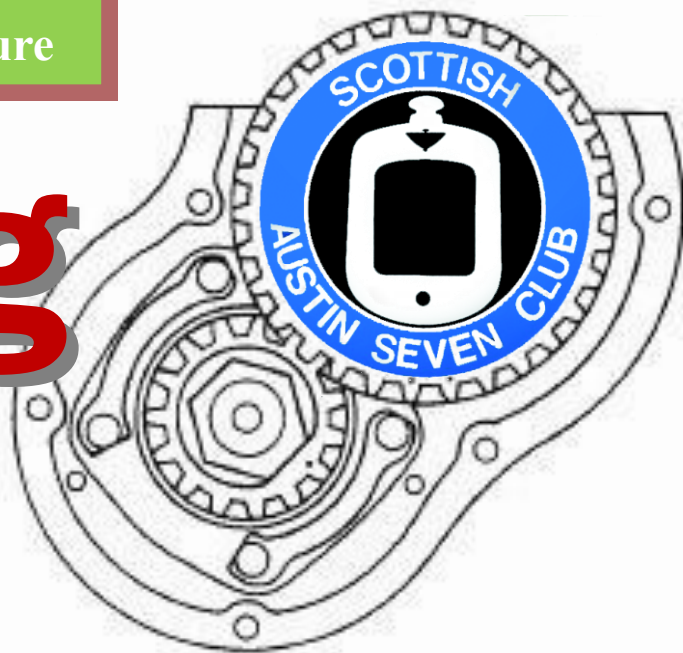


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Thank you all very much

Chairatorial

Ah, there you are! All dried out now and the mud scraped off your boots? Good.

If you were at Guildtown you will know that it was really a bit of a blast. Yes, we had rain, we had mud, we had a minor hiccup with the catering, but we had more good than bad. Folk rolled up from far and wide. The Gordon England theme provided a focus and an incentive for those who may never have braved the vagaries of Caledonia to join us, and, judging from the subsequent post bag, they enjoyed it.

My job is not however to report, it is to thank the endless list of people who worked so hard to make it happen. I cannot mention every person and every task accomplished, but there are a few that we as a Committee and a Club should mention.

Mr Peter Duncan for sponsoring our rather smart souvenir program. Mr Peter Naulls for his GE body display and the GE Owners souvenir pins. Miss Amy Naulls and Gracie for organising the Children's Treasure Hunt. Mrs Mary Anne Gibson and Mrs Jetta Mitchell for manning stalls in the Big Tent throughout Sunday, Mr John Davies for organising the Holiday and the extra Goodie Bags and all the Committee and H/WaGs who ran about in the mud getting stuff done. And Done it was!

If I have missed you out and you did great things then please forgive me. You will probably know that I burned out 2 FitBits running about over the weekend and you may have appeared as a blur of sunlight in my addled vision.

That was my last Guildtown as Chairlady and I could not have enjoyed it more; thank you to everyone.

In order to get rid of me we now require more of your time and attention. The AGM approacheth!

Whilst I know some folk have booked into the Atholl Arms, and some into the campsite, I would encourage everyone else to think about attending however suits you. If you can't make the whole weekend, or the Saturday night dinner then can you come for the meeting itself? Can you travel to Blair Atholl, sort out the Committee and the Club, have a quick bar lunch and go wherever you need to be? I know Blair Atholl sounds awful far from everywhere, but it is actually about 2 hours from Glasgow or Edinburgh and a bit less from anywhere closer! We are keen to hear from all of you and to have your ideas put to the floor, so see what you can do.

This edition of MP arrives as the nights draw in and the fires are lit. It will take

you back in time to unsafe practices in Australia, to last summer in France, to Ladybank and to Guildtown. Some have enjoyed one thing, some another, so happy reading , happy memories of an interesting year, and I look forward to seeing you at the AGM.

ClareLady

Ps

We had anticipated a longer report from the Borders Raid. The Editorial Team have been unable to track one down and we understand that the Correspondent has gone to ground—apologies



Membership Matters

It gives me pleasure to welcome to the Club, John Medlock following his visit to Guildtown this year. John is in Laurencekirk, Aberdeenshire and he owns a 1933 PD Tourer.

The Club membership stands at 174.

Gavin Boswell - Membership Secretary

AGM Weekend Blair Atholl
15th-17th November 2019



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It's a relaxing weekend of social gatherings, lovely scenery for walks, the opportunity for a trip to Bruar and then time in the bar and lounges for crafting, beer, tea and chat.



17th Annual General Meeting of the Scottish Austin Seven Club

The 17th Annual General Meeting of the Club as a limited liability company will take place on Saturday 16th November 2019 at 11.00 am in the Atholl Arms Hotel, Blair Atholl, Perthshire.

Items for discussion and proposals for committee members should be forwarded to me in writing as soon as possible and no later than 1st November for inclusion in the agenda.

