BERKELEY ENTHUSIASTS CLUB
BULLETIN

Chairman's Report

The approach of this year's Festive Season sees us yet again in another 'lockdown' due to the C19 pandemic with further restrictions on our movements and meetings that will inevitably affect our hobby! To some of you it will give an ideal opportunity to while away a few more hours in the shed on your Berkeley, both in restoration and maintenance, good luck to you with that!

Since the last Bulletin issue, I myself have been busy converting two of my Excelsior powered Berks to full LED lighting. Admittedly, my original incentive to do this was by way of the cancelled Old Warden event back in September, knowing that the nights were drawing in and therefore not fancying the drive back in the dark on those twisty winding Bedfordshire roads, relying on lighting no better than candle power and with the ever present spectre of depleting valuable battery power, I followed the lead set by members Colin Pears and Geoff Dabrowa in so much as converting the headlamps to 'Bates Style' H4 reflectors that will accept powerful low current draw LED bulbs. All went well with the conversions other than trying to get the indicator warning light working in the Hella type stalk end switch as fitted to my B65. After days of racking my brain I came to the conclusion that this was an impossibility due to the internal switch wiring and had to revert to an inert type selector switch assembly with a dashboard mounted warning light. This system takes its feed for the warning light from the output side to the indicator bulb lines, both left and right and uses a 'tweaker' between the two supplied by Paul Goff, NORBSA, which eliminates the bleed across to two circuits from the warning light so that all four indicators do not come on together!

All in all, the conversion works out pretty expensive, especially doing two cars, but well worth it for when I went out in the dark last Sunday to test the headlamps I had at last come to the conclusion that 'I'd finally seen the light!'

Sadly, our advert and appeal for the position of BEC Magazine Editor in last month's Bulletin issue fell completely on stony ground, as not one reply or enquiry was received! We will continue to persevere in advertising to fill the post until we are at best successful, or at worst, until we can again hold a full AGM, whereby it has been suggested that we remove the obligation by the Club to provide four magazine issues a year. This inevitably will either lead at best to just a spasmodic 'as and when' Magazine issue, much the same as is the situation now and based on the available time certain Committee Members have to produce it, or at worst, the disappearance of the magazine completely, a situation I personally would not like to see. It has also been suggested that the monthly Bulletin issue be expanded to contain magazine style article content. However, whilst this opinion deserves some thought and has some merit, I cannot see how the standard of production from the Magazine could possibly be replicated into

the Bulletin, as the production methods used in the latter do not conform in any way and are certainly not to the standard of the former! You also have to consider the extra burden that would be placed on our present Bulletin compilers, Mel and Ian Danaford. It is one thing compiling, what is essentially a statistical data sheet with reports sent in on a pretty regular basis by contributors such as myself, Membership and Spares, than it is to editing and preparing random articles, along with pictures sent in by members. The burden of the latter may be too much for our present compilers to bear! Give it some thought, recommendations gladly received.

Finally, on behalf of the Committee and myself, we take this opportunity in wishing you and your families a happy festive season whatsoever your persuasion. Enjoy yourselves and stay safe but, most important, 'keep Berkeleying!'

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

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NEWS



WE NEED YOU – YES YOU
MAGAZINE EDITOR

We need a new Magazine Editor for our Club.

Such a person would ideally have experience in page compiling and layout and have familiarity with appropriate publishing software.

Most important though is a keenness to get us "back on track"

The BEC has over 200 Members from which to draw editorial content.

Support would also be available from past Editors and The Committee, but the format of the Magazine would be down to you and should aim towards returning to being a quarterly issue.

As with all Committee positions this is a voluntary post but be assured you would get all the help and assistance that you might need. If you would like more information to take on this exciting role then please contact Chairman

Geoff Toyer *geedadtee@ntlworld.com*

Christmas Presents –Wish List.!

Do not forget that BEC Regalia, Clothing and Publications make great Christmas presents publications. See September and October BEC Bulletins for more details. Order quickly to ensure a timely delivery for Christmas.

