

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 HILL CLIMB	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 and you will be assisted. Entry is via the CAMS online entry website at 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

April 8/9 HSRCA Historic Races,
Wakefield Park. Goulburn.

April 22/23 Historic Race Meeting,
Mallala South Australia.

April 30 (Sunday) Rd 2, Vic. Super-
sprint Championship at Phillip Island

May 6/7 HRCC Historic Races, Mor-
gan Park. Warwick QLD

May 6/7 Rd 2 Vic State Series Circuit
Racing Championship at PI (inc MG &
All British sports car races)

May 27/28 41st Winton Short Course
Historics run by Austin 7 Club

COMPETITION REPORTS

MSCA SANDOWN

5 February 2017

Our AHOC Team Healey members earn points toward our Club Championships at any circuit event they attend which provides electronic timing of laps achieved. Of course, they are also

competing for trophies available from the organizers of that particular event. The Marque Sports Car Association events give trophies for both Sprint and Regularity competitions with an overall winner in each class determined over the entire season.

Results have been confirmed for Sandown since my report last month and I am delighted to announce that after many near misses ROB RAVERTY has won the MSCA Regularity event in a full capacity field of 20 cars.

I was going to say "FINALLY WON" but that is a bit harsh!

In Regularity the driver nominates a target lap time and attempts to achieve that target time each and every lap for the next three timed sessions. This is no easy task and Rob's trophy is hard earned, following the tradition of many Team Healey members, particularly at Historic race meetings.

Rob Raverty was one of the first AHOC members to answer the call in 2007 to get Healeys back on the track in numbers. The current scoring system

commenced in 2008 and Rob has been active at MSCA level continuously – although all my pleading and cajoling cannot get him to go to Winton!

Yes it is a long way without being trailered etc etc but Rob, Winton is a great challenge.

So I checked my records – Rob has competed 33 times in MSCA Regularity since 2008 waiting for this win. Please, this IS tongue in cheek, but averaging four events per season Rob should expect his next trophy in 2024.

Results for our other Regularity entrants were 4th for Rick Lyon (Sprite), 8th for Andis Salins (3000), and 14th for Tony Rogers (3000). Tony was fastest of the group but not as consistent as his usual form.

In Sprints, congratulations also go to Bill Vaughan for winning Class 1C for Classic 0-1499cc in his Sprite, to John Mooney for 2nd place in the Big Healey in Classic Class 4C 2500-3499cc capacity and Russ Baker was 5th in his Clubman in his Class on a "test and tune day" for him as I reported last month.

MSCA ROUND TWO

WINTON

25 February 2017

For once common sense prevailed and I decided not to stress my new hip with a long return drive to Winton to watch and support our AHOC entrants.

My brief report is via MSCA Secretary Petrina Astbury's email summary to all MSCA members, Natsoft lap times and emails and chats to our four competing members.

The 70 MSCA competitors shared the schedule with Super Karts "buzzing around like blowflies on a burger" according to Petrina! Mm!?

The Karts achieved low 1.20s (Simon Gardiner's Super Sprite does 1.30 dead, editor Mandy 1.37 in the same car, Russ Baker's turbo clubman has a best of 1.37 also. Peter Jackson has managed a 1.39 in the Historic Healey 3000 and Rob Rowland heads the rest of us in the 1.40s doing 1.40.8 back in 2005.)

The SuperKarts are doing it without harnesses and bums a couple of inches off the bitumen. Brave? Like competition motocyclists, I think most of us are happy to leave them to it.

Well, Brian Dermott enjoyed them and he also enjoyed plenty of track time in his Kermit Green Torana XU1 tarmac rally weapon, winning his Super Sprint MSCA Class and recording a new fastest lap at Winton in his (and Linda's) Torana, of 1.45.11, an improvement from 1.46.60 achieved back in March 2014.

The older he gets the faster he goes! Strangely I have a best lap time for Brian's Healey 3000 of nearly the same time - 1.45.15.

Russell Baker did not have a great day with overheating problems keeping a lid on his times. He conservatively ran low boost on the turbo but the PRB still ran too hot and Russ settled for low/mid 1.40 lap times. Still quick but not up to Russell's normal times.

One lap at high boost recorded a 1.39.99 and a Class win over the "thumping Chev Camaro of Michael Bouts".

Unfortunately this one quick lap meant that his AHOC competition score was not that great – the fastest four lap

spread for the calculation was ruined.

Andis Salins (Healey 3000) and Rick Lyon backed up their Sandown efforts three weeks earlier in Regularity. This was Andis' first run at Winton long track and he reported that he enjoyed it a lot. It is quite demanding in what is really a road Healey but Andis did well to nearly break 2 minutes for his quickest time and 5th place in the MSCA Regularity competition.

Rick Lyon was having his second event at Winton, joining us in July 2016 at what was also the Australian Supersprint Championship/MSCA round combined.

In his fourth only drive since buying the very well known Jeff Smith Sprite/Toyota his day was truly remarkable. A fastest lap of 1.47.64 is really quick but consider that his only other Winton drive achieved a best of 1.56.19 last July. A massive improvement.

Once again though his improvement during the day meant that Rick missed his target lap times a bit for a 4th place finish.

Petrina Astbury was at pains to thank volunteers who gave up their time to be flaggies after our regular people were double booked for the World Superbike Championships at Phillip Island.

Ex MSCA Treasurer Andrew East brought his Cobra Replica over from his new home in Kingston, South Australia.

Fastest time of the day went to Tim Blakeny in his Ford Falcon FPV. Once again a variety of well presented cars.

The day ended up quite hot and finished ahead of schedule as drivers decided enough was enough, much to the relief of our flags and other officials. Mad dogs and Englishmen I think Joe Cocker sang. Much better than going home disappointed with wanting more track time.

POINTS TOWARD AHOC COMPETITION CHAMPIONSHIP for Healeys and 4 fastest laps –

Andis Salins (3000) 926 pts
#2.01.29, 2.01.66, 2.01.72, 2.02.03

Rick Lyon (Sprite) 924pts
#1.47.64, 1.47.67, 1.48.27, 1.48.40

POINTS TOWARD

ASSOCIATE CHAMPIONSHIP for non Healeys and 4 fastest laps-

Brian Dermott
(Torana XU1) 924
pts #1.45.11,
1.45.19, 1.45.43,
1.45.87

Russell Baker
(PRB Clubman)
607 pts 1.39.99, 1.43.13,
1.43.72, 1.43.92

denotes new fastest lap at Winton for member

MSCA NEWS

On the March long weekend, our ever hard working MSCA President and Secretary Bruce and Petrina Astbury, respectively, somehow made time to go to Mallalla north of Adelaide with their wonderful "Come and Try" format to help the Marque Sports Car Association of South Australia put the same program in place for their novice competitors.

Several Victorian MSCA drivers went to assist as instructors. I bet that the enthusiastic Astburys come back with a plan for some joint activities with our South Australian counterparts.

Malalla anyone?

A CLOSING THOUGHT

"My biggest fear is that when I die my wife will sell my Healey for what I told her it has cost!"

Cheers Rod Vogt

A promotional poster for the 41st Historic Winton event. The text reads "JOIN THE ACTION 41st HISTORIC WINTON" in large, stylized letters. Below the text is a photograph of several vintage cars on a track. At the bottom, it says "27th 28th MAY 2017" and "www.historicwinton.org". It also mentions "Presented by The Austin Seven Club and HMRV" and "Enquiries 03 5428 2689".

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