

## COMPETITION REPORT APRIL 2021 and MSCA NEWS

### 2021 COMPETITION CALENDAR

Events listed below count toward the Competition Championships unless marked #

LICENCES - MSCA and other Sprints, Relay and Regularity events require a basic CAMS level 2S licence only. The L2S licence can be done online at [www.cams.co.au](http://www.cams.co.au) with no driving test and only requiring a declaration of good health (in some specific areas.) Racing requires a minimum Provisional Clubman Circuit (PCC) licence. Go to the CAMS website for details.

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@healeyyic.com.au](mailto:competition-MSCA@healeyyic.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)

### MARQUE SPORTS CAR ASSOCIATION CALENDAR

#### NO SPECTATORS UNDER COVID RULES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

APRIL 10th	Rd 4	MSCA Sandown
MAY 16th	Rd 5	MSCA Winton
JUNE 13th	Rd 6	MSCA "THE BEND" at Tailem Bend.
JULY 11th	Rd 7	MSCA Sandown
AUGUST 15th	Rd 8	MSCA Winton - inc TSOA Challenge
SEPTEMBER 12th	Rd 9	MSCA Phillip Island
OCTOBER 2nd	Rd 10	MSCA Sandown
DECEMBER 4th	##	MSCA Come and Try Day at Phillip Island

### FULL COMPETITION CALENDAR - main events for points unless marked ##

Remember that ANY officially timed circuit event will give you points toward the Competition and Associate Championships. If you attend a meeting that is not on this list, and lap times are available, please let me know. Our priority for Sprint events is MSCA (Marque Sports Car Association)

#### APRIL

Wednesday 7th	All Historic Track Day at Winton. *****
Saturday 10th	Rd 4 MSCA Sandown
Sunday 11th April	Porsche Club 6 Hour Relay at Sandown
Wednesday 14th	Golden Era Auto Racing (GEAR), Wakefield Park. Goulburn.
17/18th	All Historic Races, Mallala, STH Australia
Sunday 18th	Alfa Club Sprint, Winton
19-24th	##Targa Tasmania tarmac rally
MAY	
Sunday 2nd	##VHRR Rob Roy Hillclimb
Saturday 8th	Alfa Club Sprint, Sandown
8/9th	HRCC Autumn Historic races, Morgan Park, Warwick. QLD
15/16th	Rd 3 Vic State Circuit Racing Championship, Phillip Island
Sunday 16th	Rd 5 MSCA Winton
22/23rd	44th Historic Winton short course ( Austin 7 Club) to be confirmed
Sunday 23rd	##Rd 2 MGCC Interclub Rob Roy Hillclimb

\*\*\*\*\* The All Historic Track Day at Winton on April 7th is an attempt to gauge interest in Victoria in events run under the banner of "Golden Era Auto Racing" which is very popular at Wakefield Park, Goulburn and in Queensland. There is a group of historic racing enthusiasts from southern states who would like to see GEAR type meetings run regularly in Victoria. This day at Winton will be run using the GEAR format.

Entry is direct to Winton Raceway [www.wintonraceway.com.au](http://www.wintonraceway.com.au) with an entry fee of \$180 including timing and garage. A number of experienced NSW GEAR competitors will be coming down to help out and show how a GEAR event is run.

Thank you to ex Healey member Ross McConnell for alerting us to this. Ross will be running his recently completed Bolwell Mk 4. I will have contacted Team Healey members well before you read this to see if any are interested.

## COMPETITION REPORTS

As I reported last month, our first MSCA 2021 meeting at Sandown was cancelled at the very last minute with our February date falling inside the sudden five day lockdown!

The luckiest (perhaps psychic?) Team Healey member has been **LAURA ROGERS** who managed her THIRD event for 2021 by running at the TAMPERED MOTORSPORT event at SANDOWN on Sunday March 7th. How does she do it? Laura did one with Tampered in January and also competed so successfully in Targa High Country as reported in the March magazine. At Sandown Laura again ran her Lotus Elise Cup 250, not the Big Healey which must have been tired from running around the High Country. Or perhaps it needed a little TLC from Gavin after that event? Laura posted the 39th best time in the 92 car field with a new PB of 1.29.73 from her 27 laps, improving on her 1.29.90 set just a few weeks earlier. In a fine day for the ladies the fastest time was set by Susan Easelmont in a Radical SR3 open wheeler at a very fast 1.17.47. Second fastest was Sally-Anne Hains in her Porsche 997 Turbo at 1.17.69!

Now park the Lotus for a while and bring your Healey to the track Laura!

## VHRR PHILLIP ISLAND HISTORIC RACES March 6th/7th

The Victorian Historic Racing Register must have breathed an enormous sigh of relief to get this event completed. Competitor numbers were down of course but the weather was great and the racing excellent I heard. AND just two days before the optional Friday practice they were permitted some spectators! just one thousand per day at an entry price of \$25. On-line tickets were sold out immediately despite restrictions on movement and confusion on whether you could visit the pits.

