BERKELEY ENTHUSIASTS CLUB BULLETIN

NEWS

Kop Hill Climb –21st 22nd September

Don't forget to support the BEC stand at the historic Kop Hill Climb in a few day's time (Saturday/Sunday the 21st/22nd September near Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire. We hope to have four cars displayed on the stand and Graham Higgs has been accepted to drive his B105 in a demonstration run up the hill on Sunday.

See Events column for further details.

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Club Website

Peter Smyth's BEC website (*http://www.berkeleycarclub.com*) has now received well over 5,000 hits. For those members not already aware, as well as the club basics it has a technical section, a gallery including some interesting photos taken from Peter's personal collection and an easy to use forum.

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SPARES

New Wheels Update

A sample wheel was inspected by the BEC last month and Graham Higgs subsequently had the first five bare wheels on display at the National MicroCar Rally at Malvern, one of them fitted with a new 5.20x12 Camac tyre and inner tube.

The final cost of the wheels will be known shortly and we do not envisage it exceeding our estimated figure (which you have already paid), but we do need final confirmation from the wheel manufacturer. Would members who have ordered wheels please advise their UK delivery address; the wheels will be sent in cardboard boxes and delivered by a courier company (the cost of delivery will be an additional payment charged by the BEC).

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Front Suspension: Lower Wishbone Crossmember

The 'bottom tray' which sits under the rear of the engine and holds the front suspension together is a very important structural component. Unfortunately it can suffer from age (particularly stress cracks), due to its relatively high loading and there are at least 5 different variants across the range of Berkeley models.

In recent years, we have noticed that the number of second hand trays around has declined and they are becoming quite rare. Cornish member Peter Tilling has therefore arranged for a local fabricator to manufacture a sample tray suitable for the late Sports SE 492s and early-to-mid T60s. If the end result looks good and the costs are reasonable then BEC Spares may run it as a future spares line, with the possibility of adding other variants if there is sufficient demand.

Would any members interested in one of these trays therefore please let us know by writing to BEC Spares (or e-mail Dave Perrin, *dp_berkeley@yahoo.co.uk*).
Nigel Halliday

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EVENTS

❙ 5th Revival Kop Hill Climb, 21st-22rd September, (Princes Risborough, Buckinghamshire, HP27 0LB). 400 bikes & cars will be going up the hill over the weekend, plus over 200 more vehicles on static display in the paddock. There will be a BEC stand on both days.
Tickets: £10/day. Advance Tickets: £8/day or £15 for the weekend (plus £1.75 per booking).
See website for further event details: *http://www.kophillclimb.org.uk* .

❙ Bubble Car Museum Halloween Rally, 1st-3rd November (Boston, Lincolnshire).
£15 per person (first come first served) covers Saturday/Sunday road runs, Friday/Saturday night camping, plus Museum supper, hot spiced cider & entertainment on the Saturday evening.

❙ Bubble Car Museum Christmas Event, (Boston, Lincolnshire).

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MARKETPLACE

Pair of T60 Doors (used)
Open to offers.
Contact: Harry Stanistreet, Ilkeston, Derbyshire.
Tel: 01332-883130

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Wanted: T60 Front Body Section
A young UK Berkeley enthusiast with limited funding has a damaged front end on his T60 and is desperately looking for a secondhand nose and front section of the punt.

Do any members have an old body shell or severed front end lying in their back garden that could be donated to this worthy cause?

Please Contact: BEC Spares Officer (or e-mail Dave Perrin, *dp_berkeley@yahoo.co.uk*).

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1960 T60 178 LPP

Requires restoration - bodywork mostly rubbed down. Original windscreen, hood frame, sidescreen frames, steering wheel and bucket seats - essentially a standard car, but the original Excelsior power unit is missing and the bonnet has been modified to improve cooling. Currently fitted with a Yamaha RD400 power unit (1970s 400cc reed valve two stroke twin), but has never been run in this form - the engine only has a kickstart, so would need to be converted to electric start and suitable exhaust system fabricated if retained.



£2,200. Tel: Steven Marsh, 07894-339201, Sutton-in-Ashfield, Nottinghamshire.

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