BERKELEY ENTHUSIASTS CLUB
BULLETIN

NEWS

2016 BEC Rally & AGM

As those of you who attended the AGM will already be aware, no formal proposals were received for our Rally/AGM weekend in mid-May 2016. I have therefore made provisional enquiries into the possibility of using the Copt Oak Memorial Hall near Markfield, Leicester. The club has used this site a number of times over the last 20 years or so, most notably when we hosted the National MicroCar Rally (thanks to the major efforts of active local member John Lee).

Although a bit of a trek for those of us based in the South, this also opens up the event to those members based further North in the country and, as a venue (ignoring the actual location), I consider it to be almost perfect; hall and camping fees are reasonable, the site is easily accessed from the M1, it has adequate facilities for campers and there is also a Travel Lodge nearby for those of a more delicate disposition. The hard standing behind the hall can take at least two dozen Berkeleys with the option of overflowing onto the field whilst still leaving plenty of room for tents, caravans, motorhomes and tow vehicles with trailers.

I am proposing a standard weekend schedule, with arrivals possible from late afternoon on the Friday. Saturday: morning/afternoon Road Run and an early evening meal followed by Berkeley slide/film show in the hall. Sunday: car line-up with AGM around mid-day, followed by award ceremony for the best cars, allowing attendees to head off home mid/late afternoon. As in previous years, we would have full access to the hall and kitchen throughout the weekend; cooked breakfasts, warm snacks and tea/coffee could therefore be available as required. The nearby pub serves food, so that also takes care of the Saturday evening meal.

The majority of the comittee are happy with this location, HOWEVER, we are still open to suggestions, so if any members knows of an alternative venue with similar facilities (and a worthwhile destination for the road run) for our consideration, please contact me as soon as possible. For guidance, scenic more rural surroundings are preferable for the road run and town-based attractions or the need to use open high speed roads are best avoided to minimise, respectively, the risk of overheating in traffic and the possibility of a long string of relatively slow moving Berkeleys becoming an annoyance to other road users.

Regardless of the chosen venue, it is our hope that members (and in particular 'Sports' Anzani owners) can be coaxed out to join us in celebrating 60 years of the Berkeley car, so we would expect to see similar number of cars to the very well attended 2006 and 2014 rallies.

Dave Perrin *dp_berkeley@yahoo.co.uk*

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EVENTS

Classic Transport Picnic, 6th June

Barry Jones and I will both be displaying our cars at this event in a few days time and would welcome any other members who would like to join us.

See February bulletin for details.

Geoff Dabrowa *BECmembership@gmail.com*

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UPDATE: Cholmondeley Pageant of Power, 12th-14th June

Further to information given in the March and April bulletins, we have arranged a BEC stand at this brilliant event, but are still looking for more cars or restoration projects to join the B105 and T60 already booked in (preferably to display on all three days, as the organisers would like the same number of cars throughout the event).

The discounted ticket offer for club members and friends has now been extended to 5th June, which is only a few days away, so please make your booking as soon as possible if you would like to help us fly the Berkeley flag and experience the event for 2/3 the cost of normal entry.

Ticket	Club Discount (**until 5th June**)	Normal Price Adult / Child (4-15)
Friday	£20	£29 / FREE
Saturday	£22.50	£40 / £7
Sunday	£20	£30 / £7
3-Day Weekend	£55	£95 / £14

NOTE: There is a one-off handling fee of £2.50 for any bookings, but tickets for under-16s are also free if taking advantage of the club discount (no tickets are required for under-4s).

To book, go to *www.cpop.co.uk* , enter the special BEC code (**CPOPBEC)** in the 'Discount Code' box, click on the adjacent APPLY button, select your ticket requirements and then press the CONTINUE bar below to proceed.

If camping or caravanning, it is then possible to book your pitch on the Extras page:-

Select Arrival Date (Thursday and Friday are free, but you need to book/pay for Saturday and/or Sunday), Pitch Type (Tent @£30/night or Caravan @£35/night) and Number of Nights (1 - 2). At this point, you can also select Electric Hook-Up (£25 regardless of duration of stay) and book an Event Programme (£8, to be collected at the event).

We need to confirm the number of vehicles on the stand by 5th June, so please contact Dave Perrin (*dp_berkeley@yahoo.co.uk*) once you have made your booking if you are now able to join us for what should be a wonderful weekend.

We have now received the necessary site entry Car Pass pdf, so will be forwarding it shortly to those members already booked in to display their Berkeleys on the club stand.

Nigel Halliday

FSCC Historic Specials Day, Burford, 9th August

This well established Fairthorpe Sports Car Club event attracts around sixty cars each year (mainly Ford Ten and Austin Seven based specials) and, as usual, the venue is the Cotswold Wildlife Park, Burford, Oxfordshire.

Specials and limited production sports cars of all makes are invited, although cars built or designed after 1964 may be asked to park outside the display area. Some of the marques that have been to previous shows include: TWM, Turner, Fairthorpe, Elva, Lotus, Ginetta, Lola, Martin, Rochdale, Siva and Dellow.

Admission is FREE for the driver of a special or the tow car of a special and the park opens at 10:30am.

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2015 Events Listing

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

June 6th: Classic Transport Picnic, Weston, Herts. See Feb '15 Bulletin.

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

June 7th: Watford Classic Car Show, Bushey Sports Club, Herts, WD23 2TR.
See Mar '15 Bulletin.

