media.

After discussion, the meeting recommend that future Registers should be produced in Book Form (with improved binding) and as a CD ROM and placed on the A7CA Website.

**ACTION: Sandy and Phil to review and report back**

The meeting recognized what a huge effort is to build and maintain the Association Register and wished to record their thanks to Sandy for all his efforts.

## **8. Close**

**Bernie:** Thanked all Officers for the hard work they'd put in over the past year to make the Association flourish, and for you he Members for attending and delivering great Austin Sevenning throughout the Country.

**Next AGM :** 18 April 2010

**Next A7CA Meeting:** 12 July 2009

## ATTACHMENT 1

**A7CA AGM and Meeting 2009**

Gaydon

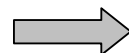
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**ATTENDENCE LIST**

<b>NAME</b>	<b>CLUB</b>	<b>CHANGE in E-mail</b>
Bernie Cowley	Chairman	
Phil Baildon	Archivist/Vice Chairman	
Eric Jones	Treasurer	
Gordon Phillips	Breakdown/750MC	
Haxel Gore	Advertising	
Robin Boyce	Editor	
Lorna & Alan Martin	Magazine Distribution	
Ian Mason-Smith	Secretary	
David Cochrane	Pram Hood Register	
Tim Griffiths	OA7C	
Steve Hodgson	Worthing A7C/Sports Reg.	
Pam Mason-Smith	Dorset A7C	
Den Huke	Cornwall A7C	
Anne Jones	Essex A7C	
Graham Smith	Solent A7C	
Bob Cross	A7OC/ Red Cross Guide	
Phil Mead	Essex A7C	
Dave Sabel	Essex A7C	
Andy Lowe	Midlands A7C	
Geoff Rowe	PW A7C	
Les Gammon	PW A7C	
Eric Miles	ScottishA7C/Bristol A7C	
John Williams	South Wales A7C	
Harry Hales	South Wales A7C	
<b><u>APOLOGIES</u></b>		
Howard Annett		
Dave Wilcox		
Dan Cole		

## ATTACHMENT 2

Austin Seven Clubs Association (A7CA) E-Mailing List - Officers, Member Clubs And UK Associates			19 April 2009
			TOTAL: 37
Officer/Club	First Name	Last Name	E-mail Address
<b>Officers:</b>			<b>12</b>
President	Bob	Wyatt	<i>none</i>
Chairman	Bernard	Cowley	jackiebern@hotmail.co.uk
Vice Chair/Archivist	Phillip	Baildon	harbail@ntlworld.com
Secretary	Ian	Mason-Smith	hollybushcottage1@btinternet.com
Treasurer	Eric	Jones	<i>none</i>
Registrar	Sandy	Croall	sandy@duckspond.freemove.co.uk
Website Coordinator	Ilke	Cochrane	ilke@a7c.co.uk
Magazine Editor	Robin	Boyce	robin.boyce@btopenworld.com
Magazine Distribution	Alan & Lorna	Martin	lornaalanaustins@btopenworld.com
Back Issues	Howard	Annett	howardannett@btinternet.com
Advertising	Hazel	Gore	<i>none</i>
Breakdown Scheme	Gordon	Phillips	phillipsfamily27@hotmail.com
<b>Member Clubs:</b>			<b>16</b>
A7OC/Red Cross Guide	Bob	Cross	services@bobex.freemove.co.uk
Bongtree A7 Club	Iain	Hurwood	bongtree7@hotmail.com
Bristol A7 Club	Aileen	Hood	aileenhood@yahoo.co.uk
Cambridge A7 & VC Club	Paul	Lawrence	fishy.lobby@btinternet.com
Cornwall A7 Club	Ann	Skilton	a.skilton355@btinternet.com
Dorset A7 Club	Phil	Whitter	philhil@btinternet.com
Essex A7 Club	Anette	Martin	ejmartin13@tiscali.co.uk
Midlands A7 Club	Pamela	Bishop	pamela.bishop@yahoo.co.uk
N.E.Club for PW A7s	Keith	Dobinson	durhamtrialist@hotmail.co.uk
Norfolk A7 Club	Nick	Walmsley	nw.na7c@btinternet.com
Pre-war A7 Club	Dave	Wilcox	david.wilcox@uwclub.net
Scottish A7 Club	Mitchell	Sorbie	clydesurfer@sky.com
Solent A7 Club	Graham	Smith	grahampennysmith@aol.com
South Wales A7 Club	John	Williams	jonniejumble@googlemail.com
750 Motor Club	Gordon & Julie	Phillips	phillipsfamily27@hotmail.com
<b>UK Associate Members</b>			<b>9</b>
Beds & Herts VCC Club	Alan & Lorna	Martin	lornaalanaustins@btopenworld.com
British Austin Society	John	Raeburn	johnraeburn@hotmail.co.uk
Cornwall VV Society	Tony	Barfield	tonybarfield@talktalk.net
N. Hants Austin Enthusists' Club	Trevor	Edwards	<i>none</i>
OnLine A7 Club	Phil	Afford	swagmansbilly@hotmail.co.uk
Surrey Austin Owners Club	Jerry	Rachse-Felstead	<i>none</i>
The Wanderers	Bob	Hewson	<i>none</i>
Ulster PW Austin Club	H.	Cairns	<i>none</i>
Worthing A7 Club	Stephen	Hodgson	stevehodgo@hotmail.co.uk



