

## COMPETITION REPORT NOVEMBER 2014 and MSCA NEWS

### 1 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)

#### **2014 MARQUE SPORTS CAR ASSOCIATION (MSCA) CALENDAR**

Round 9 Sunday 23rd Nov. \*WINTON inc "Come and Try"

ENTRY FORMS are available on the MSCA website [www.msca.net.au](http://www.msca.net.au) . Ring Rod Vogt on 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.

#### **OTHER EVENTS**

Nov 4th \*Rd 6 Vic Supersprint Championship at Sandown  
Nov 8/9th \*VHRR Historic Sandown Races  
Nov 29/30th \*HSRCA Historic Races at Sydney Motor Sport Park

**HISTORIC SANDOWN "Return of the Thunder" on November 8th/9th** is a convenient event for our members/supporters to attend. Go to the Victorian Historic Racing Register website [www.vhrr.com](http://www.vhrr.com) in the last couple of weeks before the event to see the full entry lists and race schedule. As I write this, entries are nearly closed and I can inform you -

Group S Production Sports Cars has a field in excess of 40 entries. AHOC members entered are Brian Duffy in the Healey 3000 and Peter Kaiser in his Sprite. Peter Jackson is a reluctant non starter due to illness and I am absent in the MGB for mainly family reasons. I DO have three more events in the Sprite before the end of November so no need to send commiseration cards! There is one Regularity group and AHOC is represented by Shane O'Brien in Hugh Purse's 100/4 and Tony Rogers in the Porsche 911.

In Groups J,K and L you can watch Graeme Marks in the Mac Healey and Geoff McInnes in the Riley Special. And don't forget to barrack for Chris Lamrock's son, Andy, in the Formula Ford events - look for Chris tinkering with the open wheeler in the pit garage.

Friday optional practice is free entry, Saturday costs \$35, Sunday \$45 and a weekend pass will set you back \$70. The programme is \$5. Gates open at 8am.

VHRR advertise an entry of at least 400 cars over the various classes with the thundering Formula 5000's and Historic Touring Cars always popular. There are 40 events over the two days and the grandstand and pit access are free.

The weekend will be a tribute to Sir Jack Brabham with static and active cars to view.

### 2 EVENT REPORTS

Three AHOC members have competed over the last month - Brian Duffy twice plus John Southwell and Peter Kaiser - all on their "lonesome" at each event. Because I was away during this period I have put together the following short reports with the help of the race results and lap times on the [www.natsoft.com.au](http://www.natsoft.com.au) website and a couple of probing conversations with the boys.

**MUSCLE CAR MASTERS Sydney Motorsport Park. 6th/7th September.**

**Brian Duffy** was the only AHOC Vic member, competing in his green Healey 3000 in Group S Production Sports Cars. The Group S Racing Association was invited for the second year running in recognition of their close and exciting racing. The Shelbys, Corvettes and Porsches could be regarded as Muscle Cars and even our Healeys I guess, but it is a bit of a stretch for the MGB's, Spridgets, Alfas and Triumphs. But they did provide a great support to the Historic Touring Cars, Trans Am Class, ex Bathurst Group A and C cars and HQ Holdens (!!!). The Mustangs, Camaros, Falcon GT's, Torana XU1's and Chargers in Group N plus Trans Am spec Mustangs, Camaros, Pontiac Firebirds and a lone Plymouth Barracuda brought a very large number of spectators to Sydney Motorsport Park, a larger crowd than Group S normally enjoys except at Phillip Island. In line with the "entertainment" theme of this event the Group S races followed a rather unusual format. SMSP has three layouts available now after recent track changes/extensions - the traditional Gardner Circuit (once called the G.P. circuit), a shorter option called the Druitt Circuit and an extended layout (mainly twists and turns, not ideal for the muscular Big Healeys) named the Brabham circuit. The novelty theme involved racing on ALL three layouts over the weekend - a practice on each on the Saturday followed by two races on the short Druitt Track and one on each of the Gardner and Brabham layouts. Brian Duffy was polite in his comments but it was clearly hard to dial your self in with so much variation. Adding to this problem was wet weather all weekend with constant showers and fine periods alternating unpredictably. Brian said he had never done so many wheel changes between wet and dry tyres right up to the start of each session. After qualifying 17th of 31 on the short Druitt Circuit he got caught on "dry" tyres for the first showery race on Druitt and slipped and slid to finish 29th! There were some unusual results on the Natsoft time sheets and I can now understand why - did you pick the right tyres in the rapidly changing weather? Apart from that one mistake, Brian finished the other three races as top Group Sa 1940 - pre 1960 Sports Car, followed home by the Healeys of Chad Parrish in the Laurie Sellers red Healey 3000 and Colin Goldsmith in his Blue Healey. (Laurie Sellers has not run his Healey for some time, preferring a very quick MGB and now a Shelby GT350. Chad normally runs his own Shelby.)

