

COMPETITION REPORT AUGUST 2009

TEAM HEALEY inc MSCA

COMING EVENTS

1. * MARQUE SPORTS CAR ASSOCIATION 2009 CALENDAR

Round 6	Sunday August 30	Phillip Island
Round 7	Sunday September 13	Winton (short track)
Round 8***	Sunday October 11	Winton (long track)
Round 9	Sunday November 22	Calder

*** NOTE CHANGE TO CALENDAR

As mentioned last month, Sandown track management were unable to confirm our booking for 4th October. We believe they have decided to use the track as part of the Caravan and Camping Show scheduled at that time. The only track vacancy available at this late stage was at Winton on October 11th, and this is still to be confirmed. Unfortunately this gives us two visits to Winton in consecutive months, that date is just one week before the Winton 6 Hour Relay race and is the same day as the Bathurst 1000 V8 Supercar Race! To give some variety the September round will now run on the Short Course, which does not happen very often.

ENTRY FORMS for the next event at Phillip Island on Sunday August 30th will be sent to Team Healey via the email list, or contact Rod Vogt on 5962 1915 or 0408 395 240 or email Competition-MSCA09@healeyvic.com.au

Phillip Island is a good track for spectators so come and visit – entry is free and you are welcome in our pit garage. Competition starts at about 9.30am.

2. OTHER EVENTS

- Aug 8/9 *6 Hour Relay Race at Phillip Island
 - Aug 29/30 *MG and Invited British (Healeys) at Winton
 - Sept 18-20 *Baskerville, Tasmania, Historic Meeting
 - Sept 19/20 *HSRCA Historic Meeting at Wakefield Park, Goulburn www.hsrca.org.au
Group S races and regularity
 - Sept 20 Rob Roy Hillclimb-MGCC Club Challenge Round 2
 - Sept 26/27 *MG and Invited British (Healeys) at Phillip Island
 - Oct 3/4 *Winton Historic Motor Festival – Sports Car Races and Regularity
 - Oct 17/18 *Winton 6 Hour Relay Race
 - Oct 31/Nov1 *FOSC at Wakefield Park, Goulburn. www.fosc.com.au
 - Nov 6/7/8 *Sandown Historics inc MG and Inv British www.vhrr.com
Group S and Regularity
 - Nov 28/29 *HSRCA Historic Meeting at Eastern Creek, Sydney. www.hsrca.org.au
Group S and Regularity
 - Nov 29 Rob Roy Hillclimb MGCC Historic Meeting
- EVENTS MARKED with * score towards our COMPETITION CHAMPIONSHIP

NOTE Addition to Calendar – Baskerville Historic Meeting Sept 18-20. The first all historic meeting for Tasmania, organized by the MG Car Club of Tasmania as part of their 50th Anniversary celebrations, for racing and regularity events. Contact Terry Atkinson on 0418 303 995 or tjatk@bigpond.net.au

COMING EVENTS

WINTON 6 HOUR RELAY RACE on October 17th/18th

Peter and Anne Stanley are once again managing the Team Healey entry for this event. They are still looking for additional drivers – he was hoping for a second, novice team. We do need supporters on that weekend, not just to cheer on the drivers but also to help with pit crew activities, particularly timing duties. Contact Peter or Anne or Rod Vogt if you can help. It is a good way of getting involved and up close to the action.

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1 MSCA ROUND 5 SANDOWN June 21st

A fantastic entry by Team Healey of 9 competitors and a very satisfying show of support by our members with 25 Healey people spending time in our pit area at different times during the day. With all cars garaged together in adjoining triple/double garages, the kettle boiling and sponge cake arriving courtesy of Maressa Rowland it was a very uplifting day. Our Healeys attracted a great deal of attention on and off the track.

RESULTS FOR AHOC COMPETITION CHAMPIONSHIP (points and 4 fastest laps)

1 Rod Vogt (Sprite)	945 points	1.37.79, 1.38.18, 1.38.21, 1.38.34
2 Peter Jackson (3000)	930 points	1.32.06, 1.32.17, 1.32.74, 1.32.76
3 John Mooney (100/6)	885 points	1.37.79, 1.37.98, 1.38.87, 1.38.94
4 Rob Raverty (3000)	865 points	1.59.49, 2.00.64, 2.00.71, 2.00.84
5 Leon O'Brien (100/4)	862 points	2.03.92, 2.04.28, 2.04.39, 2.05..30
6 Hugh Purse (100/4)	807 points	1.51.24, 1.51.79, 1.52.94, 1.53.17
7 Cary Helenius (3000)	795 points	2.02.61, 2.03.00, 2.04.13, 2.04.66
8 Colin Wallace (Sprite)	747 points	1.38.40, 1.39.88, 1.39.94, 1.40.93
9 Brian Aitken (Sprite)	0 points	2.03.00, 2.08.57, DNF, DNF

It is interesting that the first three point scoring positions were filled by the Sprint competitors where it gets quite busy and lap times are quick. (Colin also Sprinted and the rest were in Regularity) What does this mean? What IS the meaning of life? Probably that the more experienced drivers are able to drive more to their limits are therefore more consistently.

