

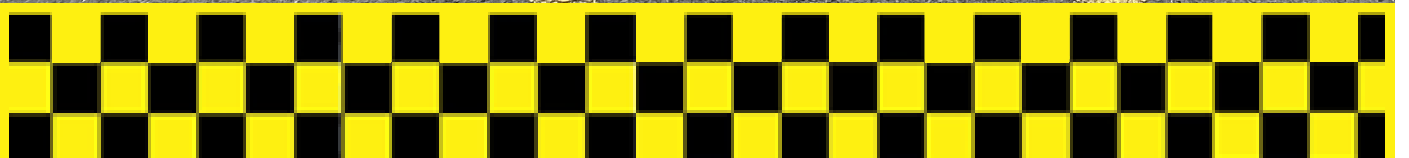
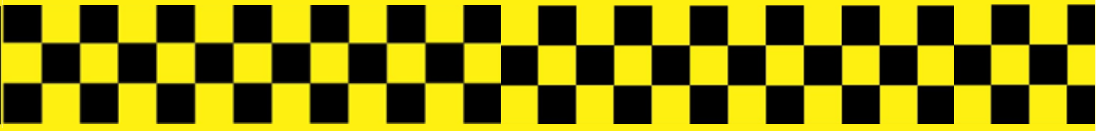


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by Elise Manewell at
SCCA Supersprint
2024

The Editor is always looking for articles of interest for the *Sprite Torque* magazine.

If you have an interesting story about your adventures and ownership of your pride and joy, a technical article, tips or would just like your car featured then please contact Elise Manewell. All articles welcome, whether it is about your Sprite, Midget, or even your BMW. The cut-off for articles is the 20th of the month for the following month's magazine.

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President's Report

The club has seen a cracking start to 2024 and the Club's Supersprint was the first event on the calendar. We have no choice on when we get the track and late January it was, 45-degree heat and a bunch of volunteers. Without them we would not have achieved the fantastic praise we received from the officials and the competitors. I did not get to have a kip this time and spent a fair bit of time with Rod and Bruce on the dummy grid. Boy did I pay for it. My head was peeling by Wednesday after no hat and extreme sunburn. (Silly boy or Dumb Arse) Without the volunteers the event would fail and not one complained, some keen to get home but that spent a full day at Eastern Creek.
THANKYOU ALL

Sharon has put her hand up again continues to drive (get it) different runs and by now we should have had the fish and chip run and caught up with many a mini man as well as our Sprite car club members.

The Nationals are on in a few months and unfortunately, we cannot make it along this time round. There are many new names and faces along with some well-known long term members. It should be a cracking event and it is great to see the host club think outside the square and come up with some great trips. We should be represented by around 2 dozen participants driving down the M1 to Wodonga, while people in other states will drive down through Dubbo, there are a few members coming from as far away as Far North Queensland.

Sharon and Avis have been putting together a full year calendar which will be out very soon. Elise is working on the magazine and like those before her, she is juggling three jobs at once. Let's make her job as Editor in Charge, Publisher and producer as easy as we can by getting some fun articles to her, it does not matter, the skill level that one has in writing, we are interested in your journey with a Sprite or Midget. New members, please tell us about your journey, how and why you became involved in the oldest and continued Sprite Car Club in the world.

2025 marks the 75th Anniversary of The Sprite Car Club of Australia and we should recognise this milestone. AS a club, other than Europe and the likes of the NRMA etc, there would not be too many out there celebrating such a milestone.

What have Leah and I been doing?

The Dam has been a major concern since the floods saw it full to the brim and overflow, I ended up with two wash aways that almost took the whole wall out.

While Leah and I were impressed by the sheer volume of water we were not impressed with the 1 to 1.5m wash out below. We are only in a gully but I cannot imagine the height when it flooded. To sort this out we dropped a few pipes in and have started building some rock walls to help slow and guide the water along. This is still not finished. Fires for the season are well and truly over and I had promised myself, I did not need any big ones going forward, Two trees later and a big pile of damage has seen multiple piles built ready for the coming season.

