

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

## **Meeting on Sunday 17th October 2010 at Gaydon**

### **Minutes**

#### **1. Welcome**

**Bernard** welcomed all attendees to the Meeting and especially **John Wyett** who has nobly volunteered to take on the task of looking after our money!

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

**Ian** asked attendees to complete the attendance/apologies sheet being circulated and update their e-mail address as necessary

**Attendance/Apologies List is at Attachment 1**

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

##### **3.1 Approval**

**Ian** underlined a **serious correction** that the E-mail contact address shown at Attachment 2 to the Minutes for our **Events Manager Bernard Griffiths** had been provided in error and should **NOT** be used and apologised for any inconvenience caused.

Agreement to the above amended Minutes of the **Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2010**

**Proposed by: Graham Smith**

**Seconded by: Nick Beck**

**All attendees agreed.**

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

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

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

**Bernard** reported that there remained an ongoing concern within the A7 Movement regarding the escalating cost of A7s especially the more exotic models on e-bay and over the lack of appeal that the marques had amongst the younger generations.

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

##### **5.1 Correspondence**

**Ian** reported that correspondence since the last Meeting had been routine business.

##### **5.2 Membership**

###### **a. Overview**

**Ian** reported that overall Membership of the Association had stabilised at that reported at our previous Meeting:

- Member Clubs	18
- UK Associate Member Clubs	10
- Overseas Member Clubs	22
- Registers	15

**Total: 65**

**Ian** mentioned that there were some green shoots of possible Membership in Portugal and Belgium which he'd investigate.

**Ian** advised the Meeting that not totally unexpectedly **Martin Field** was finding great difficulty in assembling the Austin 7 Specials Register; **Martin** is currently trying to find a replacement but, if unsuccessful, it is recommended to merge the contents of this Register with Austin 7 Sports Register managed by **Steve Hodgson**, subject to Steve's agreement.

**ACTION: ALL to advise Ian (copy to Martin) of anyone who would take on the Specials Register**

###### **b. On-line A7 Club Representation - Phil Afford**

**Ian** reported the sad news that **Phil Afford** of the **On-Line A7 Club** had passed away in August. **Phil** had a long and active interest in vintage motoring and historic steam vehicles. He will be greatly missed.

**John Cox** E-mail: [john.cox12@sky.com](mailto:john.cox12@sky.com) has taken on the Association representation for the On-Line A7 Club.

###### **b. Association Promotion**

**Ian** reported that **Bernard** has approached **David Morgan** of the 750 MC regarding taking on the job of PR Manager for the Association and tabled a draft Job Description for review by the Meeting.

**MEETING** thanked **Bernard** for helping to fill this important task and agreed the Job Description with minor corrections (**Attachment 2**).

**ACTION: Bernard to provide David Morgan with the proposed Job Description and confirm his acceptance of the position of A7CA PR Manager**

### **c. Association Vacancies**

**Ian** advised the Meeting that we now had just one Vacancy that of the vital **Association Registrar** (starting **2012** but in place as early as possible to 'learn the ropes')

**ACTION: ALL let Ian have proposal as a matter of Urgency**

**Meeting** suggested putting this Vacancy in the next Mag

**ACTION: Robin and conjunction with Sandy to prepare an advert for the next Mag**

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

**Bernard** introduced **John Wyett** and thanked him for taking on this essential task for the Association, congratulated him on the positive way he had already picked up the reins and recommended that he be co-opted onto the A7CA as acting Treasurer until our 2011 AGM.

**Meeting** unanimously endorsed **Bernard's** welcome and proposal.

**John** thanked the Meeting for their warm welcome and the support he'd already received in taking on this task. He looked forward to working with all who were involved in the financial matters of the Association – both within the Committee and the members – with a view to ensuring that all financial procedures were as smooth, equitable and transparent as possible.

