

COMPETITION REPORT JUNE 2015 and MSCA NEWS

- 1 **COMING EVENTS** Events marked with * count towards the Competition Championships. Sprint and Regularity events require a basic CAMS level 2S licence only. (contact Rod Vogt)

2015 MARQUE SPORTS CAR ASSOCIATION (MSCA) CALENDAR

Round 4	Sunday June 21st	*Sandown inc "Come and Try" for novices
Round 5	Saturday July 25th	*Phillip Island
Round 6	Sunday August 16th	*Winton inc "Come and Try"
Round 7	Saturday Sept. 12th	*Phillip Island inc. "Come and Try"
Round 8	Saturday October 3rd	*Sandown
Round 9	Sunday November 1st	*Winton inc optional motorkhana

ENTRY FORMS are available on the MSCA website www.msca.net.au . Ring Rod Vogt on 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.

OTHER MAIN EVENTS with points counting toward Championships

JUNE

6/7th	Sydney Retro Speedfest, Sydney Motorsport Park. www.hsrca.org.au
6/7th	Vic. Supersprint Championship Rd 3, Sandown www.ffcc.com.au
Sun 14th	Alfa Club Sprints, Broadford. www.alfaclubvic.org.au
13/14th	Vic. Supersprint Championship Rd 4, Phillip Island www.piarc.com.au

JULY

4/5th	Historic Queensland, Morgan Park, Warwick. Qld. www.hrcc.org.au
Sat 4th	Alfa Club Sprints, Phillip Island. www.alfaclubvic.org.au
Sun 12th	Winton Sprint Series Round 3. www.wintonraceway.com.au
Sun 12th	Vic. Supersprint Championship Rd 5. Phillip Island. www.piarc.com.au
18/19th	Vic. State Race Series, Sandown. inc MG & Invited British.
Sun 26th	Jaguar Club Sprint, Winton. www.jagclubvic.org.au

AUGUST

1/2nd	Phillip Island 6 Hour Relay. www.6hourrelay.com.au
Sun 2nd	Alfa Club Sprints, Winton www.alfaclubvic.org.au
8/9th	Historic Winton Festival of Speed long track races/reg www.vhrr.com.au
29/30th	Historic Races, Queensland Raceway, Ipswich. manuel@qldprojects.com

SEPTEMBER

5/6th	ARDC Muscle Car Masters (inc Gr. S historic sports cars) Sydney Motorsport Park. contact to be announced
Sat 5th	Winton Sprint Series Round 4, www.wintonraceway.com.au
Sat 5th	Alfa Club Sprints, Sandown www.alfaclubvic.org.au
19/20th	Wakefield Park Historic races and regularity www.hsrca.org.au

OCTOBER

Sat 3rd	MSCA Sandown sprints and regularity www.msca.net.au
17/18th	AROCA Winton Six Hour Relay www.alfaclubvic.org.au
24/25th	Vic. State Race Series, Phillip Island inc MG & Invited

NOVEMBER

Sun 1st	MSCA Winton sprints and regularity www.msca.net.au (final MSCA event for 2015)
Tues 3rd	Vic. Supersprint Championship Rd 6 Sandown. www.ffcc.com.au
7/8th	Historic Sandown "Return of the Thunder" www.vhrr.com

14/15th PIARC Sprints Phillip Island www.piarc.com.au

END OF 2015 AHOC COMPETITION YEAR/START 2016 YEAR

Sat 28th Winton Sprint Series Rd 5 www.wintonraceway.com.au

28/29th "Tasman Revival" Historic Races, Sydney Motorsport Park. www.hsrca.org.au

DECEMBER

5/6th Ken Leigh 4 Hour Enduro for HQ Holdens at Winton (go Phil Aitken!)

EVENT REPORTS

Another very quiet month on the track!

1 **The Myrniong Sprints on Sunday April 12th** had good Healey support on and off the track and elsewhere in the magazine there should be a report courtesy of Ralph Fletcher (with some details provided to Ralph by Steve Pike). I was sorry to miss the day as a spectator but my excuse was the birth of a fourth grandchild that day and even the few brownie points I can scrounge together cannot be cashed in for that!

2 **On the previous day the Marque Sports Car Association held it's annual hill climb.** Once again I was missing - see my excuse above! I must admit that I do struggle to put a hill climb higher in my priority list because even 6 or 8 runs, at 60 odd seconds a run, is not a lot of action compared to three or four fifteen minute sessions at Phillip Island, Sandown or Winton. Roaring off the line on cold tyres is also a bit daunting and not ideal for Big Healeys. The Sprite is better suited but!

