

COMPETITION REPORT MAY 2012

TEAM HEALEY and MSCA NEWS

COMING EVENTS **Events marked with * count towards the Competition Championship. Sprint and Regularity events require a basic CAMS level 2S licence only. (contact Rod Vogt)**

1 **MARQUE SPORTS CAR ASSOCIATION (MSCA)**

CALENDAR FOR 2012 – Remaining Rounds

Round 4	Sunday 1st July	*Sandown
Round 5	Sunday 22 nd July	*Phillip Island
Round 6	Sunday 19 th Aug	Haunted Hills
Round 7	Sunday 16 th Sept	*Phillip Island
Round 8	Sunday 18 th Nov	*Phillip Island
Round 9	Sunday 2 nd Dec	*Sandown to be confirmed

ENTRY FORMS for these events will be sent to all on the Team Healey email list and are available on the MSCA website www.msca.net.au . Ring Rod Vogt on 5962 1915 or 0408 395 240 or email competition-MSCA@healeyvic.com.au . Spectators are encouraged. Entry is free and you are welcome in our pit garage. Competition starts at approximately 9 am.

2 **OTHER EVENTS 2012**

May 19/20 th	*ARDC Sports Car Carnival, Eastern Creek, Sydney
May 26/27 th	*Historic Winton short course meeting www.historicwinton.org
June 16/17 th	*MG and Invited British at State Race Series round, Sandown
June 30/July 1 st	*HSRCA Historic races, Eastern Creek. (Including One Hour Enduro)

36th HISTORIC WINTON 26/27th MAY 2012

The next Historic meeting on the calendar is run by the Austin 7 Club and differs from the Phillip Island, Sandown and VHRR Winton meeting in August in it's presentation of many pre war racing and regularity cars suited by the use of the "short" track. Also on the card are Historic motorcycles. Confirmed entries from AHOC Vic are **Peter Jackson** in the 3000, **Peter Kaiser** in the Sprite and **Rod Vogt** in the MGB. I expect **Steve Pike** in his blue 3000 and **Hamish MacLennan** in the MGB will join us in the Group S races where Peter and Steve will compete with others for the coveted Alan Jones Trophy for Group Sa pre 1960 cars. This is the same Alan Jones recognized by the award made at the annual Healey Rally – won in 2011 by Bill Ingham and 2012 by Bill Metcalf. The Alan Jones Trophy for Winton is currently held by Steve Pike after his efforts at this race meeting last year, so let's hope Steve or Peter can retain it. The normal racing classes are on offer with over 400 cars and bikes entering. There is NO post war regularity so no Healeys/Sprites in road trim to see.

In addition to the racing, the Shannons Classic Car Park features car and bike displays.

The organizers have contacted us with an offer of **free tickets for any Club members to attend** and display their Healeys at the event. They are after Healey 100's in particular because they are celebrating 60 years of the Healey 100. A run to the track will be organized and hopefully our country members will organize their own groups to join us. More information will be available at the next general meeting and via our email system.

There will be a display of Historic Commercial and Military vehicles and a "U Bute Ute" gathering for pre 1975 vehicles. Well we ARE in the country!

This is an event with a lot of interest and the chance to view the older car fraternity. Some of the early technology and workmanship is fascinating.

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1 **PHILLIP ISLAND HISTORICS March 2012 – some final information**

Results to hand since last report have our members **John Goodall (100/6)**, **Tony Rogers (1974 Porsche 911E)** and NSW Healey member **Peter Osborn (Alfa 105)** finishing in **FIRST PLACE** in the **Regularity Team Competition!** Also members of our Team Healey Winton 6 Hour relay Race team in 2010 and 2011,

they are old hands at this regularity game but to win this event which covered both regularity divisions at PI is a mighty achievement. Bill Vaughan and I hope they carry their form over for the Six Hour in October when Team Healey tries to win that coveted event.

