BERKELEY ENTHUSIASTS CLUB BULLETIN

Chairman's Report

By the time you read this missive Old Warden Classic Vehicle Rally (our first show of the 2017 Rallying season) will be upon us ... where does the time go? Our Membership Secretary informs me that there should be nine of us there this year - a very respectable turn out indeed.

Those of you who use social media sites such as the *Berkeley Car Owners* Facebook page and the BEC website will be aware that our two 'long distance men' Geoff Dabrowa and Barry Jones are planning to replicate the André Baldet/Bob Currie 'Berkeley Castle to Berkeley Square' road run, taking in as many towns and cities as possible beginning with a 'B'. They are not the first in the BEC to repeat this epic trek and, hopefully, they will not be the last! Their mission commences on the Monday following the Wheel Nuts show in Stroud, Gloucestershire; a very sensible starting point, as Berkeley Castle is much nearer there than either contenders' abodes. They will be following the same route as André and Bob, other than terminating at Berkeley Close in Biggleswade (instead of London's Berkeley Square). The planned finish is on the weekend prior to our BEC Rally in Wingfield, so hopefully we'll be able to celebrate their success at this event. The chosen charity is Macmillan Cancer Support - a worthy cause indeed. I hope that many of you will come forward with some kind of sponsorship, possibly based on mileage? More details on that in next month's Bulletin, but it goes without saying that we all wish them good luck in their endeavours.

As you are aware, our AGM is scheduled for the day before 'Wheel Nuts' (see *Events* for details). Just a reminder that all nominations and resolutions (duly seconded) should be in one month before the meeting, so that I can include them in the Agenda. As usual, I plan to take late resolutions from the floor in AOB, but only if time permits. So, if you have a subject that you feel passionately about, I suggest that you get it listed. Also, at the time of writing, I haven't received any responses to my request for proposals of suitable venue for our 2018 AGM and Rally, so here is a second reminder - the Committee are keen to get member participation on this one, so please get your thinking caps on!

My other request for the number of members who intend to dine on the Saturday evening social of our BEC Rally at 'The Plough' has also met with no response so could you please pay some attention to that too. We are pleased to announce that Will Bazeley has agreed to give an after-dinner talk about his epic trip last year in a Honda 400 powered T60 to Mongolia (hopefully the car will be on display at the rally too).

Any queries and questions I'll gladly answer at Old Warden, where I know many of you will be in attendance.

Lastly, it has also already been flagged up on social media, but the current issue of *Classic Cars*

magazine includes a 'Berkeley Buyers Guide' article written by Malcolm Mckay; there is nothing new that most of you don't already know, but it will be informative for those wishing to purchase a first car, both in what to look for and what sort of money to pay. Although written by Malcolm, both myself and other Committee members (and a few members who regularly use their cars) all made contributions to the article. I and the committee are of the opinion that any publicity that heightens the profile of our cars is for the good of us all, so "well done Malcolm".

Keep Berkeleying!
Geoff (Bill) Toyer *geedadtee@ntlworld.com*

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NEWS

BEC Calendars

There are still a couple of 2017 BEC calendars left. The price (including postage) has now dropped to £5.00 (UK), £7.50 (Europe) or £8.50 (Rest-of-World). If you are interested, please contact Dave Perrin (*dp_berkeley@yahoo.co.uk*).

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Southern Area 'Drive It Day' Gathering, 23rd April

In addition to our regular meetings (normally on the second Tuesday evening of the month), the BEC Surrey 'chapter' are planning to meet up on Sunday 23th April.

Drive It Day was devised by the FBHVC in commemoration of the historic Royal Automobile Club 'Thousand Mile Trial', which took place in April 1900. The idea is that old vehicles of all types are seen to be actively used en masse on this one day of the year, thereby raising awareness of the 'classic' movement, and it has been estimated that something like a quarter of a million historic vehicles take to UK roads.

