BERKELEY ENTHUSIASTS CLUB
BULLETIN

Chairman's Report

I reported in last month's Bulletin about the atrocious weather we'd been receiving, especially on our show dates. Well, how things can change! I hope that you all survived the 'mini heatwave' experienced in this month past. Although a pleasant change, not really conducive to getting out and about in your air cooled Berkeley!

If the heat was too much for you, you could have consoled yourself by taking some shade and reading the latest edition of your BEC Quarterly Magazine. Well done Terry and all those who contributed to it! I remind you of Terry's Editorial plea for more articles to be sent in, so put 'pen to paper' and get writing about your Berkeley, or your experiences with it, no matter whether it be past, or present!

Please take time to acquaint yourselves with the latest official updates in 'Events' received from Grant Kearney on the NMCR this coming September.

We have just received correspondence from Biggleswade Historical Society who are staging an exhibition titled 'Astonishing Inventions' and, as a consequence, would like a Berkeley car presence. See 'Events' for further details.

We also need to have some commitment asap toward attendance at Pistons & Props, Sywell September this year before I can book a Club Stand.

Some better news on filling the now vacant post of BEC Membership Secretary. After minimal response, member Bob Wilkins has volunteered to take over the position, albeit only up until the BEC Annual General Meeting in June 2023, at which time it will be reviewed. Bob will be looking at ways to improve both the initial joining process and, more importantly, ways of improving the yearly renewal process so as to make it less time consuming for the incumbent MS, whilst ensuring that the all-important 'Car Records Database' is kept up to date.

It only leaves me to thank Bob for volunteering, Terry Scott for offering help in the event of the post not being filled and Andy Greenwood for offering advice on renewal services currently on offer and lastly, of course, our outgoing Secretary, Geoff Dabrowa, for agreeing to handle the PayPal account and other minutiae during the 'handover' to Bob Wilkins. Also, please note that in this issue, the Membership Secretary's Report will be the last received from Geoff Dabrowa.

Lastly, this month sees the sad demise of rally legend 'Paddy Hopkirk' (April 1933-21st July 2022). Belfast born 'Paddy', was already an established competition driver, although never known to have driven a Berkeley, he did however drive one of its front wheel drive successors, when in 1964 he won the Monte Carlo Rally in a BMC Works 'Mini Minor', undoubtedly contributing to that vehicle's phenomenal popularity in that decade and on. RIP Paddy Hopkirk.

Keep safe and keep Berkeleying!

Geoff (Bill) Toyer

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NEWS

BEC Southern Chapter

Mike Rounsville Smith reports that there were 10 members, including WAGs at last month's BEC Southern Chapter Meeting. This figure was slightly down on the June meeting, but Mike puts this down to some regular attendees being on holiday. The next meeting will be held on the 9th August, further details in 'Events'. As always, please check with Mike or Dave Perrin, especially if travelling any distance, just to make sure the event is going ahead.

Mike Rounsville-Smith, President/Secretary

BEC Central Chapter

This past month of July should have hosted two possible 'meet ups' for Central Chapter; the first being the ever popular 'Wingfield', near Toddington, which was right in the middle of the 'mini heatwave', where three intrepid members of Central Chapter were joined by additional 'East Anglian' support, making five Berkeleys in total: an SA322 Sports, two Berkeley Three Wheelers, a B95 and a B65, plus the support of one BEC member without a car. Needless to say, sun brolleys were the order of the day, with GD complete with electric drill and hose clips securing them to our chairs!

I must say that it was good to see member Barry Jones in attendance with his T60. Barry has had some health issues of late, which have kept him away from the rally scene for some time now. However Barry, a noted 'long distance man' and past winner of the BEC Excelsior Endurance Award, drove his car all the way from Sible Headingham in Essex and back again. Well done Barry! In fact, all in attendance did considerable all round mileage in the high temperature of the heatwave and it would seem without any reported issues. Just goes to show you what our little cars are capable of!

Unfortunately, the second event of the month at Shefford, also in Bedfordshire, was cancelled at the eleventh hour.