Ruairidh Dunford—Club Secretary

Committee Profiles and Nominations 2019

Neil Gibson (Chair and Director)

Neil is a relative newcomer to the Club and took on the role of Events Coordinator last year – his involvement with members and the activities of the Club through that role has led him to stand as Chairman this year.

Pro. Jetta Sorbie Sec. Ian Dunford

Clare Young (MP Editor and Ordinary Committee member)

Clare is our most recent Chair and Director, she will stand down from this position after 4 years of dedicated service at our 2019 AGM. She is keen to carry on her role as joint-editor of Meshing Point and represent the rest of the team on Committee.

Pro. Iain Wilson Sec. Nicky Waugh

Gavin Boswell (Membership Secretary and Archivist)

Gavin's is currently the longest standing member on Committee, a stalwart helper at our annual rally and an efficient contributor to meetings. Gavin is keen to carry on the role of Membership Secretary and Club Archivist for 2019/20.

Pro. Steve Young Sec. Peter Naulls

John Davies (Events Co-ordinator)

John joined the Committee as an Ordinary member last year, he soon found himself organising a very successful Summer Holiday and Club stand at the Ladybank Rally. He is keen to continue with his successes in this area and become the Events Co-Ordinator for 2019/20.

Pro. Fergus Dobie Sec. John Armour

Ruairidh Dunford (Secretary and Director)

Ruairidh has previously held the Committee positions of Technical Advisor, Secretary, Editor and Chairman. He returned to Committee last year and is keen to continue in the role as Secretary for 2019/20.

Pro. Charlie Carpenter Sec. Margaret Staff

Marion Morrison (Treasurer / Company Secretary)

Marion is a diligent worker who is highly qualified to fill the roles of Treasurer and Company Secretary. She has guided the committee competently in all matters pertaining to finance and legal obligations. She is keen to continue in this post for 2019/20.

Pro. Jamie Wallace Sec. Caroline Boswell

Jenn Wallace (Regalia)

Jenn is an enthusiastic member of the committee having held this role for two years and introduced many new lines to the Club Regalia – her Rally T-shirts were hugely popular with attendees. She is keen to continue to develop the lines over period 2019/20.

Pro. Johny Johnstone Sec. Grace Naulls

Anneke Wallace (Trophy Coordinator)

Anneke has brought her organisational skills to this role over the last two years – she plays a very active role in meetings and organises the Brideswell Run. She is a stalwart helper at Guildtown and is keen to continue as Trophy Coordinator for 2019/20.

Pro. Ali Sutherland Sec. Sandy Petrie

Rupert Pugh (Webmaster)

Rupert has maintained the Club Website and Facebook over the last year – having completed his most recent Studies Dr Pugh is keen to take an even more active role in Club activities for the year 2019/20.

Pro. Rupert Balfry Sec. Geoff Morrison



Election of Directors

Each Director serves for 2 years.

Clare Young is standing down and Neil Gibson is looking to be elected for the period 2019-21.

Pro. Jan Gold Sec. Scott Paterson

Ruairidh Dunford will continue in his second elected year as Director.

Proposed changes to the Operational Rules

In Advance of the AGM members should note that the Committee wish to propose the following changes to the Operational Rules 7,

Amendment A:

Reason: The Club accounts are no longer audited as the company is run under the micro entity provision where audited accounts are not required – following rewording is required:

7. Finance

The Company Secretary (appointed as in 5b above) shall act as Treasurer and it will be incumbent upon him/her to administer the Financial aspects of the Club and to prepare the accounts for the preceding year (add) “and report on these at the AGM”. (removing) **duly audited, for approval at the AGM..**

Amendment B:

Reason: The Club no longer publishes ten copies of Meshing Point per year and following rewording is required:

Newsletter

The Editor as outlined in 5d above shall be responsible for the regular publication of a bulletin entitled "Meshing Point". This will be published (delete) **ten times each year** (change to) “**6 times a year with the addition of up to 4 e-newsletters when deemed necessary**” .

Amendment C

Reason: The current wording does not comply with GDPR and needs to be removed.

Data Protection Act

The club membership list giving names and contact details only (no car information) will be distributed to members of the club for the purpose of encouraging contact between each other. Only members who have indicated their willingness for their contact details to be shared will be included on the list. Copies will be sent to these members on request but those members who declined to be included will not receive copies.

AGM The Lighter Bits

Please don't forget that the AGM Mayhem Raffle requires your donations!

The 2020 Calendar and Regalia will be on sale on Saturday, so bring your pennies, your Christmas Lists and your measurements!

After The Serious Business the Post AGM Stroll and Picnic is planned. Last year Jen and Jamie lead us out and about so that our livers and minds were refreshed after the Meeting and we were ready for the Big Dinner. This was such a success that they have agreed to sort it out again.

