BERKELEY ENTHUSIASTS CLUB BULLETIN

NEWS

Local BEC Gatherings: Gloucestershire

After pondering the idea for a few months, I have decided to have a go at organising a get-together of 'local' BEC members - the idea is to have an informal, social chit-chat, about things Berkeley (or otherwise). Who knows, the location of that all important Berkeley 'widget' you've been searching for may be just one conversation away! To this end I am offering my house for a trial meeting at a date to be agreed with those who express an interest.

I live mid-way between Gloucester and Bristol in Cam (a small village about 3 miles off the A38, just outside of Dursley), which is conveniently placed for motorway access. Assuming a catchment area of 50 miles radius from my home (based on the locations of regular attendees at the Surrey gatherings), 'local' includes the towns of Cardiff, Gloucester, Hereford, Kidderminster, Worcester, Redditch, Stratford-upon-Avon, Oxford, Swindon, Newbury, Salisbury, Shaftesbury, Wincanton, Shepton Mallet, Bath, Weston-Super-Mare and Bristol. Of course any dedicated members from further afield are equally welcome.

I have sufficient parking space for six cars on the drive (plus a field that we can spread into if necessary), so no need to worry about parking. If you are interested and would like to come along, please contact me via e-mail (see below) or phone on 01453-547708 (if I'm not around leave a message on the answer phone and I'll get back to you).

I hope this will 'whet some appetites', and look forward to hearing from you.

Dave Rich *2kats@tiscali.co.uk*

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EVENTS

Wheel Nuts (Drive It Day), 26th April

Further to the feature in the October 2014 Bulletin, I have now received the paperwork for the Wheel Nuts charity vehicle show (St. Roses School, Stroud, GL5 4AP) and confirmation that it will run from 11:00am to 4:00pm on Sunday 26th April (exhibitors must be on site by 10:00am).

Last year we had three cars (B105, SE492 & T60) plus Graham's Caravette; an enjoyable and successful day was had by all. It would be great if we could duplicate (or preferably increase) our presence for 2015. As last year, I am prepared to do the paperwork, but I need an indication of numbers; if you are interested in attending please let me know as soon as possible, as I would like to get the booking in early, in order to secure some definite places.

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April 26th: FBHVC Drive It Day, events across UK promoting awareness of historic vehicles.

April 26th: 'Wheel Nuts' Classic Car & Bike Show, St. Rose's School, Stroud, GL5 4AP.

April 26th: MK Classic Car Tour. See Dec '14 Bulletin.

May 9th/10th: Prescott Hill Climb, Cheltenham. See Dec '14 Bulletin. *www.cleevevale.org.uk*

May 16th/17th: BEC Rally & AGM, Fowlmere, Nr Royston, Herts.

May 23rd: Classic Bike Show & Autojumble, Kempton Park, Sunbury-on-Thames (Jn 1 of M3).

May 30th/31st: Asparafest, Evesham, Worcestershire. See Dec '14 Bulletin.

June 7th: SHVPS Classic Vehicle Show & Autojumble, Queen Elizabeth Country Park, Hants.

June 12th - 14th: Cholmondely Pageant of Power, Malpas, Cheshire, SY14 8AQ.
www.cpop.co.uk

June 13th - 20th: East Anglian MicroCar Club Rally, Great Yarmouth. All enthusiasts welcome.

July 3rd - 5th: Bristol MicroCar Club Rally, Keynsham Rugby Club, BS31 2BE.
www.bristolmicrocarclub.com

July 18th/19th: Classic Nostalgia, Shelsey Walsh Hill Climb. See Feb BEC Bulletin for details.

July 24th - 26th: Silverstone Classic, Towcester, Northampton, NN12 8TN.
www.silverstoneclassic.com

July 26th?: Hammond Collection (RUMCars) Open Day
(includes an unrestored SA322), Hawkenbury, Kent.

August 8th/9th: Classic Bike Clubs Show, Donnington Park, Derby.
www.vjmc-northants.co.uk/classicclubs.htm

August 9th?: Historic Specials Day, Cotswold Wildlife Park, Burford, OX18 4JP.
Annual gathering of kit cars from the Berkeley era.

September 3rd - 6th: National MicroCar Rally, Hatton Country World, Warwick, CV35 8XA.
www.national-microcar-rally.co.uk

September ?: Microcar, Bubblecar & Three-wheeler Car Show,
Heritage Motor Centre, Gaydon: POSTPONED FROM 2014

September ?: Rare Breeds Motor Show, Haynes Motor Museum, Sparkford,
Somerset, BA22 7LH. *www.haynesmotormuseum.com*

September 13th: Classic Car Show, Aylesford Priory, Kent. *www.kentsclassiccarshow.co.uk*

September 19th: Gamlingay Show, Gamlingay Village College, Station Road, Gamlingay,
Sandy, Bedfordshire, SG19 3HD. *www.gamlingayshow.co.uk*

September 19th/20th: Kop Hill Climb, Princes Risborough, near Aylesbury,
Buckinghamshire, HP27 0LB. *www.kophillclimb.org.uk*

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SPARES

Sports SE328 Glass Windscreens: USA Order

We received confirmation a few days ago that the sample 'test' glass screen suitable for all models with the slanted leading edge doors (i.e. SA322, SE328 and early-SE492) has reached Pilkington Classics USA, albeit in Ohio, rather than the expected Massachusetts. Further updates expected soon.