Unfortunately, other than the B95 of Club President Mike R-S, the majority of our regular attendees don't actually have a car on the road at present, so our contribution to the day is the invitation for any available members/owners to head in our direction in their Berkeleys and join us for a chat and pub lunch. Our hope is that there will be a selection of different models and you'll be able to jump between passenger seats to experience how the different models compare on a quick jaunt around the local roads.

The venue is The Saddler's Arms, Send Marsh, Woking (just off the A3 a few miles North of Guildford, postcode GU23 6JQ). If you would like to join us, please contact the organiser Club President Mike Rounsville-Smith (see *Club Contacts* at the back of this bulletin) or regular attendee Dave Perrin (*dp_berkeley@yahoo.co.uk*).

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UPDATE: Wheel Nuts, Stroud, Sunday 7th May

Dave Rich has advised that we have 10 Berkeleys booked into this event. The car/owner details have now been confirmed, so the the organisers should be sending him the paperwork shortly.



Valence Vintage Car Show & Hill Climb Demo, Sunday 14th May

This charity event is held within the grounds of Valence School, Westerham, Kent (postcode TN16 1QN) and is organised by the 'Friends of Valence'. Proceeds go to the school, which has over 200 staff providing specialist teaching, social care, therapies and nursing care for children and young people aged 4 to 19 with physical disabilities and complex medical needs. "Our overall aim is to enable every child and young person to achieve meaningful independence. Students flourish in a supportive but challenging environment, making good educational progress and achieving a range of accreditation as they get older. There is excellent support to enable students to achieve functional communication, mobility and skills for daily living."

The event promises a huge selection of pre-Seventies cars on display (including Club areas), plus autojumble stalls and the chance to take a spin around the school grounds in classic cars. Last year also saw the reintroduction of untimed 'demonstration' runs up the Hill Climb. The climb is organised by Sevenoaks & District Car Club and is open to 3 and 4 wheelers, but they must be insured and all occupants must wear crash helmets.

Gates: 10:00 to 16:00. Ample parking is available and there will be a choice of food stalls, plus a licensed bar.

Admission: Visitors: £3 per person (under 3's free) or £10 family ticket,
Show Exhibitors: £10 per car,
Hill Climb: £20 registration fee, plus £5 per Climb (payable in cash on the day).

Entries are now open, so go to the website (*www.friendsofvalence.com*) for further details and book yourself in for a fun day (I had six runs up the hill last year!).
Jeff Payne



Goodwood Breakfast Club Meeting, Sunday 4th June

This is a free 'just turn up' static show event at the Goodwood Motor Circuit, Chichester, West Sussex. The meetings are open to all, and generally run from 07:30 to approx. 11:00. All classic soft top cars are invited to attend, but to be able to park on the starting grid or circuit you will need to apply to Goodwood beforehand – further details will be included next month.

It is hoped that we can get a selection of Berkeleys present, so please put the date in your diary.
Nigel Halliday



OTHER EVENTS

If you know of any worthwhile events which you feel other members would be interested in, please contact Dave Perrin (*dp_berkeley@yahoo.co.uk*) with the details, so that they can be included in the bulletin.



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NEW PUBLICATIONS

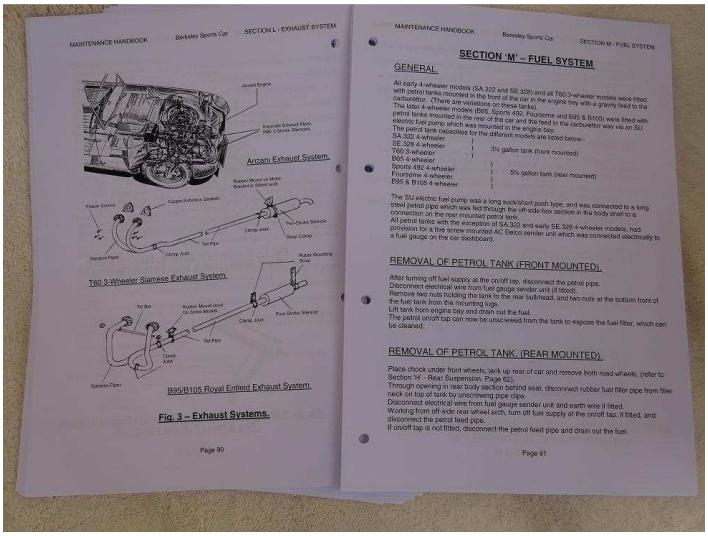
The Maintenance Handbook: The BEC has just published this 135 page volume which covers all models of British Anzani, Excelsior and Royal Enfield powered Berkeley Sports cars. It has been written over the past three years by BEC President Mike Rounsville-Smith (using his 50 years-plus experience of running/maintaining both three and four wheeled Berkeleys) and compiled by Norman Reed and his wife Pat.

