BERKELEY ENTHUSIASTS CLUB BULLETIN

Chairman's Report

This month's Bulletin issue sees us yet again in 'Corona lockdown' with all of our early rally season shows either postponed or completely cancelled and it's looking likely that the mid-season ones will be too. However, gathering from the social media postings and the amount of emails and text messages I've received from you asking for advice on various subjects concerned with Berkeley restoration, I can only assume that this enforced layoff has prompted a surge of enthusiasm for both renovating and restoring our cherished cars!

If things proceed along the guidelines set by the Government and other health bodies' advice, it would seem that the shows not cancelled later on in the season might still go ahead. Obviously the National Microcar Rally in September is one of these and as such, the fruits of all your efforts could come to fruition at this show! I was rather surprised at last year's event that the BEC topped the list with 23 cars as the highest attendance for any 'one make' car club. If the event still goes ahead this year I see no reason, given all this extra input, that we should be able to exceed last year's total. With this in mind I think it would be appropriate to thank our 'Spares Officer', Nigel Halliday, in keeping us supplied with the essentials needed to achieve our personal goals with regard to progressing our endeavours throughout this period, well done Nigel!

On a more pleasant note than the doom and gloom of Covid19, those who follow the 'social media' pages will have seen the re-emergence of a previous member from the early 1970's, Angie Singleton, better known to many of us old enough to remember, by her then name 'Angie Tudge'. Angie was very adventurous back in those days in that she used various T60 Three Wheelers to cover many miles and was an active Committee Member and at one time, along with her then husband, produced the club newsletter. I can remember attending the very first National Microcar Rally in 1975, held at 'The Cotswold Wildlife Park', Burford, Oxon. Angie had driven down to the event all the way from Nottingham with her six-month-old baby daughter packed in a 'Moses basket' in the rear luggage compartment! Probably by today's standard not considered overly exceptional, but back in those days it most certainly was. Just to bring things into perspective, that six-month-old baby is now 45!

Finally, good luck to all those in their continued restoration work, I hope we can all see the fruits of your labours later on this year.

Keep safe and well.

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

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Anzani Engine testing update

The comparison and 'set up' testing is still continuing with several members who own the Sports Anzani cars. Unfortunately, due to the lockdown active road testing has had to cease for the time being.

One of the main problems in owning and restoring these Anzani 322cc engines is their scarcity and the subsequent scarcity of parts. Added to which we are learning that there are variations in the design of these parts depending on which application the engine was fitted to i.e. Berkeley, Powerdrive car, Astra van, Cotton, Greeves motorbikes, outboard engines, hydroplanes etc etc.

In order to assist in this project we have decided to set up a database of members who have Anzani engines or parts, so we are able to better source parts for all members with these cars going forward. The new database will be set up by BEC Spares and the Anzani owning member John Brimson. Our first review of BEC members with Anzanis reveal the following members: - John Brimson, Graham Higgs, Geoff Dabrowa, Geoff Toyer, Tyler Williams (USA), Ali Robertson, Steve Ball and the RUM museum.

These members will be contacted in the near future to ask them exactly what Anzani parts they have in their care.

Advance Notice. Cars for Sale

We have learnt that a collection of Berkeleys is shortly to be part disposed of. The cars likely to be for sale will be complete sets of parts / components for Sports SE492s and B95 models. The cars are currently partially restored but generally in a good to reasonable condition so would make excellent restoration projects for one of these rarer models. Price of the packages will be fair but full. Initial interest to be expressed to the BEC Spares Officer please.

Nigel Halliday

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SPARES

Spares Update

New in stock –Lamp assemblies.

As mentioned, and illustrated in last month's Bulletin we have now taken delivery of new stocks of lamps for the various models, unfortunately price rises as well.

Stop tail lamp, conical red lens as Lucas L594 as fitted to T60 and a few B95/B105	£26.00 plus £3.75 P &P UK.
Indicator lamp, conical orange lens as Lucas L594 as fitted to T60 front and rear.....	£26.00 plus £3.75 P &P UK.
Indicator lamp, orange flat lens as Lucas L 488, as fitted to Four Wheelers front and rear.....	£26.00 plus £3.75 P&P UK
Rubber casing for L 594, also L488 lamps.....	£5.00 plus £3.75 P&P UK
Reflector, small size to suit most Four wheelers.....	£12.00 plus £ 1.70 P&P UK
Rear number plate lamp, chrome or black body, to suit some four wheelers particularly export cars	£30.00 plus £3.75 P&P UK.

