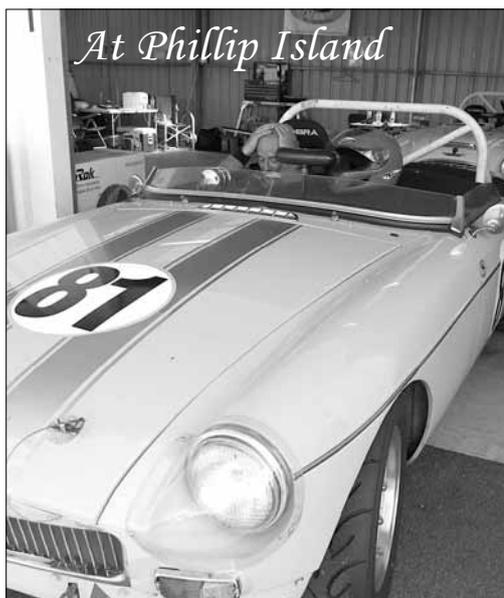


COMPETITION REPORT & MSCA NEWS



Rod Vogt - I was going so fast I have lost all my hair!



If you think Brian Duffy's fan is big, wait until you see his radiator.



Old master Eric Rudd with Peter Jackson.

MARQUE SPORTS CAR ASSOCIATION (MSCA)

2014 MSCA Championship

Round 3	Sunday 6 April	*PHILLIP ISLAND inc CAMS "Come and Try"
Round 4	Sunday 18 May	Haunted Hills Hillclimb – not for points
Round 5	Sunday 22 June	*SANDOWN
Round 6	Sunday 13 July	*PHILLIP ISLAND
Round 7	Saturday 13 Sept	*PHILLIP ISLAND
Round 8	Sunday 12 October	*SANDOWN Bathurst 1000 Day
Round 9	Sunday 23 Nov	*WINTON

ENTRY FORMS 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.

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

OTHER EVENTS (*Major Victorian events highlighted*)

April 5/6th	FOSC Wakefield Park, Goulburn NSW. Races and regularity
April 5/6th	HRCC Historic Morgan Park. Warwick. Qld
April 6th	Rd 2 Vic Supersprint Championship, Sandown
April 12/13th	Rd 1 Vic State Circuit Racing Championship at Phillip Island including MG and Invited British racing.
April 19/20th	Mallala All Historic Meeting. South Australia. Races and regularity.
May 3/4th	HSRCA Retro Speedfest inc Group S Historic, Sydney Motorsport Park.
May 17/18th	Rd 2 Vic State Circuit Racing Championship at Sandown inc MG and Invited British sports cars
May 24/25th	Historic Winton (short course) run by Austin 7 Club www.historicwinton.org

EVENT REPORTS

Wakefield Park & VHRR Phillip Island

HSRCA Historic Races Wakefield Park, Goulburn

February 22-23, 2014

Brian Duffy had his first run in the rebuilt 3000 after the damage incurred in the rain at Sydney Motorsport Park last November. He must have been delighted with the Healey and his own form coming away with a new Group Sa lap record at 1.10.57, some half a second faster than the previous mark held by Peter Jackson and a full second better than his previous best time.

In a class NSW field of 22 cars Brian ran right at the front duelling with the Porsche of Wayne Seabrook for two seconds, a win and then 11th in the final race after a spin on the last lap while lying second and having led for the first five laps.

AHOC COMPETITION CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS

and 4 fastest laps

Brian Duffy (3000) 917 pts 1.10.57, 1.10.74, 1.11.32, 1.11.40

VHRR PHILLIP ISLAND CLASSIC Historic Event

March 7-9, 2014

A magnificent spectacle living up to its recent accolades, having reached the final six in the competition for International Historic Motorsport Event of the Year in 2011, 2012 and 2013.

Many of us felt that the 2014 event was their best yet and might push past winners like Goodwood Revival and Historic Silverstone for 2014 honours when surely shortlisted again. More than 500 cars competed over 44 events in three days with perfect weather at a spectacular venue with a very large spectator crowd watching close racing in capacity fields with cars from all states of Australia, from the UK, the US, New Zealand and even a car from Denmark.

Classic car displays, classics in the car park, trade and other stands and even a 'fly over' at lunch time on Sunday made for a perfect entree for the Formula 1 GP at Albert Park the next weekend.

Eleven AHOC Team Healey members (great effort boys!) took to the track in a wonderful experience that justified the \$895 entry fee (if a garage space was hired).

Group Sa (1940-1960) Sb (1961-1969)

Production Sports Cars

Fifty-five cars were whittled down to a capacity field of 50 by the end of Friday qualifying, luckily for me because I had started out as a reserve when entries filled very quickly and I was a bit tardy. I just sneaked in to the final field as others had mechanical issues on Friday and were unable to race.