However I do appreciate that many people love that challenge and some prefer to be on the track alone versus perhaps twenty or more at a sprint.

Bill Vaughan was not daunted and was our sole competitor in his Bug-eye Sprite. Sprites were out in force and Bill was joined by 6 other AHSDC members (Bill and I are proudly members of both Clubs). **Sprite Club president, PETER CLARKE**, wrote a great report on the event in last issue of Goblins Gazette and, with his permission, I give you Peter's reflections on the day.

"On Saturday 11th of April the MSCA held it's annual hill climb event at the Haunted Hills circuit located on the outskirts of Morwell. If you have never been, the pictures on the web don't do it justice. You get a roller coaster track comprising lots of twists, turns and drops. One particular drop on the circuit that rivals any you would find on some European circuits has a colorful name. Hint, it starts with "Oh S..."! This is a track that should be on everyone's bucket list. (The finish is actually lower than the start, more like a Hill Down - Rod)

This is a track that requires more concentration than most, and not recommended for first timers or the uninitiated car enthusiast. It isn't high speed but as usual you are in control via your right foot! At a hillclimb you are the only car on the track and you do one run and come in so you have to handle the car on cold tyres and brakes. It is very enjoyable as your car will pitch and lean as you make your way around the circuit. It is certainly an unforgettable experience and allows you to increase your car control skills in a way that no other standard race track will. It was very cold and foggy early in the day however, slowly but surely the fog lifted, the sun came out, the track surface temperature rose and correspondingly the lap times became faster and faster.

Despite several off-track expeditions early in the day there were no serious incidents. In the morning, Circuit 1 configuration was used (full loop in a clockwise direction) and in the afternoon the Circuit 2 configuration of the full circuit with a mid-point crossover made life interesting (I believe there are 8 possible configurations -Rod). "

Bill Vaughan finished 6th of the 7 Sprite Club members in a tightly fought contest in a round of the Sprite Club Championship. Unfortunately for Bill, this event did not earn him any points in our AHOC Championships as it does not fit our scoring criteria.

Peter then reported that the Hillclimb was attended by two Northern Island visitors - Mervyn Wilson with his friend George McMurray - who ended up spending the whole day at the Hillclimb. *"They agreed that it was by far the best hill climb facility they had ever seen and were all over our Sprites asking what modifications were incorporated etc....."* Mervyn (and George?) attended our National Rally at Lorne a little later, arriving in Melbourne too late for our April general meeting. His sister (?) contacted me and I suggested he might like to attend the Sprite Club meeting the following week, which he duly did, and was welcomed with open arms and invited to the hill climb by Peter Clarke and others. Great to see our two Healey clubs working together.

After reading Peter's report, I think I had better get to Haunted Hills in 2016 after not competing there for many years. Any one want to join me? Variety is the spice of life they say, so long as I can keep my Bug-eye away from the tyre barriers.

3 **David Kelly** competed in the **Porsche Club "PCV 240 Regularity Relay" at Sandown** on Sunday May 3rd in the Triumph Racing Team entry in his Triumph TR7 V8. David's team included a TR4, TR6 and TR7 and the four members finished 16th of the 26 teams competing. This event is a fore-shortened version of the Winton 6 Hour Relay Regularity which has been a permanent fixture for our Club for a long, long time. Our Club must seriously consider this event in the future because, compared with the two day weekend at Winton and it's associated costs with accommodation etc, the Sandown Relay is held on just the one day with practice/target times set on the Sunday morning and the 4 Hour Relay ("240" minutes) completed in the afternoon. A very time and cost efficient event I reckon. In addition to Winton, of course! As a timed circuit event, David has earned the following points toward our Associate Competition Championship, with 4 fastest laps shown -
David Kelly (TR7V8) 861 pts 1.39.41, 1.39.80, 1.40.18, 1.40.80

MSCA NEWS

The MSCA committee is still working towards getting more volunteers from each club to help run our sprint events. AHOC will be allocated one meeting later in the year where we will be expected to provide many officials and helpers. Without CAMS qualifications, you can assist with paperwork, scrutineering, Dorian timer allocation, race number sales etc. In the meantime, let me know if you would be prepared to put your name on a list of potential scrutineers to help the qualified scrutineers with simple tasks like checking brake lights, helmets, seat belts etc.

A CLOSING THOUGHT I am happy to be part of the Team - so long as I am the Captain!

AND ANOTHER! I've reached the age where I am seriously thinking about what I will be when I come back.

Cheers Rod Vogt