AHOC member drivers were well down. In **Group S Production Sports Car** races - no Peter Jackson, Don McKay or Damian Moloney racing Healey's. Steve Pike has sold his blue 3000. No Colin Goldsmith or Chris Komor down from NSW either although Chris was listed as an entrant. Peter Kaiser and I did not enter either in the Sprite and MGB respectively. A cost of \$1050 for two days racing and practice only on the Friday (garage included) and the uncertainty of the viability of the event way back in November when entries opened weighed heavily I guess. The initial entry of over 60 cars in Group S dropped to just 45 cars by event start. And they decided late to run two classes for under and over 2 litres (TR6's ran in this group as would have the Healey's I suspect) which would have been nice to get away from the Corvettes, Shelby's and Porsches.

The only Healey you missed watching was **Shane O'Brien** in his rapid 100/4 in **REGULARITY**. Shane did manage a new fastest lap for his Healey but a couple of mechanical issues resulted in two DNF's in the three timed event. (An engine miss most of the weekend and a thrown fan belt Shane reported) Four of six laps in practice, one lap only in the first timed event on Saturday afternoon and two laps on the third event on Sunday, BUT a fifth placing of 41 cars in Event 2 on Sunday morning with all 6 laps completed was some consolation. His new PB of 1.58.48 improved on his 1.58.66 set last year at this event and he will be delighted to have jumped past Steve Pike on the Healey list (Steve's best in the now sold blue 3000 is 1.58.59

Member Stewart Webster competed again in his Porsche 356 with more luck. An old hand at Regularity at P.I. Stewart managed 6th in Event 1 and 5th in Event 3. He started the weekend nominating a conservative 2.19 as his target time which he nailed on Saturday afternoon Event One. On Sunday

morning he obviously had a LOT of fun and ran alps in the range 2.06 to 2.12 despite the target time still being 2.19.-dead last on the score sheet. Nominating a new time of 2.08 for the final run he did 2.07 - 2.10, got his adrenaline rush AND 5th place.

Hamish MacLennan came down from Benalla in the MGB but managed only four laps in Saturday morning practice and his weekend was done.

**PETER WILLIAMS** must have enjoyed his weekend in Group M and O Sports and Racing in his Brabham BT21A, running consistent low 1.50's and scoring good results. His best lap of 1.51.17 was just shy of his best ever at 1.51.12 and ALL his laps were quick. Peter's third and final race was sensational with a standing lap of 2.01 followed by consecutive flying lap times of 1.51.79, 1.51.37, 1.51.37, 1.51.12 and 1.53.36 - what happened on the last lap Peter? Getting tired I wondered! Then I rang Peter and he explained that he was held up on his last lap by another car he had caught, spoiling his run of 1.51's. Peter also mentioned that he has been working on suspension set-up, particularly shock absorber settings, and the Brabham feels more settled and able to be pushed harder.

Finally we had **PHILLIP AITKEN** driving the Coad family Vauxhall Special in Group J,K & L Sports and Racing. He qualified 7th of 37 in the large field which covered many classes and capacities. He improved from 5th in class to 3rd in class by Sunday afternoon and his fastest lap for the weekend was his last lap - 2.01.63 although his best time to beat is a 1.58.86 set last year. Also in this Group were ex AHOC member Geoff McInnes in his 1948 Riley Special and Western Australian Austin Healey owner Charlie Mitchell in his TS Special Mono Posto. Bravery and success on two counts for Charlie - driving the 4.8 litre racing car from a bygone era AND chancing his luck with unexpected border closures.

POINTS TOWARD AHOC COMPETITION CHAMPIONSHIP for Healey's and 4 fastest laps

Shane O'Brien 100/4	783 pts	#1.58.48, 1.59.54, 1.59.96, 2.00.65
#new PB		

POINTS TOWARD ASSOCIATE CHAMPIONSHIP for other marques and 4 fastest laps

Peter Williams (Brabham)	923 pts	1.51.12, 1.51.37, 1.51.37, 1.51.79
Phillip Aitken (Vauxhall Special)	892	2.01.28, 2.02.27, 2.02.34, 2.02.36
Stewart Webster (Porsche 356)	799	2.06.38, 2.07.28, 2.07.81, 2.08.39

## MSCA NEWS

### FLAGGIES NEEDED PLEASE

As reported a few months ago, with a page of details in the magazine, the MSCA is organising our own flag marshall team from volunteers from our member clubs. It has become really difficult to secure flaggies from our usual sources and our own Team would be more under the control of our officials. If we could get just TWO volunteers from each of the 14 MSCA Clubs we would solve our problem.

Generally we need about 8 or 9 for each meeting. A pool of 20 or so would cover last minute problems and give a rotation for those who did not want to feel unduly committed to too many events. At present we have fourteen trained up and NONE from our Club. Of those, two are drivers who will return to competition when their cars are finished. Training involves a couple of simple on-line courses and supervised training until you are comfortable. You end up with a Motorsport Australia Officials accreditation. Lunch etc is provided, a reasonable payment is made and even a gift voucher or two. It is a chance to see track action up close, exciting if you are interested in motorsport but not able to actually compete. Perhaps you have a younger family member who might be interested?

**There should be more information elsewhere in the magazine.**

### A CLOSING THOUGHT

People who say "Go big or go home" seriously underestimate my willingness to go home!

Cheers  
ROD VOGT