The shed is still full of projects, and they never stop, it is fun getting old stuff running and while my welding days are over, I can still manage lots of jobs.

Oh yes, I built Leah a deck over the dam for Christmas, it was made using H4 treated pine for bearers and joist, and I had some Fijian Mahogany decking boards from work.

These were shorts used as packing and we collected them over time. Nobody else at work wanted them so I said I would take them. Some asked me what I would do with them and at that point I was unsure but was leaning towards a bookshelf or some type of Internal furniture. The width and length saw them used as the decking boards. Afterwards, one of the guys at work (I nicknamed him "my DAR" asked me if I had used them yet, I had 17 boards left that were the chosen ones, I told him he could have them, however they were the dregs and not that good. I gave them to me and a few weeks later he rang me laughing. I would have done the same he said, they were all crap, but never mind, you had the vision.

I topped the deck off with 200x200 Western Red Cedar boards to make a nice seat for us to sit on, the ducks love it.

Cheers for now
Greg Holden

Minutes of Monthly Meeting 9th January 2024

Venue: The Hills Club. 6-8 Jenner St., Baulkham Hills
Time: Commenced 7.36am
Present: Greg Holden, Ross Reichardt, Dennis Maher, Barry Cockayne, Rod Pringle, Harley Pringle, Graham Wells, Erin Woodall
Apologies: David Baigent, Avis Fowler, Elise Manewell

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Graham Wells/Erin Woodall circulated the minutes from the previous meeting. Moved accepted Dennis Maher, seconded Greg Holden. Carried.

Business Arising:

None other than items covered in the agenda.

Treasurer's Report:

Dennis Maher reported

General Account:

Opening Balance:		\$32,66.50
Deposits:	Rego	\$75.00
Payments:		\$ NIL
Closing Balance:		\$32,735.50

Savings Account:

Opening Balance:		\$46,813.29
Interest:		\$9.94
Closing Balance:		\$46,823.23

Transaction Account:

Opening Balance:		\$4958.36
Deposits:	Rego	\$475.00
	CSCA	\$3304.00
Payments:	G. Coffil l-Rego	\$25.00
	J. Williamson- Rego	\$25.00
	B.Miles - Rego	\$25.00
	D.Maher-Drive to survive lunch	\$73.00
Closing Balance:		\$8589.36

Debit Account:

Opening Balance:	\$2601.86
Closing Balance:	\$2601.86

Total in Bank: \$90,749.95

Moved accepted Ross Reichardt, seconded Rod Pringle. Carried.

Secretary's Report:

Erin Woodall reported correspondence:

Incoming

- M.A Speed Reed
- Sprite Club SA - various emails
- Cardigras Car show
- NSW 6 Hour Regularity Relay
- Terry Thompson - CVS forms & CMC rego

Outgoing

Return completed by Graham Wells - Copy provided to Rod Pringle

Coming Events:

Sunday 14th January. Meet & Greet for the New Year
 Sunday 21st January - SCCA Supersprint at SMSP
 Saturday 10th February - Fish & Chip run
 March 22-26th Sprite & Midget Nationals

Motorsport Australia & CMC

Barry reported that there has been some compliance issues raised for Supersprint with expiry in December and Helmet compliance. Checking entry list. Chimp mail to be sent out to have entrants ensure compliant.

Greg reported CMC particular about modified vehicle scheme and the paperwork requirements with owners requiring to co sign the document or it will be returned.