Divided into 18 chapters covering everything from General Specification through to Special Tools (via chapters on Steering, Exhaust Systems, Gearbox, etc.), it goes much deeper than the original factory Owners Handbooks or subsequent Mantles/Prices Garage items, so should prove to be an extremely useful guide for owners and restorers of all models.

The Maintenance Handbook comes in a white PVC four ring A4 sized folder with graphic cover & spine design, and is illustrated throughout with original Berkeley factory diagrams, plus Mike's own technical drawings, sketches and photos of systems and components not already illustrated in the BEC Parts Identification Book or the Excelsior Running & Maintenance Instructions manual.

Cost: £17.00 plus £3.50 UK Post & Packing.





The Manual: The BEC has also just published this volume, which combines *The Maintenance Manual* (described above) with our quality reprint of the 68 page Excelsior factory *Running & Maintenance Instructions* manual (covering the two and three cylinder Engines, HJR, TR & VR Gearboxes/Clutches, Amal 376 Carburettors and the Siba Dynastart) AND the *BEC Parts*

Identification Book. It therefore constitutes a complete workshop manual for Berkeley cars and is recommended as a comprehensive guide to assist any new Berkeley owners in the servicing and/or restoration of their car.

Cost: £30.00 plus £6.00 UK P&P. This represents a £2.50 saving over the cost of buying the three publications separately.

ALSO AVAILABLE INDIVIDUALLY:-

BEC Parts Identification Book: Revised in September 2016 with a few corrections to earlier editions and a few additional pages, this A4 sized volume has 35 pages of illustrations showing the general construction of the cars, with reference numbers for the majority of components.

Cost: £7.50 plus £1.30 UK P&P.

Excelsior *Running & Maintenance Instructions*: As described above.
NOTE: although there are slight differences, this book is also directly relevant to the clutch and heavier duty variant of VR gearbox fitted to the Royal Enfield power units in B95 and B105 models.

Cost: £8.00 plus £1.30 UK P&P.

Please contact Mike Rounsville-Smith (see Club Contacts at the back of this bulletin) to order these or any other BEC Publications.

OVERSEAS MEMBERS: International shipping rates have yet to be determined for the two new publications, but please contact Dave Perrin (*dp_berkeley@yahoo.co.uk*) if you would like us to send any publications to you in Europe or Rest of the World.



Drag Links / Track Rod Ends

The original drag links fitted to Berkeleys were derived from the 1946 to '53 Renault 4CV and were available from Quinton Hazell for many years under the part number QDL 227. Later Renaults used part number QDL 228, a similar assembly with larger (10mm diameter) outer tapered shank pin and over the years a few cars have been modified to take these. Finding original new old stock drag links of either type is becoming more difficult and expensive, so it is good to know that remanufactured drag links for Renaults are now available from Europe.

Members Graham Higgs and Barrie Holding have purchase successfully from two suppliers: -

France

'Melun Retro Passion', Part No 315060N, diameter shank 8mm. Price: Euros 72.00 .

Germany

'Derr Franzose Automobitechnik',. Part No 83274, diameter shank 8mm. Price Euro 50.00 .

See their respective websites for further details.