A message from the Magazine Editor

As you read this we have reached the closing date for the next magazine and, once again, I have received very little from members to put in the magazine, although two members have made a substantial contribution. Thank you to them.

I think as life has changed recently all over the world then maybe I need to reconsider what the members actually want in the magazine as opposed to publishing what I think you want, because, without contributions, we will struggle to continue publication. If you can point me in the direction of what you want then maybe it might be easier to assemble the 20 page version which is always my target.

If you could drop me a line to thebecmag@gmail.com roughly describing what types of subject you would like to see then maybe we might make the 20 page issue every time, thanks.

Terry Scott *thebecmag@gmail.com*

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Update: Membership Secretary Report

The following figures relate to the 'current' membership as of 26th July 2022.

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

We have one New Members this month.

Subscribing members total 201 with 14 Honorary and Car Clubs resulting in 215 total overall Membership.

- United Kingdom 146 subscribing members
- Europe 25 subscribing members
- Rest of the world 29 subscribing members (23 subscribing members in USA)

The BEC welcomes New Members:

#2784 Mike Plant T60 Leytonstone London UK

As noted last month, I'm afraid I am not now able to offer the service of reprinting old Magazines and Newsletters/Bulletins because of printing issues.

As stated previously, that after close on eight years I am giving up the position of Membership Secretary, this should be my final contribution to The Bulletin as Membership Secretary, hopefully by the time you read this the Committee will have come up with a satisfactory solution/replacement.

It has been a pleasure to be in regular contact with "you" The Membership, all over the world, I can now spend more time on the garden and doing all those jobs around the home that I've put off for a long time.

I will still be active around the country in my "Trusty" SA322.

Happy Berkeleying

Geoff Dabrowa – Membership Secretary

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EVENTS

Classic Festivals

We have received a full itinerary of Show dates for 2022: Essex, Suffolk, Surrey, Buckinghamshire, Kent, Cambridge.

Contact: *www.classicfestivals.co.uk*

August 2022

BEC Southern Chapter Monthly Meet Up: Tuesday 9th August 2022

The monthly BEC Southern Chapter meeting will be held on Tuesday 9th August from 7.30 pm at 'The Saddlers Arms', Send Marsh, Surrey, GU23 6JQ (just off the A3 a few miles north of Guildford). You may care to contact Mike Rounsville-Smith before you leave home and travel a long distance.

Mike Rounsville-Smith – President/Secretary **Tel:** *01932 560160*

Newcomers planning to attend, please contact Dave Perrin for details, maps, whereabouts in the pub we meet etc.

Email: *dp_berkeley@yahoo.co.uk* **Tel:** 02392 25088

Rushden Classic Car and Bike Show: Sunday 7th August 2022 11am-4pm
Hall Park, Rushden

Historic Specials and Sports Car Day: Sunday 14th August
Cotswold Wildlife Park, near Burford, Oxon

This well-established and popular rally, organised by a division of the Ford Sidevalve Owners Club celebrates everything connected with the 1950s and 1960s and later 'specials' car movement, especially the fibreglass kit car scene and the low production sports cars. Berkeleys, although not truly compliant with the above categories are always welcome and it is an excellent day out for the whole family. Entry is usually free for the car and driver. Malcolm McKay, staunch Berkeley supporter and LBL Rally organiser and other BEC members are usually in attendance with an interesting car or two.

We would recommend attendance as it is a great day out, just turn up from the time the park opens usually 10 am.

Stroud Classic Car Show: Sunday 21st 11am
Mason Road Playing Field, Bisley Old Road, Stroud, Gloucestershire GL5 1NN

No entrance fee, no booking, just turn up on the day. Show starts 11am, trophies for best cars and bikes. Club Stands free of charge but please inform us of size needed (dogs allowed but must be kept on lead). Please feel free to ring or email me for further details. It would be nice to hear from you if you can make it.

Tel: *07883604522* **Email:** *jwiddey@aol.com*

14th Cheshire Microcar Rally: August Bank Holiday 2022 Friday 26th - Monday 29th August inclusive

Road runs on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Fish and chip supper Friday evening (pre-booked).

