

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

## **Meeting on Sunday 12th July 2009 at Gaydon**

### **Minutes**

*(with corrections at 1 August 2009)*

#### **1. Welcome**

**Phil** (as acting Chairman) welcomed all attendees to the Meeting and explained that Jackie had decided to take Bernie on a much-needed holiday.

A really pleasant surprise for the Meeting arranged through **Phil** and **Hazel** was the arrival of **Angela Austin** a fourth Cousin of **Herbert Austin**, with her husband **David Maddams** and two grand-children **Eliza** and **William**. **Angela** addressed the Meeting saying that, although known initially as 'Baby Austin', she only recently realised what a tremendous contribution Lord Austin had made to the Motor Industry and to our Motoring Heritage - she now feels highly honoured to be one of his relatives. She presented the Association a copy of her 'Family Tree' for our Archives and wished us well in continuing to honour his name through our Archive work and on the road. **Phil**, on behalf of the Meeting, thanked her for coming along and invited her to join us at any of our events.

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

**Ian** asked attendees to complete the attendance/apologies sheet now circulating

**Attendance/Apologies List at Attachment 1**

#### **3. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

##### **3.1 Approval**

**Ian** asked for:

Agreement to the Minutes of the Meeting held on 19 April 2009

Proposed by: **Eric**

Seconded by: **Lorna**

**All attendees agreed.**

##### **3.2 Matters Arising**

**Ian** noted there were no items arising not covered in the Agenda

#### **4. Chairman's Report**

**Phil** read out the following message from **Bernie**:

*Firstly, I would like to thank Phil for chairing this meeting, he has worked very hard in the last year to get the archives up together and I would like all of you to give him a big hand for his efforts - APPLAUSE*

*The Waite Trophies, which you will hear about later from Phil, are a major coup for the Association, so, to all who arranged the opportunity of acquiring them – a very big ‘thank you’.*

*Finally, Ian has worked very hard in the last few months to up-date the Clubs' E-mail Register and has contacted many enthusiasts all over the World. We now have a very competent Secretary to move us forward for the foreseeable future.*

With apologies for my absence. Best Regards, **Bernard**

#### **5. Secretary's Spot**

**Ian** thanked Members for putting him on the spot in filling the position as Association Secretary and underlined that he welcomed any ideas on how both he and the Association could function better. In particular, he thanked Members for assisting in updating the vital connections via E-mail.

##### **5.1 Correspondence**

##### **Bob Wyatt (1)**

**Ian** reported that he'd written to **Bob** and provided him with the AGM and Meeting Minutes. **Bob** sent a very courteous reply in which he said:

- he'd been very busy with the Vintage Austin Register (VAR)
- he'd written to our Editor about the oldest surviving Austin, a 25/30HP at Gaydon
- he's busy preparing all the **Bob Burgess** records of the A7 for printing

And, approaching 80, he's retiring from Local Council duties and will have more time, so asks:

'What is expected of a President, part from coming to the AGM (if offered a lift!)?

##### **Meeting Agreed:**

- They'd like to see **Bob** at our AGM (and could provide transport)
- Also at any other Association Event he'd wish to attend and again transport could be forthcoming

##### **Bob Wyatt (2)**

**Ian** reported that he'd been contacted by **Clive Hill** who'd recently purchased an Austin 16/6 which he believed had been owned by **Bob Wyatt** and he'd passed **Bob's** contact details on to **Clive** and requested he kept the Association informed.

## **Cornwall A7 Club**

**Ian** reported that he'd received a request from the Cornwall A7 Club (that they had unearthed from two years ago!) that:

- Minutes are provided to both the person assigned by each Club/Register and all attendees
- A Summary of the Main Points of each Meeting be provided for Magazines/Newsletters
- Both these should be sent not later than 14 days after each Meeting

**Ian** reported that he had already confirmed to the CA7C that he was willing to do this and sought the Meeting's agreement.

**Meeting: agreed**

## **5.2 Membership**

### **a. Overview**

**Ian** summarised the current Association Membership as follows:

Officers:	12
Member Clubs:	15
UK Associate Members:	9
Overseas Members:	20*
Registers	16
<b>Total:</b>	<b>72</b>

He noted that this covered ALL Five Continents in 7 European Countries and 9\* in the rest of the World. This surely indicated one of the most widely-spread organization in the Classic Car Movement.

\* Including now Jamaica - see later Section 5.2 (b)

**Ian** is now in e-mail contact with all except just 8 (who currently had no e-mail address) and:

- A7 Club of South Australia
- A7 Register of Japan

He confirmed he was trying a number of approaches to plugging these gaps with help from **Phil** and .

