

# Stewart Edwards

It all started at Eastern Creek in Sydney in 1994 when I saw Paul Samuels and his beautiful cream Lotus 15. I was hooked and soon after bought the Stringer Special, a 1937 Austin 7 Special built in the early '50's by the Stringer brothers. They drove the car in circuit and hill climb races for many years in Victoria. In 1995 I had my first race in the car at Amaroo Park in Sydney which now, sadly, is a housing estate. There is a photo attached showing an aggressive competitor slamming into the side of my A7 in the second last turn of a feature race at Amaroo, sadly the instance precluded me from winning that race and the driver didn't even apologise after the event!



The car was driven at most of the Historic race events except for those in Adelaide, Perth and Phillip Island and sadly Baskerville or Simmons Plains. A close relationship on the track was developed between Alistair Clarke (MG) and Steen Pedersen (Amilcar). In Historic Group J & K races we would spend the entire meeting in a group of 3 cars with the lead changing nearly every lap. (Photo of the three of us fighting it out in the Col. Arthur Waite Memorial Trophy race at Winton VIC)



Then some 3 years later I decided to build a car from two shells and get involved in a new Historic Group, Na. I chose an Austin A30 and a year later it was built and on the track. For some time it held the lap record for its class at Wakefield Park near Goulburn in NSW. I gave the car to number three son for his 21st Birthday. Sadly he has lost interest in the car as he married and has a near 4 year old daughter. Plans are afoot to bring the car to Tassie and give it a new lease of life at Baskerville.

The other cars that have passed through my hands were an Austin Big Seven which was simply awful, Henry the 8th which was a very agricultural flat head Ford V8 Group Lb race special, a Group Sa TR3 which was used on track and road and finally an Austin Seven Special which I built and sold prior to coming to Tassie 6 years ago.

I look forward to driving the Austin A30 at Baskerville and enjoying the company of the club members.



I had the Weir & Male A40 Special which the seller advised was the original car which, sadly turned out to be a recreation!  
Built for show and not for go > GONE.