BERKELEY ENTHUSIASTS CLUB BULLETIN

Chairman's Report

Old Warden, our first show of 2017 was, as last year, a huge success. We were inundated with interest in our marque, both from the general public and from ex-employees of the Berkeley company and Mantle's Garages, amongst them being the son of Sid Durrant and Frank Davis who had worked under Sid in the Berkeley drawing office! We managed eight cars in our display, with only one 'no-show' (due to a broken clutch cable). An unexpected surprise was the visitation of Graham Higgs who (though without a Berkeley) made the effort to support us, bringing the club banners which enhanced our display along with Colin Pears' new 'shelter', which kept us adequately out of the wind all day and was considerably easier to assemble than the old club gazebo which was damaged at Pistons & Props last year. Another consequence of the show was a lead to the T60 (ex-John Bennett, Chingford) that you'll see advertised in the For Sale section. The car is now in Biggleswade and I'm told the engine is running, but you'll need to ring for further details.

Our next event is the club AGM on Saturday 6th of May in Minchinhampton, with the Stroud 'Wheel Nuts' charity show the following day (see previous Bulletins for details). I hope to see you all at either one, or both of these events, even if your car is not running - registrations for the latter closed a while ago, but please do come along and support this charitable event.

UK members should have received a couple of flyers with this Bulletin; the first is promoting the epic 'Berkeley Castle To Berkeley Close' charity trip which our membership secretary Geoff Dabrowa and member Barry Jones' will be undertaking in a pair of Berkeley T60s - you will note that provision for sponsorship is provided within the attachment by 'Just Giving' and I hope you'll support their efforts to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support (I have pledged what approximates to just about 1p per mile).

The second flyer covers the BEC Annual Rally at Winfield over the weekend of 19th-21st May. The Saturday itinerary now includes a short road run up to Crawley House, near Woburn where a Classic Car & Vehicle event is being held (the first of its kind at this venue). We had originally planned a trip to the Leighton Buzzard Light Railway Centre, but although they will be open on that day, no special events are lined up. It was therefore decided that the show would be more in keeping with what we're about (special thanks to diligent member Charlie Jefferies who spotted it and put me in contact with the organisers). Rally goers are of course welcome to visit the railway centre in preference to the car show, if you so wish.

See you at the AGM, keep Berkeleying!

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

NEWS

UPDATE: BEC AGM, Saturday 6th May

As indicated in the January bulletin, this year's AGM is being held as a stand-alone event in 'The Hub' Baptist Church Hall (next to Minchinhampton Youth Centre) in Tobacconist Road, Minchinhampton near Stroud (postcode GL6 9JJ) on the day before the Wheel Nuts charity vehicle show. The AGM is scheduled to start at 4pm, with doors open from around 3:30pm. Tea/coffee and biscuits will be provided.

AGM/Wheel Nuts camping on Friday, Saturday or Sunday nights has been arranged at Tobacconist Farm Campsite (postcode also GL6 9JJ, Tel: 01453-883534) which is best approached from Hampton Fields. The cost is £10 per tent per night (payable to me on the weekend).

The hall has adequate parking, but is only a 2 minute walk from the Camp Site, so those camping for Wheel Nuts may wish to just walk to the hall. Minchinhampton is so small that no-one should have any difficulty finding either venue.

My mobile number is 07748-197204 if anyone needs to contact me (I plan to arrive at the campsite during the Friday afternoon).

Geoff Dabrowa *BECMembership@googlemail.com*

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Goodwood Breakfast Club Meeting, Sunday 4th June

As mentioned last month, 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.

Could all members who have booked (or are interested in attending to see Berkeleys and other cars) please contact Dave Perrin (*dp_berkeley@yahoo.co.uk*), so that we can arrange a mid-day get-together meal similar to last year. Further details will be included in the May bulletin.

Nigel Halliday

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Historic Specials Day, Burford, Sunday 13th August

This well established Fairthorpe Sports Car Club event attracts around sixty cars each year (mainly Ford Ten and Austin Seven based specials) and, as usual, the venue is the Cotswold Wildlife Park, Burford, Oxfordshire.

Specials and limited production sports cars of all makes are invited, although cars built or designed after 1964 may be asked to park outside the display area. Some of the marques that have been to previous shows include: TWM, Turner, Fairthorpe, Elva, Lotus, Ginetta, Lola, Martin, Rochdale, Siva and Dellow.

