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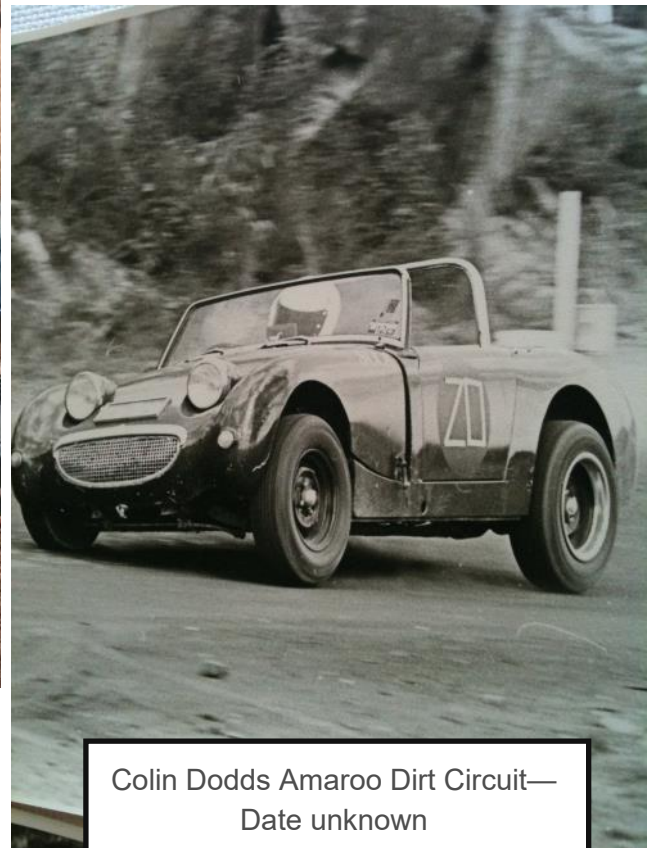
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Memory Lane

Thanks John Pamment for sharing this photo from the 1982 SCCA Concours. Yes, that's Ian Gibbs judging the underbody of Jan Pamment's Bugeye...and yes, that's me scribing wearing a Sprite hat! Cheers, Wendy



Colin Dodds Amaroo Dirt Circuit—
Date unknown

Welcome New Members

Only one new member application this month. Welcome!

Ken Lam of Neutral Bay who has a Morris Mini.



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President's Report

We are now well and truly on our way to the silly season with Christmas only 7 or 8 weeks away.

We have a few runs left before we attend the AGM and we will all be looking forward to a well earned break.

It is at this time that I remind you of some of the good things that we have done throughout the year and more importantly the good work that some of our committee members have done throughout 2017.

Wendy will hang up her boots as editor after two years at the helm as our number one news correspondent. It is perhaps the hardest job that we have on the committee.

Wendy has been a long time member on the Sprite Car Club committee and I would like to thank her for this latest stint as editor.

Rod will also have a break to concentrate on other interests that he has had a devotion for over the years. The Scouts have had some down time with Rod and he would like to get back in and give them a hand as well.

I first found out that Rod was a Scout leader few years ago at Newnes. (Another story).

Rod has organised some cracking social runs over the years. You cannot pick how many will turn out at any of them and some have had many and a few have had only two families attend.

The work that the social events take a to organise is not to be under estimated and I would like to thank Rod for his help.

So this is an excellent opportunity for the committee to have some new faces and new ideas brought into the club.

New, young fresh people with current ideas would be great for the club as we roll into the 60th year of the Austin Healey Sprite.

Yes, that's right it is 60 years since the bugeye was incarnated by Donald Healey.

We will celebrate it in Parramatta Park with all marques that Donald had a hand in but it is time you had a say in what we should do.

What would you like out of such a celebration?

Ten years ago we had a sit down dinner at the Nepean Rowing Club with a guest speaker and a commemorative pin to remember the day that was only

available to those that attended.

This is your chance to let us know so send any ideas to secretary@spriteclub.com by 30th December 2017.

2018 also sees the Mexicans host the Sprite and Midget Nationals, being held around the ANZAC day weekend it will be a treat to attend. For those that have never attended before an think they might like to come but are unsure " JUST DO IT", you will have a ball.

It is a weekend that will see you eat drink and enjoy yourself way to much. People from Melbourne (Mexico), South Australia and Queensland attend as well as from the Apple Island. They are there for the fun, the country side and some competitive sports along the way.

Six years ago the even had John Sprinzel do a video hook up with us as part of our celebrations.

If you have never attended one before you will feel like one of the family before the end of 4 days.

Finally, if you feel that you know someone in the club that could be nominated for life membership send a note to the committee with a detailed description of the service that they have done for the club and its members. Send nominations to the committee by the 31st October for consideration.

Leah and I have been pretty busy with work around the house and have done some improvements to out buildings and are about to tackle the chook shed and garden shed which are not in good shape at all. The two shall become one in the coming weeks and will allow the neighbours a better view from their back yard.

The grandkids are doing well and at this stage we have planned.

That's it from me.



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Dyno Day at Brett's Automotive

Thankyou, to the SCCA and it's members for a good turnout, I hope all the turned up had an enjoyable day. The day started out with a Dyno demonstration on my 4AGE power clubman. The demonstration involved changing the length of the intake system and the affect it has on the torque curve of the engine. (dyno sheets)

Next we moved on to Greg Holden's Midget Ute, we started out by going through the process of the basics of tuning the engine. A compression test was performed before adjusting the valve clearances, at this point we also checked and corrected the TDC mark. The distributor was removed, and the advance curve was inspected and lubricated, the points and condenser were replaced and the points air gap was adjusted. Ignition leads were inspected and tested for continuity. Next was the twin SUs, they were dismantled and inspected, float levels were checked and fuel bowls cleaned, needle pistons and housings were cleaned, and needle heights checked.

At this point it was noted that the main jet seats were adjusted down a long way (rich) before being reset. SUs were reassembled and damper fluid added before finally checking the petrol flow rate and pressure. The car fired up and ran smoothly after a bit of a fiddle with the mixtures, the ignition timing was checked and adjusted. Then using a Uni-Syn carburettor balancer, the SUs were adjusted and balanced at idle and part throttle.

After a general check over of the car and

drivetrain the car was driven on to the dyno. We did not get far with the dyno testing on the day. The car put off a lot of R.F interference that played havoc with the dyno sensors and control unit, I later tracked this down to some bad electrical connections including the alternator power connector and earths. It also had some very lean mid range fuel mixtures, and the limited selection of needle we had on the day didn't supply enough fuel.

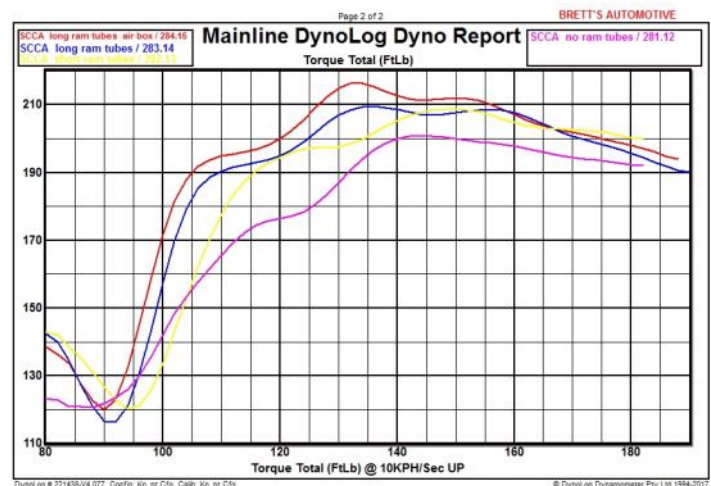
This is where the day ended, I hope that all that came learnt something, or were at least entertained for a few hours. Later in the week and after a better inspection of the main jets, it was found that the supply lines were very restricted (pull back the protective springs. Picture) Although not restricted enough to cause our lean mixtures, they were replaced with new items. A selection of different size needles were sourced and tested, before settling on a LS1 size needle. Some testing of the ignition was preformed and the ignition timing optimised. During this latter testing we had a range of intermittent and time consuming faults, including the fuel pump, a bad earth between the points base plate and distributor housing as well as the before mentioned poor alternator power connector. But in the end we got it all sorted, and runs well with a whooping 45HP @ 4622rpm.

