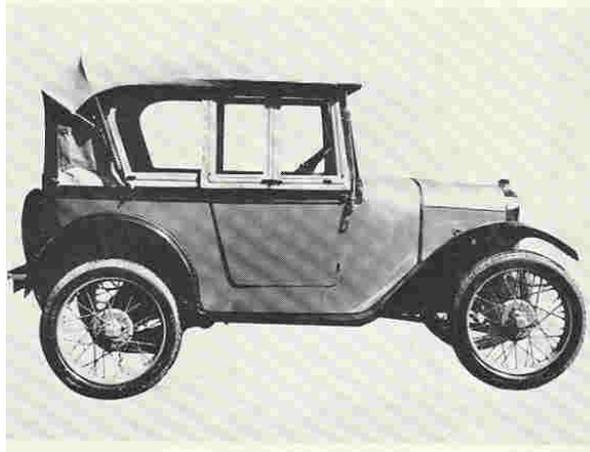


1928 Austin 7 Chummy



Typical 1928 Australian Chummy with 'Holden' Body

In February 1960, Tony Johns purchased from A D Rogers in McKinnon Victoria a black and white 1928 Chummy, registered number DN 473, fitted with an original body by Holden Motor Body Works.

The car was originally purchased from AUSTIN DISTRIBUTORS PTY LTD of 460 Bourke Street Melbourne, with Car number A7 1717, Magneto Engine No M 69139, Chassis No 69252.

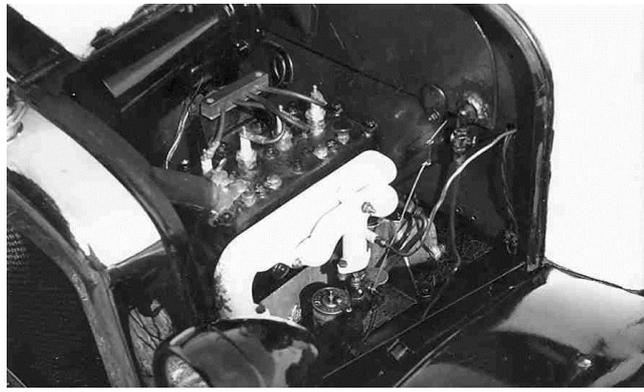


This Austin Distributors plate is bolted to the off side fuel tank bolt

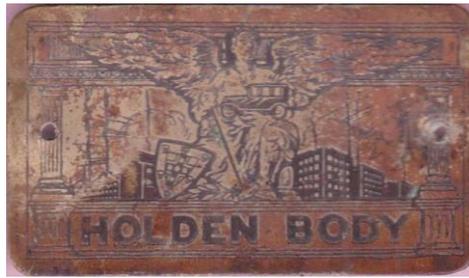
According to the registration certificate which came with the car, in 1933 the car was painted buff and maroon, with cream wheels, registration number 148 756. It was re-registered to DN 473 in May 1942 and in 1950 repainted 'grey' and black with black wheels.



1928 Chummy DN 473 photographed outside Tony Press' family house at 4 Inlet Street Aspendale in 1960, owner Tony Johns.



Original magneto motor and bronze Zenith updraught carburetor

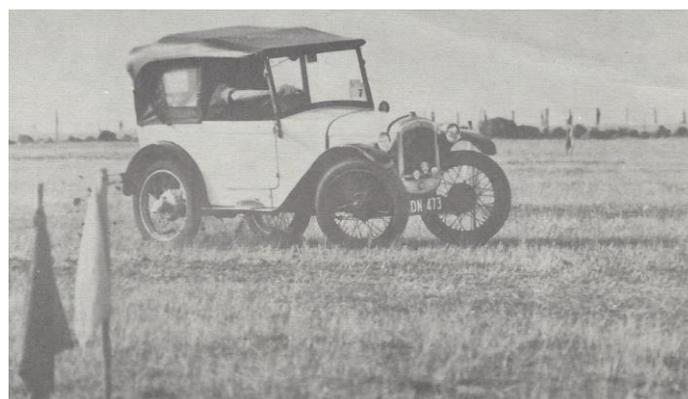


1928 Holden Body ID Plate on near side door hinge pillar

Tony Johns regularly drove DN 473 in trials gymkhanas and rallies over the next few years still with the original magneto motor.



Tony Johns driving his 1928 Chummy at Kalorama early 60's.



Tony Johns driving his 1928 Chummy in a Gymkhana at Mickelham in the 60's.

