BERKELEY ENTHUSIASTS CLUB BULLETIN

Chairman's Report

This new decade is being heralded as 'The Roaring Twenties' by some sections of the media and for me it has certainly started off with a 'roar' Berkeley-wise, having myself done three local shows since the Christmas Holiday break!

You will most likely be reading this report over the weekend of the 2020 Monte Carlo Classique/Historique Rally. Just seventeen intrepid crews with their cars will set off from the Glasgow start and travel south via Stranraer on their way to catch the ferry crossing from Dover, so as to continue through Europe to the principality. They will, as last year, take a short break at the Banbury Passage Control to which five Berkeleys will yet again be present to meet them, along with other classic car clubs in the Market Square on Thursday the 30th of January.

There are a few things I'd like you to consider over the coming weeks prior to our own club rallying season, which effectively starts in May, they are as follows:

Wheel Nuts, Stroud, Gloucestershire, Sunday 3rd May

As you are aware from previous Bulletins, we are trying to amass at least ten Berkeleys in honour of Dave Rich, the late organiser for the BEC of this event. 'The Perfect Ten' was always his dream, so let's all do our utmost to make this happen! In my last appeal I only got responses from the 'usual suspects', around five of the 'drivers and doers' within the club, this only represents half of the ten! I will have to make the application for a BEC club stand very soon so please give this your utmost consideration.

Prescott Classic Hill Climb, 9th-10th May

We have been informed that there are now only a few limited places left to register for the 'hill runs', so if you intend to go, I suggest you make an application soon.

BEC Annual AGM/Rally 13th-14th June

Please note that we have moved this date out of **May** into **June**, as the month was getting far too crowded with events!

The Shuttleworth Collection, Old Warden Aerodrome, Nr Biggleswade, Bedfordshire. 'Biggles Evening Flying Event', Saturday 20th June

We have been approached and received a tentative invitation to have an input into this event, which you will note from the 'Events' page, coincides with the 'Biggleswade Community Carnival Parade' in the Town. It is hoped that we can combine the two, as the carnival event in Biggleswade Town starts at 2.00pm. The Old Warden 'Biggles' event programme is essentially a late afternoon event. Gates open to the public at midday; vehicle chat with Dan Albone, (presumably including us?) at 3.00pm; Flying Display starts at 5.30pm and ends at 8.00pm. I have yet to receive further details of the terms, but having already consulted the usual suspects

from the BEC 'drivers and doers', I have had an appreciable response with a wish to attend. I will, of course, give updates on the situation in subsequent issues but if you feel you would like to participate please let me know as numbers may be restricted.

As also advertised in 'Events', **The Royal Enfield Owners Club Autojumble, 18th April.** This event intrinsically will be of interest to those members running or restoring the Royal Enfield engine B95/B105 Berkeleys. Mark Mumford from the RE owners club has asked me to inform those members who fall into the aforementioned category to email him any specific requests for suitable engine parts, as he is having a general clear out of his extensive S/H stocks! He apparently has far too many to take to the actual Autojumble, but will sort out and bring any pre-requested parts for your consideration.

National Microcar Rally 2020

Please find as an attachment, the Draft Minutes from the review meeting of October last regarding the 2019 event. As previously stated, at the time of writing there has been no sponsor coming forward to host this year's event. Recent communiqué from Grant Kearney would suggest that a deal may be imminent, but he cannot say for definite prior to this Bulletin issue going out. We will, of course, keep you updated in future issues.

Finally, those of you who ordered the BEC B95/B105 and Berkeley Three Wheeler Diamond Jubilee Anniversary Calendar should by now have received your copy. I hope that you're all pleased with the result. A big thanks to all those involved in its production and distribution and an even bigger thanks to those who turned out with their cars to be photographed to appear in the calendar!

Keep Berkeleying and 'roar' into the 'roaring twenties' in your Berkeley!

