BERKELEY ENTHUSIASTS CLUB BULLETIN

SPARES

SE 328 Windscreen Glass

Further to last month's note detailing the project to manufacture a batch of windscreen glass for the Sports SE328 cars, we have not heard whether anyone in the USA has volunteered to act as co-ordinator to get this project up and running. We recommend that this is acted upon as soon as possible, as the UK factory are waiting to hear from the North American distributor with your group order (see May bulletin for details). If anyone is actively working on this, could you please update BEC Spares or Dave Perrin (*dp_berkeley@yahoo.co.uk*).

Brake Light Switch MB339/9

These are now in stock at £7.00 each (plus £1.00 UK p&p).

T60 Chassis Sections

We are slowly edging forward with this project! Dimension checks are now being made on several cars, so that any fine adjustments can be made to the 3-D CAD model and drawings. We hope to have more solid news next month.

Electronic Ignition

Whilst the German Steini electronic ignition system for Excelsior 328 twins is believed to still be available and there is also a modular equivalent suitable for the Lucas motorcycle distributor fitted to the B95/105 Royal Enfield engines, there is currently no 'drop in' solution for the Excelsior triple engine.

The Steini 'triple' system was well and truly proven on the 2008 LBL rally, but sadly the orignal production batch sold out quite quickly and the manufacturer is not interested in producing any more, despite the known demand. Currently, the only UK alternatives we are aware of are the magnetically triggered Boyer-Bransden and the optically triggered Newtronic, but the dynastart housing has to be bored out considerably to accept either of these options and it is also necessary to fabricate adaptors and/or replacement fittings.

Please let us know if you are aware of any other systems which may be suitable and/or have successfully fitted an electronic ignition system to an Excelsior triple engine.

Ignition Coils

The neat small Siba coils (as fitted to all two-stroke Berkeleys) have been hard to find for some time and the later Lucas marine ones are now proving just as difficult.

If any members are aware of a readily available ignition coil that is a good match for the original ones, could you please advise BEC Spares.

Nigel Halliday



EVENTS

Silverstone Classic: 25th-27th July

Don't forget that there will be a club stand displaying member's cars at this massive event. Advance tickets only (available until 24th July). See previous bulletins for further details.
Nigel Halliday

Hammond (RUMCars) Collection Open Day: Sunday 27th July

A low key event for microcar owners/enthusiasts to chat with like minded people, see some rare cars you may not have seen before, and maybe show off your own pride and joy. If the weather is kind to us, we are hoping to be able to organise some activities to allow visiting microcar owners to show off their driving skills.

Work on the new extension to our Bubble Building is moving on and once we are finished visitors will be able to view (and may be even lend a hand with) the several restoration projects that we have underway. The collection itself is proving a great success with our campers and nearly all of them request a private viewing. We very much look forward to welcoming visitors and weekend is camping available.

Location: School House Farm, Boarden Lane, Hawkenbury, Staplehurst, Kent, TN12 0EB.
Contact: Jean Hammond, e-mail *Jean@rumcars.org*, Tel: 01580-893850.
Camping: *www.schoolhousefarmcamping.co.uk*

Cleethorpes Classic Car & Vintage Festival: 23rd & 24th August

The attractions at this new weekend event include:-

- Classic Car Auction.
- Vintage Pub with piano.
- Main stage with live bands.
- Swing dancing and Lindy Hop on the dance floor.
- FREE children's entertainment by Ladybirds.
- Vintage bus running from Cleethorpes Pier to Meridian Point event site.
- Bedford ice cream van with alcoholic ice cream.
- Vintage Stalls.
- Burlesque Dancers after 8pm on Saturday.
- Northern Soul DJ.
- VinTEAge cafe with live music.
- A host of vintage themed entertainment, food, fashion and art.

Entry is £15/day or £25 for the weekend (children under 13 free), but there is a reduced entry fee of £10 for those enthusiasts bringing a classic car, which includes two FREE passes for the whole weekend. Open from 10:30am to 10:30pm on both days.

Location: Meridian Point, Cleethorpes.
Contact: Sarah on 01472-211522, e-mail: sarah@grahamchapmancars.co.uk
Web: *www.facebook.com/Cleethorpesvintageextravaganza*

Sywell Classic: Pistons & Props: 27th and 28th September

It has been suggested that the BEC could arrange a club stand at this weekend motoring festival which celebrates classic vehicles, both on the ground and in the air, combining classic cars, motorcycles and planes with all aspects of vintage lifestyle and entertainment - aerial displays, motorsport, Classic & Vintage Traders and live entertainment. Weekend camping.

Details:-

The High Flyers

Spitfires, Tiger Moths, Mustangs, Hurricanes and Kittyhawks are just a few of the iconic planes that will be taking to the skies to visit the event.

Aerial Acrobatics

THE BLADES: a team of former RAF red arrows pilots who are renowned worldwide for flying close formation aerobatics to the highest level within a dynamic and cutting edge air display. The Blades will be flying both days.

THE YAKOVLEVS: one of the UK's premier formation and aerobatics display teams. Founded in 1998, they have now delivered over 1000 displays in 10 countries in front of over 30 million people and flown over 250,000 miles. Their show has won universal acclaim for its graceful and exciting formation aerobatics and breath-taking crosses and low passes.

The Yakovlev's will be flying both days. See *www.yakovlevs.com* for more details.

THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN MEMORIAL FLIGHT

The Avro Lancaster is the most famous and successful RAF heavy bomber of World War Two. It is a legend that lives on today and the contribution made by the aircraft and its crews to the freedom of our nation will, hopefully, never be forgotten.