If you are planning to join the Merry Throng please bring coats, boots, back pack, and something for your lunch. (The wee shop near the hotel sells perishable food if the weather isn't cold enough to leave stuff in your car from Friday afternoon) .

We look forward to seeing you in your finery for the Dinner and Awards, and then bright eyed and bushy tailed at Sunday Breakfast!

The Management

Vintage Cars—The Pell Years



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REPAIRING PETROL TANKS – Roger Martin

Interested in the August mag bit about repairing petrol tanks with exhaust gases being fed in.

I have done this a couple of times on vintage tanks, including a Le Mans one.

If you want details, let me know.

No oxygen – no boom.

All the best. My man still alive in Scotland?

Ed. My know-all advisers tell me that there have been serious injuries doing this. Just be sure to be sure.

I remember in about 1958 visiting a bloke in Sydney by the name of Charley Campie? who I think was into Singer Le Mans. We walked down his drive and were confronted by a man with no eyebrows, very little frizzy hair and a yellow face.

He said he always cleaned out topless 44 gallon drums using petrol. He would then duck down beside the drum and put a lighted rolled paper over the top. Boom, all was cleaned.

*This time the paper went out so he leaned into the drum to get some petrol on the end of the paper to try again. Unfortunately there must have been a burning ember on the paper. **BOOM!!** And yes I think the back of his arm was also badly cut. It had just happened and he was still in shock and said he also had a ringing in his ears.*

A CAUTIONARY TALE - Jak

Recently I have been doing a bit of work on a "Vintage" car, (well it could be after the July club meeting!). However the fuel tank was half full with quarter of a century old petrol. You know the stuff---it takes a week to get the unique pong out of your workshop, off your clothes & hands and as Mike Hawthorne always said "There is no fuel like an old fuel".

So----- after draining the tank in an appropriate environmentally friendly manner & removing it from the car, it was sent off to the EXPERT tank boilerouter. Yesterday I find out that the aforementioned boilerouter had done his thing in accidentally pressure testing the tank with an oxy torch!!

The inbuilt tank automatic safety valves (tank ends) came into operation & departed the scene, leaving the oxy torch man with big round eyes & wishing he had worn his dark brown corduroy trousers & bicycle clips to work that day!! Fortunately no one was hurt! This reminded me of how as a Spotty Herbert with some MG owning mates way back in the dim dark ages helping repair a MGTC fuel tank by using a similar technique. Result--- a tank which then held an extra 3 gallons!!!

It hung on the wall of the MG Car Club clubrooms wall for a couple of years as a lesson to others.

Also a few years back I went to visit a prominent member of VCCQ in his workshop. He was working on a tank from The Mysterious Order of the Inverted Red Triangle, (that should narrow down who said member was), The flickering light of an oxy torch made me retreat rather quickly to a safe distance. Awaiting the inevitable BANG & quickly boning up on my CPR skills----- BUT nothing happened and slowly getting up the bottle to approach, I noticed that there was a hosepipe going into the filler neck of the tank with the other end fitted to the tailpipe of his Ford Falcon which was at a fast idle. Finally said member was finished & assured me that for the last 60 years or so (this should further narrow down said member's identity) he had been using this method to weld fuel tanks. Any expert & uninjured VCCQ member care to comment?

Meanwhile the "Vintage" car is getting a new tank. It's an ill wind etc.

Thank you to Michael Pell for gaining permission for us to publish these very interesting insights into the lifestyle of the Antipodean Vintage Restoration Expert. These items were noticed in the magazine of the Vintage Car Club of Queensland, which is apparently Michael's current reading material!



