

## COMPETITION REPORT MAY 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

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)

#### 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

#### JUNE

12/13th	HSRCA Sydney Classic Historic races, Sydney
Sunday 13th	Rd 6 MSCA "THE BEND" at Tailem Bend.
Sunday 20th	Alfa Club Sprint, Winton
26/27th	PIARC Sprint, Phillip Island

#### 44th HISTORIC WINTON (Short Course) May 22/23rd

[Spectators will now be able to attend Historic Winton on 22nd and 23rd May 2021 at Winton Motor Raceway.](#)

Ticket sales will open on Sunday 11 April at 10am from [www.ticketebo.com.au/historicwinton](http://www.ticketebo.com.au/historicwinton).

Organiser and President of the Austin 7 Club, Len Kerwood said that a Tier 2 Covid permit, so now spectators could attend the scaled back event.

"Tickets will only be available online and not at the gate to meet COVID contact tracing requirements," Len Kerwood said. "The event is a race-only event as we have not been able to curate vehicle displays however spectators including clubs are welcome to arrive in their historic vehicles. We will attempt to direct historic cars, bikes and other vehicles to a dedicated historic vehicle car park."

He said that the adult price was reduced to account for less attractions at this year's meet. Tickets will be \$30 per day for adults plus a small booking fee. Entry for children 17 and under are free and must be registered online through Ticketabo in advance.

Len said that car, bike and sidecar competitors were all very keen to return to Historic Winton after the hiatus in 2020 due to COVID lockdowns.

"Historic Winton is affectionately regarded by competitors and spectators alike, so we hope as many as possible support this iconic outdoor event in an unusual year," Len said.

"Of course, should COVID requirements become more restrictive or a lockdown occurs, tickets will be refunded, but the Historic Winton organising committee of the Austin 7 Club is hoping for the best and look forward to seeing a keen crowd at the 44th Historic Winton".

More information can be found at <https://www.historicwinton.org/the-event/news-media-releases> or on the Historic Winton Facebook page.

## COMPETITION REPORTS

### MSCA Round 3 PHILLIP ISLAND 21st MARCH 2021

Ah, how good to again experience the smells of club motorsport - fuel, tortured tyres, hot brakes, strained clutches and the sweaty armpits of nervous competitors. This was effectively Round One for Team Healey as we did not do the Rob Roy Hillclimb in January and the second official round at Sandown in February was cancelled during our short five day Statewide lockdown. Heavy rain affected Melbourne and much of Victoria but kept missing Phillip Island until light rain around 3.30pm had us wondering if three runs was enough. The 'older' members decided to quit while dry and in one piece. Aksel Salins braved the damp track for a fourth run with the lack of fear that goes with being just twenty years old.

#### REGULARITY

An interesting and fast group with a variety of cars - AMG GTR Mercedes; HSV GTR; a sub 2.00 minute TR6; Subaru WRX's; a Chef V8 Jag XJ6 and fast Jag XJS; a couple of MGB's; Nissan Skyline; Alfa Guila; BMW and Fiat Abarth. Also running were Sprite Club members Peter Clarke (returning in another MX5 after writing off his previous car at Sandown and immediately posting a 2.04), Tony Hannan and Owen Crombie in their Sprites. Times from 1.52 for the AMG GTR to a beautiful VW Beetle that struggled to break 2.50!

**Russell Baker** decided to dust off the fuel injected 3000 to get some much needed practice before the "re-born" Sebring finally makes it's long awaited return. His last track time was the 2019 Winton 12 Hour Relay in the Healey 3000 which has been de-tuned a bit and is now a "fast road Healey" - a 2.05 is very fast but off it's best 1.58.99 back in 2017 when it was Russell's main weapon. But sight and sound down the main straight was fantastic. (The sneak photo in the April magazine is the totally rebuilt Sebring with spoilers, diffusers, carbon fibre etc, etc and enormous horsepower, sequential box plus much more cutting edge technology courtesy of Simon and Mike at Powerplay.)

