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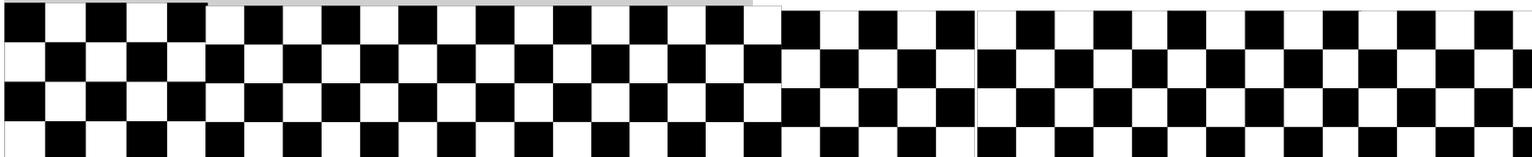
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## Welcome to Sprite Torque

Welcome to the this edition of Sprite Torque

Thank you so much to our members who have sent me some wonderful articles.. Please feel free to show us your restorations and projects, or maybe even just send me a photo of your pride and joy and a little story about how she came to be in your possession and the adventures you've had together?.

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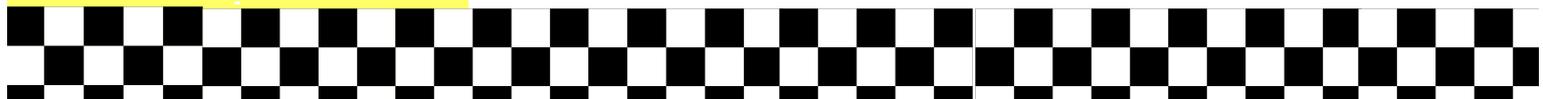
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## PRESIDENTS REPORT



Well November has been a busy month for me, not just on the work front but there have been a number of car related activities going on as well.

The month started with the HSRCA racing at Wakefield Park near Goulburn, where the most popular car in the Group S class, is the Sprite/Midget followed by the Porsche 911. I travelled to Wakefield on Thursday an set up for the Friday practice and then qualifying and racing on Saturday & Sunday. Over the course of the weekend I am sure I met more than 25 SCCA members who were either competing, providing support or part of the organisation or officialdom associated with the event. The weather was poor with a lot of rain and a very wet infield area, which meant we never raced on a fully dry track even though the track was predominantly dry for most of its length. The Meyer brothers, Damien & Simon, were right at the head of the field all weekend battling with the Porsches and a Shelby Mustang. I was happy competing in the middle pack which is just as hotly contended and just as much fun. For once, my car ran well all weekend and I even managed to go the whole weekend without a spin despite the treacherous conditions. The BMC Challenge saw the Sprite & Midgets up against the Mini's and the Sprites & Midgets were victorious in this race with Damien Meyer taking the Laurels ahead of Brian Weston, then the first of the Minis. I battled with Sam Girgis, SCCA member but driving his MGB for most of the races, sometimes finishing ahead and sometimes finishing behind. Scary moment of the day was when Sam & I were side by side on the main straight heading into the kink and turn 1 which was very wet at the time with spray everywhere. I remember thinking "this is only going to end one way" and gave Sam the signal to go ahead and I tucked in behind him. The alternative was definitely going to be very messy.

On the social side, we have had another very successful Friday Drive run by Keith Smith with a good group of SCCA enjoying lunch at Pelican Rocks restaurant, Greenwell Point. The SCCA Dubbo combo of Bev and David Laing, just happened to be staying in Greenwell point at the time and were able to wander across & say hello. We also had a weekend run up through the Bell's Line of Road and across the Darling Causeway to Blackheath and then on to the now defunct Catalina Park racetrack nestled in a gully on the edge of Katoomba. We had a good mix of cars on the run including Sprites, Midgets, a Mini, 2 BMW's, a Torana SS LX, and me in my Lotus. Yes, I know that is the wrong car but I haven't used it in a while and it has aircon and my Midget is a work in progress at the moment. Anyway we all enjoyed the day and some of us even managed a lap of the track, on foot unfortunately.

The next event for me is the HSRCA Summer festival racing at Sydney Motorsport Park which follows hot on the heels of the Spring festival which was COVID Delayed. It looks as if there will be an even stronger turn out of Sprites & Midgets at this event, which hopefully will be a lot drier that the last event.

