BERKELEY ENTHUSIASTS CLUB BULLETIN

Chairman's Report

This being the December issue, on behalf of myself and fellow committee members, I'd like to wish you all a Happy Holiday Season (whatsoever your persuasion) and a Happy New Year!

I'd also like to especially thank those of you who supported our events throughout 2017.

Concerning next year, I would just like to take this opportunity to ask you all to take note that the BEC AGM & Annual Rally has been set for the weekend of the 19th-20th May 2018. Although a venue has not been confirmed at present, we will endeavour to keep to those dates, so put them in you diary now!

Also note that five Berkeleys are now 'officially' enrolled for next year's 60th (Diamond) Jubilee Liège -Brescia -Liège Rally by way of paying in their early deposits. I have begun to, and will be contacting those concerned, with a view to co-ordinating our efforts towards the best outcome. Those of you who are still interested, but as yet not so committed, I advise you to make a decision now, you won't regret it!
Keep Berkeleying!
Geoff (Bill) Toyer *geedadtee@ntlworld.com*

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NEWS

UK Roadworthiness Tests

As most UK members are aware, vehicles manufactured before January 1960 are already exempt from MoT testing, but it has just been announced that (as of 20th May 2018) this will be extended to cover most 'Vehicles of Historic Interest' over 40 years old.

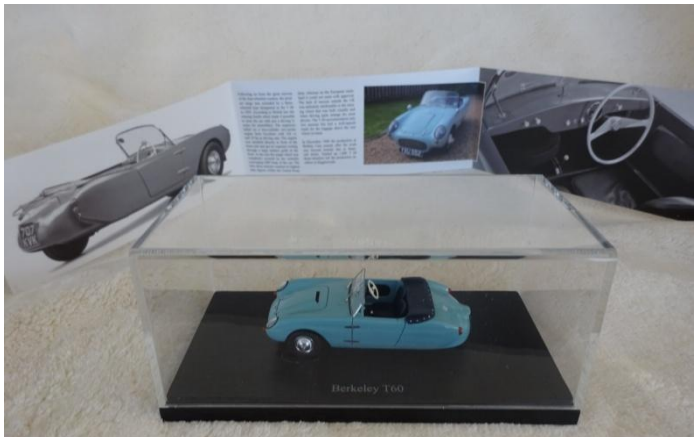
The exemption will therefore cover all standard Berkeleys. HOWEVER, those vehicles 'significantly' modified during the last 30 years will be excluded from the exemption. Most Mini-powered Berkeleys will therefore still require testing, but it would appear that the definition of 'significant' will only rule out those few Berkeleys fitted with modern motorcycle power units. More information can be found in the news section of the Autoclassics website - *https://www.autoclassics.com/posts/news*.

Further details will be included in the next BEC Magazine, which will be available early in the new year.
Dave Perrin

Scale Model T60

As advised in the October Bulletin the German model manufacturer Autocult have recently released a model a 1/43rd scale of the T60.

We have since learnt that this model is strictly limited to a production run of 333 pieces and that stocks in the UK are fast running out. If you are interested we would advise that you locate one in a UK collectors model car shop asap.







Nigel Halliday

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UPDATE: L-B-L European MicroCar Rally, 11th-22nd July 2018

Plenty of enquiries and entries are still coming in for Liège-Brescia-Liège 2018.

There's still time to enter, and even to buy a car if you don't have something suitable already - contact us and we'll point you to some great options currently for sale in UK, Europe and USA!

www.classicrallypress.co.uk/newsletters.html

For more information contact *Malcolm McKay* (e-mail: *LBLrally@aol.com* … or message on Facebook)

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SPARES

SE 328 and Early SE 492 Upholstered Seat sets

We are pleased to advise that we have now taken delivery of a new limited stocks of the MB 1043 upholstered seat sets for the Sports SE 328 and Early SE 492 models . This seat set is designed to fit the bench seat design with single central steel tube support and elastic webbing stretching and fitted to the alloy side sills .

The upholstered seat squab and separate back cushion have been manufactured to the original factory pattern in the correct Light Grey Ambla material. We also have a few of the seat sets in a Black Ambla .







As stock is limited we would advise purchase in the near future if you are restoring a Sports to original specification. Cost is £200.00p each plus post and packing in UK £15.00. Europe and Overseas rate on request.

Elasticated Pirelli webbing and clips separately available.

Glass windscreens

Despite the closure of the well-known Pilkington Classic glass windscreen manufacturing plant in Kent and the transfer of screen production to Finland, we have just taken delivery of a new batch of glass screens for the later Sports SE 492 model and the B 95 /B 105 Royal Enfield powered models, the type that uses a double channel top chromed metal frame.

Cost remains at £170 each plus transport arrangements or collection.

USA members/ owners requiring any new glass screens will need to contact Pilkington USA and preferably form a bulk order as per the 2015 arrangement co-ordinated by Glen Roberts in the USA.

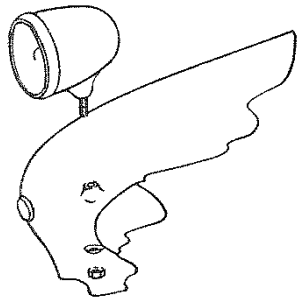
Other new glass screens available for the T60 soft top and hard top models. Second hand glass screens are available from BEC Spares for the SA322 and SE 328 models.