**John** then introduced his Financial Report – at **Attachment 3**.

**For the Period 1 Jan to 30 Sept the Balances were:**

Balance at 1 January 2010:	£ 42039
Receipts Jan – Sept 2010:	£ 5736
Payments Jan – Sept 2010:	£ 12411
Balance at 30 Sept 2010:	£ 35363

**John** said he was working on simplifying Association Invoicing (**see Accompanying Note**)

**MEETING** expressed their thanks to **Eric** for looking after the Association Finances for so many years.

## **7. Information**

## **7.1 Magazine – via Ian**

### **a. Editor's Comments (full Report at Attachment 4)**

**Robin** reported that he:

- Receives very little feedback, positive or negative, so he's carrying on as is!
  - But thanks his faithful 'regulars'
  - Wants more 'Ordinary Sevens Stuff' and less 'Competition Stuff'
  - Lack of 'writing skills' is no obstacle or excuse – he turns nothing away!
  - So, Austin adventures great and small, photos, letters please
  - In the wise words of one other renowned A7 Editor 'If you do it in a 7, let us know'!
  - Encouraged by the resurgence of the Classified Ads
  - Print quality is now good and consistent
  - Les is doing a great job on distribution
  - Mag remains very popular with many A7 enthusiasts across the world
- [BUT 9 Overseas Clubs do not request any Mags – airmail/e-distribution of interest?]

**Ian** expressed his personal view that the Association Mag was one of the finest publications of its kind in the world, both in terms of content and presentation and that we owed **Robin** a huge debt of gratitude for maintaining our great tradition. In his full Report **Robin** says is thinking of applying for a 'pay rise, ha ha' – surely we should at least double it!

**MEETING** fully endorsed this view and thanked **Robin** for all his hard work on behalf of the Association.

### **b. Magazine Distribution**

**Les** reported that after the unfortunate delay of the previous issue, things are now back on track. Similarly, with **John Wyett** now firmly in place the process of invoicing will be fully resolved very shortly.

**NOTE:** For our next distribution, **Les** says he plans to arrive for our Meeting at the Gaydon Rear Car Park at **10.30am** and be ready to distribute Mags to Clubs until just before the Meeting.

**ACTION: ALL to note this procedure and try to pick Mags before the meeting**

**Howard** reported that he has lots of 2008 and 2009 Mags – but get in quick! He also has several copies of the Mag Index and Red Cross Guide – All offers are FREE!  
- but note **Howard** is away on hols (again!) from 22 Nov. to 29 Dec 2010.

**Meeting** thanked **Les** and **Howard** for ensuring that our excellent Mag reached our members so easily and efficiently.

## **7.2 Website – www.a7ca.org**

**Ilke** via **Ian** - Site continues to provide very valuable information and links including now to the FBHVC

**ACTION: ALL to pass on any inputs to the site to Ilke**  
**– complete items ready for posting please**

## **7.3 Advertising**

**Hazel** reported that payments were all coming in smoothly amounting to £1658 for the current year to date and that adverts for 2012 are already coming in well.

## **8. Archives – (Full Report at Att.5)**

**Phil** reported on a vast array of Archives topics that had come to his attention since our last Meeting including:

- Free Monthly Classic Car Mags
- More on Stanley Edge
- Zenith fuel filters
- Gladys de Haviland
- Beresford Stork Pump
- Thetis Marine Engine Parts List
- A7 Bug-racing photos
- The Archives Room

What an amazing range of goodies for our collection! And an equally amazing Archivist!

**Phil** provided **Ian** with estimates for the Association Trophies and Drawings held in the Archives.

**ACTION: Ian to obtain insurance estimates from the Association Insurers, Aston Scott, and pass to Phil.**

**Dave Wilcox** reported that there is a 6-min video available of the recent A7 Speedy performance at Le Mans price £3 plus P&P available from **Ian Bancroft**:

30 Wentworth Drive, Grantham, Lincolnshire NG31 9QQ

Tel: 01476 567329 Mobile 07711 515716 Email: irban@lineone.net

**Ian** passed **Phil** a CD-copy of John Coleman's own photos to **Phil** for the Association Archives.

## **9. Support**

### **9.1 Suppliers and Spares**

#### **a. Red Cross Guide**

**Bob Cross** via **Ian** reported that he was still working on the next edition and hoped it would be available shortly.

