

COMPETITION REPORT MARCH 2011

TEAM HEALEY and MSCA NEWS

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)

1 MARQUE SPORTS CAR ASSOCIATION (MSCA)

CALENDAR FOR 2011

Round 2	Sunday 6 th March	Morwell Hillclimb
Round 3	Sunday 10 th April	*Winton
Round 4	Sunday 22 nd May	*Phillip Island
Round 5	Sunday 3 rd July	*Sandown
Round 6	Sunday 21 st August	*Phillip Island
Round 7	Sunday 25 th September	*Winton
Round 8	Sunday 21 st November	*Phillip Island to be confirmed

Sunday December 4th 2011 (to be confirmed) will be Round One for the 2012 MSCA Championship and also for our 2012 AHOC Competition Championship (and the MSCA BBQ/Presentation for 2011.)

ENTRY FORMS for these events will be sent to all on the Team Healey email list. If you want to get involved ring Rod Vogt on 5962 1915 or 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 9.15am

2 OTHER EVENTS

**MARCH 18/19/20th *VHRR HISTORIC PHILLIP ISLAND www.vhrr.com
PLEASE COME AND SUPPORT OUR HEALEYS. GATHER AT TURN ONE AS USUAL.**

April 16/17 th	*Vic State Race Series inc MG & Invited British Sports Cars, Phillip Island.
EASTER April 22-25	*Historic Mallala, South Australia *FOSC (Festival of Sporting Cars) Races at Eastern Creek, Sydney
Sunday April 24	*Round One Vic Supersprint Championship, Sandown
April 30/May 1	*Queensland Historics at Morgan Park, Warwick, QLD

COMPETITION REPORTS - No events since February magazine.

COMPETITION CHAMPIONSHIP NEWS

1 NEW ASSOCIATE CLASS

The committee has decided to recognize the track activities of our members who compete in cars other than Healeys, or in Healeys which run non Healey engines. The same scoring system will be used –

Fastest 4 laps, penalty of one point per 1/100ths of a second for the difference between fastest and fourth fastest laps with the score for that event being 1000 points minus the penalty score. Your best 4 events are counted for a final score (with a maximum possible score of 4000 points)

I have a fair idea of our members who will fit in to the Associate Championship Class and will look for your times on the www.natsoft.com.au website for eligible race/sprint/regularity events. You do NOT have to enter the competition – you are automatically IN, just as for the Healey Championship. However I would appreciate an email from **anyone I have missed** from the following list and at any time if you think I have missed an event you may have done :

Peter Kaiser (MINI), David Kelly (Triumph TR7 V8), Hamish MacLennan (MGB), Larry Varley (Williams Special), Graeme Marks (MAC Healey), Graham Spooner (Clubman), Peter Williams (Historic open wheeler?) Colin Wallace in the fuel injected/turbo-charged Suzuki powered Sprite will join this group as would any other non Healey-engined Healey. Some members have run their second “toy” in the past – eg John Goodall (Porsche Cayman) and Russell Baker (Turbo Skyline).

I am excluding myself in the MGB in case my humorous “friends” accuse me of creating this group for self serving reasons!

The 2010 Competition Championship point score was published in the February magazine without notes. The result (First – Rod Vogt, second – Peter Jackson, Third – Colin Wallace) was **very close** with only four points separating first and second places. IF Peter Jackson had been just 5/100ths of a second faster in the fourth fastest lap of *one* of his “best four” events which made up his total score he would have scored 5 more points and HE would have been 2010 Champion. In fact Colin Wallace, Geoff Leake and Bill Vaughan were potential winners right up to the last event. Positions changed regularly during the year. The ability to score your best four events rewards participation as the table shows. However I suggest that the drivers who competed in the most events are probably more practiced, experienced and “in tune” with their cars and therefore more able to drive with consistent lap times. There is a good mix of our slower and faster Healeys and disciplines throughout the final result and in theory ALL can win the Championship if you do at least 4 events and drive well.