Early 'Sports' Bug Eye lamps

The SE 328 model was available in early to mid-1957 to be fitted with Bug Eye lamps both for the home UK market and the export market. Later cars which needed higher headlamp levels were fitted with the fiberglass 'pear drop' wing extensions.

Despite being the subject of April and May 1957 Autocar and Motor road tests, cars fitted with these lamps are rare to the degree that the BEC Spares service does not know the exact specification of the pod headlamp shrouds and light units. We believe that the lamp cases were metal and possibly of Lucas manufacture rather than Wipac. Were the lamp units Lucas 5-3/4" (marked 575 on the lens) or the slightly smaller Wipac type (with 5-1/8" diameter lens projecting through the rim) as per the light units fitted to the more standard cars?

If anybody has any of these pod lamps or good photos of same or knowledge of similar motorcycle lamp units from the same period please let Nigel Halliday or Dave Perrin know.



(Figure 5 in the BEC Illustrated Parts Identification book)

Nigel Halliday

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EVENTS

Wheel Nuts Show, Stroud, 29th April 2018

Next year's event will be held on Sunday 29th April. There has been a Berkeley presence at this show for several years now, with 9 'Berks' turning up last May. Dave Rich has organised provisional bookings in previous years. More details to follow.

Prescott Hill Climb Classic Car Event 12th 13th May 2018 :

Prebooked entries only for hillclimb and static exhibition. See details in the October bulletin.

www.cleevevale.org.uk

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Further details in future bulletins.

BTSC John Lee Memorial Run, Leicester, 3rd Jun 2018

The Leicester section of the British Two Stroke Club have announced the date for their annual road run in memory of active BTSC and BEC member John Lee. Starting point is 'The Lady Jane' public house, Hall Lane, Whitwick, Coalville, Leicester (postcode LE67 5PH). All Berkeleys welcome (2-strokes and 4-strokes).

For further details, please contact event co-ordinator Eric Hathaway, Tel: 01162-750532.

The 44th National Microcar Rally 30th August to 2nd September 2018

Sycamore Farm Caravan and Camping Site, Soss Moss, Nether Alderley, Macclesfield Cheshire, SK10 4TU. Further details to be confirmed.

www.national-microcar-rally.co.uk

OTHER EVENTS

If you know of any worthwhile events which you feel other members would be interested in, please contact Ian & Mel Danaford (*m.danaford@gmail.com*) with the details, so that they can be included in the bulletin.

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MARKETPLACE

For Sale

Berkeley Wheel Spinner

Original rare Berkeley early style 'wheel spinner' £15.00. contact Brian Zeederberg at *bczeederburg@gmail.com*





Berkeley SA322 chassis number 0010 For Sale

This car is thought to be the oldest roadworthy Berkeley in the world, and retains all the unique features of the early cars. Chassis number 0010 left the factory in September 1956 and was registered in Winchester. It retains its rare Anzani 322cc air-cooled two-stroke twin, coupled to the correct column-change 3-speed and reverse gearbox. A spare engine and transmission is included, along with some other useful mechanical and electrical parts.

For sale on Car & Classics website for £15,000 .

https://www.carandclassic.co.uk/car/C943088









Relisted For Sale on Ebay - T60 and SE328 body shells - Item Number #322936793011

Modifed T60 Bodyshell: Mini front subframe, includes unused B95 bonnet. Standard rear arm & wheel, half height doors, hardtop modified to mate with raised bottom rail of soft top windscreen frame, no seats. The car has no V5C or chassis plate, so it would have to be made MSVA compliant to get back on the road as a 'new' Mini conversion with no claim on an age related number.

£750 ono.





In the same advert - priced at £750, is an SE 328 Body shell . With both doors, rear parcel cover and windscreen. The car is thought to have most of the front suspension. This 1957 car, chassis number 465, was originally sold in Northern Ireland, and has mounting holes for the export pod-type lights, hence the lack of headlight cut outs. Probably one of only three or four seen in the UK, two of which have now gone overseas. It reportedly came to be in Rotherham in the 1960s. Although the car has no V5C and registration is unknown, it does have a chassis plate so there should be no problem getting an age related number for it once restored.

Contact: Bryan Hartley, Tel: 07968 544442.







The Awesome Foursome - Berkeley Foursome, chassis No 13.

No need to describe this car, you've all seen it! It's been in Geoff's custody since 2008, on the road and used continually from 2009 until this day. One of only nineteen produced. It must be the most photographed 'Foursome' on the planet, mostly on account of it being the only one on the road in the world! Good running engine and mechanics, starts well (on dynastarter), new battery last year. Paintwork now showing signs of continued use by Geoff over the past nine years. Currently MOT'd, exempt from next year.

£8000.00. firm, before it goes on eBay in the new year, no offers. Viewing recommended.

Contact: Geoff Toyer, e-mail: *berk2me@yahoo.com*, Tel: 07773119216.



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 advertisment that has already appeared.

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NOTE: Membership Details

Please contact Geoff Dabrowa (*BECMembership @gmail.com*) in order to update club records and ensure that you continue to receive BEC bulletins and publications when changing e-mail address, moving house, etc.

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'BerkeleyCarOwners' Facebook page: *https://www.facebook.com/groups/berkeleycarowners/*

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www.berkeleycarclub.com

Webmaster: Peter Smyth

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