

COMPETITION REPORT JUNE 2010

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) 2010 CALENDAR**

PLEASE NOTE CHANGES

Round 6 (off) Sunday 4 th July	*SANDOWN	CANCELLED!
Round 6 (new) June/July ?	Morwell Hillclimb	to be confirmed
Round 7 Sunday 29 th August	*PHILLIP ISLAND	Sprint and Regularity
Round 8 (off) Saturday 25 th September	*WINTON	CANCELLED!
Round 8 Sunday 21 st November	*PHILLIP ISLAND	Sprint and Regularity
Round 9(new) Sunday 5 th December	*SANDOWN	Sprint and Regularity

(With MSCA presentation and BBQ)

Sandown Raceway unfortunately has not honoured our booking for July 4th which was to be confirmed after a VCAT meeting in May. A V8 Drive day has been allowed for the Saturday and we assume the Saturday booking has been given our Sunday date. Not happy Jan! The other change follows an MSCA decision to give up the Winton September 25th booking at Winton to the Triumph Club organizers of the 3rd and final round of the new Victorian Supersprint Championship, as a goodwill gesture mainly. We will try to fill in the calendar gap with a hillclimb at Morwell (not really popular with the Big Healeys unfortunately) and we have confirmed a replacement for Sandown, at Sandown, on December 5th. This will be our final round and a BBQ/Presentation function will follow immediately after racing finishes.

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**

Sun July 18	*Rd 2 Vic Supersprint Championship at Phillip Island	entries-PIARC
July 24/25	*Rd 3 State Racing Series (inc MG & invited British)	
Aug 6-8 th	*#Festival of Sporting Cars at Wakefield Park, Goulburn	www.fosc.com.au
Aug 7/8 th	*Phillip Island 6 Hour Relay regularity (NO Team Healey entry)	
Aug 14/15 th	*#Historic Winton (long track) (www.vhrr.com)	Gr S races & Regularity
Sept 18/19 th	*#Historic Wakefield (www.hsrca.org.au)	Gr S races & regularity
Oct 23/24 th	*Winton 6 Hour Relay (2 teams entered)	
Nov 6/7 th	*#Historic Sandown (www.vhrr.com)	Gr S & regularity
Nov 26-28 th	*#Historic Eastern Creek (www.hsrca.org.au)	Tasman Cup Revival Meeting

round of Group S Racing Association 2010 Championship

We were disappointed to learn that our Big Healey only team submitted by Peter and Anne Stanley for our first attempt at the Phillip Island 6 Hour Relay in August did not make the cut due to the large amount of interest – preference must have been given to past competitors so we will try again next year. We *will* be definite starters, again, in the Winton 6 Hour in October with a second novice team planned, so stay tuned. *We need your help.*

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HISTORIC MYRNIONG SPRINT April 11th

Hugh Purse (100/4) came down from Romsey to join **Mark Bird** (100/4) and **Steve Pike** (Gr Sa 3000) at this very popular historic sprint meeting at Myrniong, just 10kms or so past Bacchus Marsh – no wonder Steve enjoys this event as it is nearly in his backyard. Run by the Austin 7 Club the Myrniong Historic Car Sprint, in it's 9th year in 2010, "is an 850 metre sprint, rising 60 metres, has a level start, rising to a steep uphill right curve, followed by a crest turning left, down a dip and rising to the finish line." Amazing what you can get off their website. Hugh did say that they had a great day despite cold and showery weather with a wet track which occasionally dried in the blustery wind – I know this is true because by coincidence we drove through Myrniong on the day on the way to a few days R & R (without motorsport!) and could see the activity just off the Western Freeway. The website said that this is a multi-club event restricted to pre 1960 cars with a maximum of 50 competitors. On checking the result sheet it seems that 104 cars competed and fastest time of the day went to a Chev Camaro at 28.6 seconds! Oh well! Steve Pike did exceptionally well to be 17th fastest out of 104 with a time of 30.9 seconds. Hugh and Mark clocked 34.1 and 34.7 respectively. MSCA regulars Paul Flint (MG Midget 1400) and Les Bone (Clubman – new class record) were there, as was Sprite Club member Graham Dows. There were many Midgets entered. Despite not being an AHOC Championship event, we must try to get more cars there next year if possible. It sounds like a fun day that would appeal as a social event too.

