

COMPETITION REPORT JULY 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 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

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.wffcc.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!)

2 EVENT REPORTS

I can report on two events conducted in the last month where AHOC members competed but not in much detail I'm afraid as I was not at either meeting with the MG motor yet to be rebuilt and the small matter of a family holiday commitment! Three months in a row where I have had to rely on Natsoft results and contact with our competing members for information! Pretty frustrating but the second half of the year promises much more activity for me in particular and Team Healey in general.

A **2015 WINTON HISTORIC MEETING May 30/31**

Group S Production Sports Cars This is one of the rare chances to compete on the Short Course which suits the smaller Sprites, Midgets, Alfas and MG's and gives them a chance to monster the bigger engined cars as there is only one fairly short straight which we normally call the "short back straight", leading in to a right/left/right combination on to the old main straight which is even shorter, has a rise, a crest and then downhill in to the tight right hander after going perilously close to the concrete wall in front of the main spectator area. Not much chance for the big cars to stretch their legs and open out a big gap as they do on the two very long straights used on the long track configuration. The meeting is run by the Austin 7 Club and is really run to feature the older pre and post war sports and racing cars and we see many "Aussie Specials" running which do not compete at the Winton Long Track, Sandown and Phillip Island Historics where the long, long straights do not appeal.

This meeting is shared with the old motorcycle racing group, Regularity is restricted to pre 1960 cars (no hard tops if post war) and does not attract many of the top Group S cars. The incentive for our Big Healeys is the desire to win the Alan Jones Memorial Trophy for best Group Sa 1940 to pre1960 sports cars in honour of Austin Healey stalwart Alan Jones who was tragically killed in a road accident returning home after competing at this meeting some years ago. Steve Pike and Peter Jackson have dominated this trophy in recent years in their Healeys but both were absent in 2015 - Steve has yet to repair his blue Healey after his fairly big "off" at Phillip Island in March and Peter Jackson continues his recovery from recent ill health and decided to pass on this one. Brian Duffy has come down for this meeting before but not this time as he works on developing a fresh motor in the green Healey. So our sole AHOC member was Peter Kaiser in his Group Sb Sprite.

The Natsoft Race Results and a brief exchange of emails paints a pretty good picture of Peter's great weekend. PK qualified 11th of 23 very equally matched cars but on the Saturday afternoon Race One he proved to finish an excellent 6th. You can follow his lap by lap positions on the Natsoft website as well as race results and individual lap times. There is always a frantic start on the short run to Turn One on the short course and there were 4 cars behind Peter after lap 1 which had started in front of him on the grid - did he just storm past or did they all have a bit of argy bargy on that opening lap? The three leading cars (the ridiculously quick Troy Ryan red Sprite from South Australia, a 2.7 litre Porsche 911 and a 2 litre Alfa) comfortably shared the honors in all three races but then we had a big group of cars separated by seconds and fractions of seconds with Peter Kaiser right in this mix. In Race One cars 4th to 10th were separated by 5 seconds, with PK just one second off 4th and able to hold off a 5800cc deTomaso Pantera by less than one second. Race 2, Peter started 6th and finished 6th but not before scrapping with the Pantera which got through eventually, the Corvette which he held off by less than a second but he caught and just failed to beat a 2 litre Porsche after swapping places several times. The Alan Jones Trophy feature race over 8 laps had Peter in an excellent 5th outright at the end after another great battle to pass the Pantera and the 2 litre

Porsche in another tight finish. PK was very consistent in his lap times, setting a new fastest lap for himself at 1.12.23 and impressively doing ten laps in the 1.12's and four in the 1.13's out of the 17 flying race laps completed over the weekend (lap one in each race is a timed standing start, usually about a 1.20))

My lovely holiday is not looking so great now as I am normally be side by side with Peter at every event and I am green with envy for missing out. How I wish I had been out there! I might ask Sue if I can have double the normal Brownie points for my pain and sacrifice. And I have come home from holidays a couple of kilos heavier. I guess I will have to start walking again, but will have to walk early in the morning before my brain figures out what I am doing. At least it will give me a chance to hear heavy breathing again. I did join a gym a couple of years ago - cost me \$600 and I didn't lose a single kilo - apparently you have to go there. Anyway I have been told that walking can add minutes to your life. This enables you at 85 years old to spend an additional five months in the nursing home at \$7,000 per month. My father started walking five miles a day when he was my age and he is 97 years old and we don't know where the hell he is. Anyway, we all get heavier as we get older because there's a lot more information in our heads. Sorry, enough of the pathetic jokes.