**ATTACHMENT 2 (Cont.)**

Austin Seven Clubs Association (A7CA) E-Mailing List - Overseas Associates and Registers			TOTAL:	19 April 2009 35
Club/Register	First Name	Last Name	E-mail Address	
<b>Overseas Associate Club</b>				<b>19</b>
A7 Club Deutschland	Rolf	Königer	president@austin-seven-club.de	
A7 Club Inc.	Grant & Brenda	Campbell	grant@thecampbells.net.au	
A7 Club of India	Manjo	Sharma	none	
A7 Club of New South Wales	PO Box		none	
A7 Club of South Africa	Aletta & Harry	Boys	ahboys@telkomsa.net	
A7 Club of South Australia	Ron	Burchett	secretary@austin7clubsa.com.au (via Grant)	
A7 Club of Western Australia	Keith	Donetta	keysill@yahoo.com.au (via Grant)	
A7 Owners Club Canada	Roy	Wilkins	royawilkins@hotmail.com	
A7 Register of Japan	Kazamuto	Sasaki	kzsasaki@tb3.so-net.ne.jp - NO contact	
A7 Register of Sri Lanka	M.S.	Mendis	none	
American Austin Bantam Club	Marilyn	Sanson	marilyn.aabc@yahoo.com	
Amicale A7 de Provence	Pierre	Borgarino	none	
Austin Bantam Society	Norman T.	Booth Jnr.	njbooth@earthlink.net	
Austin-Freunde	Martin	Stokli	none	
Austin Vintage Register NZ Inc.	Peter	Woodend	ctyres@wave.co.nz	
Cairde an Seacht Bhig - Eire	Ian	Clayton	ianclayton@iolfree.ie	
Dutch Pre-War A7 Owners	Rob	van Ingen	secretaris@austinseven.nl	
Italia A7 Club	Stefano	Maongio	austin7italia@storrycar.it	
Norsk A7 Club	Martin	Faella	martin.faella@c2i.net	
<b>Registers</b>				<b>16</b>
A7 Arrow Register	Jim	Blacklock	a7arrowreg@tesco.net	
A7 Coupé Register	Mick	Brodribb	mick@steammill.fslife.co.uk	
Austin 10 Drivers Club	Mike	Bevan	austintensecretary@yahoo.co.uk	
Big Seven Register	Robin	Taylor	robin.e.taylor@talktalk.net	
Boat Tail 2-Seater Register	Chris	Chubb	none	
Fabric Saloon Register	Dave	Martin	none	
Mulliner Register	Mike	Tebbett	m.tebbett@tiscali.co.uk	
Pram Hood Register	David	Cochrane	david@a7c.co.uk	
RN Saloon Register	Dave & Sue	Mann	sue.mann1@ntlworld.com	
Rosengart Register (UK)	John	Small	none	
Sports Register	Stephen	Hodgson	stevehodgo@hotmail.co.uk	
Swallow Register	Anne	Walker	james-walker1@hotmail.co.uk	
Tickford Register	Mick	Ward	michaeljward@btinternet.com	
Gordon England Register	Damian	Gardner-Thorpe	damiangt@doctors.org.uk	
Van Register	Ray	Edge	r.f.edge@talk21.com	
Vintage Austin Register	Alan & Lorna	Martin	lornaalanaustins@btopenworld.com	



## ATTACHMENT 3

### ASSOCIATION Meeting and AGM at GAYDON

SUNDAY 19 APRIL 2009

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

##### 1. **Accounts** - 12 Months to 31st December 2008

The Accounts for the 12 Months of 2008 are attached and are ready to be presented for Audit. They show a Deficit of Payments over Receipts of £975.