BEC Spares List

Apologies for the delay - the revised BEC Spares List will now be included with your April bulletin.
Nigel Halliday



EVENTS

Apr 2nd: **Classic Motor Show**, Old Warden, Bedfordshire.
See February bulletin. *www.classicmotorshows.co.uk*

Apr 23rd: FBHVC Drive It Day, events across UK promoting awareness of historic vehicles.

May 6th: **BEC AGM**, 'The Hub', Tobacconist Road, Minchinhampton, Stroud, GL6 9JJ.
See January bulletin.

May 7th: '**Wheel Nuts**' Classic Car & Bike Show, St. Rose's School, Stroud, GL5 4AP.
See February bulletin.

May 13th/14th: Ingliston Revival, Royal Highland Centre, Edinburgh.
See October '16 bulletin. *www.Ingliston.co.uk/Revival*

May 13th/14th: Prescott Hill Climb, Cheltenham.
See October '16 bulletin. *www.cleevevale.org.uk*

May 14th: Vintage Car Show & Hill Climb, Westerham, Kent. See above.
www.friendsofvalence.com

May 19th-21st: **BEC Rally**, The Plough Inn, Wingfield, Leighton-Buzzard, LU7 9QH.
See January bulletin.

Jun 3rd/4th: Classic Car Show & Autojumble, Tatton Park, Cheshire.
See December '16 bulletin. *www.cheshireautopromotions.co.uk*

Jun 4th: SHVPS Classic Vehicle Show & Autojumble, Queen Elizabeth Country Park, Hants.
See February bulletin. *www.shvps.org.uk*

Jul 7th - 9th: Bristol MicroCar Club Rally, Keynsham Rugby Club, BS31 2BE.
See September '16 bulletin. *www.bristolmicrocarclub.com*

Aug 19th/20th: Classic Car Show & Autojumble, Tatton Park, Cheshire.
See December '16 bulletin. *www.cheshireautopromotions.co.uk*

Aug 26th: Classic & Retro Festival, Gloucester City Centre. See November '16 bulletin.

Sep 7th-10th: NMCR, Grasmere, Cumbria, LA22 9SL.
See February bulletin. *www.national-microcar-rally.co.uk*

Sep 23rd/24th: Pistons & Props, Sywell Aerodrome, Northamptonshire, NN6 0BN.
http://www.sywellclassic.co.uk

MARKETPLACE

For Sale: 1960 T60 Rebuild Project

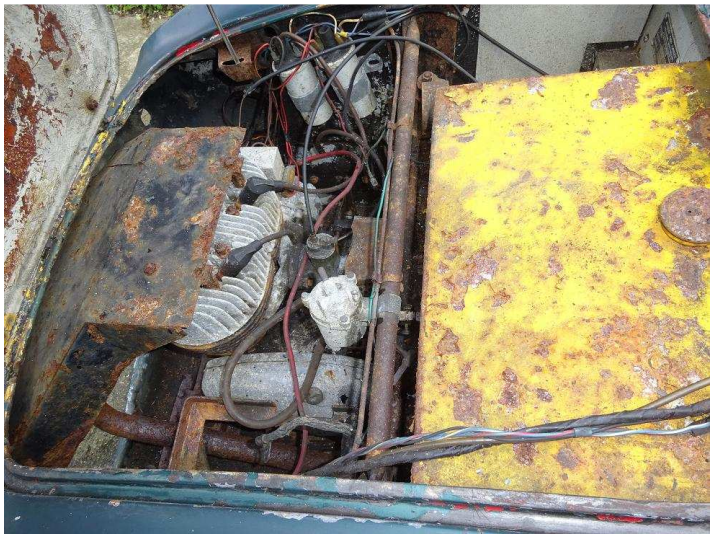
BEC Spares has for sale a 1960 late chassis style bucket seat, soft top T60. The car is on its wheels, movable and virtually complete, but will need a complete restoration of body, paintwork, mechanicals, braking systems, etc., etc.. The good news is that the punt chassis has at some stage had its original steelwork sills and bulkhead cross members replaced with new stainless steel or aluminium items, so will require less work.

