

## COMPETITION REPORT AUGUST 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 6	Sunday 19 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Haunted Hills
Round 7	Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> Sept	*Phillip Island
Round 8	Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> Nov	*Phillip Island
Round 9	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.msca.net.au) . Ring Rod Vogt on 5962 1915 or 0408 395 240 or email [competition-MSCA@healeyvic.com.au](mailto: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**

Aug 4/5 <sup>th</sup>	*Vic 6 Hour Relay Race at Phillip Island
<b>Aug 11/12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>*VHRR Historic Winton (long track)</b> inc MG and Invited British Sports Cars
Sept 9 <sup>th</sup>	*Victorian Supersprint Championships Rd 4 at Winton
Sept 29/30 <sup>th</sup>	*HSRCA Historics, Wakefield Park, Goulburn NSW
<b>Oct 13/14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>*Winton 6 Hour relay Race – 2 Healey Teams entered</b>
Nov 9-11 <sup>th</sup>	*VHRR Historic Sandown “Return of the Thunder”
Nov 23-25 <sup>th</sup>	*HSRCA Historic “Tasman Cup Revival” at Eastern Creek, Sydney

#### **VHRR HISTORIC WINTON (long track) 11/12<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**

Group S Production Sports Cars are featured at Winton with a 15 lap enduro race on the Sunday afternoon, combining Sa/Sb/Sc. Groups Sa and Sb will run together for qualifying on Saturday morning and for two 6 lap races on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning. Representing AHOC Vic. are Peter Jackson in the white 3000, Brian Duffy down from Sydney in his green 3000, Peter Kaiser in the Sprite and Rod Vogt in the MGB. John Dowsett (NSW) is racing his newly finished Healey 3000 for the first time – this is the car I bought with the view to racing and then sold to John when I realized I didn't have the budget to build the Healey. Owning a racing Healey is one of those heady but potentially ruinous things you should do when you've got the money to do it properly – like space travel or cocaine addiction! I will have mixed feelings watching John compete.

Two Regularity groups are scheduled with Bill Vaughan running his Bug-eye in this event.

The usual racing is offered, with the main feature for the weekend being the Mustangs, Falcons, Torana XU1's, Monaros etc in Touring Car events, also including a 25 lap enduro on Sunday afternoon after a top 10 shoot out for grid positions. Ex Bathurst Group A and C touring cars will feature also, plus open wheelers and 1940-1960 open wheelers and sports cars with many ingenious one-off Aussie specials.

Gates open at 7 am on both days, racing starts at 9 am. Admission is \$25 for Saturday, \$30 for Sunday or \$50 for a weekend ticket. Children under 16 are free. For all the details and the race programme (not available as I write this) go to the website [www.vhrr.com](http://www.vhrr.com)

#### **WINTON 6 HOUR RELAY RACE**

**Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October**

Keep this date free to watch or help our TWO teams as pit wall timers etc – please contact Rod Vogt if you can assist on the Sunday. You do not need to arrive until 9-9.30 am and you will enjoy 6 hours of continuous action with 42 teams having a car on track at all times.

## COMPETITION REPORTS

### MSCA ROUND 4, SANDOWN, JULY 1<sup>st</sup>

An appalling forecast of rain, hail and a top temperature of just 13 degrees did not deter our six members from arriving at Sandown in the pre dawn to secure our booked garage space. Hugh Purse was a last minute withdrawal with a back injury which he had incurred a couple of weeks before. Paperwork and scrutineering went off without a hitch while we cast hopeful eyes to the horizon where the supposed bad weather was not apparent – could the weather bureau be mistaken? Our Selwyn Hall addressed the drivers in his role as Clerk of Course and deflated us somewhat by telling us that there were several wet patches in the more crucial parts of the course. If we were to run off the black stuff we could expect a wait for the tow truck to extricate us from the wet and muddy infield, plus it would probably lead to a red flag halt to our run group for safety reasons. David Kelly supported Selwyn as CAMS steward. Thank you guys – without you we would not be able to compete.

I would like to thank our supporters who arrived in truly amazing numbers given the weather forecast – Leon O'Brien, Lyn Hope, Alex and Zoe Hope, John Raisbeck, Bill Metcalf, Paul McPherson, Dennis Varley, Mark Bird, Gordon Lindner, Rob Rowland, Andrew Rowland, Bruce Dixon and John Powderham. Sue Raverty and Elaine Baker came to support Rob and Russell respectively and Elaine brought along four friends, complete with sit down lunch! Team Baker rules! The hiring of our triple garage made for a fun morning, nicely protected from the cold. Our supporters got to see us have two dry runs before the heavens opened up. That was two more runs than I thought we would get and we packed up at about 2pm and went home dry, safe and relatively happy.

Our first run was a little tentative while we negotiated the wet patches at Turn One, Turns Two and Three (adjacent to the concrete walls!) and the old Dandenong Road corner at the bottom of the esses. By our second runs a drier line had developed except for Dandenong Road. Bill Vaughan was in the last group and suffered the first of the light rain half way through his second run. MSCA organized a passenger session for the lunch break and it was keenly awaited by about 40 competitors who wanted to give a sucker a feeling for competition. Rob Raverty took his mate Ian out in pouring rain which plagued the three passenger groups but it was smiles all round despite the weather. While Rob braved the elements, the rest of us decided enough was enough, especially Bill Vaughan and myself in the roofless Sprites. I thought Tim, Shayne and Russell could have continued, all running hard tops, especially Tim who had recently spent time and money having his hard top refitted to cure a bad leak. He said he would test it out on the way home! Speaking of Tim Westover, we caught him peering in to the boot of the red/white hard top big Healey looking very puzzled before going to scrutineering. With much mirth we mentioned to Tim that it was in fact Russell Baker's near identical car he had gone to. When he explained that his initial reaction was that someone had taken his rubber mat from the boot, Russell wondered if the big aluminium fuel tank filling the boot of Russell's Healey had not caught his attention! The other highlight of our day (the drivers) was a visit from Roger the goat who came to meet our newest Team member Shayne Mackintosh. The photo below shows Roger giving his usual interfering help as Shayne applies his race numbers.