Membership:

Ross Reichardt reported we have 5 new applicants this month

Hallen & Sheridan Evans are from Turrumurra and have a 1970 MG Midget
 Richard Lawrie is from Baulkham Hills and has a 1960 AH Sprite (Bugeye)
 Keith Pitfield is from Botany and has a 1958 AH Sprite (Bugeye)
 Frank Vella is from Dural and has a 1967 MG Midget.
 Matthew Draper- a part of the Woodall family

After some discussion, moved all accepted by Barry Cockayne, seconded by Dennis Maher

CSCA & Competition:

Greg Holden reported on behalf of David Baigent

66 Entrants for the CSCA. Not all entrants have paid the fees
 The club still really needs the support with volunteers for the day

Regalia:

Greg Holden advised there was nothing to report that he knew. He will follow up with Avis Fowler & Elise Manewell

Sprite Torque:

Greg Holden reported that Elise will continue with the Torque, juggling between university & work. Snap Printing closed down and Snap Wetherill Park was used for magazine printing this month, this was quite expensive for additional copies of the Torque. Dennis Maher to send invoice over to Erin Woodall to assist with sourcing quotes from a different supplier.

Elise Manewell is still chasing articles. Greg Holden will have a look at what he has.

Dennis Maher has suggested we do an article with information and an introduction from each committee member. Everyone agreed it was a good idea, each member to send a picture with a brief introduction to Erin Woodall so she can compile in to 1 email for Elise.

Website & Facebook:

Harley Pringle reported on the Facebook page

Over 1300 members are in the Group. SA becoming very active with posts. Most posts are for Tech advise, cars for sale etc

Ross Reichardt reported on the Website

No change at this time

AGM

Greg advised there are still some vacancies.

Treasurer. Greg Holden nominated to appoint Dennis Maher as treasurer, seconded by Barry Cockayne. Accepted and carried.

Social Officer- Greg Holden nominated to appoint Sharon. Greg to speak with Sharon and confirm. Seconded by Barry Cockayne. Provisionally Accepted and carried, awaiting confirmation.

General Committee both Rod Pringle and Greg Holden nominated themselves for the General Committee . Moved accepted Barry Cockayne, seconded Dennis Maher.

Registrar - Greg Holden nominated. Moved Accepted by Barry Cockayne, seconded by Dennis Maher.

Public Officer- Graham Wells officially resigned as of 9/1/2024. Rod Pringle nominated to become Public Officer. Moved accepted Dennis Maher, seconded by Greg Holden

Editor -Elise Manewell will continue as Editor. Moved accepted by Greg Holden, seconded by Dennis Maher.
 Motorsport Australia - Greg Holden nominated Barry Cockayne, Moved accepted by Rod Pringle, seconded by Greg Holden.

CMC Rep - both Barry Cockayne and Greg Holden nominated to share this role. Moved accepted by Ross Reichardt, seconded by Erin Woodall.

ABCC Rep - Greg will speak with Sharon and confirm. Ross Reichardt will be happy to co sit this position with Sharon. Greg Holden to confirm.

Librarian - Greg holden has nominated David Lawrence to continue as Librarian. Moved accepted by Barry Cockayne, seconded by Greg Holden

Regalia - Greg Holden to speak with Avis Fowler and confirm

Sprite Nationals:

Greg Holden reported:

The numbers have not been updated recently. Greg to follow this up. Greg to touch base with all attendees and will organize a pick up point. Greg to follow up Terry Corbin in those who are interested in the event and for those who have paid fees.

Supersprint:

Greg Holden report on behalf of David Baigent that he is keen to make this a great event.

Volunteers are still needed to make this a successful day.

Dennis has asked for assistance in contact details for making payment. Barry to assist if he is needed with Alex Fairweather.

General Business:

Ross Reichardt has raised a concern with the HVS certification process to ensure Club, Committee and members are following the required steps. After much discussion the committee has agreed to review and follow up to discuss at further meeting.

Graham Wells has raised that the bank account signatory is to be changed from himself to Erin Woodall. Dennis Maher has advised he will go to the bank to see them to advise next steps.

Dennis Maher is going to talk to the bank regarding our interest on the savings account due to the low interest earning.

