BERKELEY ENTHUSIASTS CLUB BULLETIN

Chairman's Report

By the time you read this, the 2016 rally season will be coming to a close; since the last Bulletin we have seen the coming and passing of the National MicroCar Rally in Wem, Shropshire, which produced a healthy turnout of 8 Berkeleys (although one of them was unable to stay for the Sunday line-up) and a similar number will have been present at Pistons & Props, Sywell.

As in 2015, I have been encouraged by the average turnout of cars at events and hope this will continue into 2017.

For those of you who haven't already received direct email correspondence from the organisers, we can confirm that Malcolm McKay of Classic Rally Press has officially announced his intention to run the 2018 Diamond Jubilee anniversary of the 1958 Leige-Brescia-Leige rally for micro cars of under 500cc engine capacity. This is splendid news and gives us plenty of time to organise 'Team Berkeley' to its full potential. It is my initial intention to recreate at least the three red, white and blue works rally cars that originally competed, but hopefully Malcolm will also be able to accept all eligible Berkeley applicants.

If you have any interest in participating in this monumental occasion, whether it be in entering a car or as a navigator/co-driver, thus sharing expenses, please do not hesitate to contact me via e-mail as soon as possible. In response to your interest I will be organising subsequent meetings over the next 21 months to fully coordinate our efforts.

Those members, including myself, who took part in the 50th Anniversary of this event will affirm to a man what a unique and exciting experience this rally offers. It will give you the opportunity to test not only your car, but your navigational and driving skills, in such a way that no other can ... and you will have a fantastic holiday into the bargain!

Please check the 'News' below column for preliminary costings and schedules.

Keep Berkeleying!

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

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NEWS

Advance Notice: Bristol MicroCar Rally, 7th-9th July 2017

Although it still manages a reasonable selection of different cars, this once extremely popular event has suffered in recent years with dwindling attendance. The venue is Keynsham Rugby Ground (postcode BS31 2BE) and, for 2017, the organiser is asking the BEC and other clubs

for our support to help make their 32nd (and possibly final) rally into a big success.

Weekend campers and Sunday visitors are all welcome. Breakfast, Lunch and Evening Meals available in pub over the road. Camping is on one of the rugby fields, with 24 hour access to the clubhouse toilet and shower facilities.

- Friday: Arrival and camping setup.
- Saturday: Road run to places of interest, plus free drinks and snacks in the gazebo at 19:30.
- Sunday: Autojumble stands, display of cars (plus awards) and the usual raffle.

Contact: Wynford Jones, Tel: 07541-197243, Web: *www.bristolmicrocarclub.com* .

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Advance Notice: L-B-L, 11th-22nd July 2018

BEC member Malcolm McKay, the director of Classic Rally Press, has recently announced the much anticipated Liège-Brescia-Liège Diamond Jubilee event. Entries will be strictly limited to 60 microcars (one for each year since the amazing, original, 1958 Rally) and priority will be given to cars that could have taken part in 1958. As many of you will no doubt recall, nine Berkeleys entered the Golden Jubilee rally, and (despite a few problems along the way) all but one of them made the 2,500 mile journey across the Alps and back, with everyone agreeing that it was a fantastic experience.

If you are in any doubt about entering the 2018 event, just read the account of the last one featured in the BEC Magazine a few years ago, watch the You Tube footage, or speak to any of the BEC committee or members who took part in 2008 ... AND, the rally route has been refined since then:-

- Better hotels right on the 1958 route (to avoid unnecessary extra mileage).
- A day off in beautiful Ljubljana mid-event, with time to repair cars, relax, enjoy this cosmopolitan capital city and (for those who are sharing the event) easily swap co-drivers.
- Addition of a stunning, super-smooth gravel road in Slovenia and a new pass in Italy that really capture the spirit of the 1958 event *and* lop off a section in Slovenia and Italy that is now a boring slog through very busy flat industrialised roads.

