

A30 MINUTES

A NEWSLETTER OF THE AUSTRALIAN AUSTIN A30 CAR CLUB INC.

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FROM THE FRONT SEAT

A message from the Club President,
Brian Brooks

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi all,

Great to get together with so many members at the Austins Over Australia activities in and around Bendigo in central Victoria over Easter.

On the Friday, A30 club members directed traffic between the outskirts of Bendigo and Castlemaine in preparation for the steam train trip to Maldon. The train trip was very enjoyable, and we were met part way by a couple of members of the "feral car club".

The Easter Torchlight Procession through the centre of Bendigo on Saturday evening was a highlight. This fantastic event was watched by some 5000 people and brought great attention to our cars (and a buzz for those lucky enough to take part!). See the event report and photos for more details.

On Sunday we displayed our cars together with all other attending clubs at the Bendigo Jockey Club car park. We had 20 Austin A30/A35s present, including Terry Johnson's cream AS3 from Perth. Terry drove all the way from Western Australia with only a few minor problems. This was a great effort requiring a lot of planning and dedication. Terry received a "longest distance driven" trophy for his effort.

On Sunday night the gala dinner was held with a "1950s or 60s" dress theme. We had a lot of fun viewing the crazy costumes and meeting up with members from interstate on the night. There was a great spirit amongst all of the A30 club members – just a pity everyone was seated separately at the dinner. We might ask the organisers of the next AOA to sit people together next time.

Congratulations to Annette Brauneis for putting together a great outfit and looking terrific – she was the proud winner of the "best dressed woman" prize (a very handsome crocheted rug).

Congratulations also to Adam Francis and his team from the Austin A40 club for a well-organised and very enjoyable weekend.

See coming events for future runs and get-togethers.

Brian Brooks

CLUB MINUTES

Australian Austin A30 Car Club Inc.

(Ass. Inc. No. A8084W)

Minutes of the meeting held on the 20th March 2013, at the Camberwell Uniting Church, 314 Camberwell Road, Camberwell.

Meeting Opened:

The meeting was opened at 8.15pm

Apologies:

Ian Warren, Glenys & Angela Hall, G. Blair, Pam & Warren Barry, Maxine & Jim Fowler.

Welcome: Brian Brooks welcomed David Schembri, Lee Balls & John Turner.

Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The minutes of the meeting held on 20th February 2013 were accepted as a correct record of that meeting.

Moved, Bob D.. Seconded: Mario. Carried.

Business Arising:

Nil.

Correspondence:

Out: Nil.

In:

Various Car Club magazines.

Treasurers Report:

Dianne gave detailed report of Club finances.

Moved: Dianne Seconded: Dot Bacon Carried

Membership Report:

Membership now 96

40 Cars on permits.

Warren not getting copies from all members

Welcome new members, Luke, Natasha, Corben & Breanna Quick from Merbein, Vic. To the club.

Editors Report:

All going well with Mag., but more articles would be appreciated.

G. MacIntosh has updated website.

Librarians Report:

New members – books and DVD's available.

Ring Jim: Free postage.

CLUB MINUTES CONTINUED

Club Captain:

A.O.A : Easter (Bendigo) For anyone who hasn't booked, come up on Sunday, plenty to see and do.

Coming Events:

See Club Mag.

Merchandise:

Don gave detailed spiel to sell merchandise.

10 Filter adaptors with Z418 filter available for \$60- and everything will be available at A.O.A.

Grille badges – UK trouble with artwork/ Bubbles etc.

A30 water pump for 803 / Available Bull Motif UK

Spare Parts:

Don: Going well / New racking and flooring. Enquiries coming all the time.

B.B.: Pick up bits from Ted Jones and then have working bee to clean & sort parts.

General Business:

Fred: Return trip from Adelaide to Melbourne visited Joe Reilly.

Tom: Visited Ballarat Swap Meet. Advertised open Fri/Sat/Sun, but was not open for business Friday.

David H. Wodonga was good day / Lovely cars.

Don J. 2 Countrymans for sale on internet.