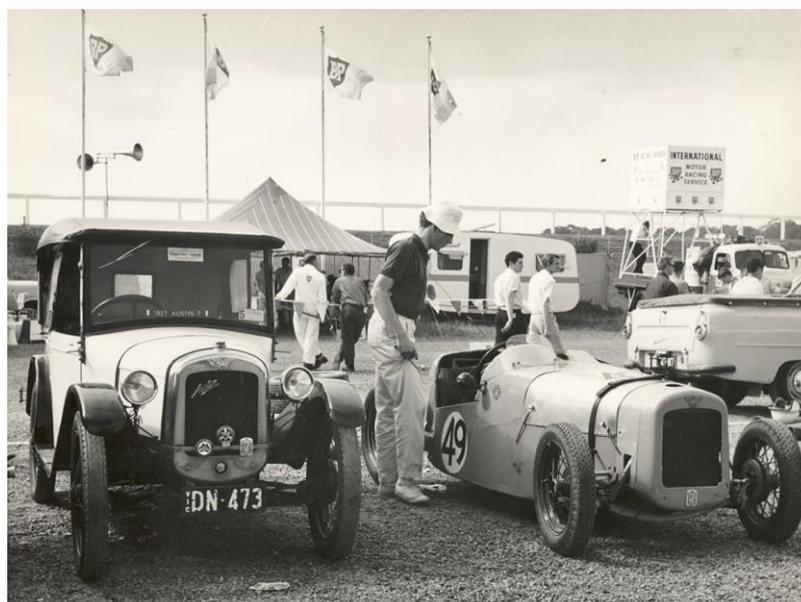
In the 70's Tony Johns replaced the original Magneto Motor M 69139 with a tuned 1930 heavy shaft coil motor and ran the car in a number of speed events, gaining FTD at Rob Roy.



1928 Chummy in racing trim



1928 Chummy, Tony Johns driving



Tony's 1928 Chummy DN 473 at Sandown mid 60's with his racing Austin 7.

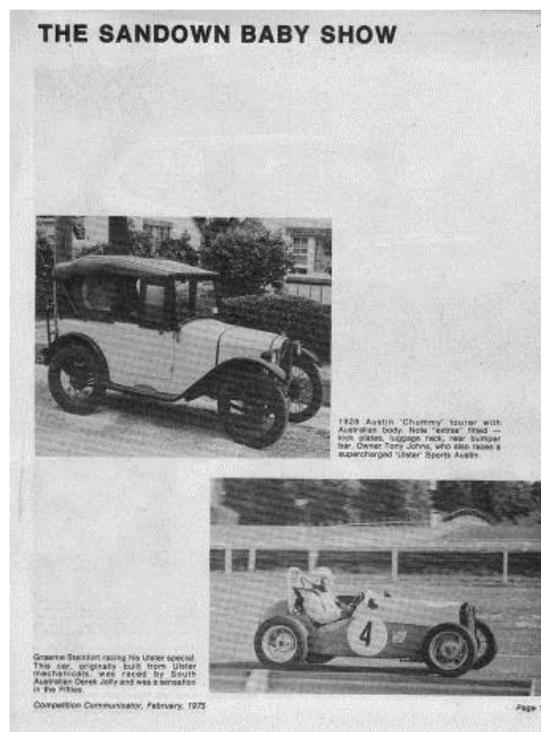


From the December 1970 Light Shaft
 'November 1970 Austin 7 Club Annual Rally
 Drivers Tony Johns and Merv Boldner competing in
 A pair of 1928 Chummy's manufactured two months apart'

The car continued to appear in many Club and other events as well as a couple of weddings.



DN 473 in the VSCC Rally 1973.



DN 473 at Sandown, 1975.

In the 1980's, Tony Johns sold Chummy DN 473 to Alan Hamilton of Hamilton Porsche, who later sold the car to a director of Jones Lang Wooton. During this time the body was repainted, retaining the previous white body with black guards and wheels.

Wayne Styles purchased DN 473 from the deceased estate of the director in 2002. He replaced the 'racing' 1930 motor with what he called a more appropriate late 1928 coil motor, number M71801, to conform to the car's 1928 build date.

Steve Abel purchased the Chummy from Wayne in 2004 with this motor, later obtaining the original 1928 Magneto Motor M 69139 from Tony Johns (which is still with the car). It lost its full registration around this time.

Steve rebuilt the 'new' motor M 71801, fitting a new block which had been overhauled by BNB engineering, a new heavy crankshaft, bearings, pistons, rings, valves and sundry other items including a 1937 cylinder head plus manifold. The carburettor was replaced with a post war side draught 1 1/8"

SU on an adapter plate. The body was restored, re upholstered in red leathercloth and fitted with a new hood, retaining the original sidescreens. He also fitted traffic indicators front and rear.

In April 2010 Tony Press bought this Chummy, car number A7 1717 still with engine M71801, and chassis 69252, Car A7 1717. With help from Tony Johns the original 1928 Magneto Motor M 69139 also came with the car. After some remedial work, which included disconnecting the poorly made front brake footbrake connection and returning the car to separate front and rear brakes, adding Lucas tail lamp with matching indicator lamps.

The car was Club registered 5-491 in 2010 and used on Club events. Later repairs included tightening the flywheel which came loose, re-setting all the big ends which were loose by fitting shims in the caps, re-setting the front and rear hub bearings, tightening the axle nuts and checking the brakes.



The Chummy after repairs



The Chummy after fitting a 1928 coil engine and 1 1/8" SU

At the 2012 Annual Rally the car was awarded the Austin Seven Perpetual Trophy Transport Class and Ray Mitchell Trophy Directors Choice.

It now has a full set of the correct Austin 7 tools in a reproduction of the original Tool Roll as well as a 7" Jack, Tyre Pump and Wheelbrace.



Austin 7 Chummy, Club Registered 5-491 at Rob Roy, October 2012