

COMPETITION REPORT JUNE 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**

June 10 th	*Vic Supersprint Championship Rd 2 Sandown
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)
July 28/29 th	*HRCC Historic Morgan Park, Warwick, Qld.

COMPETITION REPORTS

HISTORIC MYRNIONG SPRINT SUNDAY 15th APRIL, 2012

Thank you to **MARK BIRD** for this report –

“What a great day.” Congratulations to the Austin 7 Club and Myrniong Hall Committee for putting on the 10th Annual Historic Myrniong Car Sprint. How did you get the weather so right with perfect conditions of a sunny day and light winds? There was a field of 84 entries, which was down on previous years, however it did include Steve Pike (AH 3000), Frank Hook (AH 100/4), Hugh Purse (AH 100/4), John Keogh (AH 3000), and yours truly Mark Bird (AH 100/4). The eldest competitor on the day was 87 years young, just goes to show “you are never too old to compete”.

For those of you who don't know, Myrniong is a hill climb of 850 metres, which includes a 60 metre rise. There were 24 events on the day with various types of historic cars competing. Also plenty of show cars on display throughout the day, which makes for an enjoyable day for both competitors and spectators alike. The first run of the day was a timed practice run, one which I won't forget in a hurry. At 5,500 revs, third gear and halfway in to the climb the bonnet flew off. Thank God no one was hurt, except my pride. Looks like a visit to the panel beater on Monday!

During the day Steve Pike had equalled his record of 30.0 seconds, and I was not far behind on 30.1 seconds. Therefore the last run of the day became the most important one, with 5 Healeys still in contention for Event 11, Production Sports Cars 1941-1960, (over 1601 cc).

And the final results were :

DRIVER	VEHICLE	RUN 1	RUN 2	RUN 3	RUN 4	BEST TIME
Steve Pike	AH 3000 (3000cc)	32.5	30.9	30.0	29.6	29.6
Mark Bird	AH 100/4 (2755cc)	33.4	31.2	30.1	30.0	30.0
Hugh Purse	AH 100/4 (2660cc)	35.1	33.8	33.2	33.6	33.2
Frank Hook	AH 100/4 (2660cc)	37.0	35.2	35.3	34.1	34.1
John Keogh	AH 3000 (3000cc)	46.4	45.7	45.8	45.9	45.7

Well done to all. For anyone interested and eligible for Production Sports Cars 1961 to 1969 (over 2001 cc), the record held by Ray Sprague is 28.2 seconds. Very quick but achievable, so hope to see you all there in 2013.

MARK BIRD



Hugh Purse provided the photo on the left – left to right : John Keogh, Frank Hook, Steve Pike, Hugh Purse. I can see the competition was tough – is that a Fargo truck and an Austin 7 Chummy lining up behind?! Mark Bird provided the photo on the right – L to R is Steve Pike, Mark Bird and Hugh Purse. (Rod)

AUSTRALIAN 2012 FESTIVAL OF SPRITES – WINTON NATIONAL CHALLENGE

Rod Vogt

On Thursday April 26th I dusted off the Bug-Eye and attended a great sprint day at Winton organized by the Austin Healey Sprite Drivers Club as part of their programme as hosts of the 2012 national rally based in Wangaratta. There were many compelling reasons to attend. I love driving the Sprite and the Historic racing in the MGB has taken priority recently. It is a big commitment for the Sprite Club to hire Winton and they deserved all the support possible. Comp Sec Owen Crombie, MSCA rep Peter Clarke and Sprite competition fanatics Colin Wallace and Simon Hughes had all put much pressure on me at different times and who could resist the chance to compete against a hoped for field of 60 or so Sprites at one event. A prior commitment for the following Sunday meant missing the MSCA sprint meeting and the Flemington display day on that day (Sue *let's* me caddy for her during her 7 week Sunday golf pennant season. I am the only husband who does this for his wife. I have a LOT of brownie points to make up. Some people ask the secret of our successful marriage. We take time to go to a restaurant two times a week. A little candle light, dinner, soft music and dancing. Sue goes Tuesdays and I go Thursdays. Boom Boom!). After failing to reach Mallala at Easter I was hanging out for some track time. The sealer was that the event was a rare chance to run on the “short course” and would give me practice for the May Historic meeting which is also on the short course, although I will be in the MG then.

What a great day. Congratulations to the AHSDC for a well run event - safe but low key, running smoothly with a small number of officials and no agro. They may have been a little disappointed with the eventual entry of 48, but that is a mighty effort for one marque. For the record, 6 came from NSW, 1 from Qld., and 41 from Victoria – 39 AHSDC members , one VHRR (Gr Sa competitor Max Pegram in his road bug-eye) and yours truly from AHOC. I doubt that we could have achieved that level of participation in our Healeys. Many of the ladies competed also. Three experienced groups and one novice group meant a short turn around between runs. Several driver training runs were slotted in to help newcomers drive with experienced tutors or just take out someone to experience the track. By the end of the day I achieved 58 timed sprint laps plus 6 or 7 laps in a first orientation run – as if I needed the practice! The last session for the day went on and on as time was plentiful. I stopped after THIRTY FIVE continuous laps, achieved because they did not put out the chequered flag for our group, just let the next group out with those of us still circulating, and I finally stopped with fuel gauge on zero and concentration and body faltering.