Peter Jackson (Healey 3000) qualified 9th and finished 6th in Races one and two, and then 5th in races three and four after mighty battles with 2 Shelby GT 350s, 2 Corvettes, another V8 in a TVR Tuscan and an incredibly fast MG Midget.

PJ had a nasty off in the fast Turn One in Friday qualifying resulting in five rotations on the grass to the left – we do NOT go there! And another spin in the last race at MG corner drop-

ping from a hard earned 4th to 5th again, showing just how hard he was trying.

Peter improved his best lap time from 2013 by 0.4 of a second to leave it at 1.54.60. I believe this is his new Sa lap record.

Brian Duffy was not far behind battling hard with Stuart Littlemore's (ABC Media Watch) V8 Morgan, a Porsche, two Triumph TR6s and a couple of very fast Spridgets and MGBs. Brian finished ahead of this pack with 13th in race one, 10th then 9th and then 8th in race four and improving his own best lap time at Phillip Island by nearly two seconds to 1.57.31 and edging a bit closer to the Jackson Healey.

Rod Vogt (I hate saying "I") and Peter Kaiser continued our incredibly close battles that we have at all historic meetings and all tracks in the MGB and Sprite respectively. We are never separated by more than a place or two in qualifying and subsequent races.

PK outqualified me by 0.3 seconds for 24th v 27th for start of race one. Peter 22nd v myself 28th but just four seconds behind. Race two Peter 21st and me alongside in 22nd. Race three I pipped him on the last lap for a 0.4 advantage in 18th and 19th. And finally in race four I got rid of PK unfortunately when the Sprite lost drive early on lap one, giving me a chance to race others without the green Sprite all over the MG to give myself a very satisfying 16th place to end the weekend. Missed you Peter!

We had our tussles with Datsun 2000, Morgan V8, Porsche 2 litre, MG Midget, TR6 and only just lost touch with the battle Brian Duffy was enjoying as the races progressed.

Despite the close racing which normally can lead to slower lap times, Peter improved his best time at PI to 2.00.87 getting very close to the magic sub two minute target.

The MGB performed well but left me still short of 1.59s with a best lap of 2.00.41 and just slower than my best in 2013 of 2.00.12. Perhaps next year!

Unfortunately Steve Pike had engine problems at the end of qualifying and did not race after securing 25th starting position right between PK and myself. A real shame because we would have loved to beat the big blue Healey.

Colin Goldsmith was down from Sydney with son Geoff as pit crew – either Geoff worked wonders or Colin was showing off to Geoff as Colin had his best PI laps for several years in the next group battle just behind us.

Group J,K and Lb Sports and Racing 1940-1960

Geoff McInnes had his Riley Special flying for 22nd (?) then three thirds (second in class) but his 2.00.26 was not quite a new PB.

The Mac Healey of Graeme Marks began the weekend so well that Graeme set a new best lap of 2.01.59 eclipsing his previous best set way back in 2006! Fourth in race one and 9th in race two was it for the weekend as the Healey engine mysteriously starting using up its water. Back to the workshop for safety.

Final AHOC member was Phillip Aitken racing the Coad fam-

ily Vauxhall Special, quite a different mount to his HQ Holden and quite a responsibility given it is a unique (read only) car. Well done Phil to get down to the 2.07s first time at PI and only his second drive in the car.

Phillip's exciting moment came when the bonnet flew off down the main straight and went just over his head – the car has NO windscreen and the mark where the bonnet hid the bodywork just in front of Phillips face was plain to see and much too close for comfort. Old pins had failed in the strong wind and much race tape did the job thereafter.

Group M & O Sports and Racing 1961 -1969

Larry Varley raced in one of the fastest classes in his Grey Holden powered Williams Special. Larry had to watch the mirrors late in each race as the leaders starting lapping the capacity field of 50 – a Brabham doing 1.35s with John Bowe right behind in another Brabham must have been a little daunting for Larry doing 2.07s.

Regularity

AHOC members here were Bill Vaughan in the Bugeye Sprite in Division One and Steve Pike and Shane O'Brien driving the Sam Cassell's BN2 and Hugh Purse's 100/4 respectively in Division Two.

We all missed the company of David Kelly who was unable to compete for personal reasons. There were many interesting cars to watch in these events which are against a self set target time which could be changed after each run.

Non AHOC Healeys of Tim Hook and Chris Komor from NSW, Raymond Peter "Ossie" Osbourne also down from Syd-

ney in his Alfa (to socialise with John Goodall, Trevor Smith and Graham Palich), the Healey Siverstone of Louis Raper and our great friend Ross McKinnon in his TR3A.

