BERKELEY ENTHUSIASTS CLUB
BULLETIN

## NEWS

Newsletter

The Spring Newsletters and 2013 Membership Lists are now all in the post, so should reach most members in a day or two. As indicated last month, we plan to include a membership update insert with the Summer newsletter, to bring the list bang up to date.

Sadly various domestic chores have taken priority in the Bell household in recent weeks and my B105 is still lying dormant in the garage, with no chance of it being fettled in time for the drive up to the club rally in Lincolnshire in a couple of week's time. I'm therefore going to be taking a more leisurely/boring drive up in my modern(ish) 'tin box' and plan to arrive in plenty of time for the Saturday evening barbeque.

We are currently looking for suitable photos to include in a 2014 BEC calendar, so if you can't bring along a Berkeley, we'd still be interested in seeing your family Berkeley photo albums as well as images of any current Berkeley projects that you are working on.

*Ray Bell*

IMMR (Biggleswade)

The 2013 Ian Mantle Memorial Run driving event itself will be starting early on the morning of Sunday 21st of July, but most of us will be gathering at the base site late on the Saturday afternoon for an evening meal at the local pub and then camping overnight.

As indicated previously, if you intend joining us in your Berkeley, but are lacking a navigator, please drop me a line. Likewise, if you don't currently have a Berkeley on the road, but would like to navigate for a lonesome driver, please let me know and we'll do our best to match everyone up. Obviously, spectators are equally welcome, but if any of you are interested in helping man the locations on the day and/or judge the quality of the driving, then please let us know.

*Daren* *DarenJeff@hotmail.com*

BEC Publications

After 50 years at the same address, our President and General Secretary Mike Rounsville-Smith finally moved house a few weeks ago, but it is going to be another month or two before he is settled enough to resume supplying BEC Publications. His new contact details will be included in the May bulletin, but in the meantime anyone interested in specific information should contact Nigel Halliday or Dave Perrin.

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## EVENTS

- Prescott Hill Climb Day for Classics, 11th/12th May (Cheltenham).

A great day out. A few Berkeleys are already entered to run up the hill on the Sunday and have a picnic. Hill Climb bookings are now closed, but static display entry to the event costs £18 per vehicle and includes a slow cavalcade drive up the hill. A 60 mile Road Run is also taking place on the Saturday if you wish to make a weekend of it. A donation of £15 per car gives spectators entry on the Sunday. Details: www.cleevevale.org.uk .

- BEC Rally & AGM, 18th/19th May at the Bubble Car Museum (Boston, Lincolnshire).
- Bubble Car Museum 3rd Annual Rally/Roadrun, 24th - 26th May (Boston, Lincolnshire).
- La Locomotion en Fête, 1st/2nd June, Aérodrome de Cerny, 91590 La Ferté Alais, France.
- SHVPS Classic Vehicle Show & Autojumble, 2nd June, Queen Elizabeth Country Park, near Petersfield, Hampshire, PO8 0QE. Over 300 vehicles and over 160 autojumble stalls. Website: www.shvps.org.uk Adults: £5, Under-16s: Free.
- Bromley Pageant of Motoring, 9th June, Norman Park, Bromley, BR2 9EF.
- Bristol MicroCar Club Rally, 5th - 7th July (Keynsham, Bristol).
- Ian Mantle Memorial Run, 21st July (Biggleswade).
- Hammond Collection (RUMCars) Open Day, 28th July (Hawkenbury, Kent).
- Classic Car Summer Picnic, 31st July, (Amberley Industrial Museum, Sussex).
- Hervé Caffier's 3-wheeler gathering, 1st September, Gratibus (small village in the 80500 Picardie, Somme region of northern France).
- National MicroCar Rally, 29th August - 1st September (Three Counties Show Ground, Great Malvern).
- Bubble Car Museum Halloween Event, (Boston, Lincolnshire).
- Bubble Car Museum Christmas Event, (Boston, Lincolnshire).

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BEC Website

After months of effort by Peter Smyth, the new *http://www.berkeleycarclub.com* BEC website is now up and running. Obviously, it is early days yet and various aspects will no doubt be tweaked and improved over the coming months, but all comments/suggestions are welcome.

Berkeley Social

In a similar vein, BEC member Neil Barber started a Berkeley Facebook group page a few months ago, which is proving popular with enthusiasts here in the UK and a few from overseas. The link is *http://www.facebook.com/groups/berkeleycarowners* and a couple of contributors are posting photos of their rebuild projects, alongside general Berkeley photos.

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## SPARES

Club Spares will be available on the Sunday of the upcoming BEC Rally AGM, however, the full selection will not be available. Members requiring specific items should contact me or e-mail Dave Perrin (*dp_berkeley@yahoo.co.uk*) as soon as possible, as indicated in the Spring newsletter Rally insert.

Berkeley Wheels

The manufacturing drawings have now been checked and signed off. The deposit has been paid and the manufacturer is currently awaiting delivery of the rims from Northern Italy, ready for the UK-made Berkeley-specific centres to be added; more news in June.

Spares Update

Speedometer cables are now back in stock and delivery of a new batch of perspex headlamp covers is imminent.

SE328 door hinges and exhaust systems for Excelsior engines are also all expected to be available before the end of the year.

Bearing Prices

We have recently restocked ball and roller bearings for the Excelsior engine and have been staggered at the increased cost of imperial sized bearings from quality manufacturers; in some cases the price has gone up by almost 60%! This is presumably a reflection of the low demand for imperial sized products nowadays – perhaps it is time to contact our imperial sized friends in North America!

Wanted: Differential Star Pinion Gears

We currently have several USA members requiring replacement sets of four MB 117 star pinion gears for their differentials. If you have a spare stack available for sale (preferably from a T60 diff), please contact BEC Spares.

Wanted in the USA: Glass Windshield/Screen

Our Texan member Robert Dean Bennett is nearing completion of a fantastic restoration on his Sports SE328. He is still missing one item, however, and that is a replacement glass screen for his cracked windshield.

If any of our USA members can assist Bob with a secondhand screen, please contact BEC Spares.

*Nigel Halliday*



## MARKETPLACE

Wanted in the UK

New or secondhand Sports SE 328 slant door front body section; must be complete, but not necessarily in perfect condition. Contact: BEC Spares Officer.

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