##### 2. **Accounts** — 3 Months to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009.

The Accounts for the 3 months to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2009 are attached and show a surplus of Receipts over Payments of £3,070 but they do include estimated net income of f-3,403 that would ordinarily have been in 2008. Without this, the first quarter of 2009 would have shown a deficit of £333 and the 2008 Accounts would have shown a Surplus of £2,428.

##### 3. **Income**

- a Magazine Sales for 2008D were invoiced on 12<sup>th</sup> January and those for 2009A were invoiced on 9<sup>th</sup> March. It is anticipated that those for 2009B will be invoiced during early May and I understand from both Robin and Lorna that future production and invoicing will then return to our normal timing
- b. Foreign magazine payments from our Associates have been causing problems for some time now and this is mainly due to the high cost of making the payments and, of course, who carries this cost' We have tried to solve this by proposing an annual payment at the end of each year instead of four quarterly payments — a good benefit to the Associates. In return, we expect full settlement, without any costs, by a cheque payable in Sterling. We are currently awaiting feedback on this proposal from our delighted — we hope - Associates

- c. Deposit Interest is now down to 0.1% - £35 p.a. — and we should consider alternatives to our current arrangements if we wish to improve on this. Currently all of our cash is available "on call" but if we are prepared to commit some of it to a Fixed Term Investment of, say, one or two years we should be able to obtain fixed net interest of about 2.5%. For example, if we were to place £25,000 for two years we would expect to receive £625 p.a.... provided we did not have to draw on that cash during those two years.

**I hereby request the Committee's formal, minuted approval to this before I do it.**

There are other schemes available but they could risk possible loss of Capital and I would not recommend this approach for our Association.

#### 4. Expenditure

a. Archivist Expenses of £100 is for a payment of this. amount to an Australian supplier for goods invoiced in excess of £200 that were sent to Phil Baildon but not received by him. This -Goodwill" payment was made by us "in full and final settlement" to show the Association's support to Phil in a difficult situation and to "preserve the integrity of all connected with the Austin Seven movement' . We were delighted that it was accepted in the same spirit in which it was given

b Archive Payments to date are £1,641; £792 in 2008 and E849 in this year.

This is summarised as follows: -

a. Computer	£670
b Shelving	122
c. Rent — y/e 31/8/09	470
d. Legal fees	235
e. Furniture	71
f. Insurance — y/e 31/18/09	73
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	1,641
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It is hoped that, in due course, Phil and I will be able to do a few sums to show how much of the increased surplus on sale of Archive Purchases has been produced as a result of this facility.

c. Advertising of £263 has been paid since the Archive was commenced but I am not sure whether or not, for Accounting purposes, this should be shown as an Archive Payment. [Sec. Note – NOT Archive – see Minutes]

# THE AUSTIN SEVEN CLUBS' ASSOCIATION

AGM - Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> April 2009

## Receipts and Payments Accounts - 12 Months to 31st December 2008

### To be presented for Audit

E's		<u>12 Mths to 31.12.07</u>	<u>12 Mths 31.12.08</u>
<b>INCOME</b>			
Magazine Sales	1	14,770	11,446
Advertising		748	1,818
Subscriptions		385	375
Archivist Sales, Brochures, etc		198	1,700
Binder Sales		87	101
Interest		1,199	960
		<u>17,387</u>	<u>16,400</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Printing - Magazines	2	9,480	8,280
"Free-Issue" Posters			640
Printing - Red Cross Directory		1,950	-
Distribution Costs	2	1,783	1,157
Management Expenses			
Archivist			196
Editor	189		62
Treasurer (4Years)	284		-
Advertising		473	73
		<u>300</u>	<u>357</u>
Meeting Costs		300	357
Clubs Third Party Insurance	1	1,462	750
Archivist's Purchases	4	1,070	4,598
Archive Costs			792
Stanley Edge Grave Maintenance			100
Engraving		37	
Subscriptions and Donations		25	
Advertising			194
Webb Fees			176
Magazine Binders		635	-
		<u>17,215</u>	<u>17,375</u>
<b>SURPLUS/ (DEFICIT)</b>		<u>£1 72</u>	<u>£(975)</u>
Balances at Bank - Opening		36,315	36,487
- Closing		<u>36,487</u>	<u>35,512</u>
<b>INCREASE/ (DECREASE)</b>		<u>£1 72</u>	<u>£(975)</u>

Note 1. Due to late production, no Magazine invoices for 2008D have yet been raised.