Alan Morrice and Ali Sutherland win for their work together on OJ

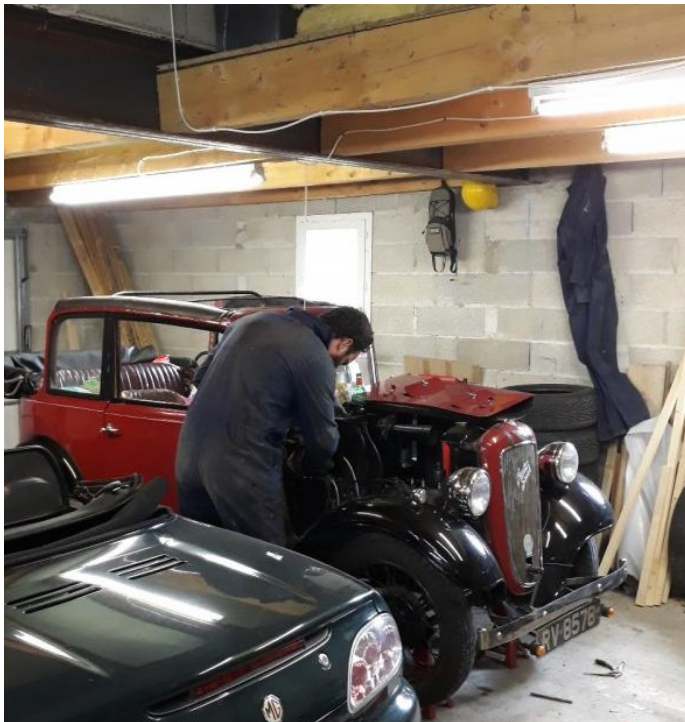
**OJ Rides Again
Best Car in Show**



Family Touring Holiday in France 2018

Part the Sixth

We were now 1000 miles into the journey and, whilst near a workshop, I took the opportunity to work on a few niggles with the steering - which was tightening up. I reversed the cotters in the brake levers, removed the cable and removed some material from the end caps which all helped but it was not until I removed the driver's side track rod arm that it all freed off properly. It had rotated in the stub axle causing the pin to bind on lock.

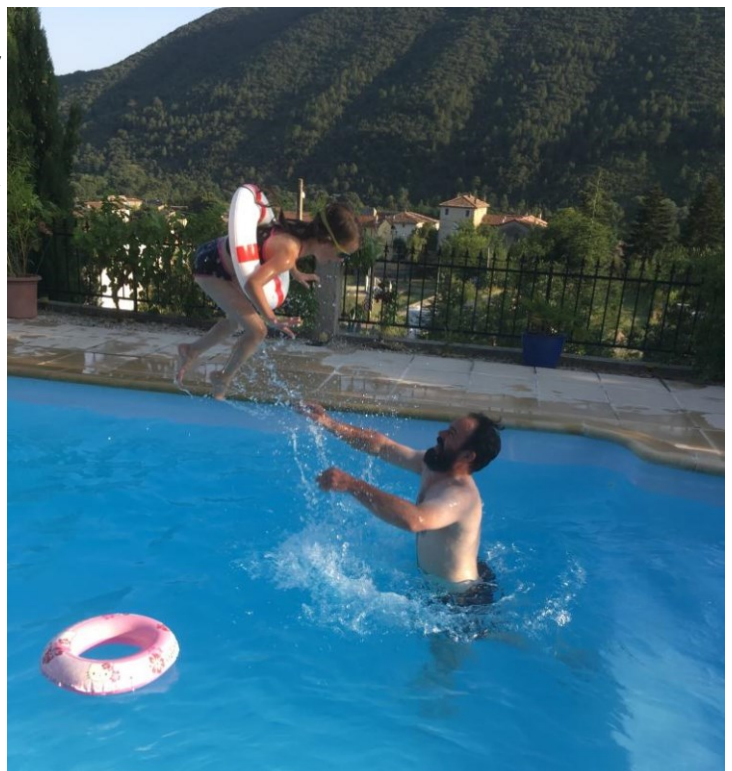


Bruce helped me by holding the arm steady whilst I tightened - this solved the issue for the rest of the holiday. I also swapped the front wheels over and reset the tracking, all this activity disturbed something in the stator tube and I then had to remove the horn assembly to reattach a wire before the indicators worked properly!

Bruce's workshop had an air conditioner in it but even with that - I was absolutely sweltering in the heat, Bruce supplied cold drinks and told me it can get quite a bit warmer some days!

The nearest town (St Ambroix) was holding a medieval market so after lunch we headed up the road to see some of the extraordinary sights which we visited after lunch. Apparently Bruce is normally allergic to such events but braved it for us - thank you Bruce!

It was very warm and we soon returned to the house for a swim and a cool down - Bruce assumed his position at the barbecue and produced some excellent dinner!



We left Chez Rekkers in sunshine and, after fuelling up with petrol and some food for the journey, we followed Bruce's recommended route up in to the mountains - the houses were varied and the scenery surprisingly green for such a hot place. After a long and windy climb we pulled in for a picnic, soon taking shelter



under a tree from big drops of rain. This quickly became a downpour and we rushed to pack away the food and put up the roof.

The rain stayed with us all of that day and when we arrived at the campsite in Meyruis I was in no mood to put up the tent so asked if any caravans or similar were available. To my delight they had one large tent available and I eagerly handed over the cash - it was a much more

comfortable proposition than our tiny tent!

Meyruis was the place my parents came to on my first visit to France in 1974 - they took everything needed for the three of us in their '29 tourer and used the rear seat base as my bed. The holiday was organised by the Bristol Austin Seven Club and around a dozen cars took part staying at the very site we had booked into. I told the new owners the story and showed some photos of the cars and people who had attended.

The weather was bright and sunny again the next morning and we set up our tent on another part of the campsite while the girls paddled in the stream and looked for baby trout.



Letters from Lincolnshire

The Guildtown Report

I have been aware of the existence of the annual Guildtown National Rally for several years and it seemed like a fun event I would like to participate in one day.....