Back-up will include a fully-equipped RAC Patrol van with hugely-experienced crew, as well as a luggage van crewed by two back-up mechanics with microcar experience. All participants will be required to take out European Recovery Insurance, so that if a fault occurs that cannot be repaired, they can ensure that their car is recovered home and a rental car is provided for them to complete the event.

The Entry Fee is an incredible £3,600 for a crew of two (that's just £1,800 per person). As before, this includes all accommodation (12 nights) and ALL meals (12 dinners, 12 breakfasts and 11 lunches). It also includes maps, route book, rally plates and entry to all pre-arranged visits along the way. NOTE: Additional fees will be payable if single rooms are required.

No money is required at present, but the organisers are requesting that anyone who would like to take a place on the event confirms their interest as soon as possible, as it is expected to be

heavily over-subscribed - we know of at least one BEC member from the USA who has already purchased his steed in the UK, and we also have a New Zealand member who is looking to share a ride as a navigator or co-driver.

See PDF mailed out with this bulletin for further advance details and keep an eye on future bulletins and website *www.classicrallypress.co.uk* for updates.

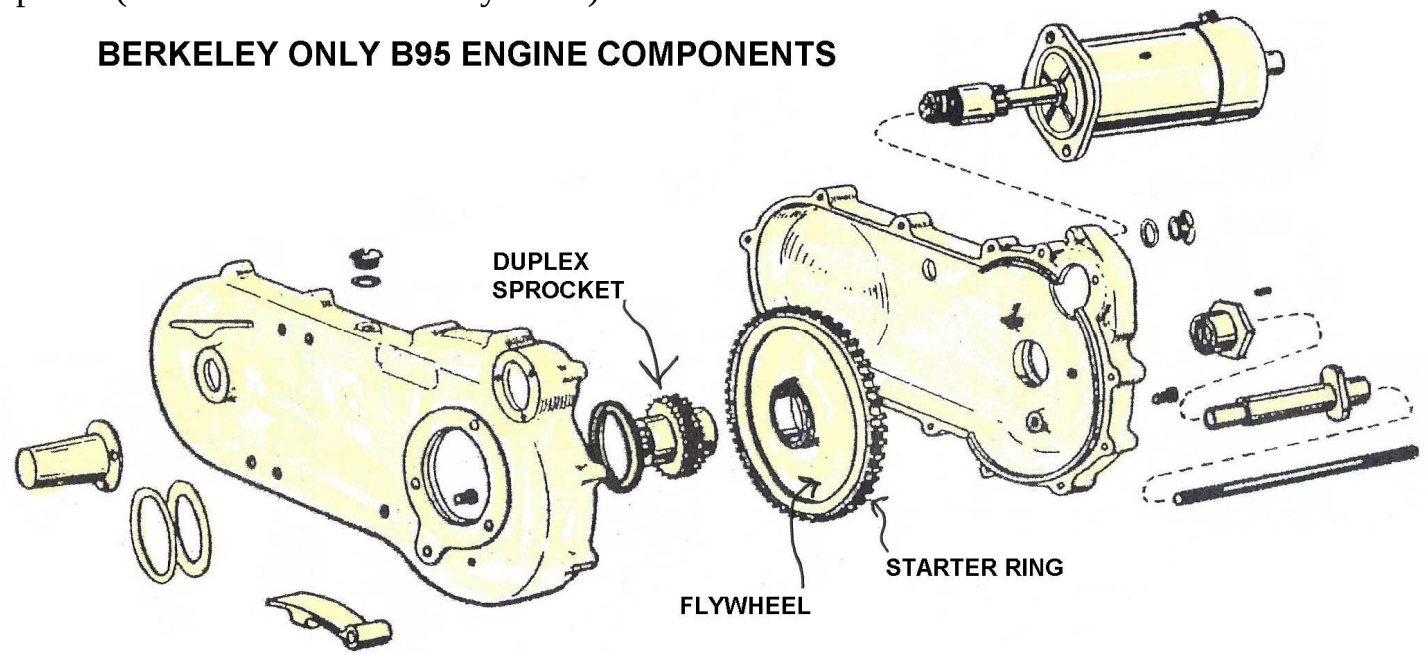
Contact: Malcolm McKay, e-mail: *classicrallypress@yahoo.co.uk*, Tel: 07711-901811.
Nigel Halliday