MSCA WINTON APRIL 18th 2010

Round 4 at Winton was attended by **Rod Vogt** (Sprite), **Russell Baker** (3000) and **Colin Wallace** (turbo Sprite) in Sprint classes, and **Mark Bird** (100/4), **Bill Vaughan** (Sprite) and **Hugh Purse** (100/4) in the regularity class. Another well run day with Neil Choi from the Alfa Club as Clerk of Course, ably backed up by David Kelly wearing his Triumph AND Healey caps. Hugh Purse took the Healey off the trailer only to discover fuel leaking from the carby and after frantic investigation, with Bill Vaughan and Russell Baker assisting, a crack was found in one of the floats. Day over before it had begun for Hugh! I was having my own dramas prior to drivers briefing with a new rattle that turned out to be a loose bolt holding the rear of the exhaust in place. Of course it was in a most inaccessible place involving the removal of one wheel, seat belts and a panel behind the seats and even then you needed arms as long as a monkey to reach the hidden bolt - no wise cracks please. Bill Vaughan rushed to help me as soon as he had finished with Hugh. I made it to my first run with minutes to spare. Hugh and I cannot understand how these things happen when the cars were OK last time used!

Fine and mild weather filled us with unwarranted confidence as we all felt decidedly "loose" on our first run. It turned out that a Drifting Competition had been run the previous weekend and the track was very slippery. I thought I had forgotten how to drive! The track improved with use and warmth but none of us was able to quite reach our previous best times, but not

through lack of trying. I did see Mark Bird spin once and had the exquisite pleasure of seeing both Russell and Colin have BIG off's to the dry infield area. The dust clouds were blinding as I came past. With an open car, Colin STILL has grass and dirt inside the Sprite and his face/clothes were pretty grubby too. Colin packed up a bit early because he was very tired after being the father-of-the-bride the previous night. Yes, he got to bed at 2.30am after his daughter's wedding, held in the beautiful garden at the Wallace home, and still made it Winton by 8am. Great Team Healey spirit! He wasn't quite at his best by early afternoon but was still some 3 seconds a lap faster than Russell and me. Luckily he is a non drinker. Russell also had an excuse for his couple of infield excursions – his throttle was sticking open at awkward times. Or so he claims! Russell and Elaine had towed the Healey up behind the Baker motor home and maybe he was just in a hurry to get back to the latte machine. I almost got a coffee made for me at 7am but the gates were unlocked as Russell turned on the coffee machine so I missed out. Just as well as we would have disturbed Elaine snoozing still. Bill Vaughan had his usual trouble free run (after solving his electrical gremlins at Phillip Island) and IF he did have an “off” it was not seen and he is not owning up to it. And I guess I had better come clean and own up to just one error when limits were found. All part of the fun and much better done on the race track than on the road. By 4pm all competitors had had enough even though we could run until 5pm, a sure sign of a successful day. Bill and I did 30 odd laps (perhaps I should re-phrase that) and went home tired and happy.

POINTS TOWARD AHOC COMPETITION CHAMPIONSHIP

With 4 fastest laps

Russell Baker(3000)	973 pts	1.47.50, 1.47.54, 1.47.61, 1.47.77
Rod Vogt (Sprite)	960 pts	1.47.46, 1.47.59, 1.47.82, 1.47.86
Colin Wallace (Sprite)	926 pts	1.44.15, 1.44.23, 1.44.39, 1.44.89
Mark Bird (100/4)	926 pts	1.55.99, 1.56.48, 1.56.56, 1.56.73
Bill Vaughan (Sprite)	886 pts	1.54.58, 1.54.77, 1.55.33, 1.55.72

I can't resist pointing out that in the Sprint comp the Baker 3000 was slower than the Wallace and Vogt Sprites, and the Vaughan Sprite was quicker than the Bird 100/4, although that is not the priority in regularity! Are there any Big Healeys out there to give the “Sprite Boys” a run for their money!