2. Printing Costs for 2008D are included in £8,280 but no Distribution Costs.

3. The payment of £750 is for 10 months only.

4. Includes £4,492 for the "A7 Comes of Age" and the "St Ives" brochures.

**Eric Jones A7CA Treasurer      A7CA2008**

# THE AUSTIN SEVEN CLUBS' ASSOCIATION

AGM – Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> April 2009

## Receipts and Payments Accounts - 3 Months to 31st March 2009

	<u>E's</u>	<u>12 Mths to</u> <u>31.12.08</u>	<u>3 Mths to</u> <u>31.3.09</u>
<b>INCOME</b>			
Magazine Sales	1	11,446	6,874
Advertising		1,818	1,400
Subscriptions		375	275
Archivist Sales		1,700	801
Binder Sales		101	-
Interest		960	8
		<u>16.400</u>	<u>9.358</u>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>			
Printing - Magazines		8,280	2,089
Purchases for Free Issue		640	
Distribution Costs	2	1,157	1,154
Management Expenses			
Editor		62	36
Archivist		196	100
Advertising		73	64
		<u>331</u>	<u>200</u>
Meeting Costs		357	218
Grave Maintenance		100	-
Insurance	3	750	1,390
Archivist's Purchases		4,598	319
Archive Costs		792	849
Webb Fees		176	-
Advertising		194	69
		<u>17.375</u>	<u>6.288</u>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	4	<u>£(975)</u>	<u>£3,070</u>
Balances at Bank - Opening		36,487	35,512
- Closing		<u><b>35,512</b></u>	<u><b>38,582</b></u>
<b>INCREASE/(DECREASE)</b>		<u>£(975)</u>	<u>£3,070</u>

Note 1. Both 2008D and 2009A Invoices were sent out later than usual. £3,703 of the £6,874 should have been received. in 2008. Debtors total £895.

2. £300 of the Distribution Costs payments in 2009 relate to 2008D.

3. The payment of £750 is for 10 months only. The payment of £1,390 is for the year to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2010 and is in the FBHVC/Aston Scott/Zurich scheme

4. Allowing for a net adjustment of £3,403 for the details in notes 1. and 2, the 2008 deficit of £975 would have been a surplus of £2,428 and the surplus of £3,070 in Q1 of 2009 would have been a deficit of £333.

## **ATTACHMENT 4**

### **A7CA Registrars Report for AGM, April 2009**

Total number of entries in the Register is **10,245** of which **2,900** are cars carried forward from the 2001 Register but have not appeared in any Club's listings since then. These cars are from the Register started in 1971 and added to over the years without any cars (or very few) being deleted when 'life expired'. Thus it is not known at present if they still exist. It should be added that a number of cars are with VSCC members, where they do not record car details with the VSCC, only the owners.

Some 250 cars entries are where Registration Numbers have been changed (as opposed to amended spelling/number error in original details) – this equates to 500 lines in the Register.

I still have approx. 250 lines of unresolved queries, where 2 cars have similar details say, and thus could be the same car, or 2 or more physical cars with the same details (clones?).

It should be recorded that this is a significant reduction from the 1,200+ I had in 2004. **94** cars have been added to the Register in 2008. Since 2004, when I took over the Register, some **615** cars have been 'found' and added to the Register, of which 78 where in Australia. Amendments to existing details have been around 300 in the last 5 years.

Information received has been about approx. 30% through my monitoring Ebay sales, 30% from the Associations 'Submission of Details' Page on the Associations Web site and the remaining 40% by individual emails, personal observation etc.

In the last year there has been about a 100 queries in respect of "...does my old car still exist?..", of which around 15 have had positive results.

There have again been a number of queries, approx. 6 this year which I have quickly side stepped, in respect of duplicate/cloned details, I referred the enquirer's back to previous owner/police or DVLA.

Otherwise a quite year, although I have personally been distracted by another lifetime hobby that has come back to 'haunt' me, thus I have not been chasing Ebay sales etc as intensely as I have in the past.

The Internet and emails has been the main 'workface' for the Register, with approx. a 90% response rate to queries etc. Outbound Postal queries have resulted in an approx. 20% return

Finally **NO** Registers have been sold in the last year, thus I still have a small stock of 25 books to hand.

**I suggest that we discuss the future of the Register as a printed book or in other format/s at our meeting.**

**Sandy Croall  
Registrar A7CA**