BERKELEY ENTHUSIASTS CLUB BULLETIN

Chairman's Report

We are now virtually at the end of this year's rallying season. Personally, I think we've had a most successful BEC Golden Jubilee (I hope you agree!). Let us now turn our thoughts to next year and try to maintain this impetus for 2015. The winter months are the ideal time to concentrate on getting your car roadworthy and don't forget that we are also less than two years away from the 60th anniversary of the original Sports Anzani model being launched, so please make that extra effort.

I must apologise for the lack of an Ian Mantle Memorial Run this year; as previously stated, it was originally postponed to concentrate all effort and attendance on the BEC Rally weekend. As indicated previously, I did canvas a 'straw poll' of all the usual IMMR attendees at Quainton to see whether they would be interested in a 2014 IMMR and the result was a resounding 'yes', but Daren and I found it almost impossible to set a date due to the extraordinary number of other events available to the club during the later months of the year. We do, however, intend to organise an event for 2015 with the usual format, so it is worth putting some time aside this winter to brush up on your map reading and driving skills!

On a more serious note; since our warning in last month's issue, it seems that ex-member Ted/Edwin from Sutton In Ashfield, Nottingham, is back in action again cold calling BEC members, asking if they want to sell their car. BE WARNED - he may come across as a cheerful fellow enthusiast actively seeking a car as a retirement project, BUT he is a morally bankrupt 'scammer' of the highest degree; his only interest is the purchase of your Berkeley and/or spares as cheaply as possible, purely to speculate the car and any associated spares separately on e-Bay in order to make as much profit as possible. If any of you receive such a call, please treat it with the disdain he deserves and let myself or another committee member know.

The Committee are working on fairly comprehensive guidelines as to current values of the different models in various states of repair and these will be published in the Bulletin for your guidance, but in the meantime I strongly suggest that anyone wishing to sell their car should contact myself or a fellow committee member for advice.

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

MARKETPLACE

Spring 1957 'Sports Excelsior' SE328

Owned by current BEC member for the last 23 years. Clean honest example with some interesting modifications by previous owners.









Original 328cc Excelsior engine (as per chassis plate) with floor change HJR 3-speed+reverse gearbox. Hand painted bodywork. Wooden rim steering wheel. Hood frame and soft top (no sidescreens). MoT'd to July 2015.
£3,750.

Contact: Graham Lancaster (Shipston-on-Stour, South Warwickshire),
Mob: 07531-665906, E-mail: mail@gllancaster.plus.com.

For Sale

T60 Soft top, in good condition with running engine, sensible offers invited.
Car is in East Anglia PE12.
Contact: 'Manie', Mob: 07961-995708.

SPARES

T60 Metal Chassis Sections

Our plan to reproduce metal chassis sections for the late T60s has progressed over the last month and we are currently waiting for the last of four fabrication shops to respond to our request for quotes on manufacture of an initial batch of 3 car sets. Each set consists of the footwell crossmember, gearchange crossmember and left & right hand sills (all in steel, complete with seat cutouts, strengthening plates, etc. to the original design) - more details in the December bulletin.

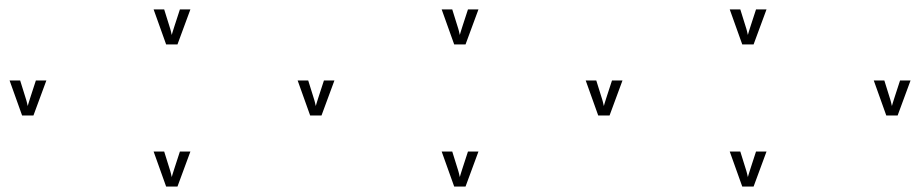
If anyone is interested in new steelwork for their late T60 chassis (i.e. chassis #600 onwards with the bucket seat cutouts and floor mounted handbrake lever) please contact the spares officer Nigel Halliday by post or e-mail Dave Perrin (*dp_berkeley@yahoo.co.uk*) as soon as possible. NOTE: we also intend to reproduce the central 'top hat' section seat support which runs from the gear lever crossmember back to the rear wheel 'tub'.

Wheel Studs

Further apologies to those members waiting for supplies of the later type stepped wheel studs, but we should have further stocks and a revised price by early December.

Early Windscreen Wiper Motors and Arms

Graham Higgs has recently been attempting to trace the origins of the wiper motors, wiper arms and blades fitted to the early and mid-production four wheelers. It appears that a lot of the components were manufactured by the German company SWF and were also fitted to 1950s VW beetles and early Porsche 365s. We would like to hear from any members with knowledge/experience of these cars - please contact Nigel Halliday or Dave Perrin, as above.
Nigel Halliday



EVENTS

London Classic Car Show

This brand new event at ExCeL (in London's Docklands) will be running from Friday 9th to Sunday 11th January 2015 and doors open at 10am. The intention is to gather some of the world's most valuable, rare and desirable classic cars under one roof and includes a 'Grand Avenue' motoring runway that will allow the star cars to be fired up and driven around the show. See *www.thelondonclassiccarshow.co.uk* for further details.

As a promotional offer, any BEC member purchasing a Standard Entry Adult Ticket (£20.50) can invite a guest for free (offer expires on 31st December). Bookings can be made at *http://lccs.seetickets.com* and the unique booking code for BEC members is **LCCSBE15**. Once you have purchased a ticket, you will receive a unique link on your booking confirmation e-mail, which will allow you to redeem your free guest ticket.

Cholmondeley Pageant of Power

Further to the note in the September Bulletin, this annual 2-day event is rapidly becoming the 'Goodwood Festival of Speed' of the North, with some wonderful cars in a beautiful location and activities for all the family. It is held at Cholmondeley Park near Malpas (west of Stoke-on-Trent) and the dates for 2015 are 12th to 14th June.

We have applied for a BEC club stand and are also hoping to be able to arrange for a very special Berkeley to make a demonstration run up the hill.

International Vintage Microcar Rally in Spain

The well established 2015 Manresa Rally will be held over the weekend of 6th to 7th June in the capital of El Bages with up to 125 places available (applications to be received before 9th May). It is open to all small capacity vehicles manufactured between 1940 and 1969; entries must be less than 3 metres long and have no more than 2 doors. Engines must be less than 700 c.c. with fewer than four cylinders. Cars which don't meet all these requirements may be accepted as static exhibits.

Activities include an obstacle course, street parade and Concours d'Elegance. For further information, see *www.classicmotorclub.org* , phone 00-34-93 875 18 20, write to Clàssic Motor Club del Bages, Apartado 338, 08240 MANRESA, Barcelona, SPAIN or e-mail: *classic@classicmotorclub.org*.

Nigel Halliday

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Berkeley Enthusiasts Club

www.berkeleycarclub.com

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