#### **b. Unsatisfactory Spares**

**Ian** reported that he'd received an input from the **Cornwall A7 Club** listing recent cases of unsatisfactory supplies of A7 replacement parts:

- Road-springs manufactured with incorrect "set", resulting in excessive clearance between road wheels and arches;
- Brake springs that lose their effectiveness after a very short life, or have too low a spring-rate to return the brakes effectively;
- Brake cams that are chamfered on one side only, and with cotter flats machined in the wrong position;
- Replacement condensers that fail after very few hours, suggesting that they are not rated to withstand the inrush current from the ignition;

- Fabric couplings that are either off-centre or do not withstand the torque through the prop-shaft;
- UNC fasteners being sold as interchangeable with Whitworth.

The **Cornwall A7 Club** asked if the Association can exert any positive influence on manufacturers to ensure a more consistent quality even if it means a modest increase in cost.

## **b. Increasing the Spares Range**

**Ian** reported that he'd received an input from the **Bristol A7 Club** suggesting a potentially useful use of Association resources as key service to members:

"That the Association should set up a small spares committee (no more than three or four persons) with the appropriate knowledge to oversee the selection for manufacture of those items not likely ever to be offered by the current A7 suppliers. In making their selection they would not only seek input from the member clubs of the Association but would talk in detail with the suppliers. The input from the latter is vital to establish if there is already movement towards making any given item and also to test it's viability given our relatively small market. It is not expected that the Association would design and procure. Rather it is that they should determine those factors currently inhibiting manufacture and then consider how the Association funds can be used to assist one or more of the usual suppliers to procure the item by underwriting set up costs and promoting sales."

## **DISCUSSION**

**Meeting discussed these three items together and agreed:**

### **Unsatisfactory Components and Services**

- 1. To take a positive approach to unsatisfactory components or service through ALL members contacting Ian with any poor experiences with details of the supplier and suggested remedies.**
- 2. Ian to pass on each case to the supplier and establish a dialogue and report on his findings.**
- 3. Only in the case of a negative response from suppliers, Ian to notify the Association**

### **Un-met Components and Services**

- 1. Await completion and issue of the next Red Cross Guide.**
- 2. ALL to examine the Guide and report any shortfalls to Ian and Bob.**
- 3. Association to assess the impact of these shortfalls and look for practicable remedies.**

## **9.2 Breakdown Register**

**Gordon** reported after much prompting he now had a Draft Register which he'd finalise shortly.

**NOTE** - for any remaining 'gaps' its planned to use respective Association Reps as the listed Point of Contact in the Register

**MEETING** thanked Gordon for persevering in this Association task that is so helpful to our Members in their times of need.

### **9.3 Association Register**

#### **a. A7CA Register**

**Ian** reported that Sandy planned to produce the next printed addition of the Association 'Surviving Chassis Register' in 2012 in the same format as previous years.

**Meeting** thanked Sandy for all his work in maintaining this vital part of A7 records that clearly attracted great attention.

**ACTION: ALL to alert Sandy of any updates**

#### **b. Help Request – Belgium**

**Ian** reported he'd had a call from **Jean-Pierre Beeckman in Belgium** who had purchased a Big Seven Chassis No.17161 and request any information on it.

**ACTION: ALL to contact Ian if they have any info.**

#### **c. Help Request – Switzerland/ Middlesbrough**

**Ian** reported he'd had a call from **Mary Hardman (Cornwall A7 Club)** concerning a lady in Switzerland who was considering purchasing an A7 Box currently located in the Middlesbrough area and requested if any kind person could view it on her behalf.