Nigel Halliday

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MARKETPLACE

Auction in King's Lynn, Norfolk (January 31st)

One of our Norfolk BEC members is moving up-country and has decided to reduce his microcar collection which includes these two Berkeleys:-





1960 Berkeley T60 (ex-John Lee)

Solid rebuilt car - was a frequent prize winner at rallies a few years ago (box of trophies included). Described as requiring 'new' engine, but being sold with dismantled remains of original Excelsior power unit. Estimate: £1,500 - £2,500

1960 Berkeley T60

Rebuilt/reworked by previous owner last summer and fitted with 20bhp Honda 'Nighthawk' 250cc four stroke twin power unit (5-speed gearbox). Tubular chassis. Described as a very enjoyable car to drive. MoT to June 2015. Estimate: £5,750 - 7,500

Contact

Anglia Car Auctions, Tel: 01553-771881, e-mail: *info@angliacarauctions.co.uk* .

Hours: 9am to 5pm Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. Wednesday and Friday from 9am until sale ends. Also Saturday from 9am to 1pm.

Web: *http://angliacarauctions.co.uk/en/home/*

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Spring 1957 'Sports Excelsior' SE328

Owned by current BEC member for the last 23 years. Clean honest roadworthy example with some interesting modifications by previous owners.









Original 328cc Excelsior engine (as per chassis plate) with floor change HJR 3-speed+reverse gearbox. Hand painted bodywork. Wooden rim steering wheel. Hood frame and soft top (no sidescreens). MoT'd to July 2015.

~~£3,750~~. Reduced to £3,250 ono.

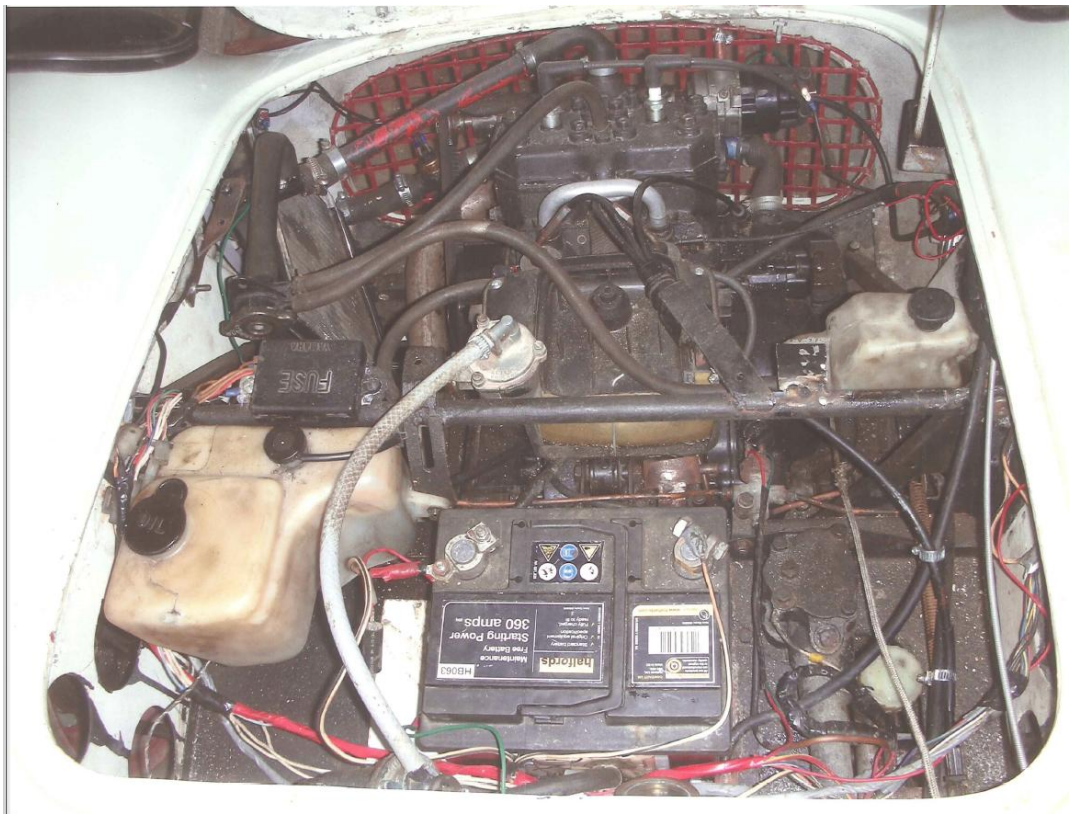
Contact: Graham Lancaster (Shipston-on-Stour, South Warwickshire),
Mob: 07531-665906, E-mail: mail@gllancaster.plus.com.

T60 plus Spare Bodyshell & Other Spares



Owned for over 10 years; believed returned to the road last Summer with age related number after passing its first MoT in decades. 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.

£2,000 ono. Contact: Hensley Cole, Osbournby, Lincolnshire, Tel: 01529-455349.

1960 T60

Has undergone thorough seven year rebuild/restoration using many new parts bought and fabricated as required; suspension, steering, braking system, electrics, engine mounts, engine, interior, body and tyres. New hood with fixings (requires fitting). 7 months MoT (expires 6th August). Would like it to go to a good home - selling due to ill health.
£3,250.
Contact: Jock Bernard, Fife, Scotland (postcode KY1 4RP).
Tel: 01592-715435, Mob: 07746-414239, e-mail: *jock.bernard@blueyonder.co.uk* .

1952 250cc 'TT1' Excelsior Talisman Motorcycle

Maroon. Very good condition (restored four years ago). Currently SORN'd.
£1,650ono.
Contact: Duncan Priestley (East Yorkshire), Tel: 01964-529480.

1955 250cc 'TT3' Excelsior Talisman Motorcycle

Non-runner. No speedometer, but otherwise complete (including all tinware). Twin TT carburettors. New chrome wheel rims & stainless spokes. Buff logbook.
£1,400.
Contact: Mike Shearing (Dorset), Tel: 01202-822066.

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