BERKELEY ENTHUSIASTS CLUB BULLETIN

Chairman's Report

The rally season is now approximately half way through and, at the time of writing, we are left with three events at which we will have an 'official' presence in the form of a club stand; this is just a brief reminder to all of you who wish to get your car out and join us in spreading the Berkeley word to fellow motoring enthusiasts at these remaining venues.

Tickets for the first, the Silverstone Classic over the weekend of 24th-26th July, were only available until Thursday 23rd, so hopefully all those interested were able to get their tickets in time and will be joining or at least popping in on Daren at the BEC stand.

The next is Kop Hill Climb; as indicated by Nigel in previous bulletins, all the hill runs were allocated some time ago, but we are still hoping that more of you will join us to help fill the BEC static display area.

Finally, there is Pistons & Props at Sywell, for which we currently still have three slots available. The organiser's application deadline is 14th August, so if you want to take part please let me know as soon as possible, as that only gives me a few days to contact them and add you to the list. These two shows are both in September, please see the *Events* section for dates, links and details of the relevant club contacts.

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

NEWS

2016 BEC Rally/AGM, 20th-22nd May 2016

Our booking of the Copt Oak Memorial Hall (postcode LE67 9QB near Markfield, Leicester) for next year's BEC Rally & AGM weekend has now been formally confirmed. We are hoping for a good turnout of members and cars to help us celebrate the Sixty years since the original 'Sports' Anzani SA322 model was launched; further details will be included in the bulletin later in the year as our plans come together.

For the benefit of those members not interested in camping or caravaning on the site, there are no doubt numerous local Bed & Breakfast options available, but the Markfield Travelodge (postcode LE67 9PP) is just a few minutes drive away from the rally site. They have Double rooms (one or two adults) and Family rooms (3 adults or 2 adults & 2 children) at the same rates, with the choice of non-refundable 'Saver' or normal 'Flexible' bookings (the latter allows you to cancel the booking up to noon on the date of arrival):-

Rate	Friday 20th	Saturday 21st
Saver	£28	£36
Flexible	£37	£48

For further details, go to webpage *https://www.travelodge.co.uk/search_and_book/* and enter Leicester Markfield Travelodge in the Location box.

In the meantime, if you have any queries about the Copt Oak venue facilities or location, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Dave Perrin *dp_berkeley@yahoo.co.uk*

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National MicroCar Rally, 3rd-6th September

The ever-popular NMCR is now in its 41st year; for 2015 the event is being organised by a group of Frisky owners and the location is Hatton Country World, Warwick (postcode CV35 8XA). The Hatton site offers plenty of attractions for all the family (*http://hattonworld.com/*) and there are bound to be quite a few Berkeleys in attendance, so why not join them for the Saturday road run through Warwickshire and/or take part in the Sunday car line-up alongside the numerous other makes of bubble/microcars?

Although there will not be a BEC stand, there should be two or three committee members present on the Sunday and we will be supplying/judging the usual BEC/NMCR trophies for Best 3-Wheeler, Best 4-Wheeler and Best Conversion (we know that at least one freshly restored T60 will be in attendance after many years lying dormant and vying for an award).

See the NMCR webpage for further details: *www.national-microcar-rally.co.uk* .