Also available separately glass lenses, chrome trim rings, electrical bulb holders.

We can also make up Export and USA lamp configurations i.e. red lensed indicator flasher tail lamps etc etc.

Wheel trim spinner badges

We have just taken delivery of a new batch of spinner badges. These have been re-manufactured for the BEC and are hand painted in the maroon and light grey colours as matched to the original glazed badges.

£5.00 each plus £1.00 P&P UK



Nigel Halliday

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Update: Membership Secretary Report

The following figures relate to the "current" membership as of 24th April 2020.

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

Membership numbers have taken a small tumble this month however late payers of Renewal Subscriptions continue to affect overall membership numbers..

It's great to see a continuation of new members to the Club.

The Club currently has a grand total of 202 Members.

- United Kingdom 133 subscribing members
- Europe 19 subscribing members
- Rest of the world 33 subscribing members (26 members in USA)

Subscribing members total 185 plus 17 Honorary and Car Clubs resulting in 202 total membership.
We welcome one new member this month;
#2738 Dave Keen T60 Kidlington Oxfordshire UK

Please can you keep me updated with changes of address and email addresses etc, if you have moved in the past 12 months – 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, eleven UK members currently receive their Bulletins by post.

In the absence of an AGM this year below is a brief account of our Membership over the past year.

Annual Membership information as at the end of March 2020

- 189 Subscribing Members plus 17 Honorary and Car Clubs = 206 (a drop of 10 to the previous year).
- UK had 23 new/re-joined members.
- Europe had 5 new members.
- Rest of the world also 5 new members.
- UK 137 subscribing members, USA 26, France 6, Germany and Netherlands 5 each, Australia 4, New Zealand 2
- With 1 member in each of following; Austria, Belgium, Italy and Japan.

There have been several cars changing hands, hence members not renewing, others have decided not to renew and of course sadly some members have passed on.

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

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.

CANCELLED

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

'Classics at Prescott' Open Hill Climb Event 9th-10th May - **Rescheduled to Sept 19th-20th**

Saturday road run, and Sunday Hill Climb event and static display. For more details and entry [illegible]

POSTPONED

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

CANCELLED

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

AoHE Cars and Coffee Meet -Shuttleworth Cafe / Car park Sunday 17th May 10.00

Coffee meet at the world famous Shuttleworth Collection - ONLY by ticket so if you would like to be there please book now.

Website: *https://www.facebook.com/events/753195881858212/* .

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.

POSTPONED

Störy Revival Microcar Meeting June 12th-14th

Based at the PS Speicher museum, Einbeck, Germany. The third Störy Revival Microcar Meeting **Website:***https://www.ps-speicher.de/kleinwagentreffen.php*.

CANCELLED

'Biggles' Evening Flying Event Saturday 20th June

The Shuttleworth Collection, Old Warden Aerodrome, Nr Biggleswade, Bedfordshire. 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.

CANCELLED

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

CANCELLED

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

Silverstone Classics 31st July - 2nd August

Track events and static classic car club displays.

www.silverstoneclassic.com/

August 2020

'Bubblecar' and Scooter Event - Bourgogne -28th - 30th August - **Rescheduled to 26th-28th August 2022**

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

POSTPONED

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/*

The National Microcar Rally 9th-13th September

Organised by the Heinkel Trojan Club at Lower Lacon Caravan Park, Wem, Shropshire SY4 5RP. Starts from 4:30 on Wednesday the 9th September through until final departures on Monday 14th at 11am. Regular updates will be made on the NMCR Facebook page.

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/*

'Classics at Prescott' Open Hill Climb Event 19th-20th September

Rescheduled from May - Saturday road run , and Sunday Hill Climb event and static display. For more details and entry see accompanying flyer or website.

Email: *Wrcprescott@gmail.com* **Website**: *www.classicsatprescott.com/*

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MARKETPLACE

Wanted - Hood Frame

A soft top frame, two stick, three hoop type to suit a 1957 Sports SE 328.

Contact : Brian Bliss .**Tel:** 01635865432 (Newbury).

Wanted -T60 Bucket Seats

T60 bucket seats, a pair please.

Contact: Fred Massey . **Tel:** 01746712512 (Bridgnorth).

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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 **Wednesday 20th May** for inclusion in the May 2020 bulletin.

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

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