B.B. Already looked at these cars, Lots of rust, about \$3000-00.

Mario: C'man Gearbox leaking (Replace gasket) missing lower return spring, air filter (David H)

B.B. Purchased books: Dealer Guide/Dykes Automotive Encyclopaedia/

Lucas Generators & Control Box Tests.

Attendance: 21

The date of the next meeting was confirmed as

WEDNESDAY THE 17th APRIL 2013

At the Camberwell Uniting Church, 314 Camberwell Road,
Camberwell **at 8-00pm**

The meeting was closed at 9-30pm

Bob Dickson

Hon. Secretary

AUSTRALIAN AUSTIN A30 CAR CLUB

MID WEEK LUNCH

RUN

THURSDAY 16th MAY 2013

Something different for a change.

A very relaxing short run from our Club meeting rooms to Mordialloc

Meeting at 10.30AM & leaving at 11.00AM

We'll travel down Riversdale Rd, through St Kilda & along the Beach Rd to Doyle's Bridge Hotel in Mordialloc.

The Bridge Hotel is in a lovely location on the Mordialloc Creek, & has good, low cost meals.

If you are planning to come, please phone Russell 0397251879 or Mobile 0466589020 as we need to confirm numbers.



HISTORIC WINTON

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Dates to note for second half of the year

6 July 2013 (Saturday) Social Night Out

21 July 2013 (Sunday) Mid Year Lunch

3 & 4 August 2013 (Saturday & Sunday) Weekend at Walhalla – don't miss this one

22 August 2013 (Thursday) Mid Week Run

8 Sept 2013 (Sunday) Shepparton Swap Meet

22 September 2013 (Sunday) Cranbourne Gardens Run – a great day out

5 & 6 October 2013 (Saturday/Sunday) Euroa Show and Shine

20 October 2013 (Sunday) Malden

2 & 3 November 2013 Lake Goldsmith Steam Rally weekend – another great weekend away

24 November 2013 (Sunday) Federation Square Rally

7 December 2013 (Saturday) Christmas Breakup at Lake Hedgeley

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14 April 2013 (Sunday)

Pakenham Picnic

Racecourse Road, Pakenham. Run by the Federation, free entry, with activities throughout the day 10.00am Contact Don Jones 0427 392 219

17 April 2013 (Wednesday)

Club meeting at the Camberwell Uniting Church at 8:00pm

21 April 2013 (Sunday)

RACV Classic Showcase (formally British Day)

Flemington Racecourse, Epsom Road, Flemington

Meet at 9.00am – 9.15am in the racecourse driveway about 100m through the main Epsom Road gate on the left – see flyer on Front Cover

15 May 2013 (Wednesday)

Club meeting at the Camberwell Uniting Church at 8:00pm

16 May 2013 (Thursday)

This is the first mid week run for the year, lunch at The Bridge Hotel, Mordialloc.

Meet at Camberwell Uniting Church, 314 Camberwell Rd, Camberwell

Melway Map 59 J1 at 10.30am

Russell Clough is organizing the day and can be contacted on 9725 1879 or 0466 589 020. See separate notice in magazine for details. Page 6

24, 25 & 26 May 2013 (Friday/Saturday/Sunday)

Historic Winton

Winton Motor Raceway, Old Hume Highway, Benalla, 200km north of Melbourne.

We had so much fun last year we are going again. Some cabins have been booked in Glenrowan so if you intend coming please let Brian or Fred know as soon as possible to secure accommodation. Contact Brian 9386 9385 or Fred 9457 4038 Page 6 has more details.

8 & 9 June 2013 (Saturday/Sunday)

2013 Steam Rally Echuca, Queen's Birthday Weekend

This is the 50th Anniversary of the event and will be larger than in previous years with great exhibits, about 600, entertainment, stall holders etc. It is one of the largest Vintage & Steam Rally's in Australia and if you are able to attend it would be worth supporting.

19 June 2013 (Wednesday) Club meeting at the Camberwell Uniting Church at 8:00pm



A30 CLUB SPARES PROJECT

The Austin A30 Club Spares Project is up and running!