Brett,

Bretts Automotive



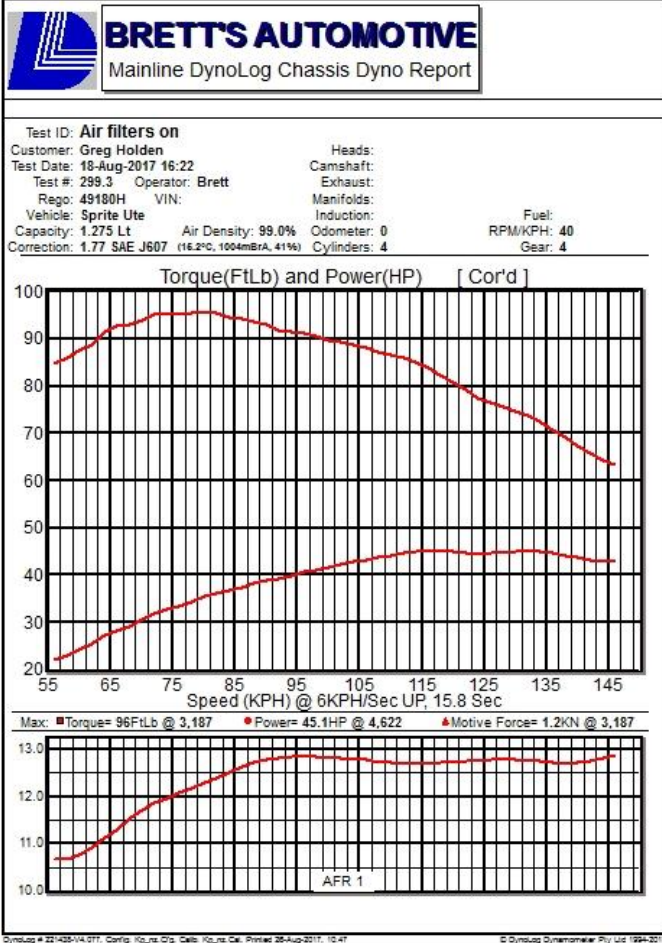
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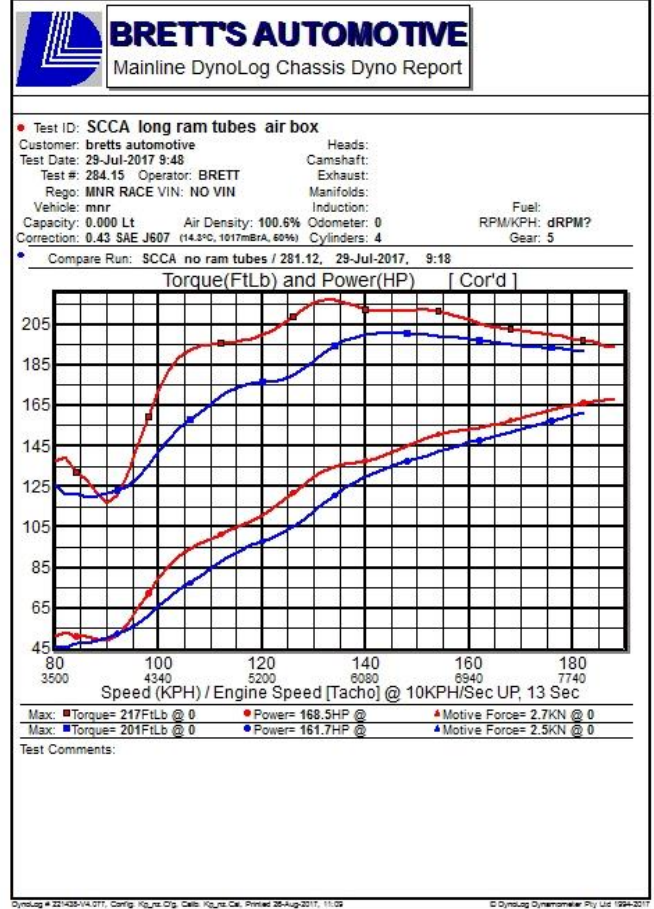
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Interesting Links

Sprite Car Club of Australia Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1343021499057918/>

This notice was received this morning from the RMS:

Please note the Log Book trial has been extended for another 2 years from 1 October 2017.

Website updated as per following link - <http://www.rms.nsw.gov.au/roads/registration/get-nsw-registration/classic-vehicles/log-book-trial.html>

The October 2017 edition of Retroautos is now online. Here's the [LINK](#)

Keep up to date with Sprite Car Club News on our web page:

<http://spriteclub.com/>

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Continuations re Brett's Auto Tuning – Technical Inspection Day

By Kerry Smith

Held at Brett's super clean workshop at Sefton on 29 July 2017 and was attended by some 2 dozen interested club members including James Elphick (driver of the beaut Gazelle Ford 10 OIV at historic meetings throughout the eastern states) and Joe Armour (owner of the red/white 1960s works Le Mans Sprite coupe). Thanks must go to the enthusiastic Paul Barbara for organising this event for the club and to our president for offering the yellow 1275cc ute, "Arthur", as a guinea pig for the second dyno run.

The first exhibition was of Brett's MNR English built 'Vortex' clubman in Gulf racing colours and a consistent (make that very quick) performer in our super sprints. It has a fuel injected 20 valve Toyota Corolla engine which Brett said was getting a bit tired and is waiting for an S2000 Honda engine with 6 speed sequential gear box as a logical (?) replacement for forthcoming competition events.

Anyway, the chassis dyno and Vortex drive train performed beautifully for the maestro's car. Dyno sheets are attached to this report and effectively show the horsepower and torque differences under different intake arrangements. It started off with the airbox and the fuel injection ram tubes being removed; next, the engine ran with short ram tubes; next, they were replaced with the long ram tubes; and then it ran with the replaced airbox and contain-

ing the long ram tubes. For the record, the Toyota engine gave the impressive figures of 168 bhp at 8000 rpm and big mid- range torque of 217 ft.lb at 5800rpm.

Greg, the president, wrote an article published in the Sprite Torque of September 2017 that generally covered the work that Brett carried out prior to the dyno run. Unfortunately on the day for "Arthur" the dyno would not read horsepower or torque. Eventually Brett changed enough engine bits on the 1275cc Marina motor with 2 x

1 ½" SU carbs to record 45.1 bhp at 4,622 rpm and 96 ft.lb. of torque at 3,187 rpm. The air / fuel ratio came out at 12.9 in the rev range from a bit over 2000rpm all the way to maximum revs.

Brett produced a ¾ page report on the experiences with the engine of "Arthur" which is self- explanatory, very descriptive and useful for anyone starting out with a n unknown Sprite / Midget, whether you intend to have it chassis dynoed or not. The whole exercise was an eye opener to me and as such learned more about the mechanical vagaries of sports car and competition engines. Further to that, Brett impressed me with his demeanour in checking out all the variables that exist for our fun and trials.



Electronic Regulator in a Bugeye

By Ross Reichardt

A couple of months ago in Sprite Torque, a reader asked if anyone had ever replaced their voltage regulator with a solid state regulator. Well, I have so here is the story.

When I built my bugeye, I decided it had to have an alternator partly because I had one and I didn't have the original generator and partly because alternators are just all round better devices. That's why all modern cars have an alternator and not a generator.

The problem is, alternators are not original for bugeyes and that started to bother me. So, slowly I collected all the parts needed and after a few years had all the parts I needed to convert the car back to the original generator. That was a larger job than it sounds because the generator I bought needed a major overhaul. I also had to source the mechanical tacho and the reduction drive.

