

# COMPETITION REPORT & MSCA NEWS

## MARQUE SPORTS CAR ASSOCIATION (MSCA)

### 2014 MSCA Championship

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 (includes <i>Come and Try</i> )
Round 9	Sunday 23 Nov	*WINTON (includes <i>Come and Try</i> )

ENTRY FORMS 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.

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*)

June 8th	*Rd 3 Vic Supersprint Championships, Sandown
July 5/6th	*Porsche Club Sandown 6 Hour Relay
July 12/13th	*Historic Queensland Race Meeting, Morgan Park, Warwick, Queensland
July 19/20th	*Vic State Circuit Race Series, inc MG & Invited British Sports, Sandown.

## MYRNIONG HISTORIC SPRINTS

Myrniong  
Sunday April 13th

I WAS very impressed and a little surprised on arriving at Myrniong after a nice Healey run and then morning tea at the Fletchers in Darley (is that the Toorak of Bacchus Marsh?). Despite knowing that Steve Pike was a regular competitor and that quite a few other members had competed in their Healeys over the years, I had never attended.

I am not into Hillclimbs and Sprints – a perception of too little track time and not that keen on a mad dash on cold tyres.

I may have to rethink this and DO Myrniong.

I will ask my wife because she gives me sound advice – 99% sound, 1% advice.



Below. Alex Hope with some of the Healey's at Myrniong.



Cars from 1920-1975 are eligible, entry fee for competition was \$90.

It is not a hillclimb but an 850 metre (bloody spell check will not let me type the English spelling! – *My machine will so I've helped out - Ed*) sprint rising 60 metres (see! *nope fixed it again - Ed*) with a level start, rising to a slight crest and rising again to a steep uphill right curve followed by a crest turning left, down a dip and rising to the finish line.

You can see most of this from the paddock area. I was surprised to see familiar faces – MSCA and Historic competitors.

A lovely picnic atmosphere, old fashioned relaxed competition and an interesting collection of cars. All for a \$10 entry fee. There were Austin 7 Specials, five Vauxhall 30/98s, a Frazer Nash, pre war MGs, TCs, As and Bs and MG Specials, other Aussie Specials, Sprites and Midgets, Datsun 240/260Zs, Minis, Cortinas and Anglias, Mustangs, Camaros and Chargers, many Clubmans, Alfas and Fiats, a Cobra replica, a Jaguar D Type replica and a GENUINE Maserati 450. The car park full of classics is worth the entry fee alone and a showing of our Healeys would create a lot of interest. A picnic out of the boot would be great, although the catering and portable toilets are more than adequate. Put it in the diary for next year.

Steve Pike kindly sent through some results. John Keogh and Mark Bird entered their Healeys but were unable to compete – Mark came to watch.

Frank Hook ran his well known red/black 100/4 for a best time of 35.9s and Steve Pike recorded 35.1s in his 3000. I had better point out that Steve holds that class record of 29.6s and despite damaging his race motor at the Phillip Island Historics he was determined to compete and fitted a slightly smokey standard engine rather than miss out. Finally, member Peter Kyriakidis flew to a class win at 28.7s in his Caterham Clubman. Fastest time of the day was a Valiant Charger on 28.4s.

## FESTIVAL OF SPORTING CARS AUTUMN INVITATION

Wakefield Park, Goulburn  
5/6th April 2014

GEOFF Leake took the 100/4 to Wakefield Park for its first run since the Winton 6 Hour last October. The 100/4 is built to Marque Sports specs and is ineligible for Historic Group S events. As this was a championship round for the Group S Racing Association the FOSC organizers were unable to allow Geoff to run with the Group S cars as he would normally do at FOSC meetings.

Instead he found himself starting in a small and unfamiliar group of five – a lone Healey with four open wheelers. Adding to the problem of those cars having different racing lines and difficult to see at the best of times was appalling wet weather that forced Geoff to erect the soft top and peer through a dimly wet and fogged windscreen for the Saturday races. The two Formula Fords, Locost Clubman and 1959 Cooper Porsche had one red tail light showing in the darkness for qualifying with the Healey placing second but 16 seconds off Geoff's best lap time.

The organizers added extra cars to Geoff's race group as the weekend progressed – initially another Clubman and Chris Komor from NSW in his fairly standard 100/4 (Chris comes to Victorian events but enters Regularity), and on Sunday a very quick open wheeler called a Royale RP42.



*Geoff Leake's view of the appalling wet weather at Wakefield.*

Geoff's race results headed south as the weekend progressed and the weather improved a bit – 3rd, 4th, 6th and 5th of eight on a dry track on Sunday afternoon but over two seconds off the Healey's best.

Geoff said the car ran well but its handling was not good which became more obvious as the track improved. He retired the Healey in his last race after a spin and terrible oversteer in the corners – Geoff was beginning to wonder if the tyres OR the driver were getting too old! In the pits he found that the adjustable shock absorber on front left had in fact been adjusting itself! Two degrees positive camber on the left compared with the desired one and a half negative on the right. No wonder it wouldn't turn right on the clockwise track.

**POINTS TOWARD AHOC  
COMPETITION CHAMPIONSHIP** and 4 fastest laps  
Geoff Leake 100/4 883 pts 1.15.74, 1.16.77, 1.16.87, 1.16.91

**HSRCA/ARDC SYDNEY RETRO SPEEDFEST**  
Sydney Motorsport Park  
3/4th May

PETER Jackson headed North from Melbourne and Brian Duffy also headed North not quite so far from the NSW Southern Highlands to compete at this new event on the calendar.