2 GROUP S RACING ASSOCIATION 2011 RESULTS

Our club members' Historic Group S Production Sports Car Healeys, Sprites and other marques compete for individual honours at the various Historic meetings AND also for a Group S Racing Association Championship. For an interesting read of our activities go to the excellent website www.groupracing.org In particular look at the rules for the Championship. There is a competition called the "Catalina Cup" based on NSW race meetings and the "Goldfields Cup" is based on Victorian race meetings. There are sub categories for Group Sa (Jan 1st 1941 to Dec 31st 1960), Group Sb (1961 to 1969) and Group Sc (1970 to 1977) with further sub categories for engine capacity. There is an overall winner, second and third placings for Sa, Sb and Sc for each of Catalina Cup and Goldfields Cup but not over both competitions.

If you have been attending Club meetings and reading the competition reports you should not be surprised to read that **Peter Jackson** has dominated Group Sa racing again in 2011, winning the "over 2000 cc" classes and overall Group Sa in BOTH the Goldfields and Catalina Cups, a result which competitors in Sb and Sc were unable to match. Peter retains the coveted Number One race number (remembering that there is no official overall champion) which reflects his status in Group S. **Brian Duffy** did Team Healey proud by taking second place to PJ in Sa over 2000 cc and third overall for outright Group Sa in the Goldfields Cup (with a Sprite taking 2nd place!), plus third place in the over 2000 cc class in the NSW based Catalina Cup. I was surprised when they called for **Rod Vogt** when awarding second place for Goldfields Cup Group Sb 1600 to 2000cc, receiving a lovely engraved wine glass for my perseverance in the MGB. It is the most expensive wine glass I own!

3 The **ROSS BOND TROPHY** for 2011 is the major competition award given annually by the NSW Austin Healey Club, and was presented to **PETER JACKSON** by Colin Goldsmith representing the NSW Club at the Phillip Island meeting. The NSW Club was formed by a small group of Healey owners to support Ross Bond when Ross was one of the leading open sports car racers in Australia in his Healey. Peter now holds the Ross Bond Trophy AND our **Donald Healey Memorial Trophy** for 2011 as well as dominating the Group S Championship for pre 1960 cars.

4 MALLALA, SOUTH AUSTRALIA, HISTORIC RACES Easter 2012

I can only give a brief report on this event because despite incurring nearly \$700 in entry fees, garage space and Easter accommodation deposit I did NOT compete. Stopping for a coffee break at Ballan after the long climb up the Pentland Hills I discovered oil covering the front of the race trailer and this time the oil was not from the MGB but from the gearbox of the Nissan Navara tow vehicle! A careful return to Healesville and a quick look from my local mechanic confirmed that it would be foolish to continue until it was properly checked out which could not be done that afternoon with Easter upon us. So it was left to **Peter Jackson** to fly the flag alone at Mallala for Team Healey. The generosity of fellow Group S racers knows no bounds. On hearing of my predicament at Friday morning practice a fellow competitor – Rohan Little, a Porsche driver from country Victoria – rang and offered me his BMW X5 to enable me to tow the MG to South Australia in time for the weekend racing. The BMW was at his winery in Western Victoria and he was prepared to get two employees to get the BMW to me at Healesville, all on Good Friday. It was all too hard I thought, but he took some convincing.

So the small but quality entry of 13 cars was reduced to 12 in number and in quality significantly by my absence.(ha ha!) **Peter Jackson** had a trouble free weekend at the tricky Mallala circuit which does not really suit the big Healey with some hard braking corners. PJ had three thirds and a fourth over the four races, bested by a genuine Lotus Super Seven, the TVR Tuscan V8 and twice by Rohan Little in his Porsche. Also running were three Sprites, two MGB's , an MGB GT V8 an Alfa Romeo 105 and another Porsche 911.

POINTS SCORED TOWARD COMPETITION CHAMPIONSHIP and 4 fastest laps

Peter Jackson (3000)	949 pts	1.23.10, 1.23.25, 1.23.45, 1.23.61
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SOME ACTION SHOTS to whet your appetite for Winton



A CLOSING THOUGHT

Don't argue with an idiot. People watching may not be able to tell the difference.

ROD VOGT