Finally, we look forward to the AGM in December. As COVID restrictions for peoples homes have not been lifted, this would have restricted us to only 20 attendee's had we repeated our normal practice of using the Well's home at Annagrove. Instead we have decided to use a commercial venue which has a COVID Safe Plan in place so we can have up to 50 attendees. Details can be found elsewhere but the key things are the date and time of Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> December from 12:30pm and the venue, Colo River Café. The plan is to organise a social run to the event, have lunch and then have the formal proceedings. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

Regards

David Baigent





Club members enjoying lunch at Greenwell Point



Someone had a bad day. Warwick  
Farm date unknown



Caption this?

MINUTES OF MONTHLY MEETING  
10<sup>th</sup> November, 2020

Venue: The Hills Club  
Meeting commenced: 7.37pm

**Present:** Committee members: David Baigent, Graham Wells, Carol Dodds, Leah Holden, Greg Holden, Steve Rivett, Ross Reichardt

**Apologies:** Les Payne, Barry Cockayne, Rod Pringle, Colin Dodds, Avis Fowler, Peter Smith, Anne Smith, Bronwyn Wray.

There was not a quorum present for the meeting. As some agenda items such as the AGM were urgent it was decided to hold the meeting & any decisions requiring a vote would be ratified at the next meeting.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:**

Graham Wells circulated the minutes from the previous meeting. Moved accepted Carol Dodds, seconded David Baigent. Carried.

**Business Arising:**

None other than items covered later in the agenda.

**Treasurer's Report:** Les Payne reported by Email.

General Account:

Opening balance	\$21,731.00
Deposits	\$410.00
Payments:	nil
Closing balance 31/10	\$23,141.00

Savings Account:

Opening balance	\$46,095.42
Interest	\$1.89
Closing balance 31/10	\$46,097.31

Business Transaction Account:

Opening balance	\$5,620.31
Deposits:	\$55.00
Payments: Bank fee	\$10.00
Closing balance 31/10	\$5,765.89

Debit Account

Opening balance	\$2,187.06
Deposits:	nil
Payments; S.T. post stationery	\$98.06
Snap Printing Sept.	\$248.00

Closing balance	31/10	\$1,840.60
Total Cash in Bank		\$76,844.80

Moved accepted Barry Graham Wells, seconded David Baigent. Carried

**Secretary's Report:** Graham Wells reported correspondence:

**Incoming:**

- Motorsport Aust.: SpeedRead, Crashtag app, Affiliation renewal.
- CMC AGM notification
- Automotive Solutions Online.
- Magazines/Brochures: OTHR Newsletter, Goblins Gazette, Mascot.

**Coming Event:**

Provisional events for 2020/21 are:

- Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> Drive to Greenwell Point.
- Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> Drive to Leura. (David Baigent will send out a Chimp mail)
- Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> AGM (see later)
- Friday, December 11<sup>th</sup> Drive to Camden Valley Inn
- Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup> Fish & Chips at Kiama.
- Saturday, May 8<sup>th</sup> SCCA Supersprint

**Motorsport Aust.** Barry Cockayne circulated a report on the State Council meeting of October 30<sup>th</sup>.

- appointment of committees to deal with matters previously dealt with by various commissions, including Historic racing
- current restructure associated with Covid19 issues
- Jobkeeper Assistance helped MSA as revenue from licences/permits reduced due Covid 19.
- Crashtag program expected to be of great assistance in monitoring safety factors AIMSS & other entities
- Nominations for National & State awards open until Nov.13th

**CMC:** Barry Cockayne circulated a report: Key points were:

- Publication of RMS document of what is allowed under HVS.
- Details of Roadside assistance service from Shannons available to its insurance clients.
- Draft of permanent log-book for HVS & CVS from RMS/Transport NSW.
- AGM on 24<sup>th</sup> November.

**Membership:** Ross Reichardt reported:

We have 383 members.

Three new applications this month.

- Nathan Moutou from Oak Flats who has a 1965 Austin Healey Sprite, a 1966 Toyota Stout Lite and a 1985 Honda Spacey CH250.
- Garrick Mutukiswa from Cherrybrook who has a 1970 Rolls Royce Silver Shadow.
- Stephen Watts of Middle Dural who has a 1959 VW Beetle.