**ACTION: ALL to contact Ian if they can help**

#### **d. Help Request – Warminster**

**Ian** reported that **Vince Leek** was trying to locate one of his previous cars: A Mk1 Ruby, first reg Sept 1934. Reg.No. BGU 282 (currently shown as on SORN)

**ACTION: ALL to contact Ian if they can help**

### **10. Events – via Ian**

**a. A7CA Annual Calendar of Events – 2011 – via Ian**

**Bernard Griffiths** reports that he will ask all Club Secretaries to post their respective Club's Events to him from which he will compile the 2011 Association Calendar for publication in the Association Magazine.

He also reported that **Michael Knights Whittome** is now much involved with MGs and can no longer help with the preparation of the Calendar.

**Meeting** again thanked **Bernard** for all his work in preparing the Calendar and asked him to convey our appreciation to **Michael** for his invaluable assistance.

**b. A7CA Celebration Events for 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the First Austin 7 2012 - ideas to date:**

**(i) Invitation from the South Australia A7 Club**

**Australia 2012 National Rally - 1 to 5 October 2012 and the  
Bay to Birdwood Run - 30 September 2012**

**Info:** [www.austin7clubsa.com.au](http://www.austin7clubsa.com.au)

**ACTION: ALL to advise Ian any interest in this event**

**(ii) Eurotour 2012 – ‘Alpine Amble’**

**Gill Davis** advised the Meeting that the dates are now set by the **750MC North Herts Centre** as **12 – 27 May 2012** and that entries were now open and coming in fast.

**ACTION for information and entries contact: Janet Edroff  
[janetedroff@ntlworld.com](mailto:janetedroff@ntlworld.com)**

**(iii) Jogle/Le JoG 2012**

**Gill Davis** advised the Meeting that the **750 MC North Herts Centre** was actively considering organising a JOGLE in 2012 and was seeking **Partner Centres** to assist.

**Cornwall** and the **Scottish A7 Clubs** had already reported that they would be happy in principle to support a **JOGLE** if sufficient interest were shown.

**Meeting** agreed that they would be happy for the **Association** to support a **JOGLE** if any help were needed.

**ACTION: ALL to advise Ian and Gill/Janet any interest in this event**

**(iv) Rally at Warwick University – details at Att. 6**



**Ian** outlined the idea:

- Three-day event in August 2012 at Warwick University
- Most facilities for accommodation, catering, displays and presentations available
- Friday: arrive and set up with a celebration Banquet in the evening
- Saturday: displays/presentations/tech. visit in the day, Evening - Party Time (by the Scottish Club)
- Sunday: Run through Coventry and local countryside then a closing and depart

**Note:**

1. All aspects of planning, organisation and delivery to be undertaken by specific Clubs  
ensuring that *local* Clubs do *only what has to be done locally!* – coordination by the A7CA
2. It is suggested that the A7CA substantially subsidise the event in order to promote a really strong participation.

**Meeting** offered a Planning Guideline of 500 Cars and 750 people attending

**ACTION: ALL to indicate support in principle for this event**

**(v) Rally at Warwick Racetrack**

**Ian** reported on an idea developed by the **Scottish A7 Club (Ruairidh Dunford)**.....

- Similar itinerary to the above but possibly opening Banquet replaced by a BBQ

Facilities include:

- Extensive Campsite (65+ pitches)
- Large Marquee available for social/displays
- Large Hotel (half-mile with option of bus transport)

**Ruairidh** is exploring more details and costings and will report back.

**ACTION: ALL to indicate support in principle for this event**

**(v) Other Events**

**Gill** reminded the Meeting that 2012 was also the **50<sup>th</sup> Beaulieu National Rally**

- noting by some complex arithmetic that next year would be the 49<sup>th</sup>! Viz: 7x7 !

**Dave** also reminded the Meeting that the **Pre-War A7 Club** would also be celebrating its **50<sup>th</sup>** in the same year

**(vi) Other Ideas**

ANY ideas other ideas very welcome!