When it came to the regulator - actually, let's call it the "control box" because it does more than just regulate - I had three old and well used ones. I only had one control box that was correct for the bugeye - the one with screw terminals and as fate would have it, it wasn't working correctly. I tested it and it just didn't get the voltage up to where it should have been. So, what to do...

I did the usual internet searches, the results of which cast enough doubt on the quality of the available "made who knows where" aftermarket replacements to convince me I didn't want one of those. So I was left with repairing an original Lucas one or doing something different.

At this point I must say that I have no doubt the original ones can be repaired and probably will carry on working just fine but I had grown to like the idea of a modern electronic unit. To my mind, there are very good reasons why modern cars use electronics for these devices and have done for many years and that is simply because electronics beats mechanical in this case.

A few more searches and I found "Dynamo Regulators" (<http://dynamoregulators.com/>), a small company in the UK, specialising in replacement electronic regulators for original Lucas generators (or dynamos). Bingo! Just what I needed. I finally decided on a DVR3 model, negative earth (my car has been converted) and current limited to 16Amps. The unit was easy to order and duly turned up in the post a couple of weeks later, with instructions.

Mounting it was not hard. The instructions say that the units don't make a lot of heat but they still talk about a heat sink, so I made a simple heat sink out of some aluminium sheet and then cut the old internals out of my Lucas control box. I drilled two mounting screw holes and routed out a slot for the wires to pass down. Then I needed to solder the wires onto the back of the original screw terminals, assemble it all (double checking the connections) and it was job done.

It's always a bit worrying when you come to test electrical work in case something goes POOF! but when I connected the battery and started the car, it fired up like nothing had happened. As soon as the engine started, the ignition light went out and it was all fine. No problems at all.

Only yesterday I drove the car to the Hunter for brunch, a round trip of 250 km and the first real test of the generator conversion. Everything went really well. The ignition light didn't come on, we didn't run out of electricity and even the mechanical tacho worked beautifully! So, I'm very pleased to have done it and like looking under the bonnet to see the original generator there in place of the previous alternator. You don't even know that the control box is not quite 'right' because it looks exactly the same from the outside.

Electronic Regulator in a Bugeye

In his answer to that question in Sprite Torque, Colin asked: "What advantage would you expect to gain from a solid state regulator?" It's a good question and I can't satisfactorily answer it. Converting to an electronic control box is not cheaper and offers just two small benefits:

The control box will never need to be calibrated or adjusted. Actually, it's not possible to adjust it.

The ignition light does not come on when the engine is running – well not that I have noticed so far. I haven't run it on a rainy night in traffic, so possibly it would struggle then but so far when the engine is running the light is off. Even idling well under 1000 rpm, the

light stays off and from my distant memory of the original regulators, they couldn't claim that.

They are not large advantages and as I said, it was just an interesting exercise for me.

The obvious disadvantage is that if it fails, it can't be fixed and will need to be replaced.

So, it IS possible to run an original C39 generator, with the mechanical tacho and an electronic control box and so far, so good. Feel free to have a look or ask me about it if you would like to know more.

Ross Reichardt.



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A Thankless Task

By Avis Fowler

Many of you will have seen emails leading up to the Sprite Club's super sprint looking for volunteers.

We were lucky enough to have had number of club members and enthusiasts answer the call for help. Whilst many of you are not interested in motor sport, this event raises funds for our club which is why the All British Day, Christmas BBQ is provided free of charge.

The event organisation starts long before the event. David Baigent as our Competition Secretary arranges for the Supplementary Regulations to be approved by CAMS, this means we need to know who is our Clerk of Course, Stewards and Chief Scrutineer months in advance. Then David needs to co-ordinate all the entries for the event and group them into groups of similar times, rearrange this as competitors dropped out or enter late. Organise the officials we need for the day.

We need help with scrutineers (check basic safety of cars / drivers equipment), flag marshals, dummy grid officials (to co-ordinate competitors prior to going on track), timing of the cars, ambulance / fire crews in case of any accidents. For most officials, the most important helpers are the "Ladies Auxillary" who make up the lunches for them. This starts the day before.

Here is a basic run down of what happens behind the scenes.

Silly me puts her hand up to arrange the lunches. I head off to the shops to pick up enough to make 40+ lunch packs. I was lucky to have Donna and Harley Pringle offer to help me with all the Prep work. Sitting in my kitchen chopping, slicing, grating for hours. Packing the cake slices, fruit, nibbles to sustain our volunteers for the day. It was late evening by the time we finished.

Sunday morning saw me at the bakery picking up bread rolls at 5.30am, heading to the track where Donna and Harley were joined by Jacqui Millhouse making 80 bread rolls with all that salad etc.

David had arrived at 5.40am to make sure he had his car off the trailer and ready to go before putting his competition secretary hat on. Meanwhile, David and I are checking all the admin for competitors (100+) making sure they all have valid licences and club membership. (usually we have Janet King helping out)

At the same time, we have Ian Jensen in charge of scrutineering with his band of helpers. Dave Lawrence, Colin Dodds, Mike Basquil (CLA club) and any others with mechanical knowledge. (90+ cars)

Greg Holden with Rod Pringle are arranging for flags, lunches, drinks to be distributed around the circuit. It's all go, go, go trying to be ready for 9.00am drivers briefing.

Tom Devitt as chief flag marshal needs to brief the volunteer flaggies to ensure they have an understanding of their role. Competitors rely on flaggies to warn / signal them of unseen hazards ahead.

Meanwhile, Leah Holden has been too unwell to help, leaving David scratching around for a new Clerk of Course ASAP. We were lucky enough John Finch stepped in to help out. Another regular steward, Greg Ryan had to be substituted as he was still recovering from recent surgery.

After the paper work was completed, David had to round up the competitors for the drivers briefing. Be safe ladies and gents and enjoy yourselves!

The event is about to commence finally with cars heading on to the circuit and it's only 9.30am.

Out there in the fresh air and predicted 30c heat we had just enough flaggies led by Tom Devitt. Jacqui Millhouse after helping with the lunches spent the day on a flag point.

Thank you to Tom Devitt, Jacqui Millhouse, Ann Smith, Steve Dive, Rod Pringle, Graham Wells, Dave Lawrence, Blake Hotz, Andrew Herden, Lukas Kairaitis, Paul Unicomb, Ray Fahey, Rob Howes and Ric Forster who spent the day with no relief trackside.

The dummy grid was managed by Greg Prunster, Bruce Pearce and Ian Jensen who kept the competitors grouped together.

Thanks to John Finch who stepped in to help out. Barry Cockayne, Greg Holden with Fire chase and tilt trays.

Thanks to Barry Taylor who collects all the radios from Liverpool and hands them out to the officials.


As the title says, it's a thankless task to volunteer, but very rewarding. David Baigent put his hand up to co-ordinate the event on behalf of the club. Many thanks must go to him for a well organised event.

As a footnote. It was great to see the club has a new lady competitor in Tammie-Lee Hotz. She certainly knows how to pedal her MX5. I thought we were going to have to wait for Ellie Baigent or Elise to have a go.