**Updated List at Attachment 2.**

**John Williams** offered to assist with Japan  
[post-meeting note: Action under way – thanks John]

**Ian** asked the Meeting to confirm contact details as posted at the back of the hall and that **ALL** agreed to publication of these in the Association Documents.

**Meeting agreed.**

**ACTION: Non-attendees to contact Ian if they do not join this publication agreement.**

## **b. Membership Application**

**Ian** reported that, after a fascinating exchange of e-mails, between himself and **Ron DuQuesnay** of Jamaica, Ron had requested that his somewhat small Club with Austin 7s on the Island - 'The Austin 7 Club of Jamaica' - be accepted as an Overseas Associate Member.

**Proposed: Alan**

**Seconded: Phil**

**Meeting Agreed and welcomed Jamaica to our Association.**

**ACTION: Ian to inform Ron of this agreement**

## **c. American Bantam Society Invitation**

**Ian** reported that he'd received an invitation from **Norm Booth** President of the **American Bantam Society** through **David Kanally**, their Membership Secretary, for the **A7CA** to have complimentary Membership of their Society.

**Ian** request approval to accept this kind invitation.

**Proposed: Phil**

**Seconded: Dave Wilcox**

**Meeting Agreed and thanked the ABS for their kind invitation**

**ACTION: Ian to inform Norm of this agreement**

## **6. Treasurer's Report**

**Eric** provided a Financial Report to the Chairman – at Attachment 3

**ACTION: Eric requested to send his Reports to Ian for the Meeting**

## **7. Information**

### **7.1 Magazine**

**Phil** reminded the Meeting that, at the previous meeting, it was agreed that:

Nick Beck would present the **Editor's 'Ken Warren Award'** to **Ian Moorcraft** (Bristol A7 Club) and send Robin a short article and a photo of the occasion.

**Eric Miles** confirmed that this had been done.

#### **a. Editor's Comments – via Ian**

**Robin** would really like to include more Club News and articles about Club Events and confirmed that he is not concerned if an Article was already included in a Club Magazine/Newsletter – he would ensure fully recognition of the source.

**ACTION: ALL to let Robin have articles about their Club Activities**

**Robin** raised the problem of fitting the list of all Members and Registers into the Magazine – he can't reduce font-size further and is reluctant to use another inside page (now increased due to Jamaica Membership).

**Meeting suggested:**

- re-locate the 'Boxed Disclaimer' and Publisher/Printing information to near the Front of the Magazine or under 'Sales & Wants'
- If necessary omit the Meeting Places and Dates
- Reduce the (vertical) spacing between entries

**ACTION: Robin to report back on remedying the problem  
(Dave Wilcox offered help if needed)**

#### **b. Magazine Distribution**

**Meeting** recorded their grateful thanks to **Alan and Lorna** for so effectively managing the distribution the Association Magazine for well over **16 years** and ensuring a smooth handover to **Les** – APPLAUSE

**Alan & Lorna** provided **Les** with 'a comprehensive set of 'Notes on A7CA Magazine Distribution' copy also to Secretary) and agreed to provide post-handover support if needed.

**Meeting** also their thanks to **Les Gammon** for taking on this demanding role.

As part of this handover the Magazine Distribution List has been updated by Members/Registers.

**ACTION: ALL to inform Les (copies to Robin and Ian) of ANY changes in address or numbers for Magazine distribution**

**Howard** informed the Meeting that he had a surplus of Magazine Back Issues and sought guidance

**Meeting** agreed to let Howard dispose of the surplus as he saw fit – without charge if necessary – retaining just sufficient for possible Members' future requests.

**ACTION: ALL to inform their Members of the availability of Back Issues from Howard**

## **7.2 Website**

**Phil** repeated our thanks to **Malcolm** for his work on the Website and ensuring a smooth handover and to **Ike Cochrane** who had stepped forward so promptly to fill this important rôle.

**Ian** confirmed that **Malcolm** had passed all the necessary technical information to **Ike** and would provide any required post-hand-over support.

**Meeting recorded their thanks to Malcolm and Ike for their contributions to the work of the association.**

**ACTION: ALL to view the A7CA Website [www.a7ca.org](http://www.a7ca.org) and provide inputs and comments on it to Ike**

## **7.3 Advertising**

**Hazel** reported that the advertising revenues continued to come in satisfactorily and stood at £1496.90 for this year to date.

**Ian** reported that he had updated the A7CA entries in the Club Directory of 'Classic Cars for Sale'. - but it was noted they had not updated our entry in their latest issue.