All moved accepted Ross Reichardt, seconded David Baigent. Carried.

**Competition & CSCA:** David Baigent reported.

- CSCA series is finished for 2020. David Baigent reporting the last event in Sprite Torque.
- HSRCA Spring meeting was eventually held this month with 7 members competing & a number of other assisting.
- Next meeting is HSRCA at end of November with 12 members entered.
- Our CSCA Supersprint in 2021 will be an evening meeting under lights at SMSP South Circuit from 6.00 to 10.30 pm.

**Sprite Torque:** Latest edition should be out this week.

**Web-site:** David Baigent advised some members are still having trouble accessing the Members Only section. Ross Reichardt confirmed the problem associated with the new web-site structure. We may have to go to an open site. David Baigent will discuss with Rob Howes.

**AGM & Committee Elections :**

Graham Wells reported agenda & nomination form is in Sprite Torque. Due to the complexity of the Covid regulations we cannot have the AGM & Xmas BBQ at a private residence. This will mean a change of venue to a commercial site. Greg Holden is negotiating with the Colo River Café who can take up to 50 persons. Suggested we have a drive to the venue meeting at McGraths Hill. We may have to change the date to Saturday 12th, depending on availability. Details will be sent out via Chimp Mail.

**Constitution Updates:**

Graham Wells reported information is in Sprite Torque.

**General Business:**

- Graham Wells presented a nomination for Life Membership which was approved for presentation at the AGM.
- Carol Dodds asked about the availability of Club historic information such as membership joining dates & committee membership. At present it involves going back through Sprite Torque issues & minutes. Greg Holden advised he is working on a spreadsheet covering these records.
- Carol Dodds asked about the date for the Club 60<sup>th</sup> (now 61<sup>st</sup>) function. All agreed we leave it as July 2021.
- David Baigent advised that as 2020 Sprite Challenge was cancelled we are next in line for 2022. David will discuss with the other State Presidents.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm.

Next meeting: No meeting in December as the AGM is on that week.

Next meeting January 12th, 2021 7.30 pm. The Meeting Room, The Hills Club, 2-6 Jenner St. Baulkham Hills.

## CSCA Supersprint Series 2021

Date	Circuit	Host Club	Notes
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	Wakefield Park	Club Lotus Australia	Near Goulburn
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Pheasant Wood	MG Car Club	Near Marulan
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	SMP South Circuit	Sprite Car Club of Australia	Night event held under lights 5:00pm to 10:30pm
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Pheasant Wood	MG Car Club Newcastle	Near Marulan
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> August	SMP Gardner	Morgan Owners Club of Australia	Day before Shannons day
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Wakefield Park	Triumph Sports Owners Assoc	
Sunday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	SMP North	Jaguar Drivers Club of Australia	



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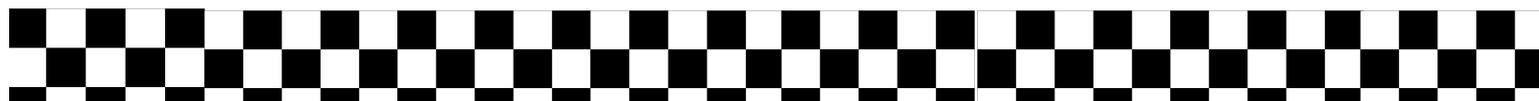
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## 2020 – Covid Run – by Greg Holden

Many years ago we would enjoy a run with the big Healey's called "**the brass monkey run**"

Charlie used to organise the run, however it has dropped off over recent years.

So we had our own run

The run you have when you do not have a run

The Covid restrictions were getting easier for us to get together and the question of having people meet in a park was discussed.

The run was going to be a cracker.

A long weekend in the Snowy Mountains

We left from Camden with a very early start, 5.30 for a 6am kick off.

Hungry Jacks was invaded by most of us and the egg and bacon McMuffin was the hot item for most of us.

We headed North and enjoyed the new works undertaken on the Northern Rd.

Mechanical failure saw us on the side of the road when a Lloyd Hartnett kicked a leg out of bed. Steve was beside himself and we left him on the side of the road to wait for the RACV.

The target was Anglers Rest just on the north side of the Murray River and we were on target.