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Coming Events

Date		Event
October 2017	Tuesday 17th	<p align="center">Twilight Run Harry's Café d Wheels—Penrith</p> <p align="center">Penrith Panthers, 123 Mulgoa Road Penrith, NSW 2750</p>  <p align="center">Contact Rod Pringle 044 8009223 or social@spriteclub.com</p>
	Sunday 15th	<p align="center">Triumph Sports Owners Super Sprint</p> <p align="center">Wakefield Park - Goulburn Contact David Baigent for details -captain@spriteclub.com Phone Mobile - 0407137776</p>
	Sunday 29th	<p align="center">Lunch @ Graham & Catherine Dickie's</p> <p align="center">Meet @ McDonalds Narellan, at 10.00am for 10.30am departure. We will be going on a short run around the area with Graham leading, then back to Graham & Cath's place for Pizza, great conversations and a good day. It will cost \$10.00 each with extra money after cost going to charity. We would like to know numbers coming for catering. Contact Rod Pringle 044 8009223 or social@spriteclub.com</p>
November 2017	Fri 10th	<p align="center">Drive to Audley via National Park</p> <p align="center">Meet at 9.30am - Ruby's Beach Café at Bulli for Coffee/chat – depart 10.15am. Bring a picnic lunch and chairs or get takeaway lunch from café Contact: Keith Smith on 4285 2056 or mobile 0404 631 200 if you wish to attend.</p>
	Sunday 12th	<p align="center">Drive to Warragamba Dam</p> <p>Visit The Dam. Look out at Warragamba Dam and see the past and future of Sydney's water supply. Marvel at this engineering masterpiece as it nestles quietly in native bushland. Delve into the history of the dam builders who laboured to create one of the world's largest domestic water supply dams. Look into the future at the interactive "Water For Life" exhibition. There are several viewing areas, and you can go for a walk on Warragamba Dam. Stop and have a picnic, or cook some snags on the BBQ's supplied in the park areas, bring your picnic or bbq food.</p> <p>Meet 9.30am for 10.00am departure McDonalds Penrith Leagues Club</p>



Driving a Jaguar

Isn't for everyone

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December 2017	Sunday 3rd	<p align="center">AGM & Christmas BBQ</p> <p>6 Annangrove Road, Kenthurst from 12.30 p.m. Christmas Barbecue: Once again the Christmas Barbecue will be held prior to the Annual General Meeting. The Club will be supplying food & some soft & alcoholic beverages. Bring a folding chair if possible</p> <p align="center">Contact Rod Pringle 044 8009223 social@spriteclub.com.au</p>
	Fri 8th	<p align="center">Friday Drive Mystery Lunch Destination</p> <p>Meet at 9.30am - Ruby's Beach Café at Bulli for Coffee/chat – depart 10.15am. Meet at 11.00am Kevin Walsh Oval, Jambaroo depart 11.30am The restaurant will be booked, so please let us know if you are coming Contact: Keith Smith on 4285 2056 or mobile 0404 631 200 if you wish to attend.</p>
	Sunday 10th	<p align="center">Kangaroo Valley Pie Shop</p> <p>Meet @ McDonalds Narellan, at 10.00am for 10.30am departure. Great drive, Great Pies, have a stroll through the shops</p> <p align="center">Address: 2167 Moss Vale Rd, Barrengarry NSW 2577 Phone: (02) 4465 1360</p> <p>Meet @ McDonalds Narellan, at 10.00am for 10.30am departure.</p>
January 2018	Fri 19th	<p align="center">Fish and Chips @ Kiama (by popular demand)</p> <p>Meet at 9.30am - Ruby's Beach Café at Bulli for Coffee/chat – depart 10.15am. Meet at 11.00am Kevin Walsh Oval, Jambaroo depart 11.30am Bring your chairs Contact: Keith Smith on 4285 2056 or mobile 0404 631 200 if you wish to attend.</p>

Swap Meet & Car Display

Sunday, 19th November 2017

The mini club is in the process of finalising arrangements for our first car parts swap meet and a car display to be held in the car park at the Arena Sports Club, 140 Rookwood Road, Yagoona.

Collect up all your surplus mini parts and come along for the morning. Gates open at 7:30am for the **Swap Meet** setup in the Club's rear carpark and will run until around 10:30 am: \$15 entry fee per trader.

Breakfast BBQ: Bacon & Egg Rolls, etc will be provided onsite and coffee and tea will be available.

Please **contact Rob** to book & pay for your swap meet space as there are only a limited number of 30 spaces available.

In conjunction with the swap meet the mini club we will be also holding a **Car Display** in the Club's front car park from 10:30am till 2pm: gold coin entry fee per car: spectators will be free entry.

There will be: People's choice award and Exhibitors award presented at approx. 1pm. Lucky door prize – all entrants will be included. Food and drinks available in the club and a \$12 Sunday roast.

Please **RSVP** to book your car space as there are a limited number available.

Important: Please keep an eye on our website (miniclub.com.au) and Facebook page for confirmation of this event and updates or contact Michael Benton or Rob Weir.

If you would like more information, would like to participate or help in this event then please contact Michael Benton 0411019112 or Rob Weir 0418 161 918 or email to Social@miniclub.com.au

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Competition Corner

I was up before dawn on Sunday 24th September and patiently sitting outside the gates of SMP at 5:40am ready for our round of the CSCA Super-sprint series.

Organising these events requires a lot of work behind the scenes and this year we had 100 entries which is both a good and a bad thing. The good thing is that we get to not only cover our costs but we also make money on the event, the bad thing is that there is more work to do & more pressure to get everyone registered & scrutineered before we get underway. I won't dwell on this but I was pretty exhausted before we even started and I was exceptionally pleased that everything went smoothly on the day thanks to our wonderful band of volunteers & officials. One thing I have to note is the fact that we have a change of officials at the very last minute due to Leah our Clerk of Course being sick with the Flu & one of our Stewards, Greg Ryan recovering from an operation. Fortunately I had arranged for John Finch of MGCC Newcastle to stand in as a Steward & he was able to step up to Clerk of Course on the day, ably assisted by David Healy as Steward, Ian Jensen as Chief Scrutineer & Tom Devitt as Chief Flag Marshall.

The event ran to time and we got underway at 9:00am with a field of 7 open wheelers & clubmans including our very own Stephen Hooker in the Jedi & Brett Lansley in his MNR Vortex. Clearly Brett's Clubman enjoyed playing with the open wheelers, so much so that it shed one of its front fenders while out on the circuit, all part of a weight loss program no doubt. The first run of the day is very much a shake down with people re familiarising themselves with the twisty Amaroo circuit, whose 1.8km length, suits our small cars so well.

Next up was a field of Lotuses (Loti ?) who I had deliberately grouped together as this is a circuit where it is best to match similar cars together and then grid them fast to slow. Then followed a group of small fast cars, including SCCA Member Tammielee Hotz in her Black MX5 setting a blistering pace. The next couple of groups had bigger heavier cars in them including a brand new black Nissan GTR R35 with only 300km on the clock. Then it was back to smaller cars & the MX5's of Craig Barney & Andrew McLaughlin battling it out at the front of the grid with late but very welcome entry David Hunt filling a slot near the middle of the group. Further back in the same group we saw the beautiful Sebring Sprite replica of Peter Smith ever so gracefully bringing up the rear of the group.

The next group saw SCCA member Lukas Kairaitis circulating quickly in his Silver Porsche 911, having

snubbed the Porsche club event being run on the North circuit on the same day, well that's what I like to think anyway.

Next up was a group of 12 Sprites & Midgets – I wonder who organised that ?? All variants were in this group ranging from Colin Dodds in Verona the black & gold race car, Bob Rowntree in his race bug-eye, Denis – sideways is Best in his Lenham Lemans, Ashley Smith in the Sebring Sprite – driving it considerably quicker than his dad Peter, Paul Hunt in the yellow Honda powered Sprite & everything in between. Not only did this make for great fun on the track, it was also a great spectacle for the spectators & a number of people commented to me after the event how good it was to see so many Sprites together going hard. Denis – sideways is Best, managed a couple of half spins, my brakes weren't working very well as I was locking the fronts but not slowing down, Warren Lawlor was a bit smokey and Bob Rowntree had no clutch, so we were having a few teething issues.

In the following rounds, the excellent dummy grid work by Bruce Pearce & Greg Prunster, saw cars shuffled to their optimum position to ensure a clear fast run. By now I had turned into full competitor mode and the worries of event organiser were well behind me. A quick correction of wayward tyre pressures and remembering to move my foot well to the left when braking to ensure I did not press the accelerator as well (was I really doing that earlier!) had me eager to go out for a second run where I passed John Millhouse & chased after Paul Orton who was in turn chasing after Colin Dodds. By the time the third run came around, Colin, Paul and I were circulating in close formation, with our cars all similar in pace but no one quick enough to pull away or for a safe pass to be made. Great fun.

