BERKELEY ENTHUSIASTS CLUB BULLETIN

SPARES

Wiring Looms

As per the August Bulletin, we now have both types of SE328 wiring looms in stock (linen-wrapped SA322/early-SE328 and the tape-wrapped late-SE328 export version), both priced at £140 plus p&p. We hope shortly to be able to check the late-SE328 LHD ones for compatibility with the early SE492s.

USA Windscreens Update

Berkeley owner Glenn Roberts has now placed a group order for a dozen 'windshields' with Pilkington Classics USA, who have passed it on to Pilkington in the UK. The BEC has loaned an original windscreen glass to Pilkingtons, which they will use as a reference in making one screen for proof fitting to an SE328 here in the UK.

Once the fit has been confirmed and the new Pilkingtons pattern has been been optimised, the balance of the order will be manufactured for the USA enthusiasts. Timescales are currently unknown (could be a few months) and the cost can only be finalised once the fit has been confirmed.

As indicated previously, BEC Spares can already supply new or secondhand glass screens to UK members for most Berkeley models; SA322/SE328/early-SE492, B95/late-SE492, T60 and hardtop T60. However, this Anglo-American project now guarantees a future source of new glass screens for the early 4-wheelers fitted with sloping leading edge doors (SA322/SE328/early-SE492).

Further updates will follow as this project progresses.

Wheel Studs, Wheel Nuts and Hub Nuts

We are conscious that our supplies of these vital spares have been slow in the last few months, but we now have fresh stock of wheel nuts and further batches of wheel studs and hub nuts are currently in production, so we hope to have them back in stock by the end of October.

B95 Grilles

We are considering the manufacture of a further batch of these original specification (chrome on brass/steel) grilles for the B95 and B105 models. If anyone is interested, please let the BEC Spares Officer know (or e-mail Dave Perrin at *dp_berkeley@yahoo.co.uk*). We are anticipating a price of approximately £250.

Hold that Handbrake

It has recently come to our notice that the pistol grip floor mounted handbrakes fitted to later T60s were most likely fitted with plastic hand grips when they left the factory. These black or

ivory coloured plastic grips slid over the round metal tube handle, as shown in the following photos taken at the recent NMCR.





However, it would appear that these plastic handles have not survived well, as very few T60s seem to have them fitted these days.

The BEC Spares service would like to research them further - can any member tell us more about them or where we might find a supply (do they look like something fitted to other makes of car)?
Nigel Halliday

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EVENTS

With an extremely busy and successful rally season behind us, the BEC is already looking forward to the 2015 season. In addition to the events mentioned in previous issues, we are considering a return visit to one of our old favourite events and a prestigious new event 'oop North', amongst others.

Depending upon location and dates we would very much like to refresh the Berkeley experience for classic motorcycle enthusiasts, by attending the 2015 VMCC Festival of 1,000 Bikes or a similar event. Our Berkeley power plants and transmissions all come from (or are derived from) classic motorcycles, but most motorcycle enthusiasts are not aware of this fact or the cars themselves, so it is important to maintain an awareness of the cars in these circles to attract new owners/members into the 'fold'.

Another motorcycle event that we have not attended for many years is the Classic Bike Show at Stafford. Are there any local (or not so local) volunteers interested in forming part of a club presence at this event in May? If so, we will make enquiries about booking a club stand.

Another event which has been on the books for a few years is a 'Saturday Social' meeting in Birmingham; to be held jointly with the Excelsior Talisman Motorcycle group, this would commence with a bacon butty & cup of tea meet-up at a Rockers café, followed by a visit to the old Excelsior factory in Tyesley and then on to the steam railway workshops opposite.

The Cholmondeley Pageant of Power held each year at Cholmondeley Park near Malpas (west of Stoke-on-Trent) is rapidly becoming the Goodwood Festival of Speed of the North! Usually held in June or July, this event attracts the crowds and some wonderful cars to a beautiful location with activities for all the family.

In addition to having a BEC club stand present, we are hoping to be able to arrange for a very special Berkeley to make a demonstration run up the hill at the 2 day event.

Could club members who have enjoyed this event in the past let us have your thoughts (please write direct to me or by e-mail to Dave Perrin at *dp_berkeley@yahoo.co.uk*).

2014 NMCR

Four Berkeleys (three T60s and an SA322) were on display at the 40th NMCR a couple of weeks ago in Yorkshire. All were owned by members and *all* were actually driven to the event. Photos will be included in the BEC magazine in due course, but our thanks to those who made the effort to attend.

Nigel Halliday

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October 31st - November 2nd: Halloween Rally, Bubble Car Museum, Boston, PE22 7AW

www.bubblecarmuseum.co.uk

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MARKETPLACE

For Sale T60 Project

T60 restoration project for sale. Complete rolling chassis with all body parts, doors, bonnet, factory hardtop, etc. mostly stripped of paint ready for restoration. Most (but not all) mechanical parts are present. Punt chassis side sills have been replaced in aluminium. Has been in dry storage for the past 12 years, but has logbook and DVLA registration.

Offers over £500 (must go to an enthusiastic home).

Contact: Ivan Robinson (Wakefield, West Yorkshire), Mob: 07790-311278

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Rev Counter & Drive

Original Berkeley Icknield rev counter. Complete with drive cable and 90 degree gearbox to fit SE492/T60 Excelsior chain case. Very good condition.

£385

Contact: John Underhill (Stone, Staffs), Tel: 01785-812738

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Wanted

T60 floor mounting handbrake lever.

Contact: Dave Rich, e-mail: *2kats@tiscali.co.uk* .

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