Rod Pringle to look into producing a club calendar for 2025. Rod will look into quantity, supplier, costs etc and revert back to the committee.

Dennis Maher advised that the Drive To Survive Day was very successful, with 4 attendees learning braking techniques and skills. Advertising to start for the next Drive to Survive event. Dennis to follow up with the attendees on writing an article for the Torque.

Meeting Closed at 9.26pm

Next committee meeting is February 13th 2024 at 7.30pm. Venue - The Meeting Room, The Hills Club 2-6 Jenner Street Baulkham Hills.

Minutes of Monthly Meeting 13th February 2024

Venue: The Hills Club. 6-8 Jenner St., Baulkham Hills

Time: Commenced 7.35pm

Present: Greg Holden, Dennis Maher, Barry Cockayne, Avis Fowler, Steve Rivett & Erin Woodall

Apologies: David Baigent, Ross Reichardt, Rod Pringle & Harley Pringle

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Minutes from the previous meeting. Moved accepted Dennis Maher, seconded Greg Holden. Carried.

Business Arising:

None other than items covered in the agenda.

Secretary's Report:

Erin Woodall reported correspondence:

Incoming

M.A Speed Reed
 Sprite Club SA - various emails
 CSCA Affiliation fee invoice- From Dennis Maher
 ABBC meeting minutes and next meeting details
 CMC Shannons Classic Day - Event details/Application and receipt of payment/application
 National Motoring Heritage day
 Copy of completed DFT A9 public officer form from Rod Pringle

Treasurer's Report:

Dennis Maher reported there was a lot of activity this month due to the Supersprint & Rego's. Dennis did not have much luck with the bank interest and signatures with the CBA and will look at going to see the Rouse Hill branch with Greg.

Moved accepted Greg Holden , seconded Erin Woodall. Carried.

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General account 1000 4231		
Opening Balance		\$ 32,735.50
Deposits (As described)		
Richard Jennifer Lawrie	M/ship	\$ 60.00
BLITZ PLUMBING SERVIC	Rego	\$ 75.00
Dennis & Scheryl Maher	Rego	\$ 25.00
Beryle Taylor regalia	Regalia	\$ 150.00
Ben Sabel 293 rego 65637H	Rego	\$ 25.00
SSprint Cockayne	S/Sprint	\$ 210.00
Withdrawal		\$ -
ARDC Track hire/Medical (Chq cashed 18/1/24)	S/Sprint	-\$ 10,675.50
Closing balance		\$ 22,605.00

Savings Account 10373086		
Opening Balance		\$ 46,823.23
Deposit -	Regos	\$ 635.00
Credit interest - Nov 2023		\$ 9.94
Closing balance		\$ 47,468.17

Transaction account 10228025		
Opening Balance		\$ 8,589.36
Bank Fees		\$ -
Deposits	Refer Page 2 of report	\$ 13,014.36
Withdrawal		\$ -
Withdrawals	Refer Page 2 of report	-\$ 5,151.90
Closing balance		\$ 16,451.82

Debit account 10525483		
Opening balance		\$ 2,601.86
Deposits		
Closing balance		\$ 2,601.86

Total in Bank		\$ 89,126.85
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Coming Events:

March 10th - Bacon Eggs and Coffee run to Bicentennial park in Homebush
 March 22-26th Sprite & Midget Nationals
 To be confirmed possible April 28/4 - Western Sydney Experience Centre run with breakfast or brunch
 To be confirmed for May run to Wiseman's Ferry

Event Update:

Avis_Fowler reported

Fish & Chip run to Woy Woy was down on numbers most likely due to the weather however it was a great day
 Glenorie Meet and Greet had a really good turn out with approx. 30 people attending.

Motorsport Australia & CMC

Barry reported that the State Council Meeting is to be held this Thursday.

He also noted there has been a lot of discussion regarding the introduction of the "get out of the car in 10 seconds" rule

Membership:

Greg Holden reported on behalf of Ross Reichardt reported we had no new membership applications this month.

