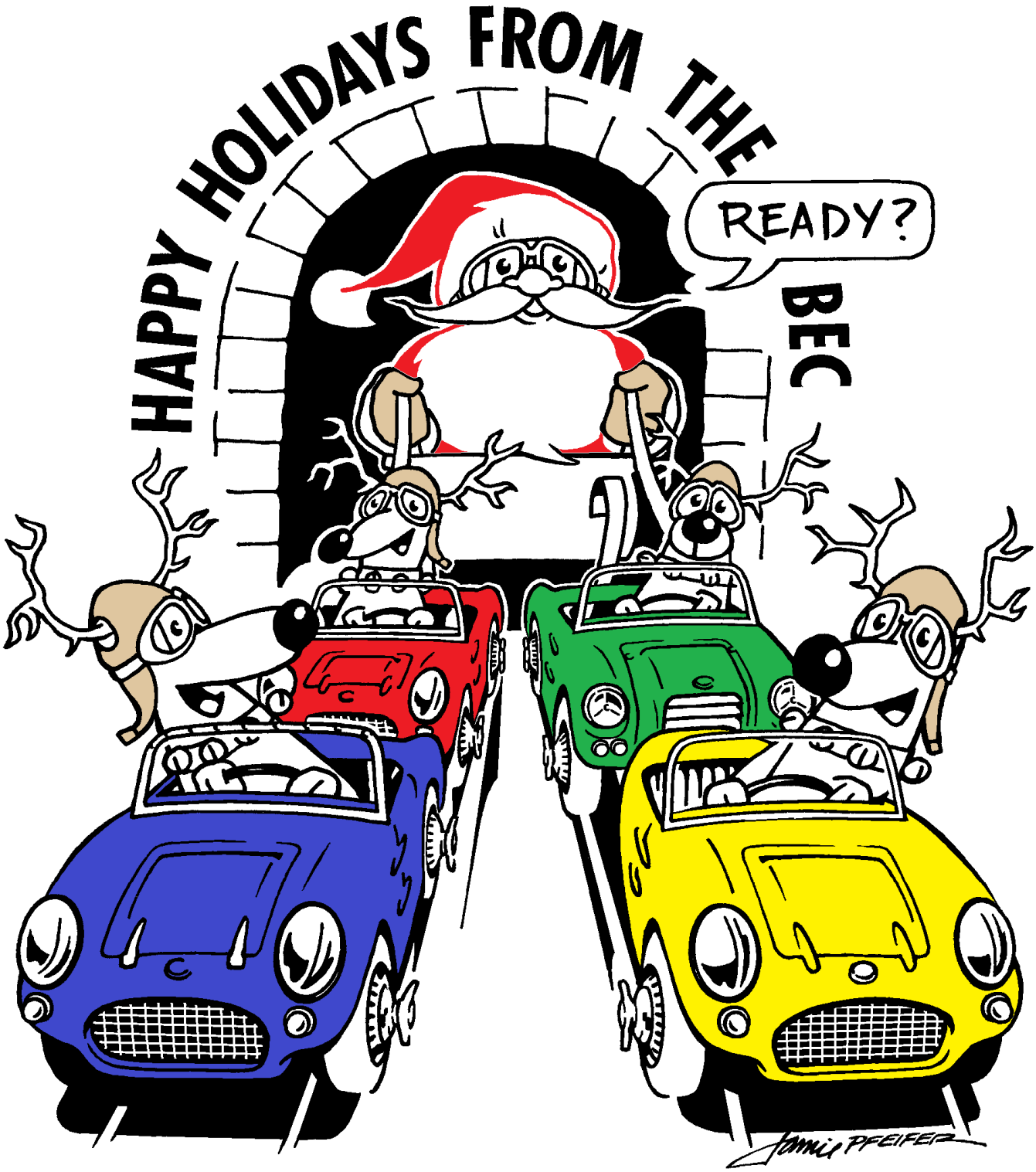
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Chairman's Report

I take this opportunity on behalf of myself and my fellow committee members to wish you all a happy and peaceful festive season and a prosperous New Year.

Our Diamond Anniversary year celebrating the launch of the Berkeley car has, in my opinion, been a rather successful one. Three high profile events raising public awareness of our marque spring immediately to mind, the first being Will Bazeley's epic trip to Mongolia in his Honda powered T60 (we will hear more about this and hope to have the car at one of our events during 2017). Secondly, the appearance of Neil Barber's SE328 on the Channel 4 TV programme 'The Lost Lotus' and, finally, Alex Ferrada's B95 being displayed at the NEC Classic Car Show on the National Micro Car Club stand.

Of course, we must not forget the support of all members who attended and displayed their vehicles at the various events which the Club supported or sponsored throughout the 2016 rally season, the average turnout being quite impressive. I personally thank all those concerned.

With this in mind, next year appears equally promising. Those readers interested in the provenance of our vehicles will be keen to hear that this year we had a new member join who owns a T60 which has survived for the past 57 years completely under the BEC's radar of known vehicles! Coincidentally, I received an unsolicited phone call from an elderly gentlemen enquiring as to whether his old car survived and it turned out to be the same car, so we now know the complete ownership history of this car since 1968. Surely, bearing in mind the above-mentioned TV programme, this story is worthy of a BEC magazine article on 'The Lost Berkeley'? ... more to follow.

In the New Year issue we hope to be announcing the date and location of our annual BEC Rally and AGM. This traditionally occurs on the weekend following the 12th of May (Prescott Classic Hill Climb).

Keep Berkeleying!