Elsewhere, Brett Lansley had broken his gear linkage in the desperate attempt to do a sub 1 minute run, something that Stephen Hooker had managed comfortably by then. Tammielee Hotz had set a personal best in her turbocharged MX5 which incidentally made her the fastest MX5 on the day. Craig Barney had got the better of Andrew McLaughlin (again) in the battle of the normally aspirated MX5's Andrew complaining (again) of a loose rear end despite near new rubber.

David Hunt was fastest Sprite in the shiny red Mk111, followed by Colin & Ashley.

Competition Corner

The final runs of the day saw combined groups where we were able to show off the nimble characteristics of our cars. I set off from position 1 in a combined group of 7,8 & 9 cars and managed to pull away from everyone, eventually lapping Anthony Barbara just before the chequered flag. I then, like most others, called it a day and parked the car on the trailer fit to fight another day.

Thanks to everyone who competed, turned up to help running the event, worked as an official or flag

marshal, or just came along to spectate. You all did your bit to make this a very successful day.

Abridged results below: Ratified results to follow

Regards

David Baigent SCCA Club Captain
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Competitor	Vehicle	SCCA Class	Overall Position	CSCA Class	Position in Class	Lap Time
Stephen Hooker	Jedi Mk. 4	Associate	1	R3	1	56.6044
Brett Lansley	MNR Vortex	Associate	4	R1	2	1:01.2121
Tammielee Hotz	Mazda MX5	Associate	15	3BM	2	1:04.4800
Craig Barney	Mazda MX5	Associate	32	3AM	1	1:06.2617
David Hunt	AH Sprite	Sprite/Midget	37	DC1	1	1:06.9676
Colin Dodds	MG Midget	Sprite/Midget	39	R3	4	1:07.1770
Andrew McLaughlin	Mazda MX5	Associate	40	3AM	2	1:07.3055
Ashley Smith	Sebring Sprite	Sprite/Midget	42	DC1	2	1:07.5691
Paul Orton	AH Sprite	Sprite/Midget	43	DC1	3	1:07.8357
David Baigent	MG Midget	Sprite/Midget	45	DC1	4	1:07.9847
Denis Best	Lenham Lemans	Sprite/Midget	52	DC1	5	1:09.3561
Barry Cockayne	AH Sprite	Sprite/Midget	53	DC1	6	1:09.6098
John Millhouse	AH Sprite	Sprite/Midget	55	C1	1	1:09.7970
Warren Lawlor	AH Sprite	Sprite/Midget	66	C1	2	1:10.8807
Peter Smith	Sebring Sprite	Sprite/Midget	67	DC1	7	1:10.8977
Lukas Kairaitis	Porsche 911	Associate	69	2BC	1	1:11.2262
Bob Rowntree	AH Sprite	Sprite/Midget	79	DC1	8	1:13.8051
John Sproule	AH Sprite	Sprite/Midget	80	DC1	9	1:14.2578
Paul Hunt	AH Sprite (Honda)	Associate	83	R1	10	1:15.0056
James Finn	Saab 900	Associate	85	3BM	19	1:15.7951
Anthony Barbara	MG Midget	Sprite/Midget	86	C1	3	1:16.1663



One for our fleet of MX 5 Drivers .
Refer page 17

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Photos contributed by Paul Orton, Lukas Kairaitis and Bruce Moxon



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Dancing with Denis



Denis Best in the Lenham
Dancing with the Stars

Shall we dance?



Do Si Do !

Change partners



Start again



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Torque Trader

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Bryan Wells



WANTED

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Sprite Car Club of Australia Inc Membership Application/Renewal 2017/2018

Membership Secretary
S.C.C.A Membership,
PO Box 242,
GLADESVILLE NSW 1675

membership@spriteclub.com

SCCA Memberships are for a 12 month period from 1st July to the following 30th June. New members joining between July and December pay a full year's fee. There is a reduced fee for new members joining between January and June.

MEMBERSHIP

Membership of the SCCA will entitle you to take part in both social and competition events organised by the SCCA and other associated Clubs. You will be covered under the public liability insurance issued to the Club by CAMS. You will also be entitled to NSW Historic Conditional Registration for one or more of your vehicles subject to them meeting the requirements of the Sprite Car Club of Australia Inc. and the RMS. You will be entitled to vote at any General Meeting and at the Annual General Meeting. You will have access to the monthly edition of Sprite Torque, available on the Club's web site. **Family membership is two adults and any children under the age of 18.**

I hereby apply to renew membership of the Sprite Car Club of Australia Inc. I state that I am not aware of any reason why I would be ineligible for membership of a CAMS affiliated club or its associated entities, and further that I agree to conform with the Constitution of the Club (copy available on request for 'members area' of www.spriteclub.com).

Signed:
Date: / / 2017

Name (Please print when filling out the form)

First Name	Surname	Date of Birth	Email address	Member Number

Address details

Street	Suburb	State	Postcode

Phone numbers

Home	Business	Mobile

Cars

Make	Model	Year	Colour	Condition	Rego No.

Sprite Torque hard copy

If you wish, we can mail you a hard copy of Sprite Torque each month for a fee of \$20 per year.

Fees - Family membership is two adults and any children under the age of 18.

Single Sprite Torque by Electronic download	\$60.00	\$
Family Sprite Torque by Electronic download	\$70.00	\$
Hard copy of Sprite Torque by post - add cost to membership	\$20.00	\$
Total Forwarded		\$

Payments can be made by Cheque, Money order or cash enclosed with your Membership Form or by EFT. The details are:- **BSB 062-309 A/C 1000 4231 Reference (Membership No or Full Name)**



SPRITE 60th ANNIVERSARY COMMEMORATIVE BADGE

The Austin Healey Sprite Drivers' Club Inc. of Victoria, Australia has produced a very collectible **LIMITED EDITION** badge for Sprites to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the 'release' of the Austin Healey Sprite in 1958.

This unique badge as depicted above is **AUSTRALIAN MADE**, of excellent quality with striking chrome plating and the traditional 'red' lettering.

The badge will fit straight onto the boot of your Bugeye/Frogeye and fit firmly with two nuts on the badge's integral threads. We suggest a rubber 'o' ring be used between the nut and the underside of the back deck for waterproofing and to assist with keeping the nuts tight.

This **LIMITED EDITION** badge will be available from early November 2017

In Australian \$'s they can be purchased for \$60 each plus postage to your location.

Orders are being taken now – don't miss out!

Contact: Greg Corbin 0418 179 327 greg@gregcorbinarchitects.com.au

Contact: Terri Corbin 0414 988 641 terri@gregcorbinarchitects.com.au



SPRITE TORQUE

WODONGA 2018 VICTORIA SPRITE & MIDGET NATIONALS

25th—29th April

INFORMATION BULLETIN NO.2

A big thank you to those of you who have Expressed Interest, we have found this invaluable in assisting with planning. Behind the scenes we have been very busy planning the detail of the event and doing the ground work for what we now believe will be an event package representing both exemplary value, range of activities and calibre of all those activities.

Over the days of the event, the programme will provide you with activities as outlined below to suit all delegates, Competition and Social/Touring delegates. All accommodation, lunches & dinners, farewell breakfast, competition events for competition delegates and social/touring events for social/touring delegates are all included in the event costs.

OUTLINE OF EVENT PROGRAM

Wednesday	25th APRIL	Meet and Greet night; Registration and Scrutineering
Thursday	26th APRIL	Sprint & Regularity at Wodonga Motorsport Park; Lunch; Dinner Regional Bus Tour; Lunch; Dinner
Friday	27th APRIL	Motorkhana at Wodonga Motorsport Park; Lunch; Dinner Regional Bus Tour; Lunch; Dinner
Saturday	28th APRIL	Show & Shine/Concour at Junction Square; Lunch; Observa- tion Run; Gala Dinner
Sunday	29th APRIL	Farewell Breakfast
Sunday	29th APRIL	Commencement of a Post Event Tour.