Pitch fees £10 unit/ night. EHU £3 unit/night. A few electric hook-ups remain.

Early arrivals & late departures available.

To book please ring or email Andrea **Tel:** *01625 860893* **Email***: andreasteggel@aol.com*

The Classic Silverstone 26th-28th August 2022

Taking place over the August Bank Holiday weekend, The Classic will mark Silverstone's end of summer celebrations next year!

Party On Potton Saturday 27th August 2022

As a consequence of the BEC supporting Biggleswade Community Carnival this year, we have received an invitation to the above.

As some of you will remember, we supported this event some years ago, pre the C19 Pandemic.

The owner of Turnpike Farm, being one of the organisers, has offered anyone attending with a Berkeley free weekend camping, so therefore we could use it as another opportunity for a Central Chapter meet up if we so wish. A social meet up Saturday night at 'The Kings Reach', coupled with a Sunday morning 'road run' around the area taking in the usual Berkeley related sites could also be arranged if there is enough interest.

Please contact the Chairman, if interested.

For those members with concerns about taking their cars into parades, Potton is a village, not a town, so therefore the parade is only a short one. It also terminates in a public park where there are stalls and events going on throughout the afternoon. An ample opportunity for us to statically display our cars.

September 2022

National MicroCar Rally 2022: 1-4 September 2022
Woodhouse Farm Holiday Park, Winksley, Ripon, HG4 3PG
Update

Planning for this year's NMCR is progressing extremely well. All road runs are now confirmed and instructions prepared and checked. Ray has driven the routes in his Isetta to check suitability and parking has been checked. The rural country lanes of North Yorkshire and quaint market towns are ideal microcar territory. The annual rally memento has been designed, produced, delivered and will be well received. The onsite bar and restaurant will be available throughout the rally and evening activities are currently being planned.

As of the 13th July, there are 50 pitches and 3 pods booked at Woodhouse Farm Holiday Park. Whilst there are still pitches available, we would recommend prior booking. Entry to the site - every person/unit that arrives to reception will be given their own personal gate entry number which is not transferable. If someone arrives "out of hours" you will see a telephone number to ring and you will be attended to. Please support your club and the NMCR by ensuring you attend this year's rally.

Ray can be contacted at: *bubblecarray@gmail.com*
or via messenger at the NMCR FB page
or **Tel:** *01274 218455* **mobile** *07977 445694*

The Raunds Festival of Transport 2022: Saturday 3rd September 2022
(See Facebook Page.)

This event is similar to the one held at Stony Stratford New Year's day, which involves the whole town, with display vehicles parked both in the town centre and available public places.

Tel: *07740 644242*

Biggleswade Historical Society 'Astonishing Inventions': Saturday 10th September 2022 11.30am-3.30pm
Trinity Methodist Church, Shortmead Street, Biggleswade

The Biggleswade Historical Society will be mounting a small exhibition of local businesses: Berkeley Cars, Dan Albon's Cycle and Tractor Works, etc, mostly written and photographic. The Society would like to see Berkeley cars represented and therefore is inviting BEC members to attend.

Please contact the Chairman if interested.

Sywell Classic: Pistons & Props: 24th and 25th September 2022
Sywell Aerodrome Sywell

If a Club Stand is going to be booked at this event, we need commitment from members. Please contact Chairman.

Kop Hill Climb 2022: 24th and 25 September 2022 **Contact:** *www.kophillclimb.org.uk*

June 2023

Monte Carlo Historique: 25 January 2023
As referred to in Chairman's Report and News (June Bulletin). For further information see attached PDF (June Bulletin). More news and updates to follow.

BEC AGM/Rally: the date will be as agreed at the last AGM we held in 2019, the second week in June. Please make a note in your diaries now!

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Reports, Event News, For Sale/Wanted, etc.

Please contact Lorraine Thomas (*lorrainecourse@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 24th August** for inclusion in the August 2022 Bulletin.

