

# COMPETITION REPORT & MSCA NEWS



## MARQUE SPORTS CAR ASSOCIATION (MSCA)

### 2017 MSCA Championship

Events listed below count towards the Competition Championships (unless marked \*\*).

Sprint and Regularity events require a basic CAMS level 2S licence only. (contact Rod Vogt)

#### 2017 MARQUE SPORTS CAR ASSOCIATION (MSCA) CALENDAR

##### SPRINTS AND REGULARITY

The 2017 calendar has just been released. Some events are confirmed, some could be subject to change. Please put these dates in your diary but watch for any changes should they occur.

Sunday 26 March	PHILLIP ISLAND	Sunday 9 July	WINTON
(F1 Melbourne GP - watch at track after event)		Saturday 23 Sept	PHILLIP ISLAND
Saturday 29 April	SANDOWN	Saturday 21 Oct.	SANDOWN
(Sandown 4 Hour Relay next day)		Sunday 5 November	WINTON
Sunday 21 May	ROB ROY HILLCLIMB	MSCA COME AND TRY DAYS for 2017	
(not for AHOC competition championship points)		Saturday 10th June	Sandown
Sunday 18 June	SANDOWN	Saturday 9th December	Phillip Island

If you wish to enter an MSCA event for the first time (or discuss "Come and Try" days) ring Rod Vogt on 0408 395 240 or email [competition-MSCA@healeyvic.com.au](mailto:competition-MSCA@healeyvic.com.au) and you will be assisted. Entry is via the CAMS online entry website at [www.cams.com.au](http://www.cams.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 COMING SOON

Sunday 12 March  
Rd 1 Vic Supersprint Championship  
Phillip Island (PIARC)  
April 8/9  
HSRCA Historic Races, Wakefield Park.  
Goulburn.  
April 22/23  
Historic Race Meeting, Mallala South  
Australia.  
April 30 (Sunday)  
Rd 2, Vic. Supersprint Championship  
Phillip Island

#### VHRR PHILLIP ISLAND Classic Historics 17-19 March

Unfortunately, Group Sa/Sb has been balloted out of the program for 2017 for our premier historic meeting in Victoria - NO Healeys, Sprites or MGBs racing in Group S for the usual AHOC members. Group Sc and over 3 liter Gr Sb will still provide plenty of sports car action.

Entries have been received for Regularity for Bill Vaughan (Sprite), Steve Pike

(3000), and Shane O'Brien in his new 100/4. Hamish MacLennan runs his MGB as usual and Damian Moloney has entered a 1975 Jaguar XJS. Tony Rogers is running the 1972 Porsche 911E 2.4 for a change. Although not a club member we will be barracking for Tim Hook in Frank Hook's red/black 100/4.

Phillip Aitken will be driving the Group Lb Coad Vauxhall Special but at this time no entries from Graeme Marks or Geoff McInnes in the same class.

However, we can support Andrew McInnes (son of Geoff), Andrew Lamrock (son of Chris) both in Historic Formula Ford and Jaguar Club member and club rooms stalwart Don McKay in Group Sc sports cars in his Datsun 240Z.

#### COMPETITION REPORTS

##### ALFA CLUB SPRINT BROADFORD

###### 15 January 2017

The Alfa Romeo Club (AROCA) is still a member of the Marque Sports Car Association but has been running its own

sprint events almost virtually in competition with MSCA events for some years now, much to the angst of the MSCA committee.

The Alfa competitors would have been most helpful a few years ago when we were struggling for entries at MSCA events. However, forward thinking from our new generation MSCA committee via Facebook, Come and Try Days, direct promotion at non-MSCA car clubs and working more closely with CAMS has seen our numbers increase quite dramatically and ensured the viability of the Marque Sports car Association.

In fact MSCA is widely regarded now as the premier organization for sprint events in Victoria if not Australia.

AROCA do run good events, and the Winton rally in October is testament to that. Three AHOC members decided to run with AROCA at their January sprint meeting at the motorcycle complex at Broadford and gained some useful points toward the AHOC Competition Championships.

Shane O'Brien debuted his new 100/4 Healey that he is building up to race in

Group Sa historic racing which is exciting given that big Healey numbers have been falling in that category.

A well known Healey from racing many years ago in the hands of David Madriers, Shane is steadily refreshing, checking and improving the 100 with Tate Engineering and Steve Pike within the strict rules of Group S being adhered to – drum brakes only for example.

Steve Pike took his Healey 3000 to Bradford and had to work hard to keep Shane at bay with a best lap of 1.11.72 to Shane's 1.12.48.

A promising start for Shane. Iain McPherson dusted off his Alfa Romeo Sports Sedan after a fairly long break and ran consistently albeit a little slower than the Healeys.

Frank Hook also ran his red/black 100/4 but no points for Frank as he is not an AHOC member.