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

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Classic Motor Show, Old Warden, Sunday 2nd April 2017

This event at the Old Warden Aerodrome, Biggleswade, Bedfordshire (postcode SG18 9EP) is described by the organisers as "an enthusiast's paradise".

Hundreds of classic vehicles from both the pre-war and post-war eras will be on display in the paddock opposite the hangars, and awards will be given for winners in 14 different classes, plus an overall 'Best in Show' trophy.

Entertainment will be provided by a live arena featuring celebrations of our motoring heritage from the 1940s through to the 1980s, plus a selection of trade and autojumble stands, and craft stalls. The Old Warden Model Club will also be putting on two flying displays during the day (weather permitting) and will be on hand to chat about their hobby.

Visitors

Admission: Adults: £8, Children (4-16 years): £4, Family (2 Adults & 3 Children): £24.

Parking: Free. Times: 10:00 - 16:00.

Exhibitors

Vehicle exhibitors who pre-book (by March 5th) will be given discounted entry to the famous Shuttleworth Collection £10 (instead of £15) or Gardens £6 (instead of £8).

Display Vehicle Pass: £4.00 (covers admission for 2 Adults & 2 children).

Display Vehicle Arrival: 08:00 - 10:00.

Display Vehicle Departure: 16:00 onwards.

For further details, see website *www.classicmotorshows.co.uk* .

NOTE: If four or more cars are registered (and sufficient volunteers are available), then it may be possible to have a club stand at this event, so please let me know if you intend displaying your car and/or would like to help man a club stand.

Geoff Dabrowa *BECmembership@googlemail.com*

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Classic & Performance Car Show & Autojumble, Cheshire, Sat/Sun 3rd/4th June 2017

This celebration of 'The Golden Age of Motoring' at Tatton Park, Knutsford (postcode WA16 6QN) features over 2,000 exhibits each day, with up to 90 Club Displays, over 300 private entries and 250 Autojumble/Trade plots!

Cars need to be pre-booked, but entry is free for the driver and one adult passenger

Admission: Adults: £9, Children (10-15 years): £6, Under-10s: Free, Parking: Free.

Advance booking discounts available from 'ticketline' website.

Times: 09:00 - 16:00.

See website *www.cheshireautopromotions.co.uk* for details.

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Classic & High Performance Car Show & Autojumble, Cheshire, Sat/Sun 19th/20th August 2017

Details essentially as above for the June event, but featuring 'Passion for Power' High Performance Display and 'Dream Cars Pavilion' (a large undercover display area for high performance, competition and super cars)!

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Chassis Metalwork

Further to the February and March bulletins, we are about to look into the possibility of getting a small batch of sills and internal crossmembers manufactured for the later four-wheeler models (B95/105 & late-SE492) with vertical leading edge to the doors and bench seat T60s (up to

chassis #600). The four-wheeler items are all aluminium, as are the earliest T60s, but later T60s had steel sills with aluminium footwell & gearchange crossmembers.

Would anyone in need of these sections please write to me (see magazine *Club Contacts* page) or contact Dave Perrin (*dp_berkeley@yahoo.co.uk*) to add your name to the list of interested members (there is no committment to buy at this point, but we need some idea of how many we are likely to sell of each type).

NOTE: We still have a couple of the all-steel internal metalwork sets available for bucket seat T60s (chassis #600 onwards) at £350, so don't leave it too late to buy a set if you are planning to rebuild your car.
Nigel Halliday

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EVENTS

2017 Events Listing

Jan 1st: Vintage Stony, Stoney Stratford, Milton Keynes.
See November bulletin. *www.VintageStony.co.uk*

May 13th/14th: Ingliston Revival, Royal Highland Centre, Edinburgh.
See October bulletin. *www.Ingliston.co.uk/Revival*

Apr 2nd: Classic Motor Show, Old Warden, Bedfordshire.
See above. *www.classicmotorshows.co.uk*

May 13th/14th: Prescott Hill Climb, Cheltenham.
See October bulletin. *www.cleevevale.org.uk*

Jun 3rd/4th: Classic Car Show & Autojumble, Tatton Park, Cheshire.
See above. *www.cheshireautopromotions.co.uk*

Jul 7th - 9th: Bristol MicroCar Club Rally, Keynsham Rugby Club, BS31 2BE.
See September bulletin. *www.bristolmicrocarclub.com*

Aug 19th/20th: Classic Car Show & Autojumble, Tatton Park, Cheshire.
See above. *www.cheshireautopromotions.co.uk*

Aug 26th: Classic & Retro Festival, Gloucester City Centre. See November bulletin.

Sept 23rd/24th: Pistons & Props, Sywell Aerodrome, Northamptonshire, NN6 0BN.
http://www.sywellclassic.co.uk

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MARKETPLACE

For Sale: King Pin Assemblies & Rare 'Sports' Hardtop





Pair of kingpin assemblies. MB142 has wear on the top & bottom bearing surfaces, so requires bushing (it is also missing one of the wishbone bolt sleeves, although these would normally be replaced when re-bushing anyway). MB143 has already been re-bushed, with good sliding fits. MB142: ~~£40~~ £36, MB143: ~~£75~~ £60 (postage: £6 each).





Whalley hardtop for early 'Sports' 4-wheelers (with the sloping leading edge doors). Has cutout at the back to clear filler cap, so presumably intended for early-SE492, but will also fit SE328 & SA322. As can be seen, requires repairs to some quite major cut lines, but is otherwise complete, including the wrap-around rear screen. ~~£100~~ £80 o.n.o. (collection only).

Contact: Guy Chard (Cumbria), Tel: 01539-624100, e-mail: *a.chard@pobroadband.co.uk* .

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*).

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