MSCA RESULTS were

SPRINT		REGULARITY (9 entrants)	
Rod Vogt	First Class A	Mark Bird	Fourth
Russell Baker	Third Class D	Bill Vaughan	Seventh
Colin Wallace	Fourth Class R1		

HISTORIC EASTERN CREEK (HSRCA) MAY 1st/2nd

Peter Jackson travelled to Sydney to join **Brian Duffy** on Brian's home turf for Group Sa racing. Strangely this was the first time Brian had competed at Eastern Creek in the Healey. Brian had a good battle all weekend with a Triumph TR3A and an Elva Courier, improving from a third place in his first race to achieve two second places on Sunday in Group Sa for pre 1960 Production Sports Cars with an entry of 12 Sa cars. Brian's fastest lap for the weekend was his **FIRST** lap in Saturday morning qualifying at 2.02.45! Under racing conditions, with similar performance cars all around battling for the same piece of ground, it is not always easy to set fastest laps, but he did many laps in the 2.03 to 2.04 range

Peter Jackson had a mixed weekend. It started well with 2nd fastest qualifying time for the feature 20 lap race - 24 Gr Sb cars ran with the 12 Gr Sa cars - the last event on the programme on Saturday afternoon which finished with headlights on. It was quite a surprise for Peter to start next to Laurie Sellers in a MGB – Laurie has been racing a Healey 3000 for a couple of years but has been having engine problems lately. He has apparently purchased the ex Rob Rowntree MG and we hope he continues to run the Healey. Peter led the 20 lap race until lap nine when his overdrive refused to behave, initially causing an “off” that dropped Peter to 4th which he held, despite having no overdrive, until giving it away with one lap to go for a very rare DNF. It just shows that Peter and his car are not infallible after all. The one bright spot was that Peter’s fastest lap of 2.02.45 is a new Sa lap record for Eastern Creek, an incredible 4 seconds faster than the 1.58.44 he set last November. So it was on the trailer and head for home on Sunday morning with no further action – lucky he had Shayne MacIntosh for company on the way home. How was his mood Shayne?

POINTS TOWARD AHOC COMPETITION CHAMPIONSHIP

With 4 fastest laps

Peter Jackson	966 pts	1.54.25, 1.54.45, 1.54.52, 1.54.59
Brian Duffy	870 pts	2.02.45, 2.02.98, 2.03.39, 2.03.75

AHOC CHAMPIONSHIP Standings after 7 events at 18th April, 2010

The first scores are on the board with 3 members having scored points in 4 events at this time. Eighteen members have competed at least once. Here are the placings for those who have done 2 or more events :

1	Bill Vaughan (Sprite)	3579 points	4 events
2	Rod Vogt (Sprite)	3410 pts	4 events
3	Brian Duffy (3000)	2989 pts	4 events
4	Peter Jackson (3000)	2658 pts	3 events
5	Colin Wallace (Sprite)	2624 pts	3 events
6	Brian Aitken (Sprite)	1783 pts	2 events
7	Russell Baker (3000)	1746 pts	2 events
8	Damian Moloney (100/4)	1683 pts	2 events
9	Mark Bird (100/4)	1624 pts	2 events

Tim Westover, Rob Raverty, Geoff Leake, Ken Tame, Leon O’Brien, Steve Pike, Cary Helenius, John Goodall and Hugh Purse are on one event each in that order. Time to get motoring boys as the top 3 now have the luxury of improving their total by dropping off their worst score. Bill Vaughan is so confident he has gone overseas on holidays content with his first placing. Just look who is lurking in 4th position! Many are competing at Winton Historics, Eastern Creek or Phillip Island MSCA on May 29/30 so things will change.

A CLOSING THOUGHT The easiest way for me to grow as a person is to surround myself with people smarter than I am.

Cheers

ROD VOGT

