BERKELEY ENTHUSIASTS CLUB BULLETIN

Chairman's Report

Following the large turnout of cars at the 2014 BEC Golden Jubilee event, I have often thought that if the club could manage half that number at subsequent AGMs/Rallies we would be doing okay.

My hopes were fully answered at this year's Fowlmere AGM/Rally. The two years of planning probably helped, as it was originally proposed as venue for the Jubilee Rally, but lost out to Quainton. Full marks must go to the organising team of Geoff Dabrowa, Martin Alsop and Barry Jones, as the campsite was excellent with adequate facilities and plenty of room for the Saturday 'Auto Gymkhana'. The option of a two-part weekend was well received with about twelve cars present at the campsite on Saturday morning/afternoon. Likewise, seven cars set off on the Sunday road run with numbers bolstered at Berkeley Close and the Biggleswade Market Square by Jeff Payne (T60) and Guy Lachlan (Sports SA322). Let us all hope that this trend will continue over the coming months and in particular for the 2016 Sixtieth Anniversary of the Berkeley car!

As those who attended our AGM on the Saturday already know, no full plans were proposed for our 2016 event, but Dave Perrin volunteered to investigate the possibility of a return to Copt Oak in Leicestershire. He has confirmed that the site is available during May and, by a majority Committee decision, we have agreed this venue. The date will be announced in the July bulletin (once the booking has been formalised) and updates will be included in future issues. Being further up-country than our recent rallies, it is hoped that this location will appeal to our Northern members as well as those in the South. The early announcement gives you all a target for this significant anniversary year, so we hope to see many new and familiar cars (and faces, of course).

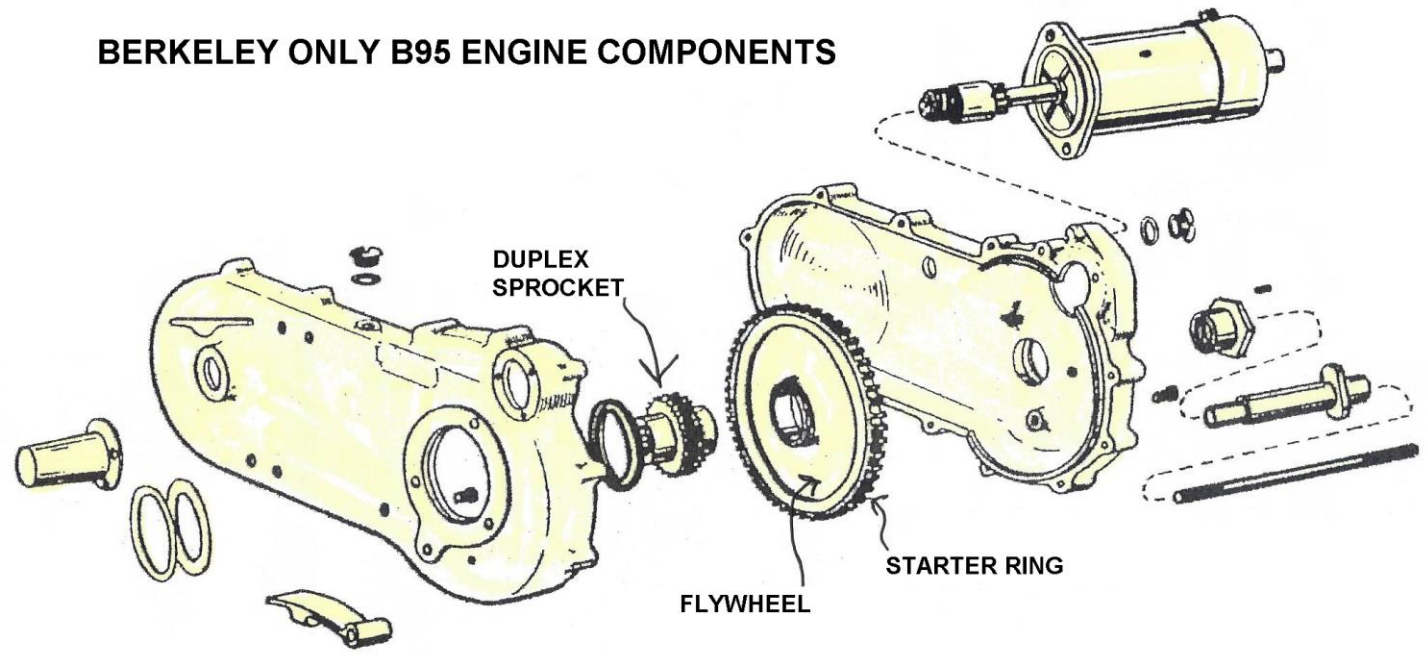
Jumping back to this year, as indicated previously, we are allowed ten vehicles on the BEC stand at Pistons & Props, Sywell on September 26th and 27th. At present I only have six members confirmed, so if you are interested in joining us please do not hesitate to contact me, as I will be submitting the application immediately after the issue of this Bulletin. As a reminder, there is a £5.00 administration fee this year. It should be possible to add more names later on, but it means more form filling for me!