Steve reports that the Broadford track is fairly narrow because it was built for motorcycle racing and has some challenging undulations and blind crests etc and is a lot of fun. For cars there are a couple of "no passing" sections in the interests of safety.

MSCA has yet to run at Broadford, mainly because grids are restricted to 10/12 cars due to the narrowness of the track and our numbers would make this a problem - too many run groups and not enough track time.

**POINTS TOWARDS AHOC  
COMPETITION CHAMPIONSHIP**  
for Healeys, and 4 fastest laps

Steve Pike (3000) 933 pts 1.11.72,  
1.12.27, 1.12.37, 1.12.39

Shane O'Brien (100/4) 920 1.12.48,  
1.12.53, 1.13.17, 1.13.28

**POINTS TOWARD ASSOCIATE  
CHAMPIONSHIP**

for non-Healeys, and 4 fastest laps

Iain McPherson (Alfa Special) 898 pts  
1.22.25, 1.22.86, 1.23.13, 1.23.27

## **MSCA ROUND ONE**

### **SANDOWN**

**5 February 2017**

A good entry from seven AHOC members being given a head start in the 2017 Competition Championship by

your comp sec who hobbled down to Sandown to watch on one crutch just two weeks after my hip replacement.

Three weeks in I am driving, no crutches and very little discomfort BUT not ready to run the Sprite on the track of course. No Winton on 25 February but I am aiming for the comeback at MSCA Phillip Island 26 March.

It is quite different being a spectator. First observation – I am not indispensable. Thanks to Rob Raverty for organizing garage hire which always provides a focal point for Team Healey at Sandown, especially for the large number of members who came to support on the day. Too many to list but the atmosphere and camaraderie was just great.

Arriving in time for driver's briefing I was miffed to find that the lads had done their paperwork, scrutineering etc without any dramas without me! For anyone thinking of having a go at MSCA with us take note – Team Healey is a well organized group that will ensure that your early experiences will be positive and hassle free although we cannot do the driving bit for you.

A good entry of 110 drivers enjoyed fine weather, mostly overcast and quite warm and the forecast showers did not arrive until the very last run for the day.

This was the Clubman group and Russell Baker wisely decided to put the turbo PRB Clubman on the trailer as the light rain started, having restrained his natural "enthusiasm" all day in his first event after damage at Phillip Island last September.

With turbo set on the low setting rather than high and dire threats from Elaine and yours truly ringing in his ears, Russell bedded in new brakes, played with tyre pressures and had a very consistent and trouble free day.

For someone who did 1.49s at PI last time out it was a supreme effort of self control.

Bill Vaughan ran the Sprite in sprints as usual about one second off his best, breaking his recent pattern of going quicker at every outing.

John Mooney drove his recently refurbished 100/6 to the track determined to see how well his money

had been spent despite battling serious health issues. I think we all had mixed feelings for John, knowing that his competition past still simmers quite close to the surface and hoped that he stayed safe and well.

His first run was a beauty. Of course, not his best times but from the sidelines John and his magnificent Healey looked and sounded glorious and he completed the full session, but certainly looked pretty spent at the end.

Unfortunately, John stepped out of the Healey to be met by family members who had come to tell John that Ann (Mooney) had been involved in a car accident and was on her way to hospital with some hip/pelvis injuries. John left immediately and club members sorted out getting the Healey and John's gear home for him.

The Regularity run group was at maximum track density of 20. Many "Come and Try" graduates are moving up to Regularity ensuring that this group remains strong and with the interest of new people and cars – with a little more stress perhaps as newcomers learn their new craft.

Old hands Rob Raverty and Tony Rogers circulated well, getting their four runs and plenty of laps. Tony Rogers will not feature among the placegetters, scoring midfield in each run by being a bit optimistic with his target time of 1.38.50 and running a bit slower than this although still very quick.

Rob aimed for 1.50 and got closer, achieving a third, fourth and fifth in the three point scoring runs by going both under and over his 1.50 target time but quite accurate.

Rick Lyon was back in his ex Jeff Smith Sprite with Toyota power after a break late last year after his first two MSCA events.

Work and other things got in the way and he decided to check over and rebuild suspension/brakes and now Rick is ready for 2017.

A good start too, taking nearly three seconds off his best Sandown lap time from 2016, a 1.40.01 leaving him oh so close to breaking in to the 1.30s which is really getting up there.

Rick needs more time in the Sprite to be

able to accurately predict his Regularity target times – at the moment he is just getting quicker as he gets used to the Sprite and the sport.

Rick nominated 1.43 and did high mid 1.40s in run one, nailed it in run two for first place and then dropped back to mid field for session three by breaking his 1.43 target on every lap.

I am leaving the best until last – Andis Salins improved his best lap times from a 2.04.55 in February 2015 to a best of 1.49.44. He did this dramatic improvement with a complete suspension and brake rebuild and improvements which made the 3000 a much happier car on the track.

