

COMPETITION REPORT OCTOBER 2013 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)

2013 MSCA Championship

Round 9 Sunday 13th October *SANDOWN - last MSCA round for 2013
MSCA championship

2014 MSCA Championship

Round 1 Sunday 3rd November 2013 *WINTON

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 (major Victorian events highlighted)

28/29th September *HSRCA Historic Races at Wakefield Park, Goulburn. NSW

19/20th October *Winton 6 Hour Relay

9/10th November *Historic Meeting at Sandown

23/24th November *Historic Meeting at Sydney Motorsport Park (Eastern Creek)

HIGHLIGHTS of COMING EVENTS

1 I ask our competitors AND supporters to come to Sandown for the Sprint/Regularity MSCA round on Sunday 13th October. MSCA is providing a big screen TV to follow the Bathurst 1000 round of the V8 Supercar Championship. There is a passenger session and a Ford v Holden Challenge, and the Sprite Club is making this a feature event and hope to have at least 20 Sprites competing, possibly running as one group with newcomers and past competitors supporting the initiative. They will have a parade at lunchtime. Bill Vaughan and I will be running our Bug-eyes of course (and perhaps Simon Gardiner in his super quick Sprite). I would hope that Team Healey will attend in numbers for the racing and social members will support us and the Sprite Club on the day - bring your Healey please.

2 AHOC has one team entered for the Winton 6 Hour Relay on Sunday 20th October. Peter Jackson (3000), Geoff Leake (100/4) and Rod Vogt (Sprite) are the survivors from the ten AHOC competitors from 2012. Steve Pike (3000) and Shane O'Brien (Hugh Purse's 100/4) have joined us to make a competitive all Victorian/all Donald Healey team running under the banner of "Side Exhaust", ably managed by Brian Froelich and his assistant Mike Snelgrove. Graham Palich and John Goodall will also give us a hand. We do need more supporters/pit crew/time keepers etc on the Sunday. It is a great day with more than 40 teams competing - 40 cars on the track at all times from start time of 10 am to finish at 4 pm. We will have a garage on the long track main straight and hope you will support an event which is the premier "TEAM" competition event for our Club.

3 The Sandown Historic Race Meeting on November 9/10th is always very exciting and very accessible due to it's location. There is racing on both Saturday and Sunday - go to the Victorian Historic Racing Register website www.vhrr.com for full details of event times for Group S Races (Peter Jackson and Brian Duffy in Healey 3000's, Peter Kaiser in his Sprite and Rod Vogt in the MGB), Group J,K & L (Geoff McInnes in his Riley Special and Graeme Marks in the Mac Healey) and Regularity (Bill Vaughan in the Sprite and Hamish MacLennan in his MGB). More members may compete - entries are still open as I write this.

COMPETITION REPORTS

1 MSCA WINTON Sunday September 18th

The predicted rain stayed away until Brian Dermott (Torana XU1) and Russell Baker (PRB Clubman) headed for home. Perhaps the poor forecast discouraged many MSCA regulars as only 60 competitors attended leaving MSCA below the financial break even line again. AHOC regularity competitors are not keen on the extra



distance to get to Winton and Bill Vaughan and myself, normally competing, had other commitments. No Donald Healey cars but points earned toward the Associate and MSCA Championships by Brian and Russell. Russell continues to come to grips with his new turbo charged PRB but still has some heat related issues to sort out with a wire connection becoming too hot and falling off (and completely inaccessible- he has to remove the turbo and headers to get to it!) resulting in the need for a push start. Russ has a solution to this wire problem and is working on the under bonnet heat. His fastest lap of 1.41.83 on low boost is right up there with the best achieved by AHOC members in various cars. Peter Jackson has a fastest lap of 1.39.53 and Simon Gardiner has lapped in 1.35 or 1.36 I believe.

Rob Rowland's best is 1.40.64 set in 2003 in his red/black 100/6 I believe.. Of course we are comparing apples with oranges BUT the driver still has to do the work at that rapid pace.

Brian Dermott was keen to give his Tarmac Rally Torana XU1 a shakedown in readiness for the upcoming Targa High Country event with Linda as co-driver. It was Brian's first run since he badly damaged his hand in an argument with his ride-on mower. Originally raced by Brian in Group N touring Car races at historic events, Brian was pleased with the Torana's track performance but noted that it was 10 seconds a lap slower in Tarmac Rally configuration. He sent a message from Winton - "Hi Rod from sunny and warm Winton. Hand is fine and holding the heavy LC into the apex too. Car is 100% although 10 seconds slower than Group N times - that's what 5 years and 200 kg's in the car does." And later - "Home wet after tea and friends at Benalla Art Gallery after a great day. Even just 2 sessions works out at \$20 per lap which is not bad. And now we have the confidence to do THC and a very short list to fix on the car. ...compared to my Group N the car is higher, much softer and 4 degrees less negative camber. On the other hand I now have much bigger brakes and a Tru Trac diff. But it is the extra 200 kg weight you notice since it is the same motor." For all of that, Brian's quickest lap was a very respectable 1.47.60. We wish Brian and Linda well in the Targa High Country. Why don't you go and have a look at the event - NOVEMBER 9-11th - and support the Dermott's at the same time?

POINTS TOWARD AHOC ASSOCIATE CHAMPIONSHIP and 4 fastest laps

Brian Dermott (XU1)	906 pts	1.47.60, 1.48.29, 1.48.32, 1.48.54
Russ Baker (PRB)	864	1.41.83, 1.43.08, 1.43.15, 1.43.19

2 AUSTRALIAN MUSCLE CAR MASTERS August 31/September 1st

Group S Production Sports Cars were an invited class for the first time at this V8 fest for the Bathurst fans. Historic Touring Cars and Touring Car Masters were feature races for the fans with John Bowe, Jim Richards, Andrew Mediecke and other heroes who normally run as a support category for the V8 Series so the meeting was packed with spectators - even more popular than our best Historic meetings.

The Healey heroes were Peter Jackson and Brian Duffy in their 3000's and the Group S races showed off the full range of cars from Porsches, De Tomaso's, Corvettes, Shelby GT 350 and down through the classes to Datsun 240Z's, Alfas TR6's, MGB's Sprites and Midgets etc.

Not being at Sydney Motorsport Park (Eastern Creek) I can only give a brief report from the Natsoft results website and a little bit extracted from PJ.

The races were run on the extended (Brabham) circuit, the new section being quite tight and supposedly suiting the smaller cars. In fact Peter Jackson had the Healey towards the front right from qualifying (14th of 43 cars) and finished 8th, 8th, 6th and 5th in the four races improving his times by over two seconds a lap and leaving many newer cars in his wake as we have come to expect. Brian Duffy was, I believe, seeing the Brabham track

for the first time and qualified 24th and improved to 20th, 20th, 15th and finally 8th in his four races. Best of all, Brian seems to have a reliable weekend mechanically after some frustrating events recently.

POINTS TOWARD AHOC COMPETITION CHAMPIONSHIP and 4 fastest laps_

Brian Duffy (3000) 975 pts 2.24.17, 2.24.33, 2.24.42, 2.24.42

Peter Jackson (3000) 941 2.19.20, 2.19.25, 2.19.28, 2.19.79

A CLOSING THOUGHT “The meek shall inherit the earth, if that’s alright with everyone else”

ROD VOGT