The Spitfire played a major part in achieving ultimate victory in World War Two and truly deserves its place as probably the most successful fighter design ever, and certainly as the most famous and charismatic of all time.

The Hawker Hurricane is one of the classic fighters of all time, designed and built for war. It was at the forefront of Britain's defence in 1940 and it played a major part in achieving the victory of 1945.

The Lancaster, Spitfire and Hurricane display will be on Saturday and the Spitfire will also be flying on Sunday. See *www.raf.mod.uk/bbmf* for more details.

THE GREAT WAR DISPLAY TEAM

The Team currently has 5 different types of aircraft available to fly, with 9 aircraft in total. The team simulate a WW1 dogfight with aircraft including a Sopwith Triplane, Fokker Triplane, BE2, two SE5 and two Junker CL1 aircraft.

The display will be appearing over the event on Sunday. See *www.greatwardisplayteam.com* for more details.

THE ROYAL NAVY HISTORIC FLIGHT

The Royal Navy Historic Flight was established at the Royal Naval Air Station, Yeovilton in 1972 in order to preserve Naval heritage, and to be a living memorial to all Fleet Air Arm

personnel, especially those who gave their lives in maintaining the freedom of our nation. The first aircraft to join this unique collection was Swordfish II LS326, which was presented to the Royal Navy in 1960 by the Westland Aircraft Company at Yeovil.

During the Second World War Swordfish aircraft accounted for the sinking of over 300,000 tons of enemy (Axis powers) shipping - more than any other single Allied aircraft type, and thereby made the most important maritime airpower contribution towards the Allies winning the Battle of the Atlantic and in gaining seapower supremacy in the Mediterranean.

The Royal Navy Historic Flight collection contains some of the rarest airworthy military aircraft in the World. There are only four flying Swordfish in the World - one is in Canada, one in America and the other two are owned and operated by the RNHF, with a third currently in storage awaiting an opportunity to rebuild.

See *www.royalnavyhistoricflight.org.uk* for more details. The RNHF display will be appearing over the event on Saturday.

Racing Runway
The event boasts an extensive drag strip and features a Hot Rod Review of the 'best of the best' on display, with 10-15 carefully selected finalists competing on the day. Trophies will be up for grabs, but all the vehicles on show are already multi award winning. They have amazing paintwork, fabulous interiors, awesome engines and superb chrome detailing, but also demonstrate the very latest in vehicle safety technology. Whilst you're looking please take the time to ask the owners any questions; there's nothing they like more than talking about what they do!

The Sprint Strip
Dragsters and motorcycles will be going head to head on the 200 metre straight line sprint.

Historic Rally Car Register
The Historic Rally Car Register is celebrating their 30th Anniversary by organising a Historic 2-day Road Rally with Special Tests over the weekend 26-28 September.

Vintage Village
Classic traders catering for lovers of nostalgia and the vintage lifestyle as well as the usual motoring products and services and the popular retro, auto and aero jumbles; automobilia, aeronautica, art, memorabilia, period clothing, vintage accessories and restoration services.

Classic Car Clubs
Owners of vehicles displayed on club stands will be given free weekend admission for driver and passenger, access to the Saturday night evening entertainment and discounted camping rate.

Please contact Geoff Toyer (*geedadtee@ntlworld.com*) if you are interested in displaying your car, so that we can gauge whether a BEC stand is a realistic proposition.

Location: Sywell Aerodrome, Hall Farm, Sywell, Northampton, NN6 0BN.
Web: *www.sywellclassic.co.uk*

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

July 13th: Country Fayre & Charity Classic, Kimbolton Castle, Huntingdon, Cambridgeshire, PE28 0EA. *www.kimboltoncountryfayre.com*
www.sportingbears.co.uk

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

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

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

August 23rd-24th: Classic Car & Vintage Festival, Meridian Point, Cleethorpes.
www.facebook.com/Cleethorpesvintageextravaganza

September 6th-7th: Microcar, Bubblecar & Three-wheeler Car Show, Heritage Motor Centre, Gaydon, Warwickshire, CV35 0BJ. *www.heritage-motor-centre.co.uk*

September 7th: Rare Breeds Motor Show, Haynes Motor Museum, Sparkford, Somerset, BA22 7LH. *www.haynesmotormuseum.com/events/2339-9700/rare-breeds-motor-show.ph*

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
www.kophillclimb.org.uk

September 27th - 28th: Pistons & Props, Sywell Aerodrome, Northants, NN6 0BN
www.sywellclassic.co.uk

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MARKETPLACE

Wanted: Steering Column

SA322/SE328/early-SE492 steering column required for my latest restoration project. On the type fitted to T60s and later 4-wheelers, the visible section of the tube running between the steering box and the top bearing carrier is approximately 28" long - I need the early longer type, with approx. 30" of tube visible, for my early Sports 492.
Graham Higgs, Worcester, Tel: 01905-350632.

Wanted: SE492/T60 Clutch Cover & Bonnet Hinge

I am fitting a rev counter to my SE328, so need the later type primary drive cover with the circular rev counter drive recess machined into the letter 'E' of the Excelsior logo.

Also needed, chrome right hand (UK driver's side) SE328 bonnet hinge - willing to buy, or can swap for my good spare left hand one.
Tel: 01382-480501 or e-mail: *richardsrojek@aol.co.uk*

Berkeley Enthusiasts Club

www.berkeleycarclub.com

Website for BEC members and anyone interested in our cars.
Webmaster: Peter Smyth

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