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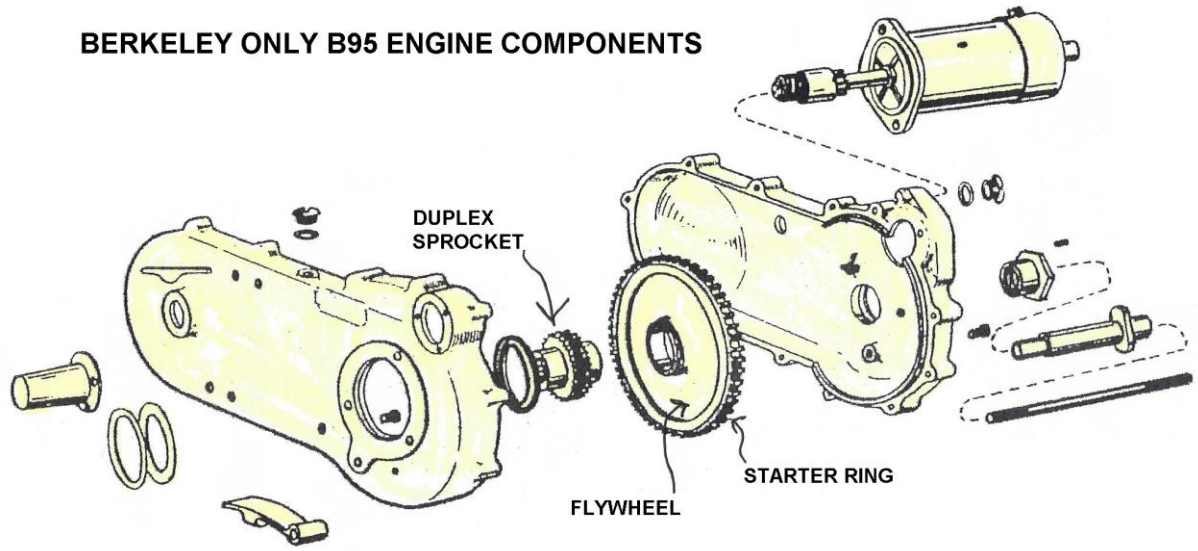
SPARES

Spares Update

Royal Enfield models -Special Transmission parts

We have made previous appeals before in the March 2018 and February 2019 issues of the BEC bulletin asking if any members owning B95 and B105 models to contact us in the event that they need or may need replacement or new starter rings, flywheels, flywheel nuts, crankshaft extensions, dynamo pulleys etc. BEC Spares is now out of stock of such parts with the exception of cast iron flywheel blanks.

We, via the kind assistance of member Graham Higgs, are once again researching the possibility of re-manufacture without hopefully the issue of high expense of same.



New in stock

Door draught seal for later Sports SE 328s and early SE 492s.

This seal is the type used on the later SE 328s and the early SE 492s (with the sloping leading edge to the doors, ie mainly cars that were exported to North America). This combined sprung 'clip on' seal with a side rubber flap seal fits onto and into the alloy channel that runs up the A post and B post on the later cars . It is not suitable for the earlier SA 322s and SE 328s which have a steel spine strip mounting. It also fits into the threshold double metal cill to act as a lower door seal. The length supplied 6 feet (1.8metres) is enough to do the three sides of each door opening.



Cost is £10.00 plus £3.70 P&P UK

Note. BEC spares is currently researching the availability of the early SA322 and SE328 type door seals MB 296/2/3.

Door seals for the later four wheelers and T60s MB 1156/3/4 will also be available shortly.



Back in Stock

Headlamp Covers -Black rubber filler strip for surround

At long last we have been able to secure stock. Sold in 3-foot lengths enough to fit one headlamp cover £ 1.50 plus £ 1.50 P&P UK.

The plastic chrome version of the filler strip is also in stock at £2.50 a length and the main rubber surround at £5.00 a length.



Early type Wheel nuts.

These wheel nuts suit the early wheels as fitted to Sports Anzani SA 322 and SE 328 cars as fitted with the first two types of wheels ,ie those with the thinner flat thin lugs and the straight 3/8" dia studs - they are not suitable for the later type as fitted to the later four wheeler and T60s which require a tapered seat to the nuts and have stepped studs 3/8 and 7/16ths diameter . They are of the Nyloc lock type with a zinc plate finish Cost is £1.00 each plus £ P&P.



Early type (straight studs)



Later type (stepped studs)

Brake adjuster snail cam plate

Anybody need one? £1.50 each plus sae



Nigel Halliday

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Update: Membership Secretary Report

The following figures relate to the "current" membership as of 22nd November 2020.

The figures exclude all members that expired at the end of October 2020 and beyond.

This month sees another two New Members and overall figures increase by one, some overdue renewals continue to minimise the overall Membership figures.

The Club currently has a grand total of 213 Members.

- United Kingdom 143 subscribing members
- Europe 23 subscribing members
- Rest of the world 31 subscribing members. (22 members in USA)

Subscribing members total 197 plus 16 Honorary and Car Clubs resulting in 213 total membership.

The BEC welcomes the following two new members this month:

#2753 Steve Cole	SE492	Montgomery	Powys	UK
#2754 Richard Ashby	SE328	Maidstone	Kent	UK

Please keep me updated with changes of address and email addresses etc.