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

SPARES

B95/105 Spares Request

A number of Berkeley-specific components were fitted to the B95 and B105 models to make the Royal Enfield motorcycle engine compatible with the car installation; the relevant parts are shown in the following illustration:-



Shortages of these items are once again beginning to affect BEC members running or restoring these cars; in particular, the starter ring and the duplex sprocket are becoming scarce.

The BEC commissioned a set of ten starter rings from a specialist manufacturer in the UK during the early 90s, but these are now exhausted and the company no longer exists. It seems reasonable to assume that a specialist gear cutters could not do the work as cheaply as a starter ring specialist, so we are therefore looking for a specialist that could make these approx. 7" diameter starter rings at a reasonable cost - please let us know if you are aware of such a company.

The duplex drive sprockets are also in short supply at present and we currently have at least two B95 owners in need of them. Either another source of these sprockets is required or we will have to consider arranging manufacture (or re-toothing) of a small batch.

As usual, please send any ideas or suggestions to me by post or e-mail Dave Perrin (*dp_berkeley@yahoo.co.uk*). Likewise, please let us know if you would be interested in a new sprocket or have a worn or damaged one that is available for refubishment (obviously the main body and central spline needs to be serviceable for this to be an option), as we would like to get a feel for likely demand and number of originals available for refurbishment.

Nigel Halliday

NEWS

Kop Hill Climb, Saturday/Sunday 19th/20th September

We are actively looking for Berkeley cars to be displayed on the BEC stand at this event; it would be particulary good to have a T60, Sports SE328 and a B95 or B105 throughout the weekend.

The climb is held on a public road near Princes Risborough, Aylesbury, Bucks and accepts all vehicles from the Edwardian era right up to modern classics. Now in its 6th year, it is a good friendly event and has become particularly popular.

Please contact me or e-mail Dave Perrin (*dp_berkeley@yahoo.co.uk*) if you are interested in displaying your car.

Nigel Halliday

EVENTS

RAF Feltwell Car & Bike Show, 4th July



Admission: Free.

See website *http://www.lakenheathfss.com* for application form.

Wings & Wheels Air Show, Shuttleworth Collection, 2nd August

Free entry for pre-1960 Classic Cars (and driver) when pre-booked. For further details and link to application form see *http://www.shuttleworth.org/events/wingsandwheels* .

NOTE: Closing date for bookings is mid-day on 24th July.

2015 Events Listing

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

July 4th: Car & bike Show, RAF Feltwell, Norfolk. See above.

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 2nd: Wings & Wheels Air Show, Shuttleworth Collection, Old Warden , Bedfordshire.
See above. *http://www.shuttleworth.org/events/wingsandwheels*

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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MARKETPLACE

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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For Sale: 1959 T60

Fully restored and cossetted during 18 years of ownership. Excellent interior and hood. Hardtop & sidescreens also available. Many new parts, including braking system. Includes large amount of spares and literature. Great opportunity for T60 enthusiast.



OFFERS. Contact: Peter Locke (London SW19), Tel: 020-8540-4891

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Wanted: T60 to Cherish & Enjoy

Following an accident earlier this year, I've had to give up my passion for 2 wheels, however, since then I've fallen in love with the T60 and would like to get behind the wheel as soon as possible. Ideally I would like one which has already been restored and would prefer a soft top model - a more modern/powerful engine would not be a problem, but we have ruled out Mini conversions for aesthetic reasons! I am only capable of giving TLC, but my husband is very capable and has restored a variety of vehicles, so your pride and joy will be in good hands. Please e-mail me at *paulinekutock@gmail.com* if you have a suitable T60 which you are prepared to part with - caring new home awaiting.

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Wanted: SA322/SE328/SE492/B65

Two stroke Berkeley 4-wheeler required as motor sport project. Shiny paintwork and/or chrome not a priority! SE492 preferred, but realise that I will probably have to make do with an Excelsior 328 powered car.

Contact: Jeff Payne, Mob: 07983-232929, E-mail: jefberkeley@aol.com

Wanted: B95 Duplex Engine Sprocket

Desperately needed to keep our B95 on the road (see article above).

Contact: Ian & Gina c/o of Dave Perrin (*dp_berkeley@yahoo.co.uk*).

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Berkeley Enthusiasts Club

www.berkeleycarclub.com

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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