**ACTION: ALL to send Ian any further ideas for Anniversary Events**

**11.AOB**

#### **a. Federation of British Historic Vehicle Clubs (FBHVC)**

**Howard** reported that DVLA had been down to speak at the recent FBHVC AGM but failed to turn up! An unsubstantiated word is about that the DVLA are considering changes to the 'Road-Tax Free' status of pre-1973 – but DVLA denies these rumours.

**Dan Cole** (Bristol A7C) had advised **Ian** that one of his members had been requested by DVLA to provide a 'Built Up Inspection Report' (V627/1) to re-register his car with the known original number plate.

**Meeting** confirmed **Ian's** advice to resubmit the request either through the Bristol Club or another in the strong anticipation that a more reasonable process would be offered.

**ACTION: Dan to advise Ian on progress of the case.**

#### **b. John Coleman**

**Ian** reported that it was now agreed with **Kai Coleman** that **John's** car be displayed at **Beaulieu** from mid December 2010 to October 2011 as part of the Museum's special exhibition on long-distance historic motoring. Thereafter, the Car would be on long-term display at **Gaydon**.

#### **c. Hotel Offer** (post-meeting Note)

**Ian** advises of an offer received of advantageous accommodation rates to the Association at:

**Norwood Hall** Garthdee Road, Cults, Aberdeen AB15 9FX

73 Rooms and Parking for 200cars

**Contact:** Anne Simpson Tel: 01224 864091 E-mail: INFO@NORWOOD-HALL.CO.UK

**Website:** www.norwood-hall.co.uk

**B&B:** £45 per person **Dinner:** £12 per person

#### **d. 'Oil Spy'** (post meeting Note)

**Ian** advises of a commercial product (not yet tested by members) which purports to identify leaking head gasket, carb, combustion and piston-wear problems simply by dripping warm engine oil from the dipstick onto their special test card.

Discounted rates for the Association are offered.

**ACTION: Ian to investigate and report back**

**Oil Spy**

**Contact:** Neil Andersch Tel: 01590 68977 E-mail: savemyengine@oil-spy.com

**Website:** www.oil-spy.com

**e. AutoRegister** (post meeting Note)

**Ian** reports that he has been approached by the owners of a Website **AutoRegister** that has been set up to 'promote vehicle clubs online and to celebrate the ownership and preservation of vintage and classic vehicles'. In particular links to the Association Website is offered.

**ACTION: Ian to investigate and report back**

**12. DATES OF NEXT MEETINGS - Ian**

**Ian** reported that, in view of the very low turnout at the Summer Meeting (6 Clubs), it had been suggested that we omit the Summer Meeting in 2011 on a trial basis.

**Meeting** saw some sense in this proposal but recognised that it would lead to considerable increase in Mag distribution effort by **Les** and cost., accordingly:

**Meeting disagreed this proposal**

**Our next Archive Open Days are: 11<sup>th</sup>/12<sup>th</sup> December 2010 (see Advert at Att. 7)**

**ACTION: ALL to support and publicise in Mags and Newsletters**

**Our Meetings at Gaydon for 2011 are:**

<b>16 January</b>	<b>2011</b>
<b>17 April</b>	<b>2011 (AGM)</b>
<b>17 July</b>	<b>2011</b>
<b>16 October</b>	<b>2011</b>

**CLOSE:**

**Ian** said he will circulate the Minutes of the Meeting and a short Summary for Clubs' Newsletters/Magazines asap.  
And requested that ALL recipients let him know when you get them  
– just to check the e-mail addresses are still current

**Bernard** thanked ALL for attending and participating in such a positive way to the work of the Association and wished everyone a safe journey home.