Accommodation for the duration of the event will be in the City of Wodonga, picturesque in itself and being the gateway to a most interesting locale.

For competition delegates your Track Competition will be held at the nearby Wodonga Motorsport Park. Social delegates will be able to savour the many wonderful touring roads, places of scenic or historic interest, regional produce and wonderful wineries. For those of you who are competition minded and familiar with the traditional 'National Challenge' this event will offer all that you will expect from a National Challenge.

For those enthusiasts who showed interest in the *Post Rally Tour*, this tour will run for five days. It will be run over good sealed driving roads with some winding hills as well as some great river-flat scenery, visiting other places of interest including wineries, food places and other old historic places in that region of Victoria. The accommodation will be affordable and participants will pay for their meals as they go. Further details on the routes and costs will be forwarded to those of you who have expressed interest through John Fowler, who will be running this event.

PLEASE STAY TUNED FOR THE NEXT BULLETIN WITH MORE DETAIL

PROUDLY PRESENTED AND RUN BY AUSTIN HEALEY SPRITE DRIVERS' CLUB



SPRITE TORQUE

WODONGA 2018 VICTORIA

SPRITE & MIDGET NATIONALS

25th – 29th April 2018

REGISTRATION FORM

EVENT ENTRY CONFIRMED UPON PAYMENT

DELEGATE 1:			
DELEGATE 2:			
ADDRESS:			
	STATE:	POSTCODE:	
CAR CLUB:			
PHONE:			MOBILE:
EMAIL:			
Costs based on 4 nights' accommodation, including evening meals, lunches and entertainment			
Competitor:	\$845	No:	Total: \$
Social /Touring:	\$745	No:	Total: \$
			Total: \$
Deposit of \$300 per delegate no later than 30th November 2017			
		No:	Total: \$
Payment in Full no later than 28th February 2018			

Accommodation allocated upon receipt of deposit/full payment.

We have Nine (9) two bedroom units available for those who would like to share with other delegates, if you could please specify names:

Please specify any special needs or dietary requirements per delegate: _____

Please indicate/circle if you wish to participate in the Post Rally Tour: Yes No

PAYMENT METHODS:

Direct Debit: Westpac BSB: 033 337 Account No: 129572
Please use your surname as the reference number and email terri@gregcorbinarchitects.com.au your deposit details once transfer is completed. This makes it so much easier to send receipts.

Cheques: To be made payable to: Austin Healey Sprite Drivers' Club Inc. and send to below address

Please note by electing to enter this event you agree to abide by the decisions made by the Organising Committee

PROUDLY PRESENTED AND RUN BY AUSTIN HEALEY SPRITE DRIVERS' CLUB
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SPRITE TORQUE

WODONGA 2018 VICTORIA SPRITE & MIDGET NATIONALS

POST NATIONALS TOUR 2018

Route allows for tow-car & Trailer parking at Yackandandah Motel till start of Day 5.

Day 1: Sunday 29th April:

Wodonga to Yackandandah (Trailer parking), Stanley, Myrtleford, Mount Buffalo, Rosewhite Home-stead, Dederang, Yackandandah Top of The Town Motel (\$117/room + \$12/couple Cont. Breakfast). (4 Hrs & 258 km.) <https://tinyurl.com/ybqxucuz>

Day 2: Monday 30th April:

Yackandandah, Tallangatta, Walwa, Khancobahn, Thredbo, Jindy Inn – average \$95 including Cont. B/fast, or Kookaburra Lodge (overflow) - \$130 incl. hot b/fast (4 Hrs 15 mins & 290 km) <https://tinyurl.com/y84qn9jm>

Day 3: Tuesday 1st May:

Jindabyne, Berridale, Aaminaby, Cabramurra, Elliot Way, Corryong to Tallangatta Motor Inn (\$100/room + \$20/couple Cont. Breakfast). (4hrs 20 mins & 329 km). <https://tinyurl.com/y8b7qrdt>

Day 4: Wednesday 2nd May:

Tallangatta, Mitta Mitta Pub, Glen Wills, Falls Creek, Mt Beauty, Dederang, Yackandandah Top of the Town Motel (\$117/room + \$12/couple Cont. Breakfast). (4 Hrs 40 min and 254 km.) <https://tinyurl.com/yb3ps44k>

Interstaterst may decide to leave from here - either that evening OR next morning.

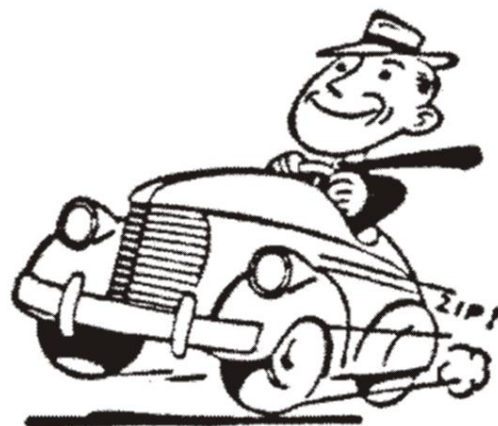
Day 5: Thursday 3rd May:

Yackandandah to Lilydale: via Milawa, Whitfield, Mansfield, Alexandra, Healsville, Lilydale, (4 hrs 12 mins, and 320 km) <https://tinyurl.com/y8dkk3zd>

John Fowler

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SPRITE TORQUE

Club Regalia



Mens Jacket sizes from
Small to 3XL



Ladies Jackets sizes from
8 - 20



All these items can be ordered with your choice of logo:



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If you would like one or more logos, it can arranged for an additional cost.

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SCCA Perpetual Trophies

Club Championship (BMC Trophy)

Points are awarded to members who participate in nominated competitive and social events. A trophy for the all-round active Club member, whatever car they may drive.

Driver's Championship (mounted camshaft)

Awarded to the Sprite, Midget or Associate driver with the highest aggregate points in Sprite Drivers and Associate Drivers Championships.

Social Championship (carved timber *SPRITE*)

Awarded to the person with the highest aggregate points in the Social Sprite and Social Associate Championships.

Ladies Championship (timber trophy with angel)

Awarded to the lady with the highest points in the Club Championship.

Junior Championship (timber boomerang with SCCA badge and Sprite bonnet badge)

Awarded to the junior member with the highest points in the Club Championship.

Clubmanship Award (mounted serving tray with Bugeye bonnet badge)

Awarded at the discretion of the Committee to the person who has contributed the most to the Club in their first two years of membership.

Sprite Championship (timber trophy with steering wheel and SCCA lapel badge)

Awarded to the person with the highest aggregate points in the Sprite Drivers and Sprite Social Championships.

Associate Championship (timber trophy with bridge and driver's head)

Awarded to the person with the highest aggregate points in the Associate Drivers and Associate Social Championships.

Best of Concours (so labelled)

Awarded to the member with the highest points at the previous Concours.

Pist-n-Broke (piston)

Awarded to the Club member with a memorable achievement during the year. Not awarded every year.

Sprite Driver's Championship

The award for the best competitive Sprite/Midget driver with events from the competition calendar.

Associate Driver's Championship

The award for the best competitive non-Sprite/Midget driver with events from the competition calendar.