CSCA & Competition:

Greg Holden reported that there was no update or report from David at this stage.

Avis raised promoting the Girls on Track. After discussion this to be advertised in the Torque magazine.

Avis also spoke about the Hills District Car Club running junior motorkhanas, agreed to advertise this in the Torque Magazine

Regalia:

Avis Fowler advised

Some of the Sherpa style jackets were raffled off on the Glenorie run day.

Sprite Torque:

Greg Holden reported that Elise will be late with issuing the Sprite Torque this month as she is juggling work & university. All agreed that moving forward this will occur due to her workload and it is no problem.

Elise is still chasing articles.

The committee were also reminded to do a self article with information and an introduction from each committee member & send to Elise.

Website & Facebook:

Steve Rivett reported on the Facebook page

Members in the facebook group remain at around 1300 members are in the Group.

Steve raised a concern with posts of items for sales and potential risk scams. After discussion Barry suggested we need to keep this in mind and monitor & perhaps in future develop a policy around it. Discuss further at next meeting when Harley is attending so we can review and discuss further this topic

Sprite Nationals:

Greg Holden reported:

22 People are attending from the club and 100 in total. Anthony will coordinate getting everyone to meet up and drive down all together.

We need to put together a powerpoint presentation. Elise has a slideshow she put together previously and Erin happy to modify or assist in this if required.

Greg has asked Avis to assist with photos of Paul, Anthony, Paul Barbara, Neil Scott, Dennis Best & Bob Roundtree with pictures of them in or next to their vehicle with their helmets on

Supersprint:

Greg Holden reported

The supersprint was a successful day.

Defensive Driving Program / Drive to Survive:

Discussion took place to start advertising for the next event.

Dennis to follow up the articles with the attendees from the last event

General Business:

Previous meeting raised concerns with the HVS certification process to ensure Club, Committee and members are following the required steps. Committee has not looked into this as yet & agreed to review and follow up to discuss at further meeting.

Greg spoke to Ross regarding the All British day committee meeting. Ross advised there was a lot of discussion around what constitutes a British car and the vehicles on display. Ross will continue to attend meetings and update accordingly

CMC/Shannons day paperwork was submitted and event paid for. Awaiting the meeting regarding positions. Dennis and Barry are happy to attend the relevant meetings.

Meeting Closed at 8.38pm

Next committee meeting is March 19th 2024 at 7.30pm. Venue - The Meeting Room, The Hills Club 2-6 Jenner Street Baulkham Hills.

CSCA Round 1: 21st January 2024

Sunday turned out to be 41 degrees, luckily for us we had a small gazebo to hide under supplied by John Croft. We arrived 6:30am to unload our cars and set up our area. We were welcomed at sign in by David Baigent. Picked up our transponder, then headed to scrutineering. All okay, parked the car and set the car up for the days event. We had drivers briefing at 8:45am and the 5 beginners were given a further briefing. David was to be my mentor for the day, and he came up to understand my experience behind the wheel.

Back to the beginning, my Grandad (Les Payne) has a home-made go kart with a 50cc motorbike motor and he encouraged me to drive it. Over a couple of years, we had many breakdowns but together we fixed it. We changed sprockets to change speed and added a steering wheel for added comfort. That's when I started tearing up the drive way and Dianne gave me a stern look.

Grandad spoke to Mum and Dad asked how they felt about me doing gymkhana's on the dirt. After some hesitation they agreed. Grandads cousin, Uncle Jim owns 200 acres in Windellema with a jeep Cherokee lying idle; After 2 years and a new battery it fired into life. My sister, Bianca and I spent 3 days down there in November 2023 and I learnt to drive the manual jeep. Meanwhile I joined the sprite car club and applied for my junior track license and later received it.