My retirement project has been to build a recreation of a "Cup" model using a body built for me by the late Rod Griffin, onto a 1927 rolling chassis, which had obviously once been the basis of a "Special". I purchased this eleven years ago, in fairly decrepit condition, from an auto jumbler.

Earlier this year whilst talking to Ruairidh about his "Cup in a Box" restoration project he mentioned to me that the theme for the 2019 Rally was to be "Gordon England" and he invited me to attend. I discovered that the PWA7C trailer was available, so decided to enter!

We left home in Lincolnshire with the "Cup" lashed to the trailer and headed north, breaking the journey with an overnight stay with our daughter and family near Newcastle. We arrived at Guildtown early on Friday afternoon in very warm sunshine to be welcomed by Ruairidh and a very efficient group of marshalls who rapidly helped me unload the "Cup" and pushed the trailer away to the parking area. We chose an area to erect our tent on a level area on the high side of the field – I had seen the pessimistic weather forecast! By now we were famished so we made our way to the "Anglers Inn" across the road for an excellent restorative lunch.

Returning to our tent we met Bill Gardner whose "All Alloy Cup" blog I have been following with great interest and admiration. He was camping next door and invited us in for tea and biscuits, and a chat.

Sometime during the afternoon a "Welcome" pack appeared in my car containing a beautifully produced program booklet for the weekend, an SA7C teeshirt (which I had forgotten I'd ordered!) a torch and other little goodies, most of which my wife purloined!

The "Welcome" barbecue started at 6.00 and we walked over clutching chairs, food and bottles. We managed to find space for our chops and sausages on the griddle and were soon enjoying a most convivial meal in the warm evening sunshine. We chatted with our new friends long into the evening before returning to the tent for the night.

The night was wet but we



stayed warm and dry. We were up early, as were a surprising number of others, and were soon enjoying the excellent warm showers in the Club house before breakfasting.

The heavy rain had passed making the field entrance very wet, but the sky was still overcast. We signed up for the “suggested scenic route through Perthshire and Angus countryside” and set off about 11a.m. following the comprehensive directions – we only went slightly wrong once! We arrived at the Pitcrocknie Restaurant for a meal of soup, sandwiches and hot drinks, sitting with friends Howard and Liz from Wales. After lunch the weather was quite sunny so we put the hood down and returned to Guildtown following the optional scenic route travelling in total about 40 miles. The rest of the afternoon I spent looking at the various Austins that took my fancy and talking to their owners. Apart from the Gordon England contingent there was a very impressive collection of Austin Seven variants to be seen.

After cooking our evening meal and dining in the sunshine we went over to join the Ceilidh with the added attraction of a free Bar! Our rusty dance skills were soon put to the test and encouraged by the initial walk through and the excellent band, we had a thoroughly enjoyable evening of dancing!

Sunday dawned bright and sunny and started in quite a leisurely fashion. I managed to remove some of the mud from my wheels and cleaned the rest of the car before parking it by my numbered peg. There were 18 Gordon England cars in total of which 11 were “Cups”, 2 were Stadiums and the rest Brooklands models! An exclusive Gordon England lapel badge, sponsored by Peter Naulls, was presented to each exhibitor.

A highlight of the day for me was to meet and talk with Tom Abernethy, the Gordon England “Guru”, who has done so much to stimulate interest and personally recreate “Cup” and “Brooklands” models, many of



which were present at the Rally. He and a friend brought his two cars – the well known green “Cup”





and an original 1926 model brought back recently from America which he has rebuilt.

Many of the 75 or so cars from this varied Austin collection took my fancy but two of my personal favourites were the rare 1930 Boyd Carpenter of Gerry Flockhart, with an LAP ohv conversion, and Tony Bett's 1925 "oily rag" tourer formerly known as the "Streatham Chummy" which has just been recommissioned. I also coveted the wonderful brass three dimensional "winged wheel" Austin radiator mascot on



Geoffrey Livingstone's "Cup" model. Apparently these were available in three sizes to suit different cars.

Several Autojumble stalls were present including those of Tony Betts, John Barlow and the Scottish Club, all selling interesting items - pity I hadn't brought any spare cash with me! Peter Naulls had a beautifully crafted wooden "Cup" body for sale, and Andrew Goodfellow had many of the fabricated steel parts on offer. Anyone wishing to create a "Cup" model would have been able to get off to a flying start! A mobile food trailer arrived and trade was brisk selling a variety of food and drink – the bacon rolls were extremely tasty!



We "self judged" cars in our own class – an excellent

way of judging trophy winners.

There was a “period dress” competition in which a small number of people, including ourselves, took part, and to add to the atmosphere, a marvelous Jazz band played on a variety of instruments throughout the day until Prize giving.