Hurry up Shayne, can't sit here all day

Rob Raverty with brave passenger

#### RESULTS:

**MSCA Regularity** Rob Raverty 2<sup>nd</sup>, Shayne Mackintosh 9<sup>th</sup> and Tim Westover 10<sup>th</sup> Should I mention there were 10 entrants? Shayne and Tim egged each along to break their nominated times by running nose to

tail and forgetting about their goals. They drove consistently, just consistently too fast. We are beginning to realize that Rob Raverty is more competitive than he lets on.

**Classic Class A MSCA Championship and Classic Class A Supersprint Championship** 1st Rod Vogt (Sprite), 3<sup>rd</sup> Bill Vaughan in both competitions with 7 entrants

**Classic Class D MSCA Championship and Classic Class D Supersprint Championship**

3<sup>rd</sup> Russell Baker (Healey 3000) in both events, also 7 competitors in Class

It was pleasing for all of us to see Russell's Healey flying on it's first run on the rebuilt motor and with no excessive noise issues which have caused exclusion in the past. The sound of a racing big Healey on full song is lost on the residents near the track unfortunately.

**AHOC Competition Championship – scores and 4 fastest laps**

Rod Vogt (Sprite)	967 pts	1.38.94, 1.38.97, 1.39.24, 1.39.27
Rob Raverty (3000)	939 pts	2.00.41, 2.01.79, 2.02.00, 2.02.02
Russ Baker (3000)	896 pts	1.35.24, 1.35.78, 1.35.82, 1.36.28
Tim Westover (3000)	875 pts	1.45.82, 1.46.26, 1.46.95, 1.47.07
Shayne Mackintosh (3000)	831 pts	1.49.31, 1.49.33, 1.49.35, 1.51.00
Bill Vaughan (Sprite)	811 pts	1.47.57, 1.48.01, 1.48.20, 1.49.46



Tim Westover – that is your car on the left, the boot/tank on the right is Russell's!

Rob Raverty is about to paint his soft top white.

**HSRCA HISTORIC MEETING, EASTERN CREEK, SYDNEY June 30<sup>th</sup>/July 1<sup>st</sup>**

A successful weekend for Peter Jackson in the Healey 3000 with clear wins in his Group Sa class and outright placings of 4<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the three race events. The highlight was bringing the Healey home in third place in the feature event on Sunday morning – the 25 lap Enduro race, sharing his car again (as in 2011) with experienced open wheeler Richard Carter. The Brian Duffy 3000 showed improved race speed, being vigorously driven by co driver Touring Car Masters driver Cameron Tilley at the start (as in 2011) of the Enduro, but failed to finish with mechanical problems just as Brian started his turn at the wheel. Brian finished 10<sup>th</sup> in the Saturday afternoon 6 lapper to be second Group Sa car behind the Jackson Healey and did not start in the Sunday afternoon race.

**POINTS TOWARD AHOC COMPETITION CHAMPIONSHIP and 4 fastest laps:**

Peter Jackson (3000)	989 pts	1.51.61, 1.51.61, 1.51.68, 1.51.72
Brian Duffy (3000)	837 pts	1.54.92, 1.55.73, 1.55.85, 1.56.55

**CHAMPIONSHIP SCORES at July 10<sup>th</sup>**

**AHOC COMPETITION CHAMPIONSHIP (Healey cars only)**

1	Peter Jackson	3891 (4)	9	Mark Bird	937 (1)
2	Brian Duffy	3639 (4)	10	Geoff Leake	934 (1)
3	Bill Vaughan	3521 (4)	11	Russell Baker	896 (1)
4	Rod Vogt	2893 (3)	12	Ken Sadler	866 (1)
5	Peter Kaiser	1914 (2)	13eq	David Kelly	848 (1)
6	Rob Raverty	1789 (2)	13eq	Steve Pike	848 (1)
7	Tim Westover	1619 (2)	15	Cary Helenius	836 (1)

8	Shayne Mackintosh	1313 (2)	16	John Goodall	597 (!)
			17	John Mooney	449 (1)

**ASSOCIATE CHAMPIONSHIP** (non-Healey cars)

1	Rod Vogt (MGB)	3539 (4)
2	Geoff McInnes (Riley Spcl)	1547 (2)
3	Graeme Marks (Mac Healey)	975 (1)
4	Peter Kaiser (Mini)	959 (1)
5	Tony Rogers (Porsche)	921 (1)
6	Darren Beavis (Corvette)	815 (1)
7	Hamish MacLennan (MGB)	791 (1)
8	Larry Varley (Williams Spcl)	763 (1)

The rest of us clearly have a difficult job in front of us to topple Peter Jackson from top spot despite many point scoring events left on the calendar.

**A FEW CLOSING THOUGHTS**

We have been plagued with very ordinary weather this winter. Since the rains have come all the wife has done is look through the window. If it gets any worse, I'll have to let her in! I read that after years of research, scientists have finally discovered what makes a woman happy – NOTHING. It reminds me of our recent Six Hour Relay Team meeting when Team Managers Graham Palich and Brian Froelich addressed us thus – “We need to improve. We plan to assemble a new team of drivers. We want men who will make sacrifices. Men who don't let anything bother them. Men who will take orders even when they disagree. Men who are used to facing danger without flinching. We want married men.”

Cheers            Rod Vogt