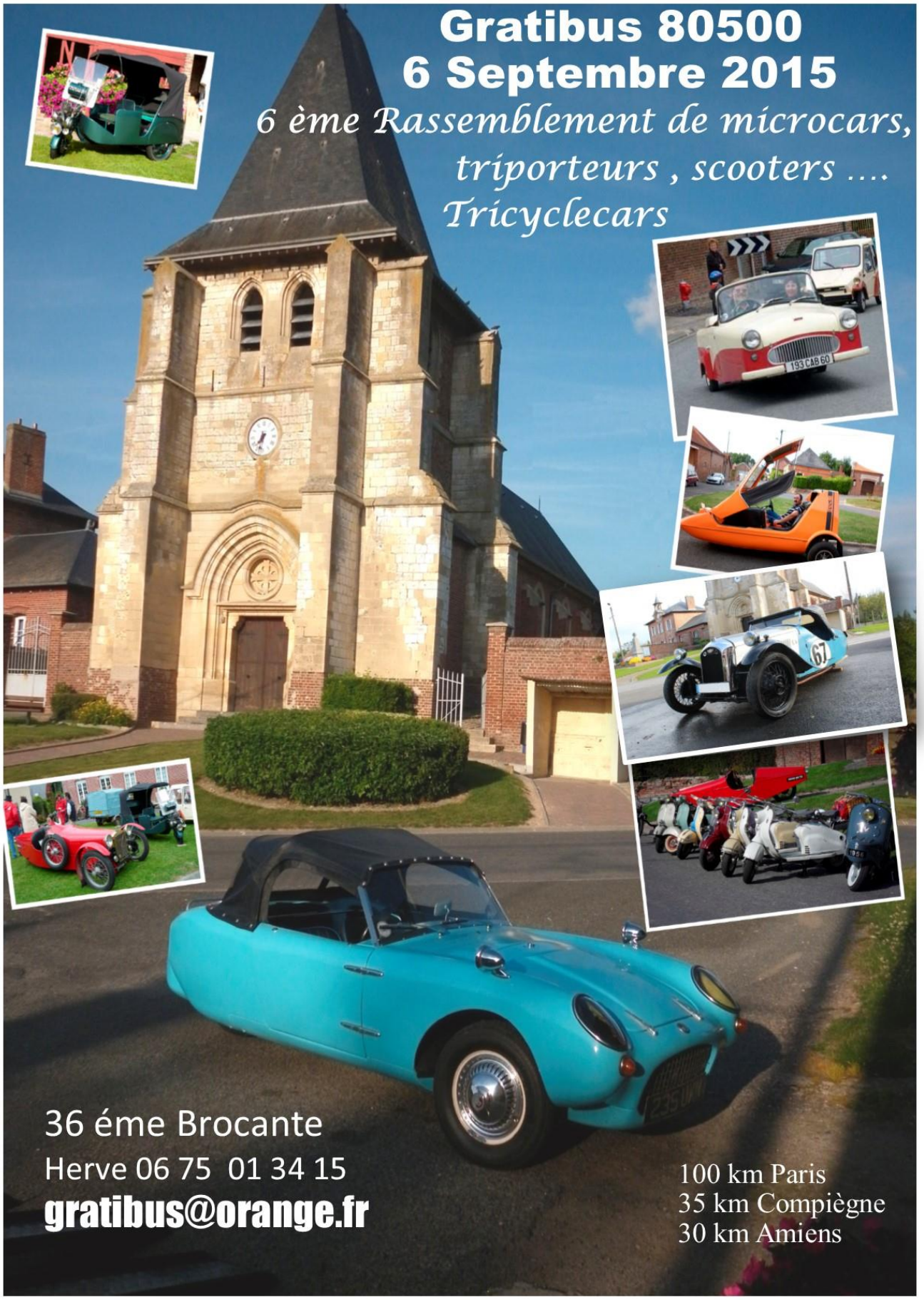
Dave Perrin

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Gratibus 80500, 6th September

An alternative outing for those wishing to put a few more miles under their wheels is BEC

member Hervé Caffier's annual gathering in the Picardie, Somme region of Northern France:-





EVENTS

2015 Events Listing

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*)



Windscreen Wipers

Owing to the sheer variety of systems fitted by the factory during production (and the fact that many UK cars have also ended up with non-standard set-ups), the BEC does not at present stock windscreen wiper components for the various Berkeley models. Some have direct motor drive, others have cable rack drives. There are plain ¼" shafts or two different types of splined drive wheelbox units. The wiper arms can be simple flat strips or the sprung arm type; they differ in length (8" or 9"), how they connect to the motor/drive, AND in how they connect to the actual wiper blades (bayonet, spoon, screw or rubber peg)!

Added to this array of possibilities, the original early four wheeler system had very simple and neat alloy and wire SWF (German) systems fitted as per early VWs and Porsches, which are incredibly hard to find if you are trying to restore to originality.

To assist in your sourcing of the wiper arm and blade components, we therefore recommend that you take a look at the Tex Automotive website (*http://texautomotive.com/classic.html*) and their associated retail outlet Motoring Classics (*http://www.motoringclassics.co.uk/*). They are re-manufacturing the majority of the systems of arms and blades you are likely to find on your Berkeley. They have close links to the British motoring heritage museum at Gaydon (home of the British Leyland collection) as well.

UPDATE: SA322/SE328/early-SE492 Windscreens

Glenn Roberts in the USA was able to get the prototype windshield installed on his SE328 during June and gave the folllowing report: "It fits fantastically well. The glass is ever so slightly thicker than the original glass and I say that due to the difficulty we had installing it with the rubber (which I assume to be original) gasket inset in to the frame. With some love and care the windshield has been installed on to my SE328 and looks fantastic."

Glenn is co-ordinating the purchase through the Berkeley-USA Yahoo Group (see link on back page of the bulletin) and has a list of eleven USA residents who originally expressed an interest in the project. However, he is now in the process of finalising the group order from Pilkington Classics, so, if you are in the USA and need screen glass for your early four wheeler (with the bodystyle with sloping leading edge to the doors), you need to contact him as soon as possible to confirm your requirement or add your name to the list.

The complete order will be shipped from the UK to the Pilkington Classics facility in Ohio and then shipped individually to the addresses provided. They have quoted $395 per windshield plus shipping and handling ($125 to a true commercial address and $190 to a residential address, so there is a $65 saving to be made if you can provide a business address). Glenn hopes to be able to place the order early in August.

Nigel Halliday

MARKETPLACE

Berkeley Collection For Sale

Offers invited for the following (please phone for further details):-

Foursome Owned almost 3 years. Very rare car (number 18 of only 19 produced). Recently recommissioned with new brake cylinders, pipes, shoes, etc.. Now back on the road and running well.









SE328 Owned approx. 40 years. Very good original condition. Body resprayed. New door hinges. Fully rebuilt engine (twin carbs & 4-speed gearbox).

T60 Owned approx. 20 years. Good condition. New aluminium sills. Bucket seats. Fully rebuilt engine. Needs hardtop (original borrowed and never returned!).

T60 Complete, but dismantled rebuild project with loads of spares.

Also Rare original hardtop for T60-4 (no glass/screens).

Contact: Russell Hancock, Tel: 01352-761354, Mob: 07961-951389.

For Sale/Wanted

NOTE: If you wish to place an advertisement in the BEC Bulletin, please contact Dave Perrin (*dp_berkeley@yahoo.co.uk*).

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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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