BERKELEY ENTHUSIASTS CLUB BULLETIN

NEWS

As detailed last month, there were going to be two national gatherings during September for microcars, bubblecars & three-wheelers, but a recent check on the Heritage Motor Centre website revealed that their new offering has been postponed until next year. However, the long established National MicroCar Rally is definitely going ahead on 11th to 14th September and this year it is being held in Yorkshire at Wetherby Racecourse.

There is not going to be a major BEC committee presence, but Geoff Dabrowa is planning to be there all weekend with his SA322 and Dave Perrin will also be attending on the Sunday with BEC trophies for Best 3-wheeler, Best 4-wheeler and Best Conversion, so why not come along (with or without a Berkeley) and check out the attending Berkeleys and wide range of period (and more modern) vehicles that also fall into the 'microcar' category.

BEC Club Stand and Display Cars

Our Berkeleys attracted their usual high levels of interest at the Silverstone Classic last weekend and we are now attempting to arrange a club stand at a few other upcoming events (in addition to Pistons & Props detailed below).

We have already publicised the following shows, but could members planning to attend any of them and willing to help man a club stand and/or display their car, please contact Nigel Halliday or Dave Perrin (*dp_berkeley@yahoo.co.uk*):-

Kop Hill, near Aylesbury 20th & 21st September

At least one Berkeley is definitely booked to run up the hill, but if anyone else wants to show one or two cars on the BEC stand on Saturday and/or Sunday to help publicise Berkeleys and the BEC, it would be much appreciated.

Microcar and 3-wheeler Show, Gaydon Motor Museum 6th & 7th September

CANCELLED - POSTPONED UNTIL 2015

Rare Breeds Show , Haynes Motor Museum, near Yeovil Sunday 7th September

We are hoping that a few Berkeleys will be attending this event, so if you are considering going, please make contact, so that we can co-ordinate a combined club presence - see the June BEC Bulletin for further details.

Nigel Halliday

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

Details of this event were included in the June BEC Bulletin and we already have seven cars on the list, plus the BEC Refreshments Caravette (courtesy of Graham Higgs). I have submitted an application form covering us for up to ten Berkeleys so if you would like to join us and display your car on the BEC stand, please contact me as soon as possible to avoid disappointment, as there are only two spaces left.

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

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Gamlingay Show: Saturday 20th September

September 20th 13:00-17:00 Gamlingay Show, Gamlinglay Village College, Station Road, Gamlingay, Sandy, Bedfordshire, SG19 3HD. This annual village show near Biggleswade has been running for over 20 years. Lots of fun for the whole family, with classic vehicle show, craft marquee, funfair and other rides, arena events and competition entries on display. All proceeds go to local clubs and charities.

I will definitely be going, so please make contact if you would like to join me for a united Berkeley presence. No doubt there will be quite a few visitors with stories about relatives who used to work at the factory.

Free entry for classic car driver and one passenger. Display cars must be in position by 13:00 (registration desk open from 11:00). Entry forms to be returned by 30th August - if you can't access the webpage (it seems be a tad intermittent!), please contact me or Dave Perrin for a copy of the form.

Geoff Dabrowa *geoffdabrowa@hotmail.co.uk*

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

September 6th-7th: Microcar, Bubblecar & Three-wheeler Car Show,
Heritage Motor Centre, Gaydon: POSTPONED UNTIL 2015.

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: Gamlingay Show, Gamlingay Village College, Station Road, Gamlingay, Sandy, Bedfordshire, SG19 3HD. *www.gamlingayshow.co.uk*

September 20th - 21st: Kop Hill Climb, Princes Risborough, HP27 0LB
www.kophillclimb.org.uk

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SPARES

Speedometer Cable

We now have fresh stock of the complete spedometer cable assembly, as fitted to all Berkeley models:-

- MB326/1 Speedometer Cable ..... £32.00 each (plus £2.00 UK p&p).

Sports SE 328 Glass windscreens for members in North America

The BEC is delighted to hear that some enthusiasts in the USA have taken on the role of co-ordinating the collective order for a batch of new Sports SE328 glass windscreens/windshields.

These screens have been unavailable new in the USA for over 40 years, so this is a unique opportunity for anyone requiring a new glass screen for their 1956 to 1958 Berkeley Sports type SE328 or early SE492 models (the ones with sloping leading on the doors).

The collective bulk order will be placed via the USA Pilkington Classics agent in early August and the screens will be made in the UK during the Autumn.

We expect the cost price of the glass to be around $300 ex-UK, with shipping to be added.

Anyone interested should contact Glenn Roberts without delay via the 'Berkeley-USA' Yahoo group - his identity is 'wanderingfootnotes' (see message #15107 posted on 18th July).

Siba Condensers

Help still required by BEC Spares - can anyone recommend a similar condenser to the original Siba one fitted to the side of the control (Voltage Regulator & Solenoid) box on all British Anzani and Excelsior powered models?

If any members are aware of an alternative supply, we would be grateful if you could make contact, so that we can investigate.

Nigel Halliday

MARKETPLACE

Unfinished T60 Project (advertised in latest issue of Old Bike Mart)

1961 Berkeley 3-wheeler with transferable registration. Part finished project with Citroen 2CV engine/gearbox conversion. Correctly registered with 602cc engine, but a lot of chassis and detail/cosmetic work still left to do. No original Berkeley running gear present - believed to have previously been fitted with a Mini engine. £700.