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SPARES

B95/105 Engine Sprockets

Back in June 2015, we ran an article about the shortage of usable Berkeley-specific parts fitted only to the Royal Enfield powered models. Well, the situation has not improved, and there is now an urgent demand for the duplex primary drive sprocket which fits onto the crankshaft splines (and carries the starter flywheel).



If you have or know of any secondhand examples (whether serviceable or not), please let us know, as (beyond helping out those with an immediate need) we definitely need to consider bulk refurbishment or the manufacture of new examples. In this respect, any suggestions of patterns or engineers would be welcomed.

Badges

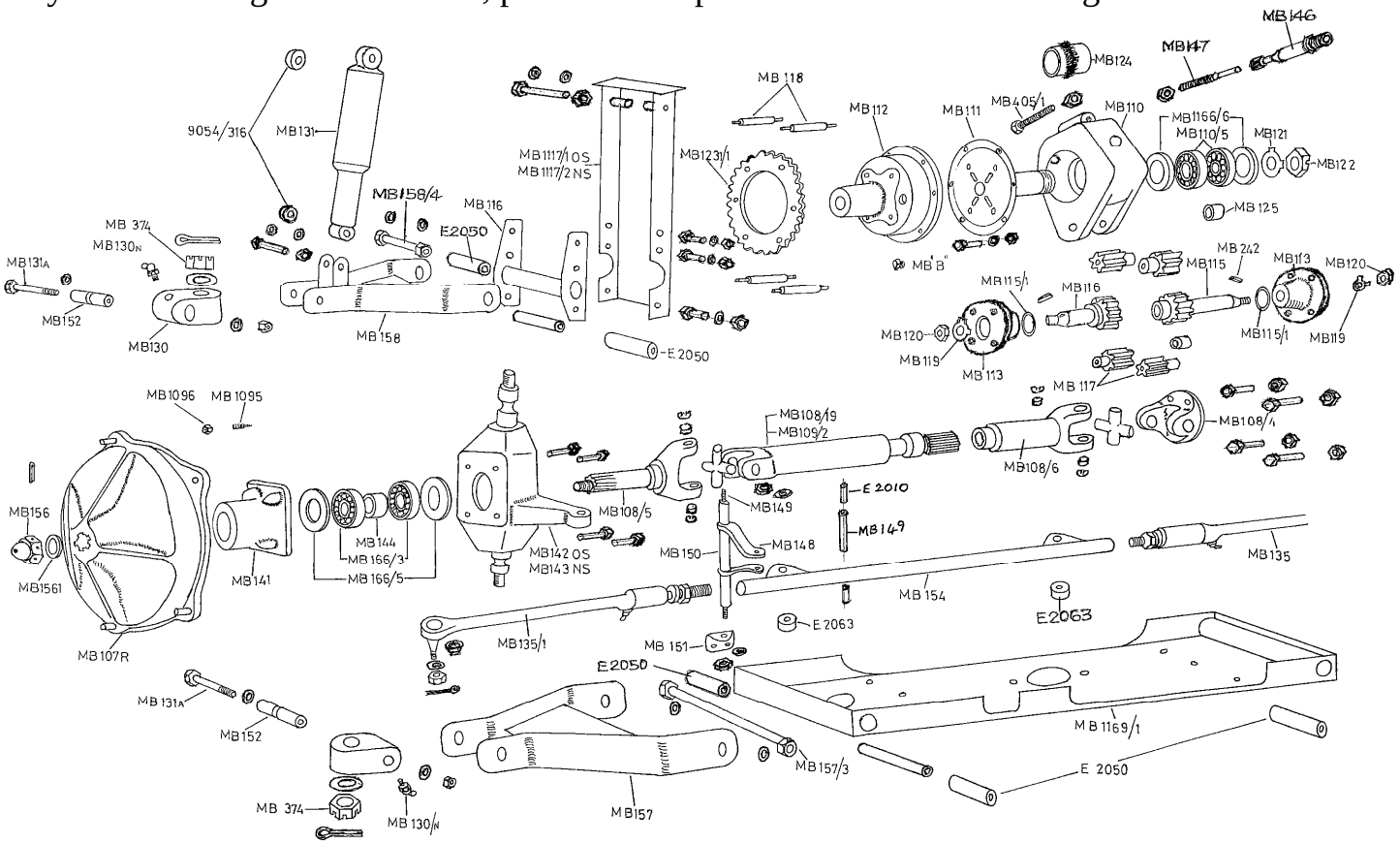
Re. the August bulletin, we now have a reasonable idea of the cost of new single stud chrome/enamel nose and steering wheel badges, which is likely to be in the region of £100 each. Definitely not cheap, but it should be noted that e-Bay prices for old damaged badges have got close to this figure in recent years and they will be of the best quality.