Geoff (Bill) Toyer *geedadtee@ntlworld.com*

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NEWS

From the organisers of Biggleswade Community Carnival 20th June

Biggleswade community carnival would love to invite the Berkeley car owners club to join in with our carnival this year. Our theme is let's go travel and with Biggleswade being the birth place of your amazing cars we would love to show case a little bit of Biggleswade's history in our events. The parade on the day starts at 2pm from Biggleswade academy school and lasts about 2 hours max depending on the amount of participants in the parade. Anyone wishing to join in will need to have a separate type of insurance to participate which can be obtained from Daws insurance in Biggleswade if you do not already have it (usually if you show your cars regularly you will have cover). The event raises money for several local charities and all proceeds from the event will go directly back into the community.

If you are interested in taking part please contact Geoff Toyer *(n.b. as detailed in the Chairman's report ,this date coincides with the 'Biggles' evening flying event at the Old Warden Aerodrome, Biggleswade).*

The Silverstone Experience - Special offer for club members

We have been contacted by the organisers of Silverstone Experience to offer a club discount up until 29th February.

The Silverstone Experience is a brand new visitor attraction at The Home of British Motor Racing.

Visitors can take an immersive 2.5 hour journey through the past, present and future of British motor racing and the history of the famous racing circuit.

They will discover everything from medieval monks to WW2 Wellington Bombers and will be able to get up close to Formula 1 cars and racing motorcycles.



The Silverstone Experience is packed with hands-on activities. Children and grown-ups alike can climb into a replica Grand Prix car, practice their skills as an RAF pilot and try commentating on a race.

They'll also be able to find out about the science and engineering behind the sport in the engaging Tech Lab.

Add to this a 360-degree cinema experience, 'The Ultimate Lap of Silverstone,' and an outdoor track trail and there's something for everyone!

•2-3 hours of entertainment for everyone, not just motorsports enthusiasts.
•Family-friendly, indoors except for outdoor heritage track trail
•Atrium Café & Shop with exclusive Silverstone Merchandise
•Entrance includes 360-degree cinema experience – The Ultimate Lap of Silverstone
•Free Parking

*Visit **www.silverstone-experience.co.uk** for further details.*

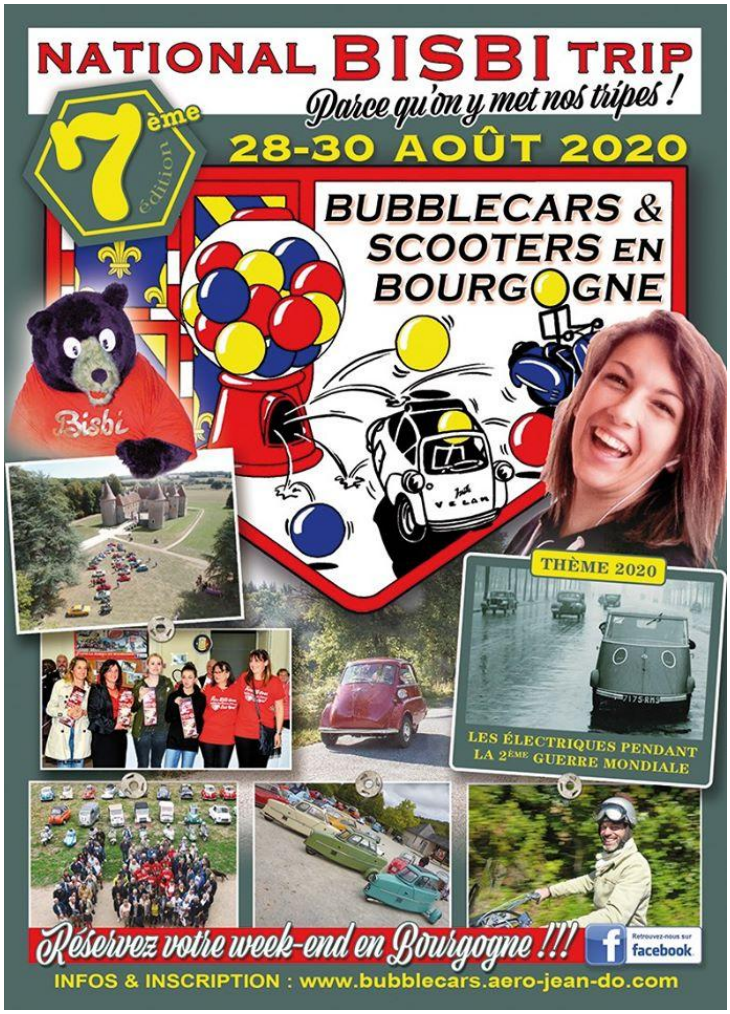
T&Cs: Present a copy of the attached flyer at the Welcome Desk on the day of your visit and purchase individual tickets at £16 for adults, £12.80 for concessions and £8 for children (versus on the gate ticket prices of £25 for adults, £20 for concessions and £12.50 for children). Not applicable for group bookings or family tickets. NB Child tickets are available at no charge for under 5s. **Offer valid until 29th February 2020**. See flyer for opening times and availability.