Presentation of 2017 Awards

Sunday 3rd December

Including Life Memberships

And Christmas Party

Free BBQ and Drinks

***6 Annangrove Road,
Kenthurst***

From 12.30pm

SPRITE TORQUE

2017 Top Ten in Club Point Scores

To keep you in suspense for the Presentation at the AGM

<u>Club Championship</u>				<u>Junior Championship</u>			
Place	Name		Points	Place	Name		Points
1	Rodney	Pringle	330	1	Elise	Manewell	70
2	Paul	Hunt	256	2	Eleanor	Baigent	40
3	Paul	Barbara	250	3	Olivia	Allen	30
4	Michael	Meadows	240	3	Sienna	Allen	30
5	David	Laing	230	5	Ava	Barbara	20
6	David	Baigent	228	5	Lily	Barbara	20
7	Kevin	Green	200	5	Peter	Miles	20
8	Mary	Barbara	190	8	William	Baigent	10
9	Barry	Cockayne	170				
10	Madonna	Pringle	160				
<u>Sprite Drivers Championship</u>				<u>Sprite Social Championship</u>			
Place	Name		Points	Place	Name		Points
1	David	Baigent	79	1	Rodney	Pringle	310
2	Robert	Rowntree	56	2	Michael	Meadows	220
3	John	Sproule	50	3	David	Laing	200
4	Paul	Hunt	35	4	Paul	Barbara	170
4	Leslie	Payne	35	5	David	Baigent	130
6	Paul	Orton	20	5	Mary	Barbara	130
7	Raymond	Fahey	19	5	Paul	Hunt	130
7	David	Hunt	19	5	Madonna	Pringle	130
7	John	Millhouse	19	9	Bev	Laing	110
10	Keith	Smith	18	10	Rob	Howes	100
<u>Associate Drivers Championship</u>				<u>Associate Social Championship</u>			
Place	Name		Points	Place	Name		Points
1	Stephen	Hooker	79	1	Kevin	Green	200
2	Craig	Barney	75	2	Gregory	Holden	130
3	Andrew	McLaughlin	54	3	Ron	Farlow	100
4	Paul	Hunt	51	3	Dennis	Maher	100
5	Tony	Davis	39	5	Leah	Holden	90
6	James	Finn	34	5	Barry	Noakes	90
7	David	Baigent	19	7	Paul	Barbara	80
8	Michael	Woodall	18	7	Barry	Cockayne	80
				7	Colin	Dodds	80
				7	Carol	Dodds	80
				7	Avis	Fowler	80
				7	Warren	Lawlor	80
				7	Scheryl	Maher	80
				7	Graham	McDonald	80
				7	Joan	McDonald	80
				7	Michael	Mifsud	80
				7	Harley	Pringle	80
<u>Ladies Championship</u>							
Place	Name		Points				
1	Mary	Barbara	190				
2	Madonna	Pringle	160				
3	Avis	Fowler	120				
3	Bev	Laing	120				
5	Catherine	Dickie	100				
5	Carol	Dodds	100				
5	Margaret	Farlow	100				
5	Juliet	Richardson	100				
9	Leah	Holden	90				
10	Dianne	Lawlor	80				
10	Scheryl	Maher	80				
10	Joan	McDonald	80				



AGENDA

THE SPRITE CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Opening (Greg Holden)

Apologies

Minutes of previous meeting (Graham Wells)

Business arising from minutes

Treasurer's Report (Les Payne)

President's Report (Greg Holden)

Proposed change to By-law 3d.

The second sentence in By-law 3d currently reads as follows:

"The Secretary may maintain an imprest cash account of \$50 to be expended by way of minor cash items in the course of the Secretary's duties."

It is proposed to bring this more in line with current day thinking and current financial practices by changing it to the following:

"The Treasurer may maintain an imprest cash account of an amount agreed to by the committee from time to time to be expended by way of minor cash items or for the reimbursement by EFT of members or other general expenses"

Election of Officers 2018 - President

- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Club Captain
- Membership Secretary
- Editor
- Social Secretary
- Regalia
- Webmaster
- General Committee Members

General Business. (Only business associated with the AGM can be introduced .

But wait, there's more...

Positions Vacant

How can you help make the Sprite Car Club valued by its members?

The administration of the Sprite Car Club is maintained by a volunteer committee of members. Committee membership is decided by the members at the Annual General Meeting (AGM). Without a functioning committee the Club cannot operate effectively so it is essential that these positions are filled.

PRESIDENT- Easily the most prominent position, the President chairs Club meetings, co-ordinates the work of the Committee as a whole and acts in a statesman capacity from time to time.

VICE PRESIDENT- May be called upon to chair the meetings should the President not be available.

TREASURER - Looks after the Club's finances and ensures that any Club expenditure does not exceed its income.

SECRETARY- Performs the majority of the Club's administrative work, taking care of incoming and outgoing correspondence, preparing minutes of our club meetings etc..., The Secretary usually acts as the Public Officer.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY - Maintains records of our Club's members and membership. As this position is usually the first point of contact for new members, you get to meet and speak to a lot of interesting people.

SOCIAL SECRETARY - Co-ordinates the club's social events. The Social Secretary often relies on members to suggest suitable outings and assist with their organisation.

MAGAZINE EDITOR – A very important position. The Editor/s produces the Club magazine 11 times a year. This is the committee's main means of contact with the members.

LIBRARIAN (appointed by committee)-Maintains the club's collection of books and magazines which contain vast amounts of fascinating information. The Librarian also administers a book loan scheme.

REGISTRAR & CLUB PLATES (appointed by committee) - Maintains historical records about the Club members cars. The Club Registrar also administers Historic Conditional Registration scheme for the Club.

CLUB CAPTAIN - Co-ordinates the clubs involvement in motorsport events.

CSCA DELEGATE (appointed by committee) - Represents our club at meetings of the "Combined Sports Car Association" of which our Club is an affiliate member.

CMC DELEGATE (appointed by committee) – Represents our Club at meetings of the "Council of Motor Clubs" of which our Club is an affiliate member.

CAMS DELEGATE (appointed by committee) - Represents our Club at meetings of the "Confederation of Australian Motor Sports" of which the Sprite Car Club is an affiliate member.

CLUB REGALIA – Manages the Club's regalia and the purchase and investigation of new regalia.

WEBMASTER – One of the most exiting positions involving the upkeep & update of the Club's internet site.

GENERAL COMMITTEE -A number of general committee positions exist to assist the other committee members and for any other tasks, including the appointed positions mentioned above. These positions are ideal for anyone contemplating taking on a committee position as it gives them valuable exposure to how the committee operates.

MARQUE MENTORS (appointed by committee)- These positions are held by enthusiasts of a particular marque or model of Sprite or Midget. These individuals are available to assist other members with any queries about their particular model. The Marque Mentors are not necessarily experts on all topics, but can provide pointers.

The Committee appointments are usually made at the first Committee meeting after the AGM. They are generally filled by General Committee members but non-committee Club members may be appointed.



Webmaster



Magazine Editor



Social Secretary

All Positions Vacant

Please consider...

Nomination for 2018 SCCA Committee

I wish to nominate for the position of:.....

Name Signature..... Member No.....

Nominated by..... Signature..... Member No.....

Seconded by..... Signature..... Member No.....

Nominations must be completed & presented to the secretary 7 days prior to the AGM.

All parties must be financial members of SCCA.

THE SPRITE CAR CLUB OF AUSTRALIA INCORPORATED ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Presentation of 2017 Awards

Sunday December 3rd

Including Life Memberships

And Christmas Party

Free BBQ and Drinks

6 Annangrove Road, Kenthurst

From 12.30pm



SPRITE TORQUE

Monthly Meeting Minutes

10TH October, 2017

Venue: Parramatta RSL Club, Parramatta

Meeting commenced: 7.32pm

Present: Committee members: Graham Wells, Rod Pringle, Ron Farlow, Kerry Smith, Les Payne, Greg Holden, Avis Fowler, David Laing, David Baigent, Colin Dodds.

Members: Harley Pringle, Brian Walton

Apologies: Wendy Gibbs, Barry Cockayne, Sue Cockayne, Leah Holden.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Minutes of the previous meeting were presented by Graham Wells. Moved accepted Rod Pringle, seconded David Baigent. Carried.

Business Arising: Graham Wells proposed that the new member applications set out in the September minutes be ratified as there was not a quorum. Seconded Greg Holden. Carried.

Treasurer's Report: Les Payne reported:.