However, to obtain this price, we will need to order a quantity of 100, which represents a massive Club investment of at least £10,000. What do you think? Are all those members

looking for badges willing to pay £100 each? Please let us know by writing to Nigel at BEC Spares (see address on *Club Contacts* page of BEC magazine) or e-mailing Dave Perrin (*dp_berkeley@yahoo.co.uk*).

Publications: Parts Identification Book

We have just reviewed/updated the all-model BEC Illustrated Parts Identification book, which now has over 60 A4 sized pages! Additions include the later T60 steel chassis variants and the Royal Enfield engine installation, plus front suspension & driveshaft arrangements:-



It is an essential guide to the various parts across all four-wheeled and three-wheeled Berkeley models and therefore a must for all Berkeley owners, allowing easy identification of parts and clarifying parts enquiries/purchases with BEC Spares and other owners.

Price: £7.50 plus £1.30 UK post & packing (overseas rate on request).

Nigel Halliday

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EVENTS

2017 Events Listing

July 7th - 9th: Bristol MicroCar Club Rally, Keynsham Rugby Club, BS31 2BE.

See above. www.bristolmicrocarclub.com

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MARKETPLACE

For Sale: B95

Converted to left hand drive during full 'nut and bolt' restoration (extensive collection of photos available). It has been on the road for 5 years now, but only used for local car events. See *http://www.classiccarsforsale.co.uk/berkeley* for further photos.









Comes with set of special tools for the engine and wheel balancing adaptor, plus some spares. Also, original workshop manual, other technical info and large collection of BEC newsletters/magazines. The car is located in Arendal, Norway, but can be delivered anywhere in the world and can easily be converted back to right hand drive if required.

Price 14,000 Euros (approx. £13,800) or nearest offer.

Possible part exchange for Vespa 400, Subaru 360 or Free-way.

Contact: Per Lysell (Norway), e-mail: *palysell@broadpark.no* , Tel: +4791870895 .

For Sale T60

A rare opportunity to acquire a well sorted Berkeley T60 which was the subject of a bottom-up restoration some years ago by noted Berkeley restorer Phil James, and has stood up remarkably well, having been lovingly owned for many years by the late much-liked BEC member John Lee.









The car had been out of action for a few years due to engine abuse, incorrect dismantling and loss of parts, when the new owner asked me to recommission it. All missing parts have been replaced, I have done a full engine rebuild and completely overhauled the brakes (plus far too much other work to list here), but due to on-going work overseas, the owner has now instructed me to sell it on his behalf.