Division one had older cars and Aussie Specials, many of which were one-offs. A lot of Porsches and V8 Mustangs, Shelys and Corvtttes were in the faster division two with Steve and Shane – the fastest was a Datsun 240Z which broke 1.50 a couple of times. Speed differences are looming as a problem in regularity.

Steve Pike scored a second in his fourth (last) run after two 12ths and a 17th. Shane O'Brien went 12th, 8th, 8th and 14th so no medals there. Shane and Steve had set themselves quick target times and sometimes traffic would see them fall a bit short and suffer points penalties.

Shane improved his fastest lap at PI in Hugh's Healey by six seconds to finish on a very fast 2.07.16, just behind Steve Pike in the near identical Healey of Sam Cassells on 2.07.05 in his first drive of that car at PI although he has run it at Winton and Sandown in 2013. The rivalry is well and truly on!

In Division two Bill Vaughan finished 17th, 9th, 23rd and 9th. He suffered penalties for going too fast setting a new PB lap an amazing 2.11.76 in the 1275cc Sprite! Bill is going faster as he gets older. Good luck at the Australian Sprite Challenge and the Historic meeting both April at Morgan Park, Warwick. In addition to these events you could watch the Mustangs, Toranas, Falcons and Camaros of the sixties and seventies in Group N Elfins, Lolas, Ralts and a genuine 1969 Ford GT40 from the UK competed in another class. Bathurst fans cheered



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the Group A and Group C Touring Cars like Sierras, Skylines, BMW M3, Jag XJS, VL Commodores and earlier Torana L34s, XD Falcons. Formula 5000s were spectacular and loud, with Brabhams, March, Ralt Chevron, Lola and Elfin open wheelers plus ex Formula One Benetton, Lola and Penske!

Andy Lamrock, son of AHOC member Chris, ran his Formula Ford for the first time – we saw it at Chris' workshop on the Christmas Eastern run – and ran well and improved as the weekend progressed and tweaks were made.

An Alfa 4CL from 1953. A Maserati 250S. Bugatti ... I hope you get the picture. For anyone with a passion for sports and racing cars this is a must see event, right here in Victoria.

AHOC COMPETITION CHAMPIONSHIP POINTS and 4 fastest laps

Steve Pike (BN2) 946 pts *2.07.05, 2.07.64, 2.07.67, 2.07.69
 Peter Jackson (3000) 940 pts *1.54.52, 1.54.60, 1.54.97, 1.55.12
 Peter Kaiser (Sprite) 915 pts *2.00.87, 2.01.16, 2.01.49, 2.01.72
 Brian Duffy (3000) 905 pts *1.57.31, 1.57.86, 1.58.23, 1.58.26
 Shane O'Brien (100/4) 892 pts *2.07.16, 2.07.56, 2.08.05, 2.08.24
 Steve Pike (3000) 677 pts #2.03.02, 2.04.18, 2.04.30, 2.06.25
 Bill Vaughan (Sprite) 624 pts *2.11.76, 2.13.86, 2.14.94, 2.15.52

*New fastest lap

#Steve did only 5 laps in total

POINTS TOWARD ASSOCIATE CHAMPIONSHIP (non Healey) and 4 fastest laps

Geoff McInnes (Riley Spcl) 947 pts 2.00.26, 2.00.57, 2.00.64, 2.00.79

Rod Vogt (MGB) 913 pts 2.00.41, 2.00.78, 2.00.98, 2.01.28
 Graeme Marks (Mac Healey) 834 pts *2.01.59, 2.02.73, 2.02.92, 2.03.25
 Larry Varley (Williams) 734 pts 2.07.69, 2.08.42, 2.10.05, 2.10.35
 Phil Aitken (Coad Vauxhall) 730 pts *2.07.60, 2.08.64, 2.09.56, 2.10.30

*new fastest lap

Team Healey was well supported by club members, coming to say hello in our pit areas and parking as a group inside turn one on Sunday as is our tradition.

Too many people to try to list, but a particular thank you to Greg Howe, Brian Aitken and Keith Nankervis for saving that area and putting up our shelter tents. Many other friends, fellow competitors and family members stopped to say hello adding to our great weekend. We appreciate your support and hope you get pleasure out of watching the Healeys, Sprites and our other marques compete. Which leads me to my ...

CLOSING THOUGHT Friendship is like wetting your pants. Everyone can see it but only you can feel its warmth.



*Cheers
Rod Vogt*

*Colin
Goldsmith in
awe of Duffy's
ability to relax
between races.*

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