We have collected a good range of parts and they are stored safely in a warehouse.

If you need a part, contact:

Don Jones on 0427 392 219 or

Brian Brooks on 0413 304 585

If you have parts to donate – or have parts that you may want to sell – please let us know so that we can either purchase on behalf of the Club, or include them in our spreadsheet and put you in touch with a buyer when we receive an enquiry.

Please don't leave those unwanted parts lying around! They may be of use to someone else and help with the running of their car.

Please refer to the previous magazine for Nuts, Bolts Screws and washers.

WANTED A30 FOR HAMILTON CAR MUSEUM

Wanted A30 in good condition to be placed in Car Museum in Hamilton

Contact Glen & Margaret Campe 0410 168 400

WANTED

Austin A30 2 Door sedan in lovely restored condition.

I don't have the time or skill to restore one myself.

I do have a Passion and Appreciation to care for

Such a beauty.

Your car would be going to a good home.

Please ring or email David Barber Victor Harbour SA.

08 85521925 mob 0417875710

Email bulletbarber@yahoo.com.au

AUSTIN A30 ENGINE OIL FILTER ADAPTORS NOW FOR SALE

15th JANUARY 2013



The original oil filter for 803 cc engines is in scarce supply and the club has had special adaptors made so that a readily available spin oil filter can be utilised. These adaptors have already been used successfully overseas and we have improved and modified the original item and now offer them for sale to club members.

The cost of the kit is \$60 which is significantly less than having to import from overseas.

The kit includes the adaptor, a seal and a Ryco Z418 filter - which is readily available from suppliers such as Repco, Bursons, Autobarn etc. A comprehensive fitting instruction comes with the kit.

This is a club initiative to assist you the member so please support us as a lot of research and development has gone into this project.

For sales contact Don on 0427392219 or Brian on 0413304585

A.O.A EASTER WEEKEND BY DAVID HAMILTON

The Austins over Australia weekend was a resounding success. Our Club was well represented with many A30/A35's turning up on the Sunday at the Jockey Club at Epsom for the display day. All in all Austins of all types made the journey. One bloke even turned up from W.A. in a 4 door A30 sedan and had driven His car the whole journey. A fantastic effort.

The Dinner Dance on Sunday Night proved to be a Gala Affair with most people Getting into the spirit of the theme night, dressed up in their 60's and 70's Gear. Annette Brauneis won the best ladies section in her killer matching outfit Ensemble.

We headed back home Monday morning and made a slight detour to a little Town called Rewola , near Inglewood to attend an Agricultural Show and classic Car show. There was a really great atmosphere at this event, with good old fashion hospitality. In closing ,a wonderful weekend was had by all.

David Hamilton

AUSTINS OVER AUSTRALIA 2013 IN BENDIGO

AUSTINS OVER AUSTRALIA EASTER 2013 IN BENDIGO VIC

There was a huge turnout of club members for the Austins Over Australia event held during the Easter weekend. 28 Austin A30 Club members were there, from Bendigo itself and from other Victorian regions, and from Melbourne, NSW and all the way from Perth! Great to see such a large contingent of Club members and their A30/A35s.

Overall, there were about 450 present from the various car clubs at the events held over the four days.

On Good Friday, the A30 club directed traffic through the scenic countryside between Bendigo and Castlemaine railway station for the steam train trip to Maldon. We were met part-way along the train trip by a couple of members of the "feral car club" who had their cars on display at Muckleford. After lunch at Maldon, we looked around the historic township (the first town in Australia classified by the National Trust as a town of historic significance) and soaked up the old-world atmosphere. The return trip to Castlemaine was enjoyable chatting with members of other Austin clubs.

Saturday was also a fun-filled day with a visit to Bendigo Pottery and the antique complex. In the afternoon, most people spent their free time enjoying the Easter Fair festivities in and around Bendigo.

On the Saturday night, Fred & Annette's A35 van and the A30s of Don Jones and Brian & Pauline took part in the Torchlight Procession through the centre of Bendigo, together with Nairn's Freeway and Adam's Austin A95. The Procession was a lot of fun for the participants and the spectators. We had a very positive response to our cars and lots of encouragement and waves from the public. Sunday was car display day at the Bendigo Jockey club.