Whisking through the foot hills around Bredbo we stopped for fuel just outside Queanbeyan. Most were happy to keep motoring however the boys in blue saw it necessary to stop me just outside of Bredbo.

They say I was doing 165/170 coming around the corner and could not stop, in fact he said I put my foot in.

He pulled me up about 20k on the North side of Bredbo and I took my medicine.

Booked me for doing 15 over the speed limit of 35mph.

A few people pointed and mocked me as they went past but I would get them at dinner that night.

We stopped at Coolah for a pie and learnt that this town was named after the very low temperature it suffered in the late 1700s when explored by Michelago while on one of Captain Phillips first ventures into Australia's vast wilderness. (Sorry I digress).

So it was full speed to Anglers Rest. Some suggested that Tumut would be better as the share bathroom was not a favourite of all.

The next day we were planning on hitting the ski fields for the day.

Heading up from Jindabyne with a swift drive to Charlottes Pass. Most skied while some drunk coffee with a drop of Irish nip splashed in.

The skiing was great and many of our not so old oldies reminisced about the annual SCCA ski weekends.

By 4am we had all had enough and headed over the hill from Charlottes pass to stay at Old Adaminaby.

This town was evacuated when the Snowy Hydro was put through, however with the drought that we were facing we bedded in at the old hotel for a lovely meal the old way "ploughman's lunch" a great way to end the day.

Heading directly for Jindabyne Steve Dive suffered an oil leak at the rear axle seal.

Now this had happened to Steve before and he quickly had his arse in the air, the wheels off and the seal repaired.

We continued onto Jindabyne and had the world's best coffee a Surges coffee house. Surges was one of Frances best chefs with two chefs hats to his name.

His coffee was Devine.

We left the group on their own while we visited Christopher and Kristen and then met up at the caravan park for an evening camp fire and dinner out of the camp oven. Smoky Dawson sung a few tunes before heading back to the northern beaches the following day.

Our day ahead saw us walk to the magnificent Mt Kosciusko at an elevation of 2900' it is said to grow up to 45mm every year.

We got to the top at almost midday, coffee and goulash for lunch was in order while we admired the statue and effort that both Kosiosko and Strezlecki made when they climbed the mountain in 1834.

Some chose to ski back to Thredbo while others hiked half way down to enjoy the chairlift for the rest of the day.

Camping at Crackenback (love that name) for the evening saw us host a mid-summer murder mystery and the chance for us to wind down and catch up with Friends.

Another great night was had by all

The following day saw a shot gun start for the workers while the retirees enjoyed a few more days in the mountains.

From what I have been told they hiked both Mt Wilson as well as Mt Irvine

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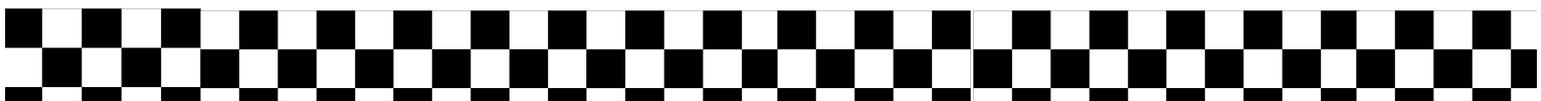
## Bugeye Keyring

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## I love Sprite Mug

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Well, what a year we have had in Australia, the world as well as within our club. We had so many runs and events organised and most were either cancelled or pushed back due to the dreaded COVID which is now part of our every day speak. I remember being in our boardroom talking to our marketing manager about Covid. What is it, a sort of cold that has effected a dozen Chinese people. Months later people were dying in their 1000s. It has certainly changed our lives for ever and we have lost a lot of lives along the way.

For the club it has been frantic and while it appears little was achieved we had plenty of work going on in the background. We were effected nationally and the first cancellation was the Sprite and Midget Nationals, postponed initially and pushed back to October and then pushed back to 2021 and Karen and Keith had done a huge amount of work. Then in reality we had to cancel the event totally. The Sprite and Midget Nationals will now be held in NSW IN 2022 if all goes well. But we must remember to thank the Queenslanders for their efforts with the Nationals and for beating us in the State of Origin.