Regularity Shane O'Brien drove Hugh Purse's 100/4 as one of the "younger" cars in this event! A real mixture of cars for Shane to deal with and he had not run the Short Course before. A bit of drive train troubles and the previously unexplored right/left/right entry to the old main straight resulted in an early "moment" for Shane but then he hit his straps and drove consistently for his usual good points score toward our AHOC Competition Championship (see below). But not such a good result for the Historic Regularity competition at the track where the organizers ruled that no-one was to set a target time quicker than 1 min 23 seconds because there was potentially a big speed differential over the breadth of the field. Shane drove very consistently at 1.16/1.17!!! Oops, not contending for a trophy this time but having a lot of fun on track with many unique Aussie Specials, an Elfin Streamliner, a Lago Talbot F1 car from 1953, a Jag C-Type replica, a Bugatti, an MG K3 etc,etc, etc. Much variety, much rarity, MUCH value!

Group Lb Sports and Racing Phillip Aitken was once again entrusted with the unique Coad Vauxhall special, built and raced in period by George Coad. Destroy this and there is no other. Undaunted, Phil ran inside the top 20 cars in a 30 car field in Races One and Three which would normally include OUR Graeme Marks in the MacHealey and Geoff McInnes in his Riley Special - but not this time. George Coad is held in such esteem that the 2nd race is named after George and despite battling a few niggling mechanical issues over the weekend Phillip was able to finish a fine 4th in this race in the handicap format, moving past quite a few cars in the process. Sorting the car is still a work in progress and Phillip and the Coad Vauxhall should be seen next at the long track Winton Historics in early August.

POINTS TOWARD AHOC COMPETITION CHAMPIONSHIP and 4 fastest laps

Shane O'Brien (!00/4) 973 pts #1.16.67, 1.16.90, 1.16.90, 1.16.94

Peter Kaiser (Sprite) 965 pts #1.12.23, 1.12.46, 1.12.56, 1.12.58

POINTS TOWARD ASSOCIATE CHAMPIONSHIP for non-Healey cars and 4 fastest laps

Phillip Aitken (Coad Vauxhall) 912 pts 1.19.71, 1.19.86, 1.20.33, 1.20.59

denotes new fastest lap

B SYDNEY RETRO SPEEDFEST 6/7th June, 2015.

Brian Duffy finally had the green Healey 3000 back on the track after a new engine build following issues at Historic Sandown last November. Brian was right on to it in qualifying, setting a new best lap time for his Healey by 0.1 sec at 1.53.15 and 14th place on the grid in a field of 39. This would have been good enough for something like 5th place a couple of years ago but we have seen the entry of many new Porsches, Shelby GT350's and Corvettes since then and Brian, Peter Jackson, Steve Pike and Colin Goldsmith (NSW) are going as quick or quicker than before but falling back in the field of outright cars (but still dominating Group Sa of course.) The pole sitting Porsche of Geoff Morgan managed a fastest lap of 1.45! Another noticeable difference to a couple of years ago was that only three entrants had come up from Victoria, much fewer than in the past - it is quite costly and time consuming to compete interstate and maybe tougher/uncertain economic times are having an effect? Interstate entrants will not miss the iconic Phillip Island event in March but many no longer travel to Sandown and Winton as before.

Brian improved one spot to finish 13th in Race one, after a mighty battle with a Porsche and an Alfa with those two cars less than one second behind going over the finish line. In front were 6 Porsches, 3 Shelby's, a 7.4 litre Corvette, that amazing blue Spridget of Damian Myer and an indecently quick MGB. Behind were 8 Porsches, 2 Shelby's and a Corvette plus many other Group Sb and Sc cars of more modern technology. Brian was first Sa car of course.

Unfortunately the weekend then came to an end with drive line problems on the first lap of Race two on the Sunday morning. Brian was pleased with the new motor which he said had quite different power/torque characteristics to the old motor and is hopeful of improving further as he gets used to this. Our NSW friends? Colin Goldsmith in the blue Healey ran well, albeit a bit further back, and unfortunately Zac Macafee was a non starter. Zac was improving brakes and suspension after the Phillip Island Historics so maybe time beat him?

POINTS TOWARD AHOC COMPETITION CHAMPIONSHIP and 4 fastest laps
Brian Duffy (3000) 871 pts #1.53.01, 1.53.97, 1.54.20, 1.54.30
denotes new fastest lap

A CLOSING THOUGHT (nothing to do with walking)

It's not the card you are dealt with, it's how you play the hand.

Cheers
Rod Vogt