**Tony Rogers** had the Porsche Cayman S flying, with a best time of 1.58.26 to show he was trying. He assured us in the morning he was going to take it easy BUT regularity had some interesting fast cars that the could not resist chasing and at times catching. Rob Splatt had the Mercedes AMG GTR down again and did times between 1.52 and 2.00 being careful when in traffic. Alister Ondarchie was in a friend's HSV GTR doing 1.57 to 2.05 - once again being careful when catching slower cars. Where do you find such a friend? Tony chased these two hard and the three fast cars made a great show running together. The highlight, for me, was **Askel Salins** in the gold Mazda MX5. Aksel is just twenty years old. First time ever at Phillip Island. (Once only at Sandown for a 1.40 in February 2020. A few Friday Test and

Tune days at Winton only.) First flying lap in practice was a 2.24, seventh and final lap in practice was 2.05 .70! Full of confidence, Aksel nominated 2.03 as his target lap time for the day. Inconsistent in session one but then in session two he did tight 2.05 to 2.07 laps. It was starting to rain for session three but Aksel was keen to run and only dropped to 2.16's and a 2.20 showing great skill in slippery conditions. It was light rain and it was uncertain as to how slippery it was going to be. Undaunted, Aksel was second fastest of the 17 drivers game enough to have a go. The MX5 is a well sorted car that was purchased from a Sprite Club member but not a full race car. Just very well driven by a talented driver. Anyone want to sponsor Aksel in a quick Healey?

### **SPRINTS**

**Andis Salins** was double entered in the Maxda MX5 and ran in a Sprint group. He drove consistently around 2.14 to 2.16 but admitted the new car took some getting used to on his first drive. Aksel had done much more in the car - well that is the reason Andis was giving for lowering his colours to Aksel!

**Peter Kaiser and I** ran together in a very fast group of Lotus and Clubman cars. No dramas, just a lot of fun. I thought the Sprite had the measure of Peter's Mini Cooper S JCW by just keeping ahead, on track, in Run One. A couple of low 2.01's and a final lap of 2.00.13 for the Sprite was OK for me with a fastest last lap of 2.00.48 for PK. Did I really think that would last! I could not better that time while Peter nailed plenty of 1.58's in the next two sessions. The track was a bit "slippy" at first and there was a strong wind blowing. This wind had a lot of "East" in it which is an unusual direction at P.I. and made the Sprite move around a lot in places where it is normally stable. Certainly I had sore arms, neck and shoulders for a couple of days after the event from hanging on. The quickest Elise and Exige Loti (what IS the plural of Lotus?) running with us managed low 1.50's. Fastest of all in our group was the Peter Nowlan NRC Bullet Clubman with a best of 1.39!!! He passed me on the main straight so fast that I checked to make sure I was in fourth gear. Peter was particularly pleased with the Mini because he doesn't use it much at P.I. and the last couple of times it has suffered mechanical issues.

Steady light rain started falling about 40 minutes before our scheduled last run. The weather radar on the phone suggested it would persist so we both put the cars on the trailers. Of course it cleared and the track was dry for our run! Our officials in the Tower started combining the last three groups as many had made the same call, and these drivers kept going around until they literally got tired or ran low on fuel. Never mind, I had probably had enough after more than 3 months off the track.

This was again a very well event and thanks again to Paul McPherson and Bill Metcalf who are MSCA's senior scrutineers and to David Kelly acting as Assistant Clerk of Course in the tower.

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

Rod Vogt (Sprite)	834 pts	2.00.13, 2.00.83, 2.01.65, 2.01.79
Russell Baker (3000)	714	2.05.53, 2.05.61, 2.06.25, 2.08.39

### **POINTS TOWARD ASSOCIATE CHAMPIONSHIP for non-Healey and 4 fastest laps**

Peter Kaiser (Mini Cooper S JCW)	971 pts	1.58.52, 1.58.72, 1.58.74, 1.58.81
Aksel Salins (MX5)	873	2.05.03, 2.05.19, 2.05.70, 2.06.30
Andis Salins (MX5)	841	2.14.06, 2.15.43, 2.15.56, 2.15.65
Tony Rogers (Porsche Cayman S)	815	1.58.26, 1.58.86, 1.59.97, 2.00.11

**A CLOSING THOUGHT**      Some days you are the top dog, some days you are the hydrant.

**CHEERS**

**ROD VOGT**