Currently 10% of the subscribing UK Membership are now receiving their Bulletin in the post each month.

If you prefer to read your Bulletin in a booklet format or have no printer, just send me stamps for the postage and I will gladly print and post it to you each month.

There are choices available for renewing your Membership, however I can't stress enough the importance that when paying your renewal by Bank transfer you ensure you notify me and that you have done it accompanied by a copy of the transaction.

If you are unable to send copy of a Bank Transfer then please use PayPal or send a cheque. This eliminates time spent following up on renewals that may or may not have been paid already.

Note; PayPal notify me automatically when you pay by this method.

Your completed Renewal Form IS still important in maintaining Club records of vehicles, so please try and return a completed Renewal Form with your subscription.

During these restricted times and few chances of physical contact with other Members don't forget to have a look on Facebook to view the Berkeley Car Owners site which was started by Member Neil Barber and now has around 800 Members worldwide. Details can be found on the back page of the bulletin.

Happy Berkeleying..

Geoff Dabrowa – Membership Secretary

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EVENTS

Due to the current public health crisis and UK Government directives, events over the next few months are likely to be either cancelled or postponed. Please check with organisers before attending any of the upcoming events that are not currently showing as cancelled or postponed

December 2020

Local BEC Gathering: Southern Area Meetings



BEC Southern Area meetings are generally held on the second Tuesday of the month. Due to the current health crisis, meetings are cancelled until further notice

Events for next year 2021

FBHVC Drive it Day April 25th 2021

Annual drive your classic car day

Website: *https://www.fbhvc.co.uk/*

Berkeley Industries Ltd Launch Event April 26th 2021

Proposed launch day for the 'new Berkeley Bandit'.

Website: *www.berkeleysportscars.com/berkeleycoachworks*

Silverstone Classic Event 30th July - 1st August 2021 (Provisional Dates)

Website: . *www.silverstoneclassic.com/welcome*

Micro Marathon 2020 10th -20th September 2021

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 - 1957 SE Berkeley 328

Engine is completely overhauled. New carb. Front suspension is modified (in keeping with later Berkeleys) and brought up to date. Offers around £3000 ONO. Car is complete with all parts included. Free delivery may be possible.

Contact : Adrian Neal **Tel:**07840 296013



Wanted - Berkeley For Restoration

I am a microcar enthusiast living in the Shrewsbury area who would now like to restore a Berkeley, I am undecided at present as to which model but if you have one for sale please contact me.

Contact : Phillip Allridge **Tel:** 07818291345.

Wanted - Tank Sender Unit

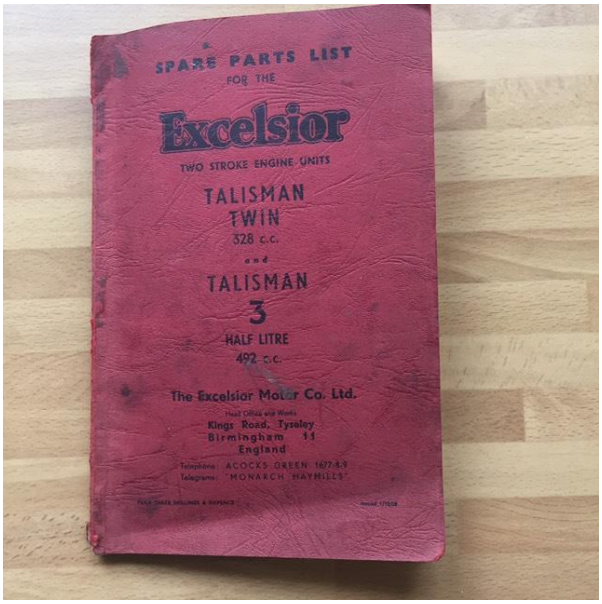
I am looking for an AC fuel sender tank sender unit in absolutely any condition --just a bare top casing will suit me to help complete the restoration of my T60. Please look in your odd parts boxes ! -Thank You

Contact: Jim Milne **Tel:** 01684-772432 **Email:** *jim@thestirrups.co.uk*

Free to a Good Home!

Excelsior Spare Parts List booklet, this was sent to me by a Biggles FM listener (Biggleswade local radio station), it is FREE, anyone (world wide) interested is to contact me and all names will go into “the hat” and one lucky member will receive it.

Contact: Geoff Dabrowa (Membership secretary)



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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, Event 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 **Sunday 20th December** for inclusion in the December 2020 bulletin.

The November 2020 BEC Bulletin was compiled and edited by Ian & Melanie Danaford