

## COMPETITION REPORT JULY 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@healeyvic.com.au](mailto:competition-MSCA@healeyvic.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

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

#### NEW DATE FOR MSCA COME and TRY DAY - NOW 20th NOVEMBER, at PHILLIP ISLAND

To honour our commitment to supporting youth and women to enter grassroots motorsport, the Marque Sports Car association is offering a discounted entry fee for \$195 for this group. Our plan is to run a specific junior and women's group. For MSCA affiliated entrants, the entry fee is also discounted to \$245. For all other entrants, the cost is \$295. MSCA was fortunate to secure a government grant for this event and this has enabled this arrangement. In keeping with the spirit of this program, those entrants who have entered multiple times and those with previous track experience will not be accepted. **Entries are now open** and numbers are coming in which is terrific to see. We are also asking our instructors to register for the event.

### 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)

JULY  
Saturday 3rd Alfa Club Sprints, Phillip Island  
3/4th HRCC Historic Qld. Morgan Park. Qld.  
Sunday 11th Rd 7 MSCA Sandown  
Sunday 18th Alfa Club Sprints, Broadford  
23/24th Rd 4 Vic State Circuit Racing Series, Sandown  
AUGUST  
July 31/Aug 1st PIARC 6 Hour Relay at Phillip Island  
7/8th VHRR Winton Historics  
Sunday 15th Rd 8 MSCA Winton - inc TSOA Challenge  
Sunday 15th ##VSSC Historic Hillclimb, Rob Roy  
28/29th HSRCA Spring Festival Historics, Wakefield Park

### COMPETITION REPORTS

**MSCA at THE BEND, South Australia in June was CANCELLED** for the second time due to the May/June lockdown in Victoria. Oh so close for our first run at the spectacular Tailem Bend track! The

Bend management have already given us the same weekend in 2023 for hopefully "THIRD TIME LUCKY." Entrants have been asked to roll over their entry and accomodation if possible to save our MSCA treasurer the enormous workload of refunding entry fees, but refunds are available if desired. Optimistically I remain entered and hotel room secured.

### **MARQUE SPORTS CAR ASSOCIATION SPRINT incorporating Round One of the Victorian Supersprint Championship, WINTON . May 16th 2021**

Unfortunately the Bugeye Sprite and I were the only AHOC competitors at Winton. My potentially lonely day brightened when Russell Baker arrived at 8am prior to gate closure under Covid protocols. So I had a pit crew AND Russell kindly relieved me in the administration area so I could prepare the Sprite for my first run. Thank you Russell. A QR code was now needed at the gate and hopefully going forward this will enable spectators to attend again. However I write this as we are just coming out of another lockdown and rules for motorsport MAY regress again. We will know in time for the next MSCA round at Sandown on July 11th.

The day went very well with the usual MSCA efficiency. There was one accident when a Triumph GT6 hit the wall on the old main straight, causing a lot of damage to the Triumph on its first outing after a 10 year rebuild. Very sad. Otherwise there were few recoveries and drivers achieved plenty of laps. I did thirty one.

The weather was fine but very cold. The track and tyres did not really warm up for confident "personal Best" lap times. The usual on-line Natsoft race results were offline so occasional paper print outs were posted instead - like the old days! I didn't bother chasing those times up but Russ was hand timing me at 1.46's and 1.47's which was well off my absolute best of 1.42's. This was our first event at Winton since the 12 Hour Relay in October 2019 and I did feel quite rusty so decided to settle on a conservative pace and practice for the 2021 Relay. Braking a little earlier, changing up at six and a half instead of seven. Concentrating on consistency. On checking official times at home I was pleased to see many 1.46's and feel confident to nominate my usual target time of 1.45 for this October.

One odd/amusing thing was that the skid pan was being used by a Drifting Group while we competed on the circuit. The skid pan is located to the left hand side of the sweeper we call turn 5. The sweeper is very fast and long and there is always a worry of sliding off to the infield. The last thing we needed was the sound of screeching tyres making you think that it was YOU about to come to grief!

This was also the first round of the Victorian Supersprint Championship which only attracted 35 entries. Eleven of those were MSCA regulars, including myself, with an additional entry fee of only \$15 in addition to our \$245 MSCA fee. With 35 entries spread over 19 classes it was disappointing to see 11 classes with only one entry. I had a hollow victory in my Class of one! There are two more rounds - at Sandown and Phillip Island - and I don't think I will bother.