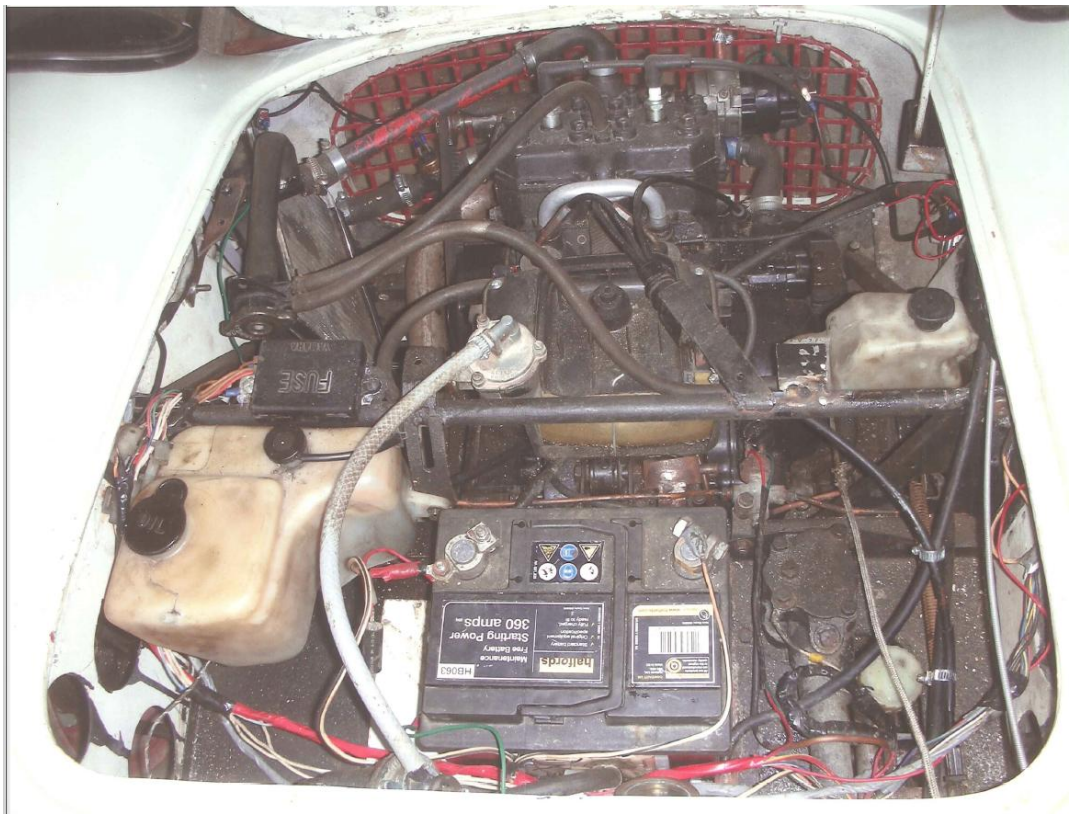
Mob: 01773-827274 (Derbyshire).

T60



Owned for over 10 years and recently passed its first MoT in many more; currently awaiting issue of age related registration by DVLA, to allow it to finally return to the road. New tyres.

Water cooled Yamaha YPVS RD350LC two stroke power unit (approximately 50bhp and 6-speed sequential gearbox) with chain drive to standard differential. Starting: pull cord connected to kickstart lever & operated from drivers seat - works well. Fuel: rear mounted tank (filler on rear bulkhead) - SU fuel pump feeds an SU float chamber in engine bay, providing gravity feed to the carbs. Ignition: toothed belt drive from crank to an enclosed shaft mounted across front of engine with distributor on end (nice and simple, with points & condenser). Cooling: radiator mounted to left of engine (electric fan controlled by sender in bottom hose).



Bodywork beefed up internally and at the door pillars; no flex, but some crazing on the bonnet. Fitted with Caterham 7 seats, which give good support and are adjustable backwards/forwards.

Also, complete bodyshell, rear s/arm with drum & wheel and most of an Excelsior engine.

£3,000 ono. Contact: Hensley Cole, Osbournby, Lincolnshire, Tel: 01529-455349.

Wanted

SE492/B95/B105 windscreen and frame (the type with double rail across the front) for my recently acquired Sports 492 project.

Contact: Geoff Dabrowa, Tel: 01638-780500, e-mail: *geoffdabrowa@hotmail.co.uk* .

Wanted

Urgently required for my current Sports 492 restoration project: new or secondhand four-wheeler front body moulding with the sloping 'A' posts. Late-SE328/early-SE492 single-centre-droop dashboard type prefered, but am prepared to modify earlier twin-droop SA322/SE328 one if necessary. Surely someone must have one or know of one lurking at the back of a friend's garage?

Also, still wanted for the same car, a long steering column for sloping door Sports model (SA322/SE328 & early-SE492). As detailed last month, the visible section of tube running between the steering box and the top bearing carrier is approximately 30" long rather than the 28" type fitted to all the later models with vertical leading edge doors.

Graham Higgs, Worcester. Tel: 01905- 350632, e-mail: *higgs.graham@googlemail.com* .

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