Admission is FREE for the driver of a special or the tow car of a special and the park opens at 10:30am.

Ormskirk MotorFest, West Lancashire, Sunday August 27th

This event is organised by Aintree Circuit Club in conjunction with West Lancashire Borough Council and held in the historic market town of Ormskirk. It features everything from motorcycles & bubble cars through to classics, supercars & competition machinery, all on display in Coronation Park (where they will be nestled between food and drink venues and a variety of stalls, with live music in the band stand) and in the town centre (near the clock tower).

Vehicles will be on display from 11:00, but the A570 Ring-Road will be closed to all traffic from 14:30 to 16:30 to form a 1 Mile Parade Circuit through the town for those vehicles on display in the town centre. All parts of the circuit are accessible to visitors and it is free to attend as a spectator or to enter your vehicle for static display in the park, but there is a £10 admin fee for those wishing to take part in the parades (this covers marshalling/stewarding costs).

If you wish to display your Berkeley at this event and/or take part in the parades, go to web page *http://www.ormskirkmotorfest.com/registrations/register* :-

- To enter the Parade, use the form at top of the page (150 parade vehicle display locations will be allocated in the Town Centre).
- To enter the static vehicle display, scroll down to the lower form (250 applicants will be allocated Static Display locations in Coronation Park).

NOTE: For safety reasons, all Parade and Static Display vehicles MUST attend the event for the entire day and NO vehicular exit from the park will be possible until 17:00.

For further details, see the organiser's webpage *http://www.ormskirkmotorfest.com* .

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.



BEC Spares List

You should have received the latest BEC Spares List with this bulletin.

Nigel Halliday



EVENTS

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

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 March bulletin.
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: 'Soft Top' Breakfast Club, Goodwood Motor Circuit, West Sussex.
See above. *www.????*

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 13th: Historic Specials Day, Cotswold Wildlife Park, Burford, OX18 4JP.
See above for details.

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.

Aug 27th: Ormskirk MotorFest, West Lancs. See above. *www.ormskirkmotorfest.com*

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



Please ring Phil on the above number for further details (all we know is that the engine is supposedly running).

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For Sale: 1960 T60 Rebuild Project

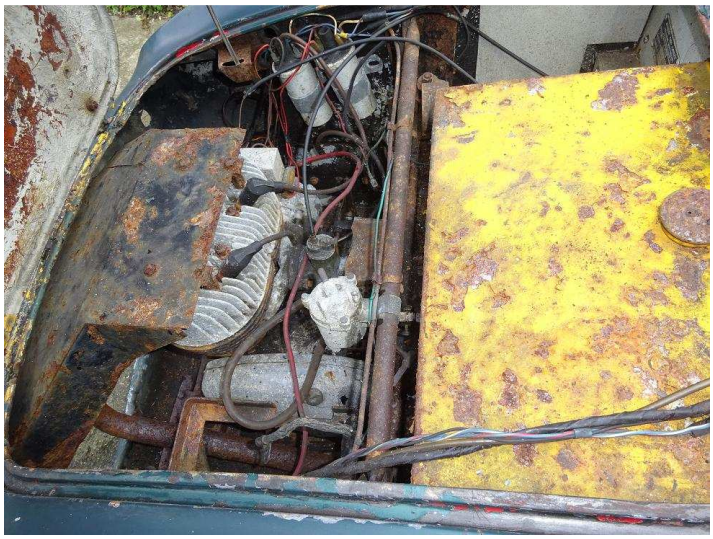
BEC Spares has for sale a 1960 late chassis style bucket seat, soft top T60. The car is on its wheels, movable and virtually complete, but will need a complete restoration of body, paintwork, mechanicals, braking systems, etc., etc.. The good news is that the punt chassis has at some stage had its original 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 ones are 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 (due to the relative rarity of T60s, no offers from members planning conversions or modification projects will be considered).

Viewing by arrangement in South Bucks, close to the M40/M25. Nigel plans to bring this car along to the BEC Rally if it has not been sold by then (offers invited on starting price of £1,000). Please contact Dave Perrin (*dp_berkeley@yahoo.co.uk*) to express an interest and/or for further photographs.

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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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Webmaster: Peter Smyth

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