**NEXT MEETING : Gaydon – Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

***Hope to see you All There***

**In the meantime – Great A7 Motoring for you All!**

**Att. 1: A7CA Meeting Attendees and Apologies**  
**Gaydon - Sunday 17th October 2010**

**ATTENDENCE LIST**

NAME	CLUB/REGISTER	Notes
Bernard Cowley	A7CA Chairman	
Phil Baidon	A7CA Archivist/Vice Chairman	
Ian Mason-Smith	A7CA Secretary	
Howard Annett	A7CA Back Issues	
Hazel Gore	A7CA Advertising Manager	
John Wyett	A7CA Treasurer	
Steve Hodgson	A7 Sports Register	
Gordon Phillips	A7CA Breakdown Manager	
Les Gammon	A7CA Magazine Distribution	
Ian Devey	Midlands A7C	
Gill Davis	750MC and Cambridge A7C	
Den Huke	Cornwall A7C	
Graham Smith	Solent A7C	
Rex Grogan	On Line A7C	
John Williams	South Wales A7C	
Harry Hales	Sooth Wales A7C	
Nick Beck	Scottish A7C	
Dave Wilcox	PWA7C	
<b>TOTAL:</b>		
<b>APOLOGIES:</b>		
Bob Wyatt	A7CA President	
Ilke Cochrane	A7CA Web Manager	
Mike Tebbett	Mulliner Register	
Robin Boyce	A7CA Editor	
David Cochrane	Pram Hood Register	
Sandy Croall	A7CA Registrar	
Peter Youles	Surrey Austin Owners Club	
Dave Harris	Surrey Austin Owners Club	
Mike Ward	Hereford A7C	
Dan Cole	Bristol A7CA	
Steve Hodgson	A7CA Sports Register/Worthing A7C	
<i>My Apologies</i>	<i>If I've left any apol. off – which I prob. have!</i>	

## **Attachment 2: A7CA PR Manager Job Description**

### **Austin Seven Clubs' Association**

#### **Public Relations Manager**

#### **Job Description**

The prime responsibility of the Public Relations (PR) Manager is to promote the work of the Austin Seven Clubs' Association (A7CA) within the Austin Seven Movement and with the Public at large.

The Association was formed in 1968 and currently comprises a total of 65 member Clubs:

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|------------------------------|----|
| - UK Members                 | 18 |
| - UK Associate Members       | 10 |
| - Overseas Associate Members | 22 |
| - A7 Registers               | 15 |

These are located in 17 Countries in all 5 Continents

The principal tasks of the Association comprise the preparation and issue of the:

- Association's Quarterly Magazine
- Record of Association Meetings
- Association Website
- Register of known Austin 7s
- Red Cross Guide of Spares and Services
- Register of Breakdown Support
- Calendar of A7 Events

Other Association activities include the:

- Development and operation of the Association Archives
- Organisation and coordination of A7 Events
- Provision of Vehicle and Public Liability Insurance

The relationships the PR Manager must promote and develop are with:

- the member Clubs
- other classic motoring Clubs
- motoring organisations, notably the FBHVC
- relevant Governmental Bodies
- the motoring press and media
- motoring manufacturers and suppliers
- the general public

The Association PR Manager is a member of its Executive Committee with whom he/she must maintain good communications and work closely.

*October 2010*

### Att. 3: Financial Report – October 2010

		£	£
Balance 1 January 2010			42039.44
Receipts Jan-Sept 2010	Magazine sales 2010	3293.81	
	Magazine sales Pre-2010	62.00	
	Subscriptions received	360.00	
	Advertising	1487.84	
	Archive sales	173.82	
	Binder sales	337.5	
	Interest received	<u>21.13</u>	
Total receipts			5736.10
Payments Jan-Sept 2010			
	Room hire	359.84	
	Printing magazine (3 issues)	6088.00	
	Distribution of magazine	1005.42	
	Purchase of binders	670 80	
	Insurance	1772.77	
	Archive purchase	15.00	
	Archive costs	2238.01	
	Officers expenses	172.74	
	FHVBC fee	25.00	
	Trophy transport cost	<u>64.00</u>	
Total payments			<u>12411.58</u>
Balance 30 September 2010			<u>35363.96</u>

#### Notes:

1. An Invoice for 2010B, 2010C and 2010D magazines will be sent following the meeting of A7CA October 17 2010 to all recipients.
2. There are various debtors outstanding from past magazine sales, these outstanding amounts will be pursued. The amount involved, as far as can be ascertained, is £1536 including overseas debtors of £348.
3. My contact details are John Wyett, Pangle Cottage, Church Path, Wretton, Kings Lynn, Norfolk PE33 9QR.  
Tel: 01366 500165 or email: [jwyett@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:jwyett@tiscali.co.uk)  
These contact details should be used for all future contact regarding A7CA financial affairs.

