BERKELEY ENTHUSIASTS CLUB BULLETIN

Chairman's Report

Although the rallying season is almost at a close, just a reminder that the BEC are still celebrating our 50th 'Golden' anniversary, which will officially end at next year's AGM/Rally at Fowlmere, near Royston, Herts. So, let's all make the most of what is left of the Summer and get that car out and seen!

On the subject of the 2015 AGM, as in previous years, I will be looking for members to nominate a suitable venue for the 2016 event. Bearing in mind that this will be the 60th anniversary of the SA322 being launched, we hope to be able to arrange something in line with the highly successful 50th anniversary gathering held at Old Warden in 2006. We were fortunate on that occasion that the Steam & Country Fair organisers were running a 'Made in Bedfordshire' theme, so they gave us a large display area with free camping just two minutes walk away on the main field, however, it seems unlikely that we will be as fortunate in 2016.

As with the forthcoming 2015 event, the committee will ideally be looking for nominations in the form of a complete package. The minimum criteria is a camping field with access to basic amenities (i.e. running water and toilets) with a hall on-site or close-by (suitable for the AGM and an evening social function, including a presentation on the history of Berkeley cars) plus researched destination(s)/route for a Saturday road run.

As you will be aware, Geoff Dabrowa our new Membership Secretary has been gradually taking over the reins from Ron Wagstaff and that transition is now almost complete. However, since Geoff was already a committee member before taking on his new role, this now leaves us short of one such. So, if any of you feel that you can make a contribution to the way your club is run, please put your name forward for nomination as a general committee member (if possible, in plenty of time before the AGM, where you will also need a fellow member or committee member to second you).

So far this season, certain committee and other members have been working hard to raise the profile of the marque within 'sporting circles' by attending prestigious events such as Prescott Classic Hill Climb, Silverstone Classic and the upcoming Kop Hill Climb. The interest from the public in our display of cars at these events has been phenomenal, with a constant barrage of questions ... so much so that the only way for those manning the stands to get some respite was to take a break away from it! I'm sure you'll all agree that the car's success in motorsport, (in Rallying, Driving Tests and Track Racing) during the late-1950s and early-1960s demands its re-establishment within those circles.

As indicated in recent months, an unexpected latecomer to this year's itinerary is 'Pistons & Props' at Sywell Aerodrome, Northamptonshire. Nine of the ten display places available on the

Club Stand are now taken (eight cars, plus Graham Higgs' recently restored Berkeley Caravette), but there is still one place available, so why not check out the Events column in the June Bulletin for more details and contact me if you are interested.

Finally, best of luck to those attending the remaining events of this season.
Geoff (Bill) Toyer *geedadtee@ntlworld.com*



Wiring Looms
We will shortly be taking delivery of wiring looms for the following Berkeley models:-

UK 'Sports' SA322 and early-SE328 models
This is the linen wrapped loom with 'unusual' wire colours and the transparent earth wire that was fitted to early cars.

NOTE: Due to the non-availability of some of the colours, there are subtle diferences to the original colouring and/or tracer colours have been added to certain wires.

£140.00 plus UK p&p.

Export 'Sports' SE328 Left Hand Drive
This is the later loom (wrapped in plastic loom tape) for export (left hand drive) SE328 models. It has the later standard UK wiring colours.

NOTE: It is possible that this loom is also suitable for later UK SE328s and early-SE492s (LHD and RHD) - once delivered, we will be testing the loom for fit in these other applications.

£140.00 plus UK p&p.

B95 and B105
We are restocking this item. £150.00 plus UK p&p.

T60
Already in stock. £130.00 plus p&p

Help Wanted
As per requests in recent bulletins, we are still seeking information on sources of Siba Condensers and Ignition Coils.

If you have come across (or heard of) any suitable alternatives please pass on whatever limited information you may have, so that we can confirm suitability and investigate obtaining stock for BEC Spares.
Nigel Halliday

NEWS

National MicroCar Rally 11th - 14th September

Event Programme:

Thursday: Welcome from 12:00. Road Run to Ripon.
Evening - Social get-together on site.

Friday: Road Run to York – National Railway Museum (£5.00 parking).
Evening - 'Race Night' in Paddock Bar.

Saturday: Road Run to the Yorkshire Dales, plus Autojumble in Bramham Hall.
Evening – Live Band in Bramham Hall.

Sunday: Vehicle display and presentations.

Kop Hill, near Aylesbury 20th & 21st September

A reminder that the club will have a stand at this year's Kop Hill Climb on 20th and 21st of September. Although applications to run up the hill are now closed, there is still room on the BEC stand for another display car.

We are particularly looking for a volunteers with T60s, but other models are also welcome, so, if you (and your Berkeley) are available and would like to help publicise the club and the cars on one or both days, please contact myself or Dave Perrin (*dp_berkeley@yahoo.co.uk*) as soon as possible.

Bubble Car Museum Halloween Rally 31st October - 2nd November

The Bubble Car Museum end of season weekend 'bash' costs £16 per person, which covers Friday & Saturday night camping and the obligatory Saturday road run, plus Saturday evening supper and entertainment, with the added enticement of hot spiced cider.

Nigel Halliday

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EVENTS

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

October 31st - November 2nd: Halloween Rally, Bubble Car Museum, Boston, PE22 7AW
www.bubblecarmuseum.co.uk

MARKETPLACE

Wanted

The restoration of my T60-4 is well under way, but I need an Excelsior 328 top end (i.e. Barrels, Heads and Pistons).

Contact: Adam Turpin, Tel: 01924-820024 (Wakefield).

Wanted

Still 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.

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