BERKELEY ENTHUSIASTS CLUB BULLETIN

NEWS

Prescott Hill Climb

We were informed a couple of weeks ago that more than 20 of the 200 places at this classic car event on Sunday 11th May were still available. If you fancy 'driving the hill' in the company of other Berkeleys, then please contact the organiser (Geoff Kimber of Cheltenham Cleeve Vale Rotary Club) without delay - see attached pdf. Entry is open to all pre-1980s vehicles and the £50 Paddock donation covers entry for driver/passenger(s), a free souvenir programme and 2 runs up the hill. NOTE: The runs are not timed, so there is no requirement to wear crash helmets or other competition safety equipment, but vehicles must be road legal (i.e. taxed & insured).

Alternatively, there are still plenty of places in the designated display area; the £20 Static donation again covers entry for driver/passenger(s) and a souvenir programme, PLUS participation in a gentle cavalcade drive up the hill.

Spectators are also welcome, with a suggested entry donation of £15 per car.

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BEC Rally & AGM Update

Plans are progressing for the BEC Golden Jubillee rally on the weekend of Saturday/Sunday 17th/18th May at the Buckinghamshire Railway Centre, Quainton, near Aylesbury, North Buckinghamshire.

Mike Stringer and his wife have kindly agreed to work on the Saturday road run and we are expecting confirmation shortly of the special opening of Quainton Windmill for us mid-afternoon as a stop-off point on the return journey.

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Silverstone Classic

The organisers of this huge 25th - 27th July event have now confirmed that road legal Berkeleys from the club stand WILL be able to take part in a parade lap of the track. We already expect three Berkeleys to be present on Friday, six on Saturday and four on Sunday, but there is still room for a few more cars if any other members wish to take advantage of the Car Club Display offer.

As indicated previously, you can choose whether to display your Berkeley for one, two or three days, and the display package gives free entry for driver and passenger at around the cost of a

normal single visitor ticket. As indicated in the January BEC Bulletin, prices range from £45-£60 daily and £80-£110 for multiple days, but display bookings close on 31st May.

If you wish to display your car, please contact Dave Perrin (*dp_berkeley@yahoo.co.uk*) to confirm that spaces are still available (and so that we know which cars will be present each day); we are listed as "The Berkeley Enthusiasts Club" and our special code necessary to take advantage of the display offer is C14113 (*http://www.silverstoneclassic.com*).

Normal visitor tickets will remain available until July 24th (£39-£50 daily and £80-£110 for multiple days). Entry for children aged 6-16 ranges from £5.50 daily to £11 for the whole 3-day event. NOTE: Advance bookings only; no tickets will be available during the event.

Please contact Dave Perrin if you require further clarification of pricing and/or display requirements, etc..
Nigel Halliday

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EVENTS

April 19th - 20th: Thruxton Easter Revival, historic racing event. *www.thruxtonracing.co.uk*

April 27th: FBHVC Drive It Day, events across UK promoting awareness of historic vehicles.

April 27th: 'Wheel Nuts' Classic Car & Bike Show, St. Rose's School, Stroud, GL5 4AP.

May 10th - 11th: Prescott Hill Climb, see December BEC Bulletin. *www.cleevevale.org.uk*

May 17th - 18th: BEC 50th Anniversary Rally & AGM, Quainton Railway Museum, HP22 4BY.

June 1st: SHVPS Classic Vehicle Show & Autojumble, Queen Elizabeth Country Park, Hants.

July 4th - 6th: Bristol MicroCar Club Rally, Keynsham Rugby Club, BS31 2BE.
www.bristolmicrocarclub.com

July 25th - 27th: Silverstone Classic, see January BEC Bulletin. *www.silverstoneclassic.com*

?July 27th?: Hammond Collection (RUMCars) Open Day
(includes an unrestored SA322), Hawkenbury, Kent.

August 10th: Historic Specials Day, Cotswold Wildlife Park, Burford, OX18 4JP.
Annual gathering of kit cars from the Berkeley era.

September 11th - 14th: National MicroCar Rally, Wetherby Racecourse, West Yorkshire, LS22 5EJ. *www.national-microcar-rally.co.uk*

September 20th - 21st: Kop Hill Climb, Princes Risborough, HP27 0LB
(NOTE: booking commences in April). *www.kophillclimb.org.uk*

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BEC Spares Service

As indicated in the last bulletin, due to family holidays, the BEC Spares service will not be available until after the Easter Holiday. However, in the meantime, if any members have spares queries, Dave Perrin will do his best to assist so that orders can be processed as efficiently as possible upon my return.

BEC Spares at the BEC Golden Jubilee Rally in May

A selection of general items from the BEC Spares range will be available on Sunday 18th, but members are requested to order in advance to avoid disappointment. Large or heavy items can also be brought to the rally for payment/collection if sufficient notice is given. Please write to me as usual (see BEC magazine *Club Contacts* page) or e-mail Dave Perrin with your requirements (*dp_berkeley@yahoo.co.uk*).

Wheel Studs and Nuts

We now have fresh stock of the later type wheel nuts (with tapered seat to suit the strengthening tabs fitted to the wheels on most models) and a limited stock of the matching stepped studs (with more to follow soon):-

- Wheel Nut, Nyloc, 7/16" (with 90° inclusive seat) ..... £1.00 each
- Wheel Stud, Stepped (3/8" & 7/16") ..... £4.50 each

Wiring Looms

Coming soon (delivery expected in April/May 2014):-

- Wiring loom for the UK market Sports SA322 & Sports SE328 models: these looms are fabric wrapped and are very different to later Berkeleys; the wire colours vary significantly and the original earth wire was transparent rather than black!
- Wiring loom for the later Left Hand Drive Sports SE 328 Export models: this was the first Berkeley loom to be plastic wrapped and utilise standard UK wiring colours.
- Wiring Loom for the B95/105 models. We have recently ordered new stock of these.

Already back in stock:-

- New T60 Wiring Loom ..... £130.00 (plus £7.00 UK p&p)

T60 Chassis Sections

With the Surrey floods finally receding, several committee members were at long last able to pore over BEC Webmasters Peter Smyth's comprehensive drawings of the chassis sections from his T60/4 at the March BEC Surrey Area social gathering. The relevant information has been compared to the standard T60 metalwork drawings provided by Dave Ratner and also with measurements taken independantly from other cars, as we want to make sure that we get the drawings spot-on.

The resultant minor conflict between numbers is now being rationalised against imperial dimensions (since the original components were obviously made to 'round' imperial sizes) and then translated back into nominal metric figures. This final optimised information will then be

entered onto a CAD drawing system, in order to produce a complete design model which can be sent to fabricators for manufacture.

We have sent a representative provisional version out to a few companies for costing over the Easter period, and it is planned to commence production of the steel sills for bucket seat models (chassis number T60-600 onwards) once we have compared the quotes and chosen a supplier.
Nigel Halliday

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MARKETPLACE

Mini 850 Powered T60

This car is obviously in a bit of a state, having been stored outdoors for a number of years, but should still make a sound basis for anyone looking to build a Mini-Berkeley. It is located in South East London and is believed to have a non-transferable original registration. The bodyshell has been fitted to a one-off steel chassis, but retains the original windscreen and standard Berkeley bucket seats. It needs a new home as soon as possible, as the owner is about to move house, so probably open to any sensible offer.
Contact: Dave Perrin for further info. (*dp_berkeley@yahoo.co.uk* or Tel: 02392-250880).






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