'Bubblecar' and Scooter Event - Bourgogne -28th - 30th August

Jean- do Jacotte is once again organising this annual event in the Burgundy region of France. Always well attended by microcars. Berkeleys are most welcome to attend.

This year's theme is electric vehicles during the Second World War.

Website: *www.aero-jean-do.com/bubblecars*



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SPARES

Spares Update

Back in stock - New glass windscreens

For T60, T60 hardtop and later bodystyle Sports SE492, B95 and B105. Unfortunately, since the recent move of the classic windscreen production factory from Kent to Finland and the current very high costs for energy used in glass manufacture and windscreen forming, the cost of these limited-edition screens has rocketed by over double. For this the BEC can only apologise. Transporting glass is difficult so we recommend that glass screens are collected from BEC events. Sports SA322 and SE328 screens are also available. *(continued)*

For North American owners, we are able to put members in touch with the North American distributor of the screen manufacturer. From past experience it makes economic sense for bulk orders to be collated together by the owners and one order placed.

Glass windscreen	SE492 (Later), B95, B105	£ 325.00
	T60 Convertible, metal frame	£ 325.00
	T60 hardtop,round corners fibreglass surround	£425.00

Metal chassis components

Recently acquired by BEC Spares from former Berkeley owner and fibreglass specialist Eric Bergqvist from North Wales, are some metal rear 'punt' chassis sections for four wheelers,



Sections available are:-

MB 207 Rear Sub Frame Cross member
MB 412 Rear sub frame cross member, Forward

Also available:
MB 180 Top wishbone cross member.
All sections are £25.00 plus UK P&P costs.



Later T60 bucket seat steel chassis sets –We are pleased to announce that BEC Spares is in the process of re-stocking the replacement steel chassis sets for the later bucket seat T60s –More news next month but if you need a set for your restoration please contact us asp.

Nigel Halliday

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Update: Membership Secretary Report

The following figures relate to the "current" membership as of 25th January 2020.
The figures exclude all members that expired at the end of December and beyond.
This month has seen another increase in total numbers to last month (Late payers of Renewal Subscriptions continue to affect Membership numbers).
It's great to see a continuation of new members to the Club.
The Club currently has a grand total of 210 Members.

- United Kingdom 134 subscribing members
- Europe 19 subscribing members
- Rest of the world 40 subscribing members, 28 of these are in the USA.

Subscribing members total 193 plus 17 Honorary and Car Clubs resulting in 210 total membership.

We welcome one new member this month;

#2732 Terry Scott SE328 West Wittering UK

Please can you keep me updated with changes of address etc and email addresses as we have discovered recently that some members details were not up to date. If you have moved in the past 12 months it might be beneficial to advise me of your current details, ***especially as another Magazine is due out shortly*** – thank you.