General Account:

Opening balance		\$11,419.53
Deposits	\$695.00	
Payments	\$7,995.35	
Closing balance 30/9		\$4,119.18

Savings Account:

Opening balance		\$35,646.26
Interest	\$18.16	
Closing balance 30/9		\$35,664.42

Business Transaction Account:

Opening balance		\$10,342.22
Deposits		\$9,914.40
Payments	nil	
Fees	\$10.00	
Closing balance 30/9		\$20,251.62

Total Cash in Bank \$60,035.22

Colin Dodds asked if we had a cost for the Display Day. Les Payne replied that the figure was \$2455.98. This was down on previous years due to stock of things like drinks & placards carried over from previous events & the contribution to catering costs by the Austin Healey Owners Club.

Moved accepted Les Payne, seconded Greg Holden. Carried.



Monthly Meeting Minutes

Secretary's Report: Graham Wells reported correspondence:

Incoming:

- Emails CAMS: Speedread, changes to officiating regulations, events for 2018 calendar.
- Emails CMC: Shannons Day debrief, changes to constitution, extension of log book trial.
- Brochures: Shannons Auction.
- Magazines: Mascot, T Read, Goblins Gazette, Mini Car Club.

Outgoing:

- Drive to Survive notifications to Monica Dimon & Sam Sorah.

Social Events: Reported by Rod Pringle:

Coming events for the rest of the year & the start of 2018 are:

- Friday, October 13th Drive to Moss Vale
- Tuesday, October 17th Harry's Café Penrith.
- Sunday, October 29th Lunch at Graham & Catherine Dickie's.
- Friday, November 10th Drive to Audley via Royal National Park.
- Sunday, November 12th Drive to Warragamba Dam
- Tuesday, November 21st Harry's Café Penrith.
- Sunday, December 3rd AGM and Christmas BBQ.
- Friday, December 8th Southern drive to a mystery lunch destination.
- Sunday, December 10th Kangaroo Valley Pie Shop.
- Saturday, January 13th Fish & Chip drive.
- Tuesday, January 16th Harry's Café Penrith.
- Friday, January 19th Fish & Chip drive to Kiama.

Rod Pringle advised that he is not standing for the Social Secretary position at the upcoming AGM. The committee thanked Rod for the outstanding job he has done over the past year.

CAMS/CMC: Barry Cockayne sent an Email apology. He will miss the CAMS State Council meeting & David Healy will be our alternate delegate.

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CSCA/Competition. David Baigent reported on the Supersprint.

-We had a full field of 100 entries with 93 runners on the day, two late withdrawals & 5 no shows, 20 SCCA competitors with 13 of them in Sprites or Midgets.

-John Finch from MGCC filled in as Clerk of Course due to Leah Holden being sick.

-Mike Basqil from CLA volunteered as a scrutineer.

-We had 25 members acting as officials and volunteers.

-The event should show a surplus of around \$5,500.

-We received very positive comments from some competitors & other the clubs

The ARDC has changed our booking request for 2018 to Saturday, September 8th.

The next CSCA round is at Wakefield Park next week-end & this is the last event for the year.

The Marulan circuit has changed ownership & is being upgraded. The Luddenham circuit is due to open early 2018. This will give two potential alternative venues for Supersprints and the Sprite Challenge.

We had 6 members competing at FOSC last week-end.

A report has gone to Wendy Gibbs for Sprite Torque.

Regalia: Avis Fowler reported.

We sold \$358 worth of regalia at the Display Day. Avis has orders for some shirts & jackets and some sample shirts have been ordered.

Sprite Torque: Greg Holden reported for Wendy Gibbs.

- October edition is well underway.

-We need other people to write articles about runs. Rod Pringle did a lot this year. Suggested we bring back the rule that the last person to arrive writes the article.

-Wendy has advised she will not be continuing as editor next year. We need to find a candidate by the AGM.

Technical Meetings:

-Kerry Smith reported that Bob Britten has offered to open up his private collection at Annangrove & we need to set a date. February –March decided with Kerry to liase.

-Rod Pringle reported that Code who sponsored ABD have offered a day & we need to get in contact & set a date.

Facebook: Harley Pringle reported:

-We now have 134 members.

Web-site:

-Ross Reichardt has advised that he is not standing next year. We need to find some-one with the skills to run the web-site.

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Display Day:

There was some discussion on what we need to follow up with Meguiar's after their sponsorship of the Display Day. David Laing will send an electronic copy of Sprite Torque which has their logo on the front cover & photos of the display.

Membership: Sue Cockayne reported by Email. One new member application:

Ken Lam of Neutral Bay who has a Morris Mini. Proposed David Baigent, seconded Rod Pringle. Carried.

Drive to Survive: Colin Dodds reported:

Monica Dimon has nominated a date and we paid Ian Luff. Sam Sorah has not nominated a date & Rod Pringle will follow up.

Point Score: Brian Walton reported:

-All information is up to date thanks to all those who sent it. Brian is happy with the way it has all ran this year.

-A report has been sent to Wendy Gibbs for Sprite Torque.

- The score will be closed off after the November 12th drive & the AGM will be the start of 2018.

-The winners will be announced at the AGM.

-We need to put the point score rules in Sprite Torque for the start of 2018.

Colin Dodds gave details for the perpetual trophies & suggested we do not separate the Sprite & associate car drivers for the social champion.

Brian Walton said that it was easy to combine the two social championships to give an overall winner for the perpetual social trophy and that the same could be done with the two driver championships to get the winner of the drivers perpetual trophy.

The perpetual trophies are awarded by combining points from the point score categories to meet the criteria of the perpetual trophy.

Colin Dodds suggested we present the perpetual trophies at the AGM after the point score awards. Colin has a list of all the perpetual trophies & has identified where they are except for a presidents trophy which has not been seen for many years.

Colin Dodds showed a number of past trophies as examples & asked for a trophy budget. A figure of \$2000 plus engraving costs was agreed upon.

By-law 3d & Cash Account:

After much discussion between committee members by Email David Baigent proposed a change in By-law 3d as follows.

"The Treasurer may maintain an imprest cash account of \$5000 to be expended by way of minor cash items or for reimbursement by EFT of members or other general expenses"

Graham Wells proposed that this be changed by deleting the \$5000 figure and putting the amount of this account under the control of the committee.

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The revised wording proposed by David Baigent, seconded by Greg Holden was "The Treasurer may maintain an imprest cash account of an amount agreed to by the committee from time to time to be expended by way of minor cash items or for reimbursement by EFT of members or other general expenses."

This was carried unanimously. Graham Wells to add this to the AGM agenda.

Life Memberships:

There was a general discussion on life memberships.

-Greg Holden pointed out that we need to promote the fact that members can nominate a member for Life Membership & he will put a note in the President's report for this month's Sprite Torque.

-David Laing asked who are the Life Members & how should we make this known?

A list in Sprite Torque was suggested. Graham Wells to send the list to Greg Holden & it could go into Sprite Torque with the AGM information.

Annual General Meeting: Graham Wells to circulate revised agenda & it will go into this month's Sprite Torque.

Sprite & Midget Nationals 2018:

The latest Nationals notice was received from Victoria and printed in Sprite Torque.

General Business:

-Colin Dodds asked what should be put on a calendar for the committee to know what actions need to be taken to run the club & when. Colin is willing to put a calendar together if given the information. Greg Holden asked members to think about it by next meeting & Email information to Colin.

-Kerry Smith commented on how impressed he was with the organisation of the Supersprint.

-Greg Holden advised that the Victorian club has a badge for the Bug-eye Sprite 60th anniversary available for sale.

-Avis Fowler asked about what is being done about the Bug-eye 60th. Graham Wells is to write to the CMC about featuring in the 2018 Shannons Day and to the AHOC of NSW about combining a Bug-eye display with the Donald Healey Birthday event at Parramatta Park. A lunch or dinner has been suggested but nothing definite at this time. Wendy Gibbs suggested something featuring the Harbour Bridge but those present felt this would be very difficult to organise.

Meeting closed at 9.43 pm.

Next meeting: November 14th, 2017 in the Lachlan Room at Parramatta RSL Club, cnr. O'Connell & Macquarie Sts., Parramatta at 7.30 p.m.



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