The results were dominated by the Victorians, with fastest time of day going to Colin Wallace in the turbo/Suzuki engined rocket at 1.10.10 just .15 ahead of Mike Trathen, a fellow MG and Invited British

Sports Car competitor and another State Series racer in Peter Brice was third. I was happy with ninth fastest at 1.13.3 given that there was quite a speed difference within my group and there were many who only do this once a year so it was not the time or place to play racing driver. More pleasing was the receipt in the mail of first place medal for Regularity in Class R2 – calculated for consistent laps in the second session. Being a circuit event with official timing results, this event qualified for our COMPETITION CHAMPIONSHIP – points earned out of a possible 1000 points :

ROD VOGT) 981 pts 1.13.32, 1.13.39, 1.13.45, 1.13.51

MSCA WINTON SUNDAY APRIL 29th written by HUGH PURSE

Just a few lines from Winton. The weather was superb, clear skies, 20 degrees and ideal track conditions. David Kelly was Clerk of Course. As you would have seen, I was the only Healey entrant (a clash with the Flemington display day –Rod) with 9 starters in Regularity and three Sprites in Sprints. Of the 9, four were open wheeler rear engined race cars which seemed to be newcomers to regularity and MSCA. In practice times there was a variance of 45 seconds between a fast Formula Ford and a slow EH Holden. I was in the middle somewhere! (Hugh was in fact 3rd fastest and less than 3 seconds off fastest – Rod). By the third event we were down to 5 starters in regularity and at last I had got my lap times close to my nominated time, scoring 95 points (out of 100). All good fun but a bit strange with some of those fast open wheelers in there with us. Cheers. Hugh

The results are now available and Hugh in fact finished third in the MSCA Regularity competition with some very consistent and quite quick laps.

POINTS SCORED TOWARD THE COMPETITION CHAMPIONSHIP with 4 fastest laps-

HUGH PURSE (100/4) 842 points 2.01.27, 2.02.09, 2.02.37, 2.02.85

Hugh's fastest lap is a new P.B., easily eclipsing his previous best by more than 4 seconds, set in April 2011. Getting better with age!

SOME HOUSEKEEPING AND CORRECTIONS

Geoff McInnes joins our list of ASSOCIATE CHAMPIONSHIP contenders, having got his 1948 Riley Special back on the track after repairing a massive engine blow up more than twelve months ago. I did not pick up Geoff's return in Group Lb Historic Racing (same as Graeme Marks in the Mac Healey) at Phillip Island in March. Mechanical problems saw Geoff out of action on Sunday so his *Associate Championship points score* was affected by his low number of laps achieved.

GEOFF Mc INNES (Riley Spcl) 671 pts 2.03.77, 2.04, 2.06.76, 2.07.06

Geoff Leake competed at Wakefield Park, Goulburn, at Easter and I failed to pick that up too. The Festival of Sporting Cars organizers allowed Geoff to run his Marque Sports log-booked 100/4 with the Historic Sports Cars and he was very happy after qualifying 7th of 18 cars and holding that position over the weekend.

POINTS TOWARD COMPETITION CHAMPIONSHIP and 4 fastest laps-

Geoff Leake (100/4) 934 pts 1.14.39, 1.14.46, 1.14.87, 1.15.05

In the report on the Phillip Island Historic meeting I pointed out that Steve Pike had finally broken the magic 2 minute lap time barrier to become the second Healey to do so after Peter Jackson. I owe **Rob Rowland** an apology – he did so in Group Sa in 2005 to become the FIRST Group S Healey to break 2 minutes, doing a fastest lap for the weekend of 1.59.73.

So the pecking order among the *Historic Healey* warriors at Phillip Island is Peter Jackson at 1.56.66, Steve Pike at 1.59.68 and Rob Rowland at 1.59.73. My excuse is that I was merely a fanatical spectator back then, not the Comp Sec. Rob pointed out my error in a good natured way over a beer at the last general meeting at the clubrooms to prove that HE is the person who reads my reports.

COMPETITION CHAMPIONSHIP LADDER at APRIL 30th

Maximum score is 4000 pts for best 4 events. Number of events done are shown in brackets

1 st Peter Jackson(3)	2863	7 th Mark Bird(1)	937	13 th Cary Helenius(1)	836
2 nd Bill Vaughan(3)	2710	8 th Geoff Leake(1)	934	14 th Tim Westover(1)	744
3 rd Brian Duffy(3)	2695	9 th Ken Sadler(1)	866	15 th John Goodall(1)	597
4 th Rod Vogt(2)	1926	10 th Rob Raverty(1)	850	16 th Shayne Mackintosh(1)	482
5 th Hugh Purse(2)	1572	11 th David Kelly(1)	848	17 th John Mooney(1)	449
6 th Peter Kaiser(1)	966	12 th Steve Pike(1)	848		

ASSOCIATE CHAMPIONSHIP at APRIL 30th

1 st Rod Vogt (3)	2551	5 th Darren Beavis(1)	815
2 nd Graeme Marks(1)	975	6 th Hamish MacLennan(1)	791
3 rd Peter Kaiser (1)	959	7 th Larry Varley(1)	763
4 th Tony Rogers(1)	921	8 th Geoff McInnes(1)	671

A CLOSING THOUGHT Before you diagnose yourself with depression or low self esteem, first make sure you are not, in fact, surrounded by assholes.

ROD VOGT