If you prefer to read your Bulletin in a booklet format and don't have a printer just send me stamps for the postage and I'll gladly print and post it to you each month.

Happy Berkeleying and a very Happy New Year everyone.

Geoff Dabrowa – Membership Secretary

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February 2020

Local BEC Gathering: Southern Area Tuesday 11th February

BEC Surrey 'chapter' meetings are generally held on the second Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is on 11th February. Please check with Dave Perrin (see below) before attending. The venue is The Saddler's Arms, Send Marsh, Woking (just off the A3 a few miles North of Guildford), postcode GU23 6JQ.

Any variations from the second Tuesday will normally be posted in the relevant section of the Forum on the club website, however, if you are planning to join us, please contact the organiser Club President Mike Rounsville-Smith or regular attendee Dave Perrin (*dp_berkeley@yahoo.co.uk*) beforehand, just to make sure, as we occasionally switch to an alternative Tuesday to suit availability of the regular attendees (or in the event of extreme weather conditions).

Local BEC Gatherings: General

If any members are interested in getting together regularly elsewhere in the country, then please make contact and we will post your contact details in the bulletin to gauge interest for you.

April 2020

Royal Enfield Owners Club Autojumble 18th April 10.00am - 16.00pm

Organised by the REOC, all makes welcome., buying or selling. Tea, coffee and cake. Entry £3, stallholders £5 per table, all proceeds to REOC and chosen charity - MIND. Held at Yardley Gobion Village Hall, Chestnut Road, Yardley Gobion, Towcester, Northants NN12 7TW

Contact: Mark Mumford **Email:** trials59@yahoo.co.uk

May 2020

Wheel Nuts Motor Show Sunday 3rd May

Now in its 16th Year, Wheelnuts it is a truly amazing array of hundreds of classic cars and motor vehicles from motoring's earliest days. Getting bigger and more popular every year, the annual Classic Motor Show 'Wheel Nuts 2020' will be held in the beautiful grounds at St Rose's in Stroud, on Sunday 3rd May. There has been a Berkeley presence for several years now - and the BEC are keen to get 'Ten for Dave' in memory of the late Dave Rich. Contact Geoff Toyer asap if interested.

Website: *https://stroses.org.uk/event/wheelnuts-2020/*

'Classics at Prescott' Open Hill Climb Event 9th-10th May

Saturday road run , and Sunday Hill Climb event and static display. For more details and entry see website.

Email: *Wrcprescott@gmail.com* **Website**: *www.Classicsatprescott.com*

Spring Autojumble - Beaulieu 16th - 17th May

Lower key than September event. at Beaulieu Motor Museum, Beaulieu, Brockenhurst, Hants

Website : *https://www.beaulieu.co.uk/events/spring-autojumble/*

June 2020

BEC AGM & Rally 13th & 14th June

The 2020 BEC AGM & Rally will be held over the weekend of 13th-14th June at 'The Gate Hangs Well' public house in Syston, Leicestershire (close to junction of the A46 and the A607). More details to follow closer to the event.

'Biggles' Evening Flying Event Saturday 20th June

The Shuttleworth Collection, Old Warden Aerodrome, Nr Biggleswade, Bedfordshire. See this bulletin's chairman's report for more information. Further details to follow.

Website: *www.shuttleworth.org/events/juneeveningairshow/*

Biggleswade Community Carnival 20th June

Biggleswade Town's annual carnival parade. This year with a 'Let's Go Travel' theme, Berkeleys are invited back to their hometown to join the parade. As this may need some planning please contact Geoff Toyer. Further details to follow.

July 2020

Messerschmitt Owners' Club International Rally 30th July - 2nd August

To be held at John Ruskin School, Coniston, Cumbria, LA21 8EW. Berkeleys are most welcome to attend

Simon Fisher (Rally organiser) **Website :** *www.mocrally2020.weebly.com*

August 2020

'Bubblecar' and Scooter Event - Bourgogne -28th - 30th August

Annual microcar-friendly event in the Burgundy region of France. Berkeleys are most welcome to attend.