It benefits from 'Nametab' converted crankshaft and Boyer Bransden electronic ignition, and with minimal further work could be one of the best T60s in the country. However, it will of course require careful running-in due to a rebore and new piston rings.

£5,000 firm, no offers.

Contact: Geoff (Bill) Toyer, Chairman, e-mail: *geedadtee@ntlworld.com* for additional photos.

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Wanted

Bottom wishbone cross member for T60 in any condition.
Contact Jim Milne (Tewkesbury, Glos.), e-mail: *jim@thestirrups.co.uk* , Tel: 01684-772432.

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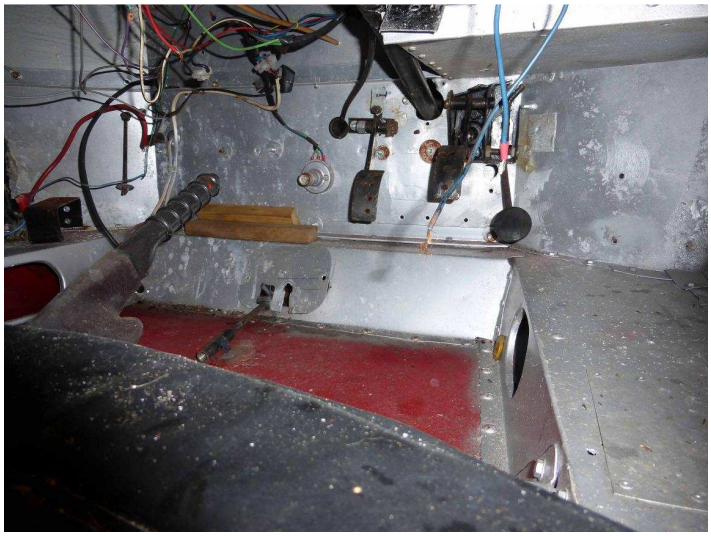
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For Sale: SA322

Unfinished project with original registration mark 9991 WB and V5C. Painted 'Rosso Red' (reasonable finish). Fitted with Kawasaki GPZ305 engine (electric start 4-stroke twin developing 35bhp @10,000rpm, with integral 6-speed gearbox and clutch) which is believed to have been running in the car about 7 years ago. Transmission is now via an HJR gearbox, kept in top gear for forward speeds, but allowing reverse to be selected when required, but gear linkages still to be sorted. Inner drive shafts and U-Js not fitted (may be missing). Has side screens, but no soft top (NOTE: Suitable hood frame will be available from the club if required) and one of the bonnet hinges is missing.









Fitted with rear fuel tank, but original tank also included. Spares include two wheels and a rear compartment cover. Further photos available.

Long standing member passsed away last year and his widow wants the car to go to a good home. The car is located in Preston. Further photos available.

Asking price £4,000 (offers via Geoff Dabrowa, e-mail: *becmembership@googlemail.com*).

For Sale: Assorted T60 Spares



- 3 x Excelsior 328 engine.
- 2 x Dynastart.
- 3 x gearbox (2 x VR and 1 x VRB).
- 3 x clutch assembly.
- 2 x differential carrier.
- Various diff parts, flanges and casings.
- 1 x engine cradle.
- 2 x Siba Dynastart control box.
- Various points and cams.
- Light lenses.
- 3 x Alloy Wheel Trim.
- 1 x Berkeley factory jack.
- Various other odds and ends, as shown above.

I would like all these items to go as a single lot.

Contact: Bruce Rackham (Essex), Tel: 01277-210243, e-mail: maryrackham@aol.com .

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NOTE: Event News, For Sale/Wanted, etc.

If you wish to place a News Item or an Advertisement in the BEC Bulletin, or have any queries about an item or advertisment that has already appeared, please contact Dave Perrin (*dp_berkeley@yahoo.co.uk* or see BEC magazine *Contacts* page for phone number).

Please DO NOT contact Geoff Dabrowa, as he only e-mails the bulletin to you.

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

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

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