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MARKETPLACE

BEC Regalia, Clothing, Badges

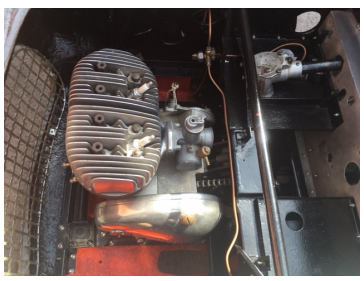
Don't forget the extensive range of quality BEC clothing available by mail order from Ark Trading.

Many items in different colours (additional colours available on request), etc.

www.arktrading.com
Select Club Sites: Motor Clubs: Berkeley Enthusiasts Club on the drop down menu

For sale T60 Soft Top






The club spares service may shortly have the task of finding a new home for a 1960 T60 soft top which is approximately 75% restored. It needs the body resprayed and the interior and seats retrimmed. The engine has been overhauled but will need final connections made. Most, if not all other parts have already been overhauled, rebuilt and painted. It is sitting back on its wheels.

The car is located in the UK in the Central England area.

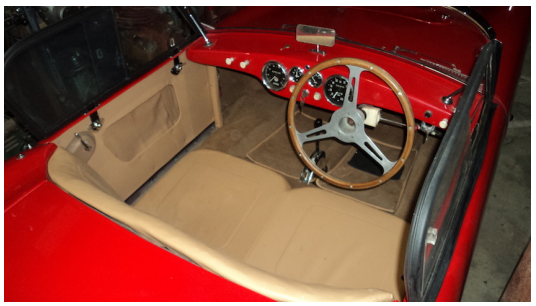
If any BEC member is interested in taking over this project please contact Nigel Halliday or Dave Perrin in the first instance.

For Sale Berkeley B95 with B105 engine







Chassis No. B95 769 First registered 28th December 1959.

271 JKE known as Jake. Log books from 1967.

Recent new upholstery, new soft top not fitted, new rear brake shoes. Tank removed, chemically treated and sealed, new fuel pump. Engine fitted with Hitchcock crankshaft plug tapped and drilled for matching AC oil gauge. In excellent original condition, described as one of the most original B95s. New oil filter element fitted with engine cylinder head stabilising bracket. It has not been used on the road for some time. Only available due to a planned house move. Most bulletins going back to the 1990s. Factory workshop manuals and parts list. Seven motoring magazines going back to 1959 containing road tests of the B95 together with the Brooklands publication and the Lawrie Bond book. Some spares. Look at Youtube to see Mike Rounsville-Smith car being demonstrated and scroll down to Robin Baker's comments for an amusing description. Cracked rev counter glass has now been replaced.

Offers invited.

Please contact *George Moore Tel: 01780 410169* *georgesherryl@outlook.com*

For Sale T60 Chassis No. 1485

A blast from the past!

The T60 that competed in the Shell Mileage Marathon at Silverstone in 1983. News cuttings included from the event.







Bucket seats. Complete with Hood and Tonneau. Was originally fitted with Excelsior 328 twin engine No. 12799. Now and for many years it has a type 2T 249cc Villiers twin engine, No. 862b/776 with Siba Dynastart. Neatly married to an Albion VRA 607 gearbox and clutch fitted under an Excelsior primary chain case.

It has had an 'in period' steel chassis replacement, making it a very stiff chassis (not an external ladder frame). The car is currently running on radial ply tyres. It has been covered and stored in a garage for many years. Brakes said to have been overhauled, it moves/rolls freely. Said previously to be a good runner. Will require a few hours of recommissioning.

Door catches need freeing off. It has no battery. Log book/V5 available.

Health issues mean it has to be offered for sale as is. See pictures.

If interested please contact:

Email: *david lucas52@hotmail.com*

Wanted

A pair of cylinder barrels for an Excelsior 328cc engine. Standard bore, or up to .015 inch oversize. Bore condition unimportant, as wish to bore out to .020 inch.

Contact: *Bob Wilkins box200@yahoo.com*

As reported for sale on Facebook Marketplace

A T60 suitable for restoration. It is a late 1960 bucket seat, soft top model, colour yellow. Looks to be quite original and complete. Advertised at £3,750.

Also as seen on the Berkeley Car Owners Facebook Page

A fully restored red T60 soft top located in England. Date of posting 22nd/23rd July.

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