Jean- do Jacotte (Rally organiser) **Website:** *www.aero-jean-do.com/bubblecars*

September 2020

The Carole Nash - Eurojumble 4th-5th September

One of the UK's biggest bike autojumbles. Held annually at Netley Marsh just outside Southampton SO40 7GY

Website : *https://www.netleymarsheurojumble.com/*

International Autojumble - Beaulieu 5th - 6th September

Europe's largest Autojumble held annually at Beaulieu Motor Museum, Beaulieu, Brockenhurst, Hants

Website : *https://www.beaulieu.co.uk/events/international-autojumble/*

Micro Marathon 2020 11th -21st September

Microcar rally through the Pyrenees and Northern Spain run by the organisers of the Liege - Brescia - Liege - Rallies and the 2019 NMCR (Malcolm & Helena McKay).

Email: *LBLrally@aol.com* **Tel:** 0044 (0)7711 901811 **Website**: *www.classicrallypress.co.uk*

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MARKETPLACE

For sale - SA322 Chassis118 (701XUK)

Recent health problems means that I am not able to pursue restoration as I would wish and rather than let the car just sit in the garage unfinished I would like to pass it on to another enthusiast to complete.





The body is ready for spraying (punt already done prior to re assembly) and with suspension, brakes, diff,steering etc.,all in place. Items required to complete the build have either been refurbished or sourced new, e.g. chrome parts, new tyres, lights/indicators, switches, new carburettor etc. Dynastart has been serviced and control unit converted to electronic. Speedo like new rebuilt by Speedy Cables.





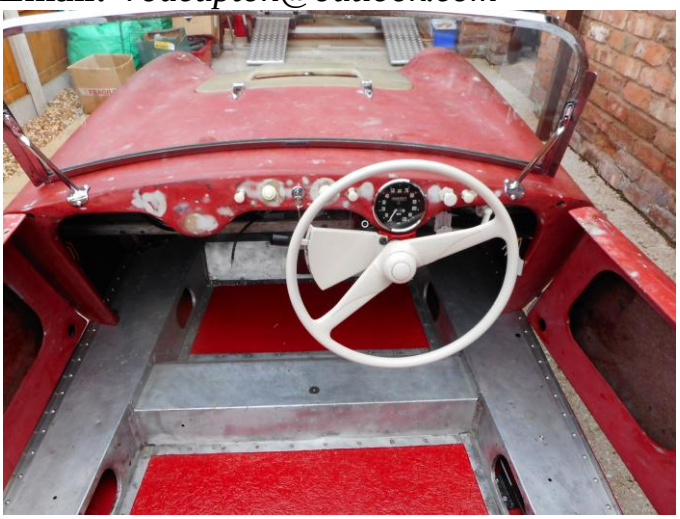
To complete will require upholstery, clutch refurb and Anzani engine assessed (Nametab Engineering slot promised very soon), door seals etc.

£3,750 Car is in North Wales

Additionally have a bespoke lightweight trailer if required which doubles as a work platform (Google Aluminium Trailer Co) to purchase separately.