June 12th - 14th: **Cholmondeley Pageant of Power**, Malpas, Cheshire, SY14 8AQ.
See above for latest details. *www.cpop.co.uk*
Contact: Nigel Halliday via Dave Perrin (*dp_berkeley@yahoo.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 5th: T175 Classic Car Cavalcade, Liverpool. See Apr '15 Bulletin.

July 11th/12th: Isetta Owners Club Rally, Bubblecar Museum, Boston. See Feb '15 Bulletin.

July 18th/19th: Classic Nostalgia, Shelsey Walsh Hill Climb. See Feb '15 Bulletin.

July 19th: **ECMC Autosolo**, RAF Woodbridge, Suffolk. See Apr '15 Bulletin.

July 24th - 26th: **Silverstone Classic**, Towcester, Northampton, NN12 8TN.
See Mar & Apr '15 Bulletins. *www.silverstoneclassic.com*
Contact: Daren Jeff (*darenjeff@hotmail.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.
See above for details.

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

September 6th: Rare Breeds Motor Show, Haynes Motor Museum, Sparkford, Somerset, BA22 7LH. *www.haynesmotormuseum.com*

September 6th: Vintage & Classic Vehicle Festival, The Play Close, Melton Mowbray, Leicestershire, LE13 1GH. See Mar '15 Bulletin. *www.meltonvehiclefestival.org.uk*

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*
Contact: Nigel Halliday via Dave Perrin (*dp_berkeley@yahoo.co.uk*)

September 26th/27th: **Pistons & Props**, Sywell Aerodrome, Hall Farm, Sywell, Northampton, NN6 0BN. *www.sywellclassic.co.uk*
Contact: Geoff Toyer (*geedadtee@ntlworld.com*)

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SPARES

BEC Spares at Cholmondeley, 12th-14th June

New spares items can be ordered for collection from the BEC stand at the Pageant of Power on any of the three days, but please make contact as soon as possible (via Dave Perrin).
Nigel Halliday

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MARKETPLACE

For Sale: T60 Restoration Project with V5C

Reluctant sale. I bought this project a year or so ago and have amassed various parts for the restoration during that time.

Paint stripped from bodywork. Two hard top mouldings (only one windscreen glass), plus hood frame and soft top type windscreen assembly, so choice of style for rebuild. Fitted with aftermarket steering wheel, but comes with original Standard 8 type too. One sidescreen. Two spare bonnets. Complete Excelsior 328 power unit. Needs rear lights. Has a pair of original bucket seats (need recovering), but full sills (bench seat type metalwork without cutouts), so another choice for the rebuild. New master cylinder. Wiring diagram and other technical publications, plus various other spares.

Must go to a good home with fellow BEC member (will NOT be going on e-Bay). £1,250 ono.

Contact: Charles Keats (Peterborough), Tel: 01733-310520.

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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 practical modifications by previous owners. Single carb 328cc Excelsior engine (original engine number as per chassis plate) with HJR 3 speed+reverse gearbox (floor change). Unusual design 4 spoke wooden rim steering wheel. No sidescreens, but has hood frame and soft top. Hand painted bodywork.









The car is in good condition, having been serviced/maintained by me as necessary to keep roadworthy. £700 spent in garage costs last July - O/S trunnion repaired, N/S trunnion checked and re-bushed, new front and rear wheel cylinder seals fitted, new master cylinder seals fitted, new brake shoes fitted as required, brakes adjusted, new speedometer cable fitted, etc. for the MOT which expires July 2015, but should easily pass another (although no longer a legal requirement).

I'm keen to pass her on to someone who will use and enjoy her as much as I have.

~~£3,750.~~ ~~£3,250~~. Sensible offers invited.

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

For Sale: Pair of T60 Restoration Projects







For sale, due to bereavement.

The soft top model is a rolling shell. The hard top and rear section have been removed from the other car. Both power units have been removed, but are present. Both cars have registration documents and, as can be seen, are in need of total restoration, but all the parts are believed to be there.

Please contact BEC Chairman Geoff Toyer on 07773-119216 for further details, as he is handling the sale on behalf of the family. No time wasters or browsers on this one (for obvious reasons). Offers to start at £2,000 for both cars.

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Parts Required for T60 Restoration

I am in urgent need of Excelsior engine/gearbox unit (or parts), differential and driveshafts for the rebuild of my incomplete T60. Please help a fellow member get his dream car on the road (reasonable amount offered for any/all items).

Contact: Mike Robbins (Clacton, Essex), E-mail: *mikerobbins@hotmail.co.uk* .
Tel: 01255-569331, Mob: 07914-752938 (evenings/weekends only please).

Various Used Fibreglass Sections & Panels

The following used SE328/early-SE492 bodywork is still available (photos in April bulletin):-

- Drastically modified front section (A-posts reworked to vertical and front 'bar' removed).
- Incomplete front section (missing everything behind the bonnet aperture).
- Pair of outside front wings.
- Two rear compartment covers.
- Pair of modified doors (converted to vertical leading edge).
- Three bonnets.
- Rear section.

NOTE: All are in need of at least minor attention and body sections are missing alloy panels.

I also have a T60 Rear Moulding (VGC). Reasonable offers accepted for any or all of the above - please ring and I'm sure we can come to an agreement on price.

Geoff Toyer, Northampton, Mob: 07773-119216.

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

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'Berkeley-USA' Yahoo Group: *https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/Berkeley-USA/info*

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'BerkeleyCarOwners' Facebook page: *https://www.facebook.com/groups/berkeleycarowners/*

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