After Prize giving some cars headed for home, but we weren’t due to depart until Monday morning, so were able to take part later in the “Survivors Barbecue” where

we cooked the last of our meat and drank the last of the beer, dining again in glorious summer sunshine! Just when we thought we had finished eating, the Flockharts beckoned us over to help them finish up the last of their delicious beefburgers!

This gesture epitomizes the wonderful friendly atmosphere of everyone at Guildtown. I found it quite impossible to walk across the field, at any time, without having several different conversations with new acquaintances!

We both thoroughly enjoyed the National Rally experience of Guildtown 2019, and can thoroughly recommend it to any Austin Seven enthusiast. We will treasure our memories of this event for many years to come.

Ashley
Vincent



Guildtown Awards







Post Rally; Glamping in Guildtown!

What makes a holiday?

It's a good question and great starting point. Some may say location; the beach and exploring the seaside (even under the sea), others the mountains and valleys or even the stay-cation in your own area, visiting places people travel miles to see, but you haven't even gone down the road to see them yourself!

I feel as I get older, new experiences make a holiday, but who with, family, friends or the rest of the people on the bus, boat or aeroplane...?

Now I feel we come to what makes a great holiday - a new experience with new people no matter where you go. However all it takes is one, person [louder than me!] in a hotel and you come back un-rested and never wanting to return, with that "ba humbug feeling" [other sayings are available].

We've all been there. This summer I went on an adventure with my teddy Albert [for those who have yet to be introduced to him], we drove to Guildtown.

Ok, we eventually arrived on a flatbed truck, but arrived nonetheless. As soon as the car was placed on terra firma we were surrounded by eager new friends helping Albert and I begin our first rally experience. We set up the tent, complete with wardrobe, kitchen (including sink), carpet, double bed with duvet, 4 pillows and headboard. Doesn't everyone camp like this?!



I have to say, we were going to stay until Tuesday but finally left the following Sunday, after the rally had finished. So why did we stay? Were there more mechanical problems, I hear you ask? Well, let's find out.

We collectively are beings in continual state of flux, so spontaneously I decided to stay. I wouldn't stay if I didn't like, love or enjoy the experience and let's face it, life is full of magical experiences, if you allow yourself to enjoy them, and this holiday was one of them. The warmth and the friendship shown not only to old friends but to new faces such as myself, contributed to the amazing time had by all. "Why so good?" I hear you ask, what happened next?

As the various groups left, an air of tranquillity, silence, almost like time stopped on our reduced camp site....

Who am I kidding?!! Trips were arranged, meals put together, communal eating, Italian spaghetti, Spanish paella, back to Italian pizza in the evenings, all made



with love, fun and enjoyment, thanks Ruairidh. You never had to sit alone with your teddy and a pot noodle, I gave my pot noodles away to John [to save for later, at home] hope you enjoy the cha siu one. Also, a great



time was had by all making music in the evenings with poetry, fiddle, clarsach, singing, dancing and sorry about my rendition of It's Raining Men definitely not singing trust me, but a big thank you to my backing girls Mary-Ann and Tanya. See what you missed!!

It was not long before my new friends soon had the Austin Big 7 roadworthy again. I wore my Panama and Albert wore his bow tie and off we went. During the day we had stop-offs at fantastic eateries, cutting along hidden roads and byways which without local knowledge, I will never find again. It was truly awesome. All interests were catered for from wineries through to antique shops, shopping for presents in Perth, visits to castles and lovely wee towns and loads more. See what you missed!

So the question is - will I be going back to stay for the full 8 days? You had better believe it Guildtown! After the rally, THE CAMP makes a great event just "perfect" as David Jason used to say.

Ian Wilson

PS. In order to finally leave the camp site I did once again need to get a flatbed truck lift, however not in the direction of home, but instead to my new friends Ruairidh and Tanya's home to get the car fixed. Thank you. The joys of vintage travel! What a great ending to the perfect holiday. See what you missed!



FAVVO 31st Rally

Fife Association of Vintage Vehicle Owners held their 31st Vintage Vehicle Rally at Brucefield by Ladybank on Sunday 25th August 2019. Fiona and I arrived at the camping site which was in a brilliant location on the Friday afternoon. The sun shone all weekend.

John Davies had organised the weekend for us and also a pitch in the rally field for The Scottish Austin Seven Club. Unfortunately, our club did not have a good turn out for this rally and if it was not for myself, John Kenny and John Davies the pitch would have been empty. Hopefully next year this rally will be better supported by our club.

This was a new rally for us and we had a fabulous weekend with lots of fun and laughter and plenty of cider. John and Angie Kenny were also celebrating their wedding anniversary and John very generously treated Angie to a can of high alcohol 'Dragon Soup'!

The rally had trade stalls, a car boot sale and auction on the Saturday and on the Sunday more trade stalls appeared. I bought some great items at the boot sale, auction and trade stalls and could not believe what I got for my money - excellent value. John Davies and John Kenny also made some magnificent purchases. Please see photograph below. A live band on the Saturday night and the music they were playing was brilliant - what more could you want?