Contact: Rodney Upton **Tel:** 01492 485691 or mob 07756650288

Email: *rodcupton@outlook.com*





Wanted - T60 Door Handle

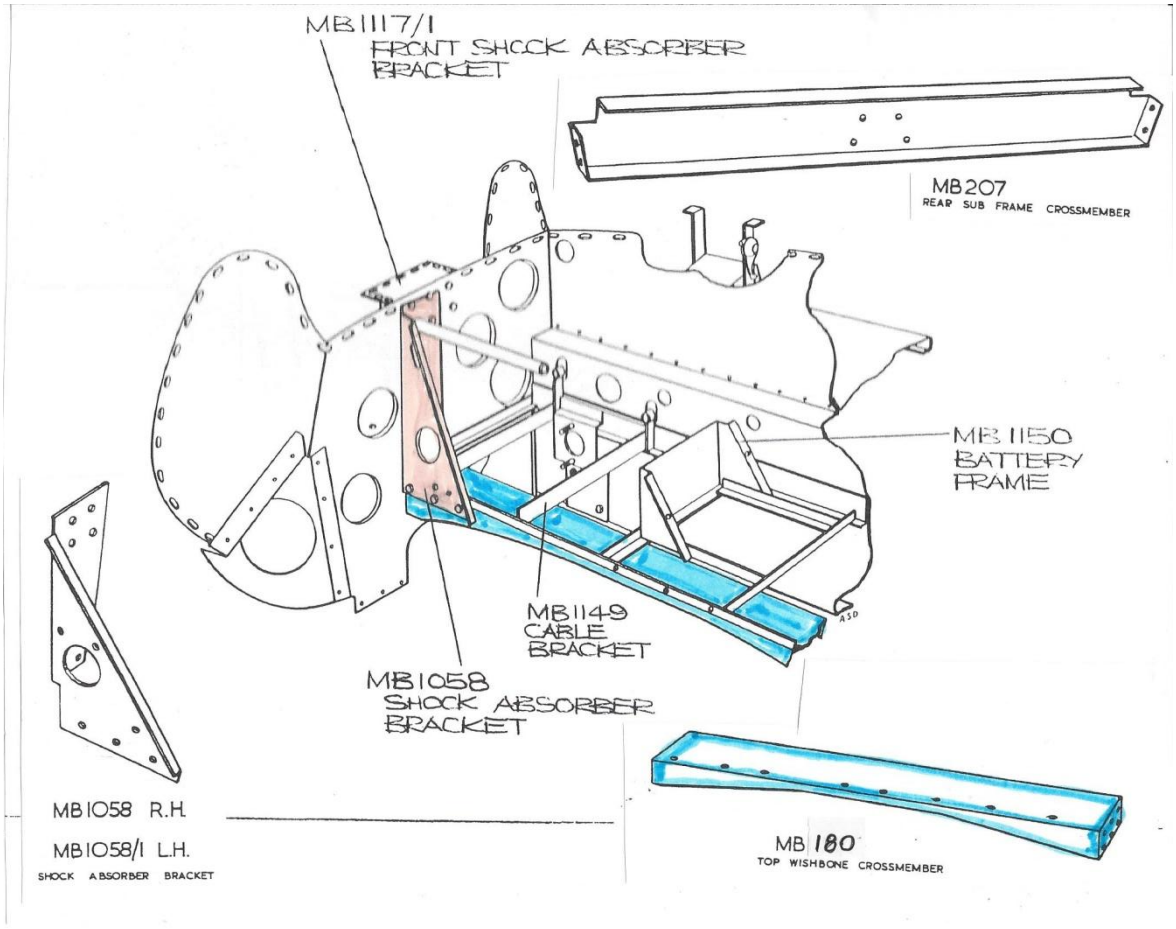
Does any member have a T60 Door Handle the opposite hand to that shown in the photo, please



Contact: Paul Everett **Email:** Paul *at.pauleverett624@icloud.com*

Wanted - SE328 Front Shock Absorber Brackets

By members Laurie Stanton (New Zealand) and John Thirlaway (UK) for their Sports SE 328 restorations—a pair of the MB 1058, MB 1058/1 Front shock absorber bracket engine compartment (the steel triangular gusset plate)- If any owner has a spare set , perhaps as a result of an engine conversion -please contact BEC Spares .See illustration below.



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NOTE: Event News, For Sale/Wanted, etc.

Please contact Ian & Mel Danaford (*m.danaford@gmail.com*) if you wish to place a News Item or an Advertisement in the BEC Bulletin, or have any queries about an item or advertisement that has already appeared. Please send any items before **Thursday 20th February** for inclusion in the February 2020 bulletin.

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