And what impresses me is that Andis did this rebuild himself, his business being in the engineering area but not automotive, with much planning and hard work to get the job done. Me, I am just a champion driver but hopeless mechanic so I am mightily impressed. (Joking about the champion driver folks!)

Andis must have felt confident after practice because he set a 1.48.50 target time straight away and was thereabouts all day for a 7th and two 10ths.

Just in case you have not been to an MSCA meeting and think it might be a little Ho Hum– fastest time of the day was a Porsche 996 with a 1.19, and Rob Splatt from the Triumph Club debuted his new Formula 5000 open wheeler in REGULARITY. Not bad bragging rights for our four regularity boys I reckon, running on track with a Formula 5000 although Rob Splatt is a very careful, safe and experienced club level driver and kept it down to 1.34s fastest laps.

Michael Boutts put his regular Porsche GT3 away to run his new purchase – what appeared to be a genuine ex Nascar Chev Camaro doing 1.22s for his first outing. There are some fascinating cars doing MSCA events.

Thank you to Paul McPherson who once again gave up his time to be a scrutineer for MSCA. And also to David Kelly who was not Clerk of Course (Ken Price from the MG Car Club did a great job) but had a roving officials role (Assistant C of C or Club Steward?) which gave David time to stop by our Healey garage regularly on his way to official

duties which luckily did not involve our drivers. They went white every time he stopped by!

#### POINTS TOWARD AHOC COMPETITION CHAMPIONSHIP

for Healeys and 4 fastest laps

Andis Salins (3000) 930 pts #1.49.44,  
1.49.78 1.50.04, 1.50.14

Rob Raverty (3000) 919 1.49.78,  
1.49.48, 1.50.02, 1.50.11

Bill Vaughan (Sprite) 910 1.41.73,  
1.42.10, 1.42.59, 1.42.63

Tony Rogers (3000) 801 1.40.96,  
1.41.72, 1.42.18, 1.42.95

Rick Lyon (Sprite) 738 #1.40.01,  
1.40.95, 1.41.35, 1.42.63

John Mooney (100/6) 418

1.48.30, 1.51.77, 1.52.21, 1.54.12

John did one session/5 laps only

# denotes new fastest lap

#### POINTS TOWARD ASSOCIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

for non-Healeys and 4 fastest laps

Russell Baker (PRB) 964 pts 1.36.50,  
1.36.55, 1.36.61, 1.36.86

#### ALFA CLUB SPRINTS

##### WINTON

##### 5 February 2017

While we enjoyed a fine day at MSCA Sandown, Shane O'Brien (Healey 100/4) and Peter Kaiser (Mini Cooper S JCW/modern Mini/BMW Mini – not a '60s Cooper S!) had to put up with a wet start to their day at Winton with AROCA.

Shane had decided to continue the problem solving and development of his new Healey race car at Winton where there are more run off areas, sand traps and generally less hard fences adjacent to the bitumen if you happen to leave that black surface.

I haven't spoken to Peter but maybe he is getting in some VERY early practice for his Mini Vic Club Team effort at the Winton 10 Hour relay in October.

Shane ran the three morning sessions on the long track and confirmed that the track was rated "damp" and times reflected that. Peter Kaiser managed only two minute plus lap times where we normally expect low 1.40s at least from

Peter in the Mini.

After lunch AROCA changed the format to the short track which we only rarely get a chance to use.

Shane packed up early with a few minor issues to solve and his points score below is from those three morning sessions, based on his four fastest laps of 19 achieved.

The track had dried and Peter did 19 laps over two sessions on the short track at a very rapid pace – his best 1.11.50 strangely being identical to his 1.11.50 best in his Group Sb Sprite when racing at the Winton Historics last year.

His point score is based on these short track sessions – the morning conditions were quite variable.

#### POINTS TOWARD AHOC COMPETITION CHAMPIONSHIP

for Healeys and 4 fastest laps  
Shane O'Brien (100/4) 853 pts 2.05.09,  
2.05.70, 2.05.93, 2.06.56

#### POINTS TOWARD ASSOCIATE CHAMPIONSHIP

for non-Healeys and 4 fastest laps

Peter Kaiser (Mini Cooper S JCW)  
976 pts 1.11.50, 1.11.52, 1.11.60,  
1.11.74

#### A CLOSING THOUGHT

***"Death is the number one killer in the world"***

***Cheers Rod Vogt***



A promotional poster for the 41st Historic Winton event. The top half features the text 'JOIN THE ACTION' in large, bold, white letters. Below that, '41st HISTORIC WINTON' is written in a stylized, outlined font. The background shows a line of vintage racing cars on a track. At the bottom, the dates '27th 28th MAY 2017' are prominently displayed, followed by the website 'www.historicwinton.org'. Below the website, it says 'Presented by The Austin Seven Club and HMRV' and 'Enquiries 03 5428 2689'. There is a small disclaimer at the very bottom: 'Austin Seven Club Inc. 2017/2018. All Rights Reserved'.



# SANDOWN MSCA