PJ reported that it was a very well run meeting organized by the Historic Sports and Racing Car Association and the Australian Racing Drivers Club in their first joint effort, with many interesting displays to enjoy between races.

Group S Historic sports cars provided a field of over 40 cars with Sa, Sb and Sc competing together. The Colin Goldsmith 3000 made three Healeys against Porsches, Corvettes, Shelby GT350s and the normal Triumphs, MGBs and Midgets, Alfas etc making for very fast races.

Not being in attendance I can only report that PJ and Brian

ran very well with no major dramas that they are owning up to. The two Healeys took it right up to many of the newer and potentially quicker cars and did us proud. Peter finished 5th, 6th and 6th in the three scratch races. Brian was close behind in 8th, 9th and 9th. The 9 lap handicap event did not seem well handicapped looking at the results where in theory ALL come over the finish line together – Brian worked his way up to 12th (38 seconds behind the winning MG Midget) and PJ was 20th, a full 50 seconds behind the winner.

Swab the winner!

Brian Duffy improved his best lap time at Eastern Creek from 1.54.62 down to 1.53.15.

Peter Jackson missed his best by one tenth of a second, recording a best of 1.51.68. Peter won the “biggest trophy he has ever received” for finishing top Group Sa car for the event. So size is important.

The all important

### AHOC COMPETITION CHAMPIONSHIP SCORES

based on their 4 fastest laps

Peter Jackson 3000 959 pts 1.51.68, 1.51.88, 1.52.09, 1.52.09

Brian Duffy 3000 956 pts 1.53.15, 1.53.30, 1.53.35, 1.53.59

### And as footnote.

You may not realize just how much effort goes in to competing interstate.

Peter Jackson attended the AHOC Thursday night General Meeting at the clubrooms, got about three hours sleep and left for Sydney at 2.30 am Friday morning with the Healey in its triple axle enclosed trailer in tow and with our membership secretary Simon Gardiner as co-pilot.

When you arose at 9am they were nearly in Sydney. Unload, prepare etc on Friday, race on Saturday and Sunday and then they drove home through Sunday night to arrive back in Melbourne at 3am Monday morning!

Simon went to work at his Powerplay workshop and I woke PJ with a phone call at 8.30am assuming they were on the road somewhere after a motel stay somewhere. **Sorry!**

All the “racers” have done this at times.

Even for MSCA one-day events most of us rise before 5am and drive to Winton or Phillip Island for the day, not getting home until after dark with a full day of competition driving under the belt.

And we are not young blokes any more!

### MSCA NEWS

THE Jaguar Car Club and the Clubman Constructors Club have joined the Marque Sports Car Association, bringing competitors and officials which will help our cause.

More “Come and Try” days have been scheduled.

Sunday 12 October at Sandown and Sunday 23 November at Winton.

If you want to try this initiative go to the CAMS website NOW and register your interest or contact me if you need help.

### A CLOSING THOUGHT

*A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.*

**Cheers Rod Vogt**

**Pics courtesy Sue Vogt**

## CHAMPIONSHIP STANDINGS AT JUNE 1st 2014

### AHOC CHAMPIONSHIP for Healey badged cars

Best 4 events (number shown in brackets)

Maximum 4000 points

1	Peter Jackson (3000)	2836 (3)
2	Brian Duffy (3000)	2778 (3)
3	Rod Vogt (Sprite)	2668 (3)
4	Shane O'Brien (100/4)	2661 (3)
5	Ken Sadler (100/6)	2576 (3)
6	Rob Raverty (3000)	1652 (2)
7	Steve Pike (3000 & 100)	1623 (2)
8	Bill Vaughan (Sprite)	1496 (2)
9	Cary Helenius (100/6)	935 (1)
10	Peter Kaiser (Sprite)	915 (1)
11	Geoff Leake (100/4)	883 (1)
12	John Goodall (100/6)	870 (1)

### AHOC ASSOCIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

for non-Healey cars best 3 events (number shown in brackets),

Maximum 3000 points

1	Phil Aitken (HQ & Coad Vauxhall)	1630 (2)
2	Geoff McInnes (Riley Special)	947 (1)
3	Brian Dermott (Torana XU1)	913 (1)
3	Rod Vogt (MGB)	913 (1)
5	Graeme Marks (Mac Healey)	834
6	John Goodall (Porsche Cayman)	782 (1)
7	John Raisbeck (Escort)	766 (1)
8	Russ Baker (PRB Clubman)	757 (1)
9	Larry Varley (Williams Special)	734 (1)

### MSCA CHAMPIONSHIP - ALL cars

Best 3 events (number done shown in brackets)

Maximum 3000 points

1	Rod Vogt (Sprite)	2668 (3)
2	Ken Sadler (100/6)	2576 (3)
3	Shane O'Brien (100/4)	1769 (2)
4	Rob Raverty (3000)	1652 (2)
4	John Goodall (100/6 & Cayman)	1652 (2)
6	Cary Helenius (100/6)	935 (1)
7	John Raisbeck (Escort)	766 (1)
8	Russ Baker (PRB Clubman)	757 (1)