Marque Sports Car Association Results

The Regularity event was very well supported with 10 Healey members competing at various times in a total entry of 26 over seven rounds – a fantastic effort, with the results being - Bill Vaughan (Sprite) was our best performed with a third place overall, Brian Aitken (Sprite) in 5th, Rob Raverty (3000) 6th, Mark Bird (100) 9th and Hugh Purse (100) 10th with one first place trophy. Tim Westover (3000), Cary Helenius (100/6), Leon O’Brien (100), John Goodall (Cayman) and Ken Tame (3000) completed the group.

In Sprint competition Rod Vogt (Sprite) finished 2nd of 15 in Class A under 1500cc (four wins), Russell Baker (3000) was 10th of 24 in Class D 2500 to 3500cc and Colin Wallace (Sprite) came 2nd of 11 (including one win) in Class R1 for open wheelers, cars with a non-marque engine and cars with slick tyres. Larry Varley competed once in R1 at Phillip Island in his Williams Special – an extended wheelbase Historic Bolwell MK4 fitted with a Holden grey motor. Peter Kaiser ran three times for a 9th in Class J in his modern Mini and Graham Spooner also competed three times in his Birken S3 clubman.

Group S Racing Association

Go to www.groupsracing.org.au to read about the group dedicated to Historic Group s Production Sports Cars. A competition for financial members is conducted each year from the Historic race calendar, FOSC events and an event at Eastern Creek run by the Australian Racing Drivers Club. Drivers compete for two trophies being the Catalina Cup (NSW events plus a “best” Victorian event) and the Goldfields Cup for Southern states allowing one score from a Catalina Cup event in the total.

For the 2010 season **Peter Jackson** won BOTH the Catalina and Goldfield Cups as top Group Sa Production Sports Car over the three capacity classes and of course was top car in the over 2000cc class. Not to be outdone, **Brian Duffy** finished a creditable second in BOTH Cups (second to Peter in the over 2000cc) giving our Healeys a clean sweep. **Damian Moloney** finished third in over 2000cc Group Sa in the Goldfields Cup. No award is given for a combined Catalina/Goldfields points score – a pity because Peter Jackson would have won that too over all classes! We can be very proud of OUR Healeys at a National level.

THE DONALD HEALEY CENTENNIAL MEMORIAL TROPHY FOR 2010

Awarded to Peter Jackson

Peter competed in 8 Group Sa Production Sports Car Race Meetings, was unbeaten in Group Sa for 2010 and set new lap records at Phillip Island, Bathurst, Wakefield Park and Eastern Creek THREE times in his three events there. Peter also competed in the AHOC team at the Winton Six Hour Relay Race

This Trophy was first presented by Brian Healey in 1998.

At the AHOC Committee meeting on October 14th 1998 :

Motion *“That we instigate the Donald Healey Centennial Memorial Trophy to be awarded to the member who achieves the most notable performance in non-club events over the year as judged by the committee.”*

Moved Peter Watt
Seconded John Gray
Carried.

FROM AHOC *“Basic Rules and Information”*

“ The Donald Healey Trophy is awarded on a purely subjective basis driven by one’s activities in using an Austin Healey in some outstanding manner in open competition. Past winners have generally campaigned their Healeys in open track races or Classic Adelaide or Targa Tasmania or other such events. Selection is most often based on good results or an outstanding showing in strong, more modern competition and/or persistence and good sportsmanship in these circumstances.”

WINNERS

1998	Rob Rowland	1999	Bill Ingham
2000	Brian Dermott	2001	John Moore
2002	Geoff Leake	2003	Peter Kaiser
2004	Rob Rowland	2005	Geoff Leake
2006	John Goodall	2007	Paul and Christine Freestone
2008	Peter Jackson	2009	Steve Pike
2010	Peter Jackson		

So a big thank you to the twenty members who competed in their Healeys at 25 different events to put our cars out there in a very impressive display in MSCA Regularity and Sprints, Historic regularity and Group S races, and at the Six Hour Relay Race. The cars were very competitive and beautifully presented at Sandown, Phillip Island, Winton, Bathurst, Eastern Creek and Wakefield Park. In 2011 some members hope to compete at Mallala in South Australia and there has been talk of going to Tasmania and even New Zealand!

A CLOSING THOUGHT - Just when I was getting used to yesterday, along came today.

Cheers
Rod Vogt