There were another couple of Austin Seven's at the rally but they entered themselves. It's a shame more members didn't attend as I hear the moans and groans in the club saying that they want something new.....well they missed out big time.

John Kenny got a mention at the awards ceremony as he helped out with a medical emergency, well done John.

I would like to thank John Davies for arranging this weekend for our club. John you are definitely a man who is very enthusiastic about our club and wanting to encourage participation by our club members to more rallies. Hopefully more members in the future will act on your excellent ideas.

Fergus Dobie.



GN 312 Does Anybody Remember?

A couple of years ago I purchased a 1930 special from Southern Austin Spares in Croydon, the only history they knew of my car was it came from Scotland, via the trade I imagine.

The car is rather well made and I think has seen some competitive use, the fact of removable headlights for starters.... the chassis is standard however he's fitted with 17.s on the front and 19' on the rear... the dash panel is made of a old road sign...

The tubular-frame and Ali clad body are very well made...

If any of your readers can help I would really appreciate hearing from them, my email address is info@matthewmason.eu



Ali's Fund Raiser for SAA

Dear Trevor,

Thank you so much for the recent donation towards the life-saving service provided by Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance (SCAA).

On behalf of the whole team at SCAA, I would like to thank you for all the hard work involved in organising the tour of Morris Leslie's car collection for the Austin 7 Club. The £170.00 that was raised is a fantastic amount and very much appreciated by us all.

As the country's only charity-funded air ambulance, SCAA receives no government funding and relies entirely on public donations to deliver expert paramedic care to the scene of time-critical emergencies, in every corner of Scotland, 365 days a year. We simply could not continue our life-saving service without the generosity of valued supporters like yourselves, and every donation makes a difference.

Many thanks once again for your generous support and please pass on our appreciation to the Austin 7 Club members.

Yours sincerely

Katherine Farmer

Administration Assistant

The Arrow Restoration

OJ Part II

British racing green, the colour for me! with black wings and black powder coated wheels. The finished job really looks well, the black and green contrasting nicely. It was great rebuilding the car, and seeing everything coming together.

The engine, and body refitted, the fuel pump and petrol tank cleaned out. All the mechanics checked, lubricated and set up. The chrome work was all cleaned up, and sets the car off nicely.

Sandy Petrie did a few jobs for me, one was making the Arrow Script and the arrow from brass, which I sent away to be chromed, which now looks great on the radiator. Sandy also made new brass door handle fixing plates, which were also chromed.

I changed out the electric wiper motor for the original vacuum one, which I had refurbished and is working fine. Another change was



relocating the rear number plate to fit onto the spare wheel, which then allowed for a better location for the new indicators, being lower down on the



wings.

A new oak dashboard was fitted, with the glove compartment lined with snooker table felt. New choke and starter cables fitted and also a period dip switch fitted to the steering column. All the wiring was renewed, with armoured cable. A finishing touch was fitting three new mirrors, one rear view and two side.



I stripped out all the upholstery and took it up to Glyn Upholstery in Elgin to get redone. One thing that Glyn suggested was to make map pockets for the doors, which as he suggested looks well. The standard of work was excellent. I refitted the upholstery, and fitted rubber mat to the floor. Another job was to install seat runners to the drivers seat, which is now adjustable. I am really pleased how the car has turned out. All the hard work had paid off.

On finishing this article, I would like to pay tribute to Ally Sutherland for his help and guidance. We had a great time working together, and also to Sandy Petrie who helped out when needed. I would also like to mention that I had kept Michael Pell updated on the work, and he and Brenda came over to Carnoustie to see the car before I took it home to New Aberdour. They were both pleased with the car and wished me many happy days with "OJ"
Allan Morrice.



*Some Parts from Letters your Club Secretary
Claims to have Received after Guildtown*

“Just a wee note to thank you and the others on the SA7C Committee for what must have been one of the best if not the best Guildtown Annual Rally ever?”

The social, and rally organisation was superb and you are all to be congratulated, please let your colleagues know how much their efforts were appreciated.”

“ Just to thank you for a superb weekend, the rally is always a great time but the effort I'm sure you put in to bring all the GE's together made it a fantastic time.”

“Thanks again for the great weekend and the warm welcome.”

“Just home after a great weekend at Guildtown. We really appreciated all the people who had made the journey from down South and we were treated to an extraordinary display of Gordon Englands. A big thank you to organisers and entrants alike.”

“Just back from a great weekend in Guildtown. A fantastic warm welcome from the SA7C . Good food, good company, good cars, a grand run out, excellent ceilidh, what more could you want?”

The rain seemed to favour us by giving sunny breaks almost to order. Thanks to all the committee who put so much into making it a great gathering.”

“A stunning long weekend. And well done to all involved, both those organising and everyone attending.”