The original engine bay floor 'top hat' section engine support members have rusted away (new available via some BEC Members), but early indications are that, despite some light rust, the components and fittings will dismantle relatively easily. The bucket seats, windscreen, glass, electrical loom, instruments and all mechanical fittings are present. There is a set of hood sticks, tonneau cover, sidescreens and hood, but the material is aged and stiff, so may only be any good as patterns.





As can be seen above, the car has been modified to accept 7" diameter headlamps which have been recessed back into the wings. Separate low level mounted sidelights have also been fitted (these will need to be matched or replaced).





A complete engine with all its components, gearbox, transmission etc will be supplied with the car, but the engine will require a full rebuild and re-assembly. The car does not have a V5C registration document, but the BEC believes there is sufficient documentation/proof to recover its original registration - it will only be sold by the BEC for full restoration to an original specification (no offers from members planning conversions or modification projects will be considered, due to the relative rarity of T60s).





The car may be viewed by arrangement in South Bucks, close to the M40/M25. Further photographs available from Dave Perrin (*dp_berkeley@yahoo.co.uk*). Please send your written best offers over £1,000 by Thursday 20th April 2017 to the BEC Spares Officer, Nigel Halliday, 59 Orchehill Avenue, Gerrards Cross, Bucks., SL9 8QH.

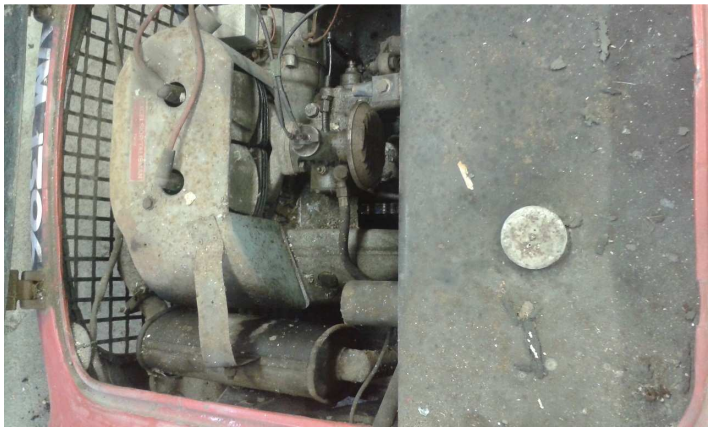
After this date, if the car remains unsold it will be offered for sale elsewhere outside the BEC.

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Timewarp SE328

'Barn find' is a very over-used term these days, but this car is 99.9% complete - just as if it had been put away in a barn over 30 years ago!





It will require either a complete restoration, or extensive re-commissioning. It benefits from being fitted with the later Frisky variant of the Excelsior fan-cooled Talisman Twin engine with TR (4-speed plus reverse) gearbox and cylinder heads with 'crossflow' finning, central spark

plugs and squish band combustion chamber. The TR 'box has been ingeniously linked to the original three-speed column change gear shift.

This vehicle offers an excellent opportunity for preparation for the 2018 Liège-Brescia-Liège Rally. It shows many signs of having been owned by a serious 'Berkletteer', with various period modifications to make it more usable and "it's all there folks!", so very little need to search for those rare parts which normally go missing over the years.





Unfortunately, there is no registration paperwork, so the DVLA will have to allocate an age-related 'number' once it is ready to be returned to the road.

All enquiries will be handled by the BEC Chairman, as this sale is due to bereavement. Further photos can be emailed to interested parties. Please contact me with provisional offers in the region of £3,000 (viewing will only be arranged for serious contenders).

Contact: Geoff (Bill) Toyer, Mob: 07773-119216 .

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

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, please contact Dave Perrin (*dp_berkeley@yahoo.co.uk*).

Please DO NOT contact Geoff Dabrowa, as he only e-mails the bulletin to you.

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'Berkeley-USA' Yahoo Group: *https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/Berkeley-USA/info*

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

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www.berkeleycarclub.com

Website for BEC members and anyone interested in our cars.
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