John Wyett

#### **Att. 4: *The Austin Seven Clubs' Association***

##### **Magazine Editor's Report**

**October 2010**

Well, no-one has actually said that they don't like the magazine that I produce, so I'll just carry on then, shall I?

Actually, one or two readers have even said they like my offering, which is refreshing. Another one or two have indicated that they would prefer more 'standard Seven' stuff and perhaps less 'racing Seven' stuff, and so would I! But I can only put in whatever is sent in, or that I can find from other sources, so that is the mix you get. From time to time a contribution does flood in, either because someone has decided that the rest of us would like to share their experiences or wisdom, or they have been pestered by the editor, or I've even written something myself. It never ceases to amaze me that so many Seven owners claim lack of writing skills and when that doesn't wash with me they come up with something brilliant. I think there are only two contributions that are, mysteriously, forgotten, on a regular basis.

I don't turn any contributions away mind – although they may sometimes fall to the bottom of the list if even my contortable brain fails to understand what they are about. The trouble is, I've lived a rather hand-to-mouth existence as far as content goes, over the past few issues, and that aforementioned piece, glued in panic to the bottom of the in-tray and now exposed, is jumping up and down and threatening to be headline news, to haunt me ever more, if I cannot weigh it down again, if you lot out there don't send in some Austin articles, some momentous journey journals, fantastic photos or literary letters. Many thanks, of course, to my wonderful regular contributors.

I am encouraged by resurgence in the classified ad. Department, indicating that online auctions are not necessarily the most suitable way to buy and sell Sevens and Seven bits, and the display adverts – for both the trade and for club events, are as regular as a Smiths dashboard clock.

Print quality is now as good and as consistent as I could hope for, while Les seems to have distribution completely under control. In fact our magazine remains popular among Austin Seven enthusiasts across the whole wide world, and a significant revenue earner for the Association. I think I'll ask for a pay rise, ha ha.

***Robin Boyce***

***Editor A7CA Magazine***

## **Attachment 5: Archivist Report**

**1. Classic Cars For Sale.** Monthly mags still arriving free after nearly 2 years and only placing one ad. They asked for another placing this month but I feel we are not comfortable in a *Classic Car* Mag and would in future favour *Automobile* if we need to. Three copies passed to **Ian**.

**2. Stanley Edge.** In re-boxing his books a 3-page cv was discovered from 1955 in which modestly states:

1921 - was engaged by Sir Herbert Austin to design *to his instructions* Austin 7HP car. Left employ of company and joined Sir Herbert at his house, Lickey Grange. *Only man engaged on this work* -I would like this printed facsimile fashion to show those disbelievers of the ex-Apprentices Association how wrong they are. (Too late for Ivor Greening but still out there I think are Ivor Vaughan, Bob Burlington, John Davies and others) To be arranged with Editor RB.

**3. 22FZ filters.** Thanks to research by Stan Gafney in Australia a Devilbis inline filter part no VSA-4 has been identified to replace those missing from updraught Zenith carbs and a nice blue plastic one has been airmailed for trial. A brass collar needs to be added and source of filters say in 10s for our parts supplier(s) to market.

**4. Gladys de Havilland and Lewis Sheridan.** No *not* connected (she was divorced-he was 19 and later happily married) until the same photos turned up of the Ards TT in 1929 in *both their albums*.