Hard luck stories for the day belong to Brian and Colin. BRIAN put an enormous amount of time in to preparing for his first event in the new Bug-eye, including subjecting Annette to the Sprite on the Tapas lunch run to Drouin, only to suffer bad over heating problems after only one lap on each of the first two Regularity sessions. He did not complete enough laps to get points. Despite many heads under the bonnet, the Sprite went home in disgrace. Worse, it will not duplicate the problem on the road AFTER the event! COLIN also suffered overheating problems, but his problems were self inflicted. Trying to break his previous best time of 1.32 last January he added an intercooler to the turbocharger and enlarged the fuel injectors to boot. Also fitted was a new motor with many new "good bits". With the large intercooler mounted forward of the radiator, the car ran too hot so rather than damage the motor Colin was forced to slow and eventually miss the last Sprint session. A new alloy high capacity radiator is already fitted! We wait with baited breath

HIGHLIGHTS

Definitely seeing and hearing Peter Jackson's new Group Sa Healey. What a machine. I initially thought that the large number of members spectating were there to watch me, so why did they spend so much time around Peter's car? It was equally exciting to see John Mooney back in his mean black car. A veteran of many Healey races before many of our current members joined our Club, John drove with his customary verve, even admitting to a spin at the end of the main straight. Many of our spectators were part of Team Mooney. It is always great for the less experienced drivers to have the "A_Team" along.

I was initially disappointed to be in the same Sprint group as Peter and John because I would not be able to watch them from the pits. But as we competed I was very conscious of John's menacing black car several hundred metres behind (we started that way), catching the Sprite down the Straights and making me commit to higher corner speeds than I may have otherwise attempted . You may notice that we achieved an identical fastest lap, to the 1/100th of a second. Hope to see you at more MSCA events John to continue the battle. Of course Peter was off and gone most of the time. But we did have a restart after an accident in the first session and he was BEHIND me then. Not for long of course. I had the pleasure of getting to the esses just in front of the big Healey and holding him out (blocking?) until just before the main straight. What a glorious sight and sound as he went past.

That accident in Session one involved the total write off of a Porsche 944 at the end of the main straight with the driver taken to hospital with what turned out to be not too serious injuries. A sobering incident. Peter Jackson was about to pass the Porsche under brakes when it speared across the track only metres in front of him and demolished itself against the Armco. Peter said it was as close a call as he has experienced.

We all had to deal with oil in turn one from that accident and also again when a Corvette blew it's motor at the end of the straight.

The Regularity boys just got on with the job, no fuss. As much as we might talk about the race Healeys, it is Rob, Leon, Cary, Hugh, Brian and Tim Westover, Bill Petschack and Bill Vaughan (not at Sandown) who deserve the plaudits for competing with such enthusiasm in their basically standard cars – ANY OF YOU CAN GET INVOLVED.

DAVID KELLY was Clerk of Course and did a great job under fairly difficult conditions, given the accident/oil problems and other breakdowns. We managed three sessions and 18-20 laps with a capacity entry of 120 competitors.

2 ORAN PARK HISTORIC MEETING 27/28th June

Brian Duffy competed here and had some exciting duels with NSW Healey drivers Laurie Sellers and Colin Goldsmith. Laurie was quickest Group Sa car and set a new lap record. Brian came second to Laurie in Race 1 and set HIS fastest lap on the last lap of the final race, chasing Colin Goldsmith to the line after being blocked at the start by a pair of Clubman drivers and having to work his way back. That lap would have been the lap record if Laurie had not been there. The handicap was an exciting affair with the three Healeys coming through from the back of the grid with Brian 4th, Colin 5th and Laurie 6th, than one second covering the three cars on the line.

POINTS FOR AHOC COMPETITION CHAMPIONSHIP

Brian Duffy 798 points 1.29.32, 1.30.74, 1.31.29, 1.31.34

A CLOSING THOUGHT *You can't turn back the clock, but you CAN keep winding it up.*

CHEERS ROD VOGT