“Thank you Scotland for a truly great event of which you can all be proud. One highlight for me was driving though Glenshee - utterly Cosmic. “

“Thank you to you, the "Clarelady" and all the rest of the organisation for a wonderful friendly weekend! The collection of cars was second to none and all the other events, the run on lovely quiet roads, the ceilidh and the display plus the barbecues, most enjoyable! It was great to meet lots of people known only to me previously by name, and we made many good friends. “

“Got back to North Yorkshire last night after a great Guildtown weekend followed by two days in Grantown on Spey and a day at North Berwick. Guildtown must be the friendliest and most relaxed event of the year, many thanks to all those who made it possible.”

“Only one word to describe the weekend...
Marvelous.... “

In our next edition other correspondence that the ladies and gentlemen claim to have sent him will be published—Ed



Your committee is meeting ...

Your committee wishes you to know when the committee meetings are scheduled. If you have any points you would like discussed or considered by the committee, please note the dates in the table.

ScA7C Committee meeting dates 2019 (7.30pm)		
Month	Main discussion /organisation points	Date
May	Rally	29/05
June	Rally – if required	26/06
August	AGM items for MP	28/08
October	AGM prep	30/10



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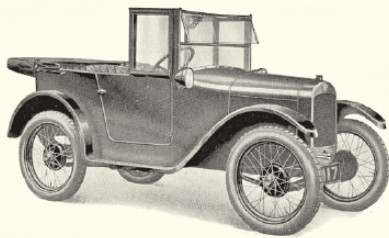


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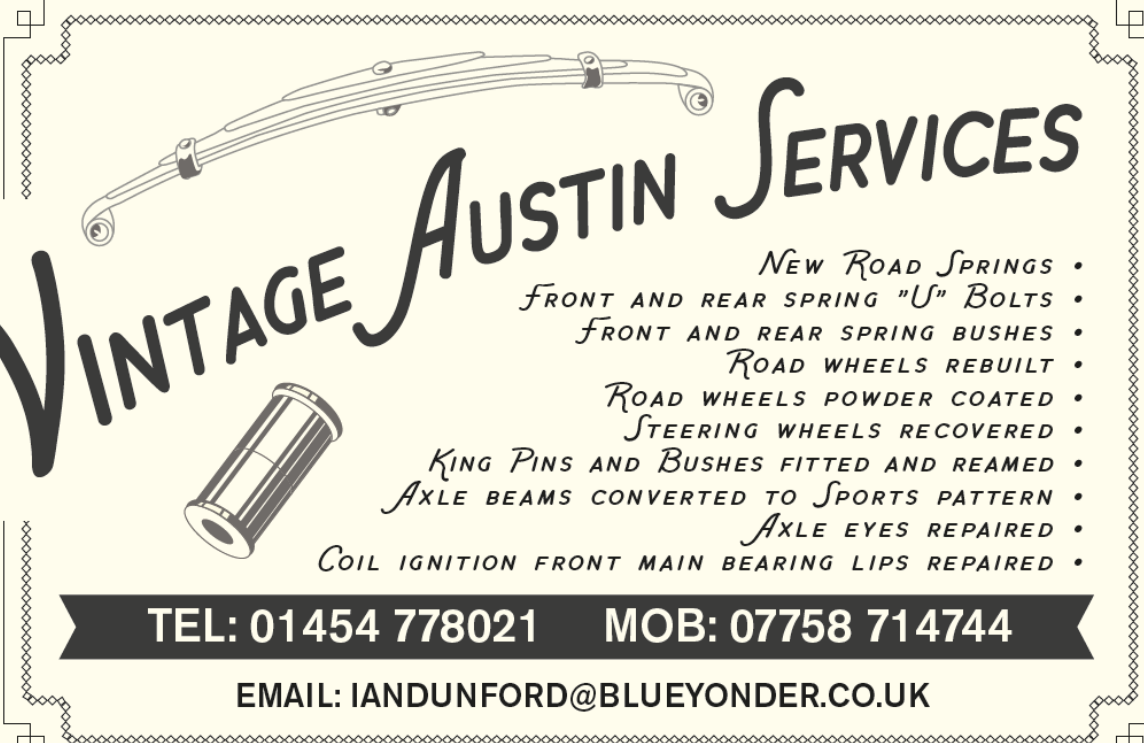
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Winter weekend and AGM

Atholl Arms Hotel,
Blair Atholl

Organiser: Committee

15-17 November 2019

**Including post AGM Amble
& Gala Dinner**



For those who have not been on one of the club run weekends, they are truly a weekend of kindred spirits in matching jackets and sweat-shirts delighted to join heads under a bonnet and troubleshoot the reason for a breakdown! Crafters - bring your projects, share ideas! Walkers - bring your boots and suggest a route or two.

Good fun, good roads and good company.