**Glad** drove round the world and we bought her "Spanish" album from which some pictures have already been reprinted in the greymag. Ken Broomfield is helping with the aircraft side from Geoffrey dH.

**Lew** was racing mechanic for Sid Holbrook and his grand-daughter recently has been delighted to find more of his life from us than her dad ever knew about.

We are now hoping to put on paper a bit more about each.

**5. Beresford Stork, fire pump.** Keith Pearson has bought Birmingham Pump Supplies Ltd and found a collection of marine pump books, kindly donating to our archive via Bernard Cowley, List of Spare Parts no 1707 and Instruction Book June 1938. Not to be outdone, Howard Annett donated a *Thetis* Marine Engine list of spare parts no 1281A from March 1937, found by Bob Cross at a car boot sale.

**6. Archive Rooms, Lubenham.** The new invoice for rent for all 3 rooms was presented for payment at £4112.50 inc VAT due to TSSC.

PWA7C has already asked for one complete room and an arrangement is being drawn up. This and other space can be rented to Clubs at £13.50/sq ft/yr which includes contents insurance via A7CA insurers Aston Scott is £50K. Any single item or related groups over £2K to be individually valued. These have been done for the Waite Trophies and Stanley Edge drawings. Others are under. Building insurance remains with TSSC. There is a security alarm system.

A new 5lever security lock has been fitted to the main door, 1st key archivist, 2nd key TSSC for maintenance of fire extinguishers etc. 3rd key has been cut for deputy keyholder Dave Wilcox. A second bolt has been added to the main door. These have all been paid at approx £100.

Quotes are being obtained for solar filming the 3 windows to minimise uv damage; Expected around £200.



Quotes to be obtained for re-enveloping the Stanley Edge drawings as valuer Toby Wilson of Bonhams said they need this. Unknown but may be £1000 based on the one of the twincam engine done 5 or so yrs ago.

**7. Bug-racing photos** from old 750 member from the 1950s Ken Kimber. Photos showing PRE WW2 bug racing based on pre 1932 7s with only a seat and no body. Will see if we can have originals or get scanned copies

## **Attachment 6: Austin 7 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 2012 - Rally at Warwick University**

### **OUTLINE**

#### **Three-day event in August 2012 at Warwick University**

##### **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2012**

Arrive and Set Up  
Banquet (Hall - 600 capacity) - Evening

##### **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> August 2012** 'modern size')

Display of Cars – Car Park Area 16 (414 cars –

Film Shows/Talks/Tech. Visit – Butterworth

Hall/Labs

Party Time/Buffer/Bar in 'Music Venue'\*- Evening

##### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August 2012**

Run through Coventry & local countryside - Morning  
Presentations and Close – Butterworth Hall - Afternoon

#### **Costs: £170 per person**

Accommodation (Friday and Saturday nights) – *single rooms only*

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Aug - Banquet

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> Aug - Breakfast, Lunch, Buffet

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Aug – Breakfast and Lunch

\* Additional Cost (including bar staff) = £880

#### **Notes:**

1. Planning, organisation and delivery to be undertaken by specific Clubs with specific tasks eg. promotion, registration, finance, regalia
2. Local Clubs do *only* what has to be done locally
3. Coordination and financial support by the A7CA
4. Planning assumption: 500 cars and 750 people

## **Attachment 7**

### **AUSTIN 7 CLUBS' ASSOCIATION ARCHIVE OPEN DAYS**

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2010  
10.30am to 3.30pm**

**At the Triumph Sports Six Club (TSSC)  
36 Main Street Lubenham LE16 9TF**

**Chilli, potatoes and salad available for a modest donation.**

**'Coach and Horses' Inn close by**

**. Pre-war cars in courtyards, post-war cars signposted to village green.**

#### **Directions:**

From Mkt Harborough drive west 1 mile on the A4304, look for the white low building on your left; drive in the gateway.

From Lutterworth/M1 J20 drive east 10 miles, past *Coach & Horses pub*, low white building on right, turn in.

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