BERKELEY ENTHUSIASTS CLUB BULLETIN

Chairman's Report

Not much to report this month, but I'd like you all to give further thought to the BEC Golden Jubilee Event next year. It suddenly struck me that, since this will be the 50th anniversary of our club, why not attempt to get fifty cars there! A pipedream I hear you say! ... but seriously, it could be a possibility with 'Max effort'.

Many owners trailer their roadworthy cars to events these days anyway, but we would also welcome any complete cars or incomplete 'work-in-progress' restoration projects if you can beg or borrow trailer! So, please have a think about it over the winter months - we managed just over 30 cars at Old Warden in 2006 (for the 50th anniversary of the SA322 being introduced) and it would be great to better that figure.

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

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NEWS

Berkeleys in the News

The December issue of Classic and SportsCar magazine includes a half-page feature on the successful 2013 Kop Hill hill climb event; one of five associated pictures is of the Berkeley stand (comprising Geoff Harris's blue 'Sports' SE328, Jeff Payne's blue T60 and a restoration project 'Sports' SE492 rolling bodyshell) - good publicity, which can only help the Berkeley cause.

We assume that Graham Higgs must have been 'attacking' the hill at the time, as his B95 is missing from the picture!

BEC Regalia - New Item

We recently came across a range of Berkeley self adhesive coloured vinyl stickers and have purchased a few as a possible new BEC Regalia item. They are normal surface mount stickers, not window stickers (i.e. the adhesive is on the rear face) and the design is the standard round Berkeley 'B' logo:-

- 50mm diameter, with a choice of white or silver background @£5.00 per pair.
- 58mm diameter (black & silver) @£2.50 each.

Available initially from BEC Spares; please send a stamped self addressed envelope and cheque for the relevant amount (payable to 'BEC Regalia') to the BEC Spares Officer.

BEC Spares and Vehicle Registrar Service

Please note that due to holidays both of these club services will be unavailable until early/mid December.

Nigel Halliday

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New Wheels Update

Further to last months announcement, the second batch of new wheels have now been collected and everyone who pre-ordered and pre-paid, but still not contacted Graham Higgs regarding final delivery arrangements and charges will be contacted by him shortly (IMPORTANT: these wheels cannot be stored beyond December 2013).

NOTE - As mentioned previously, a small number of wheels have also been allocated to the BEC Spares service, but these will not be made available until the original orders have been fulfilled.

Headlight Covers

A reminder that all headlight cover assembly components are now in stock as follows:-

- Clear Perspex Cover ..... £15.00 each, plus £3.00 postage & packing (UK).
- Black Rubber Surround ..... £5.00 each, plus £2.50 p&p
- Black Rubber Filler Strip/Insert ..... £1.50 plus £1.00 p&p
- Plastic Chrome Filler Strip/Insert ..... £2.00 plus £ 1.00 p&p

NEW: MB1156 Late Model Door Seal

We recently located a source of the black sponge neoprene rubber draught excluder seal which was fitted to the front leading and rear trailing edge of the doors on all cars with vertical leading edge doors (i.e. later-SE 492, B95/105 and T60s). The triangular section extrusion is fixed by glueing it onto the internal corner of the door moulding after painting. It is currently being tested for suitability and will be offered for sale once we have confirmed that it is correct.

NOTE - The BEC Spares List will be included with the December Bulletin.

Nigel Halliday

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Prescott Hill Climb

Entries are now being invited for the Prescott Hill Climb Charity Event on Sunday 11th May 2014. This event is run by the Cleeve Vale Rotary Club and is a lovely day out in nice surroundings; it has been enjoyed by several members of the BEC for the last two years.

If any members are interested in driving their Berkeley (or other classic car) up the hill, we recommend that you make your application shortly, as it is very popular. The entry 'fee' is a donation of £50, which gets you at least two runs up the hill.

For more details see *www.cleevevale.org.uk*

Drive It Day

This FBHVC initiative aims to raise public awareness of historic vehicles and sees numerous driving events all around the UK; the 2014 date is 27th April.

One regular event is the Milton Keynes classic car tour which usually starts at Stony Stratford, covering a route which includes interesting places such as the fantastic Millbrook vehicle proving ground, before ending up at Silverstone. It would be good to see some Berkeleys taking part in this event, but it also books up fast, so you are advised to make enquiries now.

For more details see *www.mkccc.com*

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MARKETPLACE

For Sale: B105

Fully restored to an original high specification by Harry Stannistreet in the UK six years ago, this soft top car with metallic blue paintwork has been in a private collection since reliably taking part in the 2008 Liege-Briesce-Liege Rally across Europe.

It is now offered for sale in full working order, with MoT, etc. - offers of interest to be made via BEC Spares, who will forward them to the vendor's agent.

NOTE - commensurate with the rarity and condition of this car, the reserve figure is high.

For Sale: B95

I have recently acquired another fully restored Berkeley, so am reluctantly putting my B95 project up for sale. This ex-UK car was restored in the 80s by a New Zealand engineer (and BEC member).

It has a few modifications (which can easily be undone), but basically just requires a general going over and some minor restoration. If required, the car can easily be shipped back to the UK, where it could be re-united with its unusual original UK registration.

Contact: Terry Cartwright, e-mail: *terrycartwright@clear.net.nz*

Wanted: T60 Windscreen

Windscreen glass required for T60 (with or without frame).

Contact: Norman Gowans, Mob: 07885-264344 or E-mail: *norman.gowans@virgin.net* .

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Interesting Propositions

A London-based ex-BEC member from many years ago is unfortunately suffering from ill health and needs to find new homes for his collection of expired family cars and motorcycles (plus spares). Most are in a poor or dismantled state, but could be useful as unusual restoration projects or for spares, etc..

The collection consists of:-

- Mini-powered Berkeley T60 (poor condition, but still restorable).
- 1972 ABC 'Tricar' (rare front wheel drive kit car with Mini front subframe & power unit, etc. and single rear wheel).
- Various Mini parts (engine and other).
- Reliant Rialto.
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- 1990s Triumph 'Trophy 3' rolling chassis (appears to be complete bike minus engine, but this may also be available).
- Various other motorcycle and car components.

More details will be available in the new year, but please contact BEC Spares now to express an interest.

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