**ACTION: Ian to chase 'Classic Cars for Sale' Magazine**

## **8. Archives**

**Phil** highlighted the display at the Meeting of a large number of trophies won by **Arthur Waite**, which have kindly donated to the A7CA. The largest of these was on display recently at the Beaulieu National A7 Rally. **Phil** said he would arrange custody of the trophies at our A7CA Archives Centre.

**ACTION: Phil to do an article for the Magazine on this**

He also informed the Meeting that **Bryan Purves** had supplied a photo of Arthur winning one of these trophies to Jonathon Wood for his Shire Album publication 'The Austin Seven'.

**ACTION: Phil to see if he could obtain a copy and any others from B. Brown**

**Phil** informed the Meeting that the next Archive Open Day was planned for Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at 10am to 1pm.

**THE MEETING** once again thanked Phil for progressing this vital work for the Association and for Austin 7 history.

## **9. Support**

### **9.1 Suppliers and Spares**

**Bob Cross** reported through **Ian** that (as a correction to our last Minutes):

**Red Cross Directory** now has its own Website – [www.oldcarservices.co.uk](http://www.oldcarservices.co.uk)  
Which had been put together by **Dave Waller** of the A7OC (London) and there is an associated Red Cross Forum.

**Bob Cross** also reported a 'New Item':

'Bodywork' – Chummy Rad. Cowls, Custom Exhausts and much more

Hugh Paine  
Old Potting Shed  
Boldre, Lymington  
Engineering Coachworks

Tel: 07920 100369                      E-mail: [hugh.paine@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:hugh.paine@tiscali.co.uk)

**Ian** reported a 'Chad Valley Vintage Wooden Jigsaw A7 Car – 1930 Chummy RU 412' on e-bay at £4.99 + postage. The original jigsaw was reported by **Phil** at Barrie Pooks is on a substantial wooden backing – unlike the more recent version.

**Howard** reported that he again had in stock 4.00 x 17" tyres at £40, inner tubes at £7.50 and wheel-tapes at £1.

### **9.2 Breakdown Support**

No specific update from **Gordon** but the Meeting wanted to thank him for continuing with the important task of keeping our Sevens rolling along.

**Ian** introduced a suggestion that the 'Register' be extended to cover Members providing information about other local support such as:

- trailer/camper parking sites; and
- camping space/odd B&B offer

**Proposed: Den**

**Seconded: Howard**

**The Meeting**, subject to **Gordon's** agreement, supported this extension of service.

**ACTION: Gordon to confirm to Ian that this extension is ok**

**ACTION: ALL CLUBS to identify the support available from their Members  
and pass to Gordon via their Club Representative  
(it is recommended to put this request on Club Membership Forms)**

## **10. Events**

Phil introduced the following events:

### **10.1 Association**

- **A7CA/750MC Lowestoft to Lands-End** **12 - 15 April 2009**  
*A very enjoyable and well run event thanks to Janet Edroff and her Team, the Norfolk folk and the Cornwall A7C - with 20 cars taking part*
- **A7CA Archives Open Day TSSC, Lubenham, Leics.** **Sat. 25 April 10am-4pm**  
*The event was very successful and attended by about 20 members and wives – a full report will be provided by Phil in Magazine 2009D*

### **A7 Coast – ‘Round Britain’ Update**

Ian reported that **Pat & Glyn Llewellyn** of the **Dorset At Club** had successfully completed a Round Britain (England, Wales and Scotland) in their 1934 AAK A7 Tourer covering 3886 miles in 33 days, mostly camping overnight! In due course they will produce a ‘Route Book’ for all participating Clubs/Centres and an article for the Magazine.

From their experience and other comments received, **Ian** has modified his original idea to simplify the work of the Clubs and get things moving:

- go for a route that is best suited to A7s, near but not necessarily on the ‘Coast’
- so change the title to ‘A7s Round Britain’
- reduce the info from each Club/Centre to the ‘Route’, any points of interest they might like to add and one lead point-of-contact (plus a back-up)

**A fuller update is at Attachment 3**

To kick-start things, a slightly dodgy list of Counties (in clockwise order) plus Ian’s best guess at the nearest Club/Centre is included at Attachment 3.