The three track layout format caused me a headache trying to give Brian points toward the Competition Championship but the points listed below were Brian's best score achieved for his four fastest laps on the traditional Gardner layout. As it turns out he already had four better scores in his points total and this score is discarded anyway.

POINTS TOWARD AHOC COMPETITION CHAMPIONSHIP and 4 fastest laps  
 Brian Duffy Healey 3000 894 pts 1.54.76, 1.55.29, 1.55.33, 1.55.82

### **HSRCA HISTORIC WAKEFIELD PARK, Goulburn, NSW. 27th/28th September.**

**Brian Duffy** competed again in the green Healey 3000 in a smaller 22 car field of Group S cars. (Colin Goldsmith joined him in the big blue Healey) Brian reported very close and exciting racing for 6th to about 12th positions in each race. The Healey came home 6th twice and 7th once at the head of that pack of cars which included two Triumph TR6's, two MG Midgets, a V8 powered Sunbeam Tiger and an aggressively driven MGB which was well suited to the tight Wakefield Park track in the hands of it's experienced driver. Driven so aggressively in fact that Brian's Healey has the scars on the rear end from a couple of "love taps". Brian's 7th place in Race Two was the result of the Sunbeam Tiger being punted off the track by the MG and in the ensuing mayhem Brian took to the dirt to avoid becoming involved and the TR6 of Geoff Byrne slipped by for the only time for the weekend! In the other races Brian bested the TR6 by just one second at the chequered flag. Sounds like great fun.

POINTS TOWARD AHOC COMPETITION CHAMPIONSHIP and 4 fastest laps  
Brian Duffy (Healey 3000) 930 pts 1.11.52, 1.12.12, 1.12.19, 1.12.22

**John Southwell** competed in his Buge-eye Sprite in Round 4 of the **WINTON SPRINT SERIES on September 6th.**

I reluctantly report that John was absolutely flying on his home track to smash his personal best lap time by a full second, achieving a best of 1.44.12. Now this is getting seriously quick, up there with the big Healey times of our better cars and drivers. We need to put a stop to this John because you have now upset ME, your Competition Manager, by bettering MY best time at Winton in my Bug-eye by over half a second. Now just stop this nonsense or I will have to rewrite the Competition Championship Rules to exclude White cars, or cars from Wangaratta or something equally legitimate!

Seriously, well done John and I look forward to the day when I get to follow you around Winton to learn something. I have heard that you have done so many laps at Winton over the years that you could circulate blindfolded....now there's a good idea!

POINTS TOWARD AHOC COMPETITION CHAMPIONSHIP and 4 fastest laps  
John Southwell (Sprite) 883 pts 1.44.12, 1.44.65, 1.44.90, 1.45.29

And finally, **Peter Kaiser** gave the Group S Historic Sprite a trial run for the coming Sandown Historic event at the **Alfa Club Sprints at Sandown on 21st September.** At the Sprite's last outing at Historic Winton long track in August the Sprite disgraced itself by having drive-line failure on the first lap of qualifying. Peter reported that all is OK now after the Sandown sprints where he packed up and went home early after two runs, mainly because a bad accident had caused long delays to clear and runs were being done under yellow flags. Despite only doing 12 laps for the day, Peter scored some good points toward the AHOC COMPETITION CHAMPIONSHIP by posting four "tight" fastest laps -

Peter Kaiser (Sprite) 924 pts 1.37.15, 1.37.56, 1.37.75, 1.37.91

A CLOSING THOUGHT Hope is a pathological belief in the occurrence of the impossible.

Cheers

Rod Vogt