We had plenty cancelled along the way as well and our weekend to celebrate the 60th was put off and as late as our last meeting Carol was trying to sort out the new timing for this event which will be held later in 2021. Our regular runs were thrown into chaos and some cancelled. Les and Diane hosted a drive / bbq which was well attend by some new members along with some regulars. It was a great day and in trying times they hosted a great event.

We have some good plans up and running for 2021 and we should have some good events along the way.

Covid hit Leah and I as well as it hit everybody else. i have been tested twice along with Leah the kids and grandchildren. Fortunately none have been positive. It slowed us down at home as jobs got pushed back and ' Chinese imports" were blamed for everything from tiles to goat gas being delayed. Cost  eased as demand for goods increased. Lines at Bunning were high and I was taught how to hold a shopping trolley the correct way. We did some work but another op slowed me down right in the dead of winter. As soon as Covid restrictions were lifted I was in to have my trusty back fused and a vertebre replaced with a block of titanium. Superman had nothing on me ( It did not stop me wanting to help have fires next door as they cleared around 2.5 acres of thick dense scrub)

It did allow me and Leah to attend the bbq at 6 pm and have a few beers as well. Only for an hour and we could not walk the 400m but had to drive.

We have been building some gardens and acquired a more modern tractor to assist with manual labour. We have sold one of our dear old Fergies and am looking to part with old faithful.

Gosh it hard to part with love ones. I have owned the old girl for over 24 years (no, not Leah)

Ray came up and we spent the weekend getting them both sorted and within a few hours one was running like a Swiss clock from Willy Wonker and his Chocolate Factory

By the end of day one the other was too.

We then proceeded to work on the Ransomes.

That's right "when one door closes another one opens" and with that the little crawler came into our lives.

I am not talking about someone trying to be nice, I am talking about a Ransomes Crawler Tractor. Look them up on you tube.

We also worked on the sheds down the back and a lean too for the new tractor.

We have all the sheds full at present and needed some good weather protection.

We also saw Kimberly and the grand kids move back home and this has been a cramped joy. They have been fun to have around and it is really nice to see how they have all grown. I have not really thought about it a lot, but watching you children continue to grow as adults is a really nice thing. Kimberley is now back in

TAFE looking to become a teacher.

In October, I was laid off work and while sourcing any potential jobs in the market we re-stained the entire house. Yep back to front, we did it right but I started at the back and finished at the front. I finished at around 8pm one Saturday night and a rooky error saw me leave the front light on and in the morning there were 1623 moths stuck to the weatherboards

Shit, bugger, bum

With Christmas approaching fast we are now planning our international holiday First to SA, the northern NSW and now camping at Dalgety in the high country of nsw

Have I told anyone we are going to be grandparents again, March 2021 will see Christopher and Kristen become parents for the first time do number 6 will be in our lives.

Three boys and three girls Life cannot get much better

I hope you all have a wonderfull Christmas

Cheers Greg

Coming Events December 2020



Month	Day / Date	Event Details
Dec	Sat 12th	Drive, Lunch and AGM, venue will be at Colo with a run organised to get there. <u>Covid</u> rules apply. Chimp mail to follow
Dec	Fri 11th	Friday Drive to Sutton Forrest Inn Run Meet at 9.30am - Ruby's Beach Café at Bulli for Coffee/chat – depart 10.15am. Contact: Keith Smith 0404 631 200 if you wish to attend.
Dec	Saturday 12th	<b>SCCA AGM at the Colo River Café from 12:30pm</b>  <b>Check your email for further details regarding a group run to the AGM</b>
Jan	Fri 15th	Friday Drive to Kiama, Fish and Chips Run Meet at 9.30am - Ruby's Beach Café at Bulli for Coffee/chat – depart 10.15am. Contact: Keith Smith 0404 631 200 if you wish to attend.
May	Sat 8th	SCCA to run the CSCA Super Sprint at Eastern Creek being a night event.



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Please complete and submit this form to be received by the Secretary at least 7 days before the meeting. All nominees must be members of the SCCA

**I would like to nominate:** \_\_\_\_\_

For the position of (circle/indicate appropriate position below):

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**Secretary**  
**Club Captain**

**Vice President**  
**Treasurer**  
**Membership Secretary**

**Social Secretary**

**General Committee**

<b>Nomination</b>		<b>Member No</b>	<b>Signature</b>
Nominated by			
Seconded by			
Agreed			