POINTS TOWARD AHOC COMPETITION CHAMPIONSHIP for Healeys and 4 fastest laps  
Rod Vogt (Sprite) 929 pts 1.45.70, 1.46.16, 1.46.33, 1.46.41

### **44th HISTORIC WINTON (short course) organised by the Austin 7 Club, May 22/23rd 2021**

Our four AHOC competitors reported an enjoyable weekend with fine weather, great organisation, close racing and great atmosphere with a large crowd of spectators. This is a unique Historic Race event being on the original "Short" Winton course with the focus on our older historic sports and racing cars plus a shared schedule with historic motorcycles.

GROUP S PRODUCTION SPORTS CARS included Peter Jackson (Healey 3000) and Peter Kaiser (Sprite). The small field of 23 starters did cover a wide selection of sports cars - as well as our Big and Small Healeys, spectators enjoyed Porsche 911 and 928, Corvette, Datsun 2000, various model Alfa Romeos, a Lotus Super Seven, a very quick Triumph Spitfire and a GT6, Lotus Elan, Sunbeam Alpine, and just one MGB (not mine!). On the short circuit there is little or no chance of overtaking unless a risky move is made. Each race started and finished in much the same order with very little separately the conga

line of cars, up to midfield anyway. Peter Jackson qualified 12th and Peter Kaiser 11th. PJ got past PK in Race one for an 11th place finish while PK fell back to 14th but only 2 seconds behind the Big Healey in that group of four cars covering those two seconds.

The Sunday morning race did bring some unwanted change for Peter Jackson with a broken accelerator cable stopping the 3000 on the first lap. Peter Kaiser finished 13th after just failing to hold off the Corvette recovering from a first lap "off". Peter Jackson's DNF in the morning race actually resulted in the most fun for PJ for the weekend because he started Race 3 in last position and used the power of the Big Healey, and his competitive skills, to come through from last to 12th, passing many cars on the very tight track. Peter Kaiser had the Big Healey right on his rear bumper at the flag, both thwarted by the powerful Porsche 928 in front. Both Peter's said that any passing move was not worth the risk of an accident.

REGULARITY on the Short Track had a different problem for Shane O'Brien in the Healey 100/4. Not being a "race" the organisers order a fastest lap of just 1.20 seconds to ensure older cars and less experienced drivers showcasing their pride and joy were safe. Shane's new highly modified 100/4 would probably be capable of matching Peter Jackson and Peter Kaiser doing high 1.11's / low 1.12's so he borrowed Hugh Purse's 100/4 and ran on radial tyres, not race radials. Shane nominated 1.20, the fastest he was allowed to go, and nailed close to his target time consistently for 4th, 5th and 12th places in the 26 car field while having fun driving on the limit.

#### GROUP Lb SPORTS AND RACING.

Phillip Aitken had a mixed day in George Coad's Vauxhall Special. Group L cars (1940 to 1960) love this event but the front runners are very fast and have similar lap times making it difficult to pass as in Group S races. Phil qualified an excellent 3rd of 32 cars but an excellent start in race one to be second at turn one turned out to be "too excellent" with a visit to the dirt and a frustrating wait watching most of the field go past! He recovered to finish 14th outright and 8th of 12 in Class. Race Two was a Handicap named in honour of George Coad who built this car and it is still in the family. (Joanne Coad drives the Vauxhall Special in Regularity while Phill races it for the family. ) With fastest cars to the back, Phil started on the back row. Cars are flagged off at intervals. By the time Phil started, the first cars were nearly upon him - a full lap start in only a 5 lap race! Phil is only too aware of his responsibility in such an important "one-off" car and took no risks in the handicap, making up some places but safely.

Race Three, with a progressive grid, put Phil back behind many fast cars at the start, paying the price for his first lap mistake in Race One. He had fun improving to 7th outright and setting fastest lap time in his class.

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

Peter Kaiser (Sprite)	966 pts	1.11.59, 1.11.77, 1.11.83, 1.11.93
Peter Jackson (3000)	957	#1.12.32, 1.12.48, 1.12.53, 1.12.75
Shane O'Brien (100/4)	923	1.18.40, 1.19.14, 1.19.15, 1.19.17

#### POINTS TOWARD ASSOCIATE CHAMPIONSHIP for other Marques and 4 fastest laps

Phillip Aitken (Coad Vauxhall)	919 pts	#1.12.88, 1.13.25, 1.13.53, 1.13.69
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# denotes new fastest lap

A CLOSING THOUGHT from Joey Dunlop Isle of Man T.T. motorcycle legend  
"There is a grey blur and a green blur. I try to stay on the grey blur"

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