Sunday night was the Gala Dinner with request to dress in our best 1960's or 1970's outfits. Lots of people made a big effort with original flares, miniskirts and hippy outfits and it was a lot of fun. The meal and the service at the All Seasons was fantastic and everyone had a good time. There were lots of awards and prizes handed out by Adam. At the end of the night we rounded up A30 participants for a group photo and we finished the night again around the pool.

Those who were there on Easter Monday enjoyed a visit to the grand Stupa, a Buddhist construction which when completed will be the largest outside Asia. The weekend concluded with a farewell buffet on Monday night, attended by 150 members of the various car clubs. It was a great way to catch up with Austin people from all over Australia in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere.

Congratulations to Adam Francis and Jan McMaster and the team from the Austin A40 club for a well-organised fun event.

The next Austins Over Australia will be held in 2015 in Devonport, Tasmania.

Annette Brauneis and Brian Brooks



Good Friday
Maldon Train trip &
Awakening of the
Dragon

F. Brauneis directing cars
to
Castlemaine



Steam LocoK190
At
Castlemaine
Station



Steam Train with 1930's
Carriages on way
To Historic Maldon



Awakening of the Dragon with 100.000 firecrackers



Fred, Don & Brian waiting to drive in the Torchlight Procession



All three photos are part of the Torchlight Procession



Gateway to Chinese Precinct



Easter Sunday Parade



Sun Loong Dragon 100m long

Group Photo of A30 Members at the Gala



Line Up of A30's on Sunday

WA Members Terry Johnson & Fleur



BOOKS & DVDs AVAILABLE FROM THE CLUB LIBRARY

AUSTIN 100 YEARS 1905 to 2005 DVD at Scienceworks displaying cars to celebrate 100 years of the Austin Motor Co. This DVD was put together by Tom & Dot de Mille productions and displays all cars in attendance. A good coverage of the event with voice over from the dulcet tones of Dot .

AUSTIN A30 SERVICE MANUAL. We have a few copies of this manual. It covers all you need to know about your A30 and provides good technical tips to make the task easier.

MEN AND MOTORS OF THE AUSTIN by Barney Sharratt. Barney is a noted Austin expert researcher and this book goes behind the people who worked at Austin It tells a wonderful tale of the people who worked at Austin together with the benevolence of its founder Herbert Austin. The Austins produced at Longbridge were some of the best produced cars of the time and this book provides an insight into the reasons why they were such good cars.

POST WAR BABY AUSTINS by Barney Sharratt. Another book by Barney. If you have not read this book ,you know very little about the Austin A30.This is a good read loaded with lots of good pictures and good detail. It will make you appreciate the durability and excellent engineering that went in to producing a low cost car that did not cut corners in regard to quality.

A TUNING THE A SERIES ENGINE by David Vizard. This book is loaded with lots of technical detail about the A series engine put together in a very easy to understand format. Even if you don't want to modify your engine , this book provides some excellent advice on minor tuning improvements that can make your car perform better and be more pleasant to drive.A good read.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CLUB WILL SEND POST FREE TO ANY COUNTRY OR INTERSTATE MEMBERS ANY OF THE ABOVE ITEMS FOR THE REMAINDER OF THIS YEAR .

YOU CAN ALSO REQUEST OTHER BOOKS FROM THE CLUB LIBRARY – JUST CHECK OUR WEB SITE : www.austina30.net.au FOR DETAIL AND WE WILL FORWARD TO YOU.

A MAXIMUM OF TWO BOOKS CAN BE OBTAINED (EITHER ONE AT TIME OR TWO TOGETHER) DURING 2013. THE CLUB MEMBER CAN HAVE THE BOOK FOR A 4 WEEK LOAN AND THEN PAY FOR THE RETURN POSTAGE.