**ACTION: ALL Clubs/Centres listed to confirm to Ian they could assist in the Project and assign a POC**

**ACTION: Ian to circulate Pat & Glyn’s Route to the assigned POCs**

### **10.2 Clubs**

**PWA7C:     Autokarna Nottingham     31 May     2009**

- *was judged to be the ‘best for many years’ according to Bob Chaffin of Nottingham Council with 115 Sevens out of 600 vehicles, 6000 public and wall-to-wall sunshine. Most probably will be run again in 2010*

**750 MC: National A7 Rally Beaulieu 27-28 June 2009**

*An enjoyable traditional A7 Event, well-attended in excellent weather; some very interesting exhibits notably a display of A7-based racers. The pre-Rally Saturday BBQ was also well-attended and excellent.*

For Next Year (2010):

- Target Date is 4 July
- Create a 'more-defined' Working Group to help organise and run

Some 'Off the Wall' ideas suggested:

- make it a Two-Day Event possibly with a Run on Saturday Afternoon
- hold an Auction of Bits eg. Scottish and other A7Cs
- an A7CA Stand with Archive Stuff

**ACTION: ALL to provide feedback on these ideas and any others to Ian to forward to Ian Nelson (750 MC)**

**Longbridge 19 July 2009**

**750 MC: Summer Festival – Silverstone 22 & 23 August 2009**

- Contact: 750 MC, Rose Farm, Upper St, Oakley, Diss, Norfolk IP21 4AX  
Tel: 01379 741641 E-mail: 750membership@btinterconnect.com

**MA7C: Stanford Hall Rally 27 September 2009**

**Coast-to-Coast 27 September 2009**

**OA7C: Drive in the Park 3 October 2009**

The Palace Hotel, Buxton, Peak District

- 'Online Austin Seven Club' 26 Beech Road, Erdington. Birmingham B23 5QN  
or: www.aa7c.com

**2010**

**750MC 'Watermills and Windmills' 11 – 17 July 2010**

- Contact: Bryan Norfolk Tel: 01582 764659 E-mail: bryan.norfolk@btopenworld.com

**10.3 Other**

**National Motor Museum, Beaulieu – 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Montagu Motor Museum  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2009**

**National Motor Museum, Beaulieu – 'Calling All Classics'  
4, 11 & 18 July and 1 August 2009**

- Margaret Rowles, PRO Beaulieu Tel: 01590 614603 E-mail: pr@beaulieu.co.uk

**HSCC Oulton Park Gold Cup – 40<sup>th</sup> F 5000/50 Years of Minsi/100 Years of Morgans  
30/31 August 2009**

- Oulton park Circuit Phil Hosker www.oulttonpark.co.uk

**Goodwood Revival 18 – 20 September 2009**

## **11.AOB**

**Dorset A7 Club:** asked the Association to confirm what information a Club must pass to our Insurers (and any other paperwork) prior to a Club Run or Event.

**Meeting** confirmed that the main check was with the Association's Public Liability insurers Aston Scott.

**ACTION: Ian to check with Aston Scott and inform Members**

**Cornwall A7Club:** raised a concern that, in particular, the **Online A7 Club** issues details of CA7C Events (and possibly others) that are wrong or out of date. As this is potentially a 'generic issue', **Ian** proposed that:

*'All A7CA Member/Register information used by any Third Party must be agreed by that Member/Register prior to issue, unless it had been taken from a Member's/Register's Publication in which case due acknowledgement should be given.'*

**MEETING agreed the Proposal**

**Cornwall A7Club:** requested that there should be a target timescale for responses by one Club/Centre to another regarding queries about A7 ownership.

**Meeting** noted that:

- i. the preferred procedure is for the owner in question be advised of the request and invited to contact the requester;
- ii. the requester be advised of this action; and
- iii. a confirmation that the owner did *not* wish his/her details passed on was an acceptable response

**MEETING agreed that, such requests should be acknowledge directly with a Target Response Time of 21 days along the above lines was reasonable**

**Dorset A7C** informed the Meeting that one of their members had recently been issued a Speeding Ticket in his Austin 7 at **36 mph**.

**Ian** issued a challenge to Clubs/Centres/Registers to come up with an A7 Speeding Ticket that beats this!

**ACTION: ALL**

**The Meeting** learnt with great sadness that **Doug Woodrow** author of the famous **Austin Seven Manual** had died recently and wished its condolences be passed to **Sue** and the family.

**ACTION: Ian to write to Sue on behalf of the Association**

## **12. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS**

**Ian** said he will circulate the Minutes of the AGM and this Meeting and a short Summary for Clubs Newsletters/Magazines asap.

**Ian** requested that ALL recipients let him know when you get them – just to check the e-mail addresses are still current

**ACTION: ALL recipients**

**Our NEXT Meetings at Gaydon are on:**

**11 October 2009**

**17 January 2010**

**18 April 2010 (AGM)**

**18 July 2010**

**17 October 2010**

**Ian** noted that all dates had been confirmed with Gaydon.

## **CLOSE:**

**Phil** thanked everyone for coming and for all the work they do for Austin 7 Enthusiasts in their Clubs back at home and wished all a safe journey home and hoped to see everyone next time!

**NEXT MEETING: Gaydon – Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2009**

**Hope to see you All There**