PLEASE USE THIS SERVICE AS IT IS PROVIDED FREE BY THE CLUB AND WE WANT EVERYONE TO SHARE IN THE CLUB'S RESOURCES. MANY OF THE BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY HAVE BEEN GENEROUSLY DONATED BY CLUB MEMBERS.

Contact Jim Fowler our librarian on 03 94397971 for loan services.



On the Road

with Bob Laughton

G'Day,

Unfortunately I was unable to make it to AOA. Next time . On the home front Locky has finished with his basketball and football, as he prepares himself to enter the forces. I have to take him to Albury NSW. That will be an early morning drive from here. A good two hours.

He is keeping fit by going to the gym most days , jogging and sometimes in the pool at Shepparton. He is still part-time at the Chinese Café and Packing shed . He has booked in for his learner permit for a motorcycle licence on March 16 and 17th.

I went to the Kyabram Vintage Engine show. I went in the flying A and Graeme Came in his mini pick up. He had an old lawn mower in the back. I had a 60's Villiers engine Scott Bonar . It was only 30 minutes from home. Just a nice drive . It was a top of probably 12 to 14 degrees. The wind chill factor had it at 0 degrees. It was a great couple of days. There were not many cars on the Saturday only a dozen or so. On the Sunday there were 25 cars and the "Austin" name was at the fore with 5 cars. A25ish 16hp, an 1800 , the flying A, an Austin 7 and Bill Simons Atlantic. There were some other nice cars, A Triumph TR4 and Graeme's MGTC on the Sunday. A dozen or so Tractors , At least 40 White American trucks, and 20 other trucks, Albion(1912), Chev Ford, Bedford etc. OOPS Austin as well.

The Sunday was freezing cold with the wind chill factor worse than the day before. I was shaking as I was trying to drink a cup of Coffee. Every-one was rugged up. Coffee \$1.00 and Sandwiches \$ 3.00. Lovely fresh and All good. The star of the show was two "Clippers" Ian Ansair made in Bulla Road Niddrie. One other a fully imported white engine and the engine was "mid mounted". It was used between Canberra and Queanbeyan as a daily bus . It was really lovely,

Turned out in originale colours etc. A real good couple of days apart from the freezing cold wind. Will go again next year. Some showers overnight but still Very dry up here!!

Till next time ,enjoy ya drive . I will have my eyes open looking for any visiting (Interstate) cars heading for Bendigo.

BOB.

BUY SWAP & SELL

FOR SALE

A30 4 DOOR SEDAN (EX NORM WHITTINGHAM'S CAR.)
 THE CAR LOOKS TO BE IN SOUND CONDITION WITH GOOD PAINT AND TRIM. BRAKES NEED ATTENTION AS THE PEDAL GOES TO THE FLOOR. THE CAR IS DRY STORED IN A SHED.
 CAR COMES WITH APPROX 4 PALLETS OF SPARES.

TOTAL PRICE IS \$ 3000 WITH SPARES.
 PS. THE CLUB MAY BE INTERESTED IN PURCHASING SOME OF THE SPARES TO ASSIST IN REDUCING THE PURCHASER'S OVERALL COST.
 CAR IS IN KATUNGA –NORTH OF SHEPPARTON IN VICTORIA

CONTACT GARY RANKIN PHONE : 0428646555
 Photos of the car are in the colour section page 11 in August Newsletter.

RELUCTANT SALE

GRAHAM BREWSTER'S 1956 BLACK A30 4 DOOR SEDAN.
 VEHICLE WAS FULLY RESTORED FROM THE GROUND UP IN 1998 AND HAS BEEN USED EXTENSIVELY SINCE
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 ENGINE: A40 FARINA 948CC WITH SU CARB , ALTERNATOR AND HARMONIC BALANCER.
 DRIVE TRAIN: MATCHING FARINA GEARBOX AND DIFF.
 REGISTRATION: VEHICLE IS ON FULL REGO.
 PRICE :\$6500 NEG, INCLUDES DUSR COVER ,TARP, CUSTOM MADE BRA , TOLLS AND SERVICE MANUALS. SPARE PANELS AND PARTS AVAILABLE.
 NO ADDITIONAL WORK REQUIRED , JUST DRIVE AWAY.
 ALL ENQUIRIES TO 07 3263 5352 GRAHAM BREWSTER

FOR SALE

AUSTIN A30 ROAD WHEELS WITH TYRES, SET OF 5
 THE TYRES ARE OVER 20 YEARS OLD SO ARE NOT SUITABLE FOR ROAD USE, BUT WOULD BE GOOD TO USE TO MOVE A CAR AROUND A WORKSHOP OR FOR PICKING UP AN OLD CAR BEFORE PLACING ON A TRAILER AS ALL REMAIN INFLATED.
 TOTAL PRICE FOR 5 IS \$25.
 PHONE BRIAN 0413 304 585

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

We have 95 financial members for the 2012/2013 year

There are 40 vehicles that use the club permit

We would like to welcome new members Luke ,Natasha, Corben.

Also Breanna Quick from Merbein Victoria to the club

REMEMBER

COPIES OF PAID CLUB PERMIT REGISTRATION NEEDS TO BE EITHER POSTED OR EMAILED TO THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY.

RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP FORMS IN THE NEXT NEWSLETTER (MAY EDITION)

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BLIND BIGHT 3980
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MAY 2013

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AUSTRALIAN AUSTIN A30 CAR CLUB INC.

CLUB MEETINGS

Club meetings are held on the **3rd Wednesday** of each month from **February to December**. Commencing at **8.00 pm**.

VENUE

CAMBERWELL UNITING CHURCH
314 Camberwell Road, CAMBERWELL. VICTORIA.
(Near Camberwell Junction)
Melways 45 J1
Parking available at front and rear of the building.

CLUB MERCHANDISE

Club Lapel Badges	\$5.00
Cloth Badge	\$5.00
Club Window Sticker Badge (Internal)	\$3.00
Club Key Ring	\$5.00
Club Grille Badge (Members)	\$20.00
Club Grille Badge (Non Members)	\$25.00
Tea and Coffee Mug with Club badge	\$8.00
Caps	\$18 .00
Barbeque Aprons Heavy black cotton with club emblem and pocket]	\$14.00
Stubby Holder	\$ 5.50
A5 Binder for copies of" A30 Minutes " inc 25 pockets	\$10.00

All items are plus postage if applicable

All Club Merchandise enquiries to Don Jones (03)5983 8788

CLUB CONTACTS

Please direct information & enquiries as follows:

Correspondence to the Secretary – Bob Dickson

Newsletter articles to the Editor – Maxine Fowler

Membership enquiries to Membership Secretary – Warren Barry

(Contact details are shown inside front cover)

SPARE PARTS

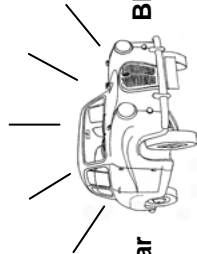
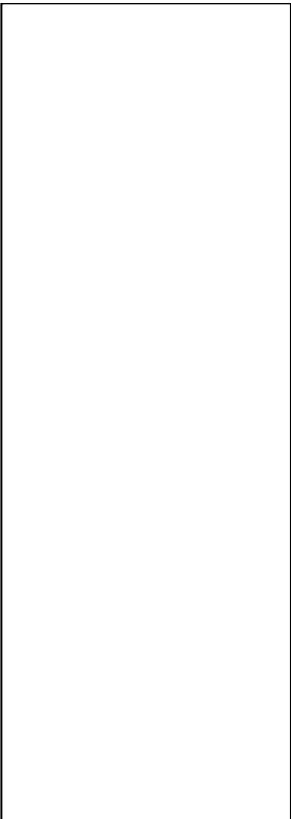
Contact Thorpe at

Morris Minor Australia, 56 Alex Avenue, Moorabbin. Victoria. 3189

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IF UNDELIVERED PLEASE RETURN TO: THE SECRETARY, AUSTRALIAN AUSTIN A30 CAR CLUB,
6A Dumossa Avenue Bulleen 3105 Victoria



Austin A30 - small car

BIG personality!