When the sub regs came out for the CSCA first round hosted by the Sprite Car Club we were offered a beginners group with coaches, Fortunately I was accepted. In the beginning of January 2024, we returned to the block and I did 3 more days ,driving and gained 6+ hours of experience. Just prior to the super sprint I gained limited experience in the Mg Midget in grandads drive way and his neighbors drive way, as getting the midget mobile was far different from the jeep. Grandad set the driver's seat up for me. Then we loaded the car on the trailer ready for Sunday.

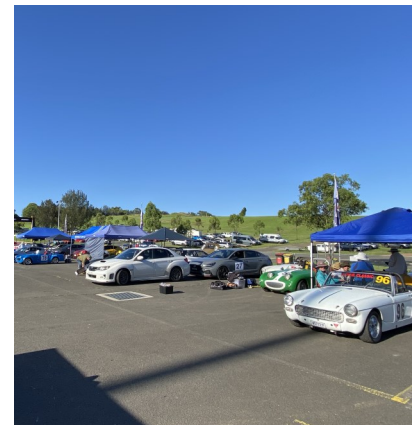
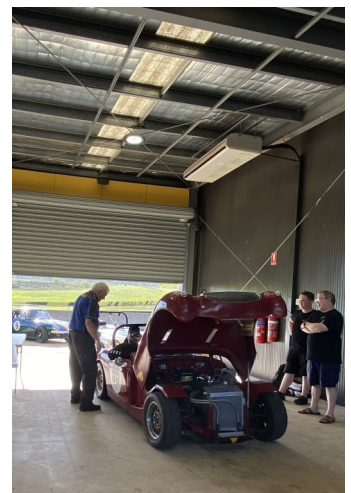
Because I was in the eight group I was able to observe other cars on the track during the morning, understanding how to get on and off the track. When group 8 was called, David came down to inform me as to how the session would go. I stalled the car once on the way onto the track, then all was good. Because we both had helmets on, David used hand signals to direct me around the track. At the end of the session the checkered flag came out and we did our cool down lap and had to do our time extraction when we left the circuit. Fortunately, we passed. We had 3 runs that day and each time I went on to the track I felt more confident and my lines were getting better.

I had a tremendous day and can't thank the Sprite Car Club enough for giving me the opportunity to have some time on the track. We only anticipated doing gymkhana's this year but this event moved us forward much quicker.

Acknowledgements

My parents for allowing me to take on this challenge, Grandad and Dianne for encouraging my parents and I to go a little outside our comforts zones, Uncle Jim for allowing to use his jeep down at the block, Thank you to the Sprite Car Club in taking on us beginners, And a really big thank you to all the volunteers who devoted their time to allow us to enjoy our sport. A big thankyou to David Baigent for his encouragement and taking me on the track with his undivided attention to detail and the feedback at the end of each run, I will forever be grateful for this experience, despite all of its nerve-wracking elements. My sister Bianca for putting up with me over this time and assisting with the story.

Article written and top photos supplied by Ollie Moogan





Fish and Chip Run with the Mini Club

Saturday afternoon on the 10th February saw a small but select group meet up with the Mini Club at Thornleigh McDonalds. After a quick social with everyone and the pre-requisite trip to the loo we all headed off up the Pacific Highway. Through Hornsby, then Berowra, we picked up Paul Lister in his Sprite at the Old Tollgates and continued along the Pacific Highway through Brooklyn watching out for the ever present highway patrol cars. Once we hit Somersby, it was onto Peats Ridge Rd and sections of Wisemans Ferry Rd before heading through Mangrove Mountain then back towards Gosford and Woy Woy. The usual confusion with two right turns simultaneously at Woy Woy Rd saw lane swapping as the go. We picked a number of Minis from the Minis on the Coast group before heading down the hill into Woy Woy.

As the group was smaller this year, parking was easier as was ordering and the ability to catch up with everyone. Not sure why numbers were down, maybe the weather as is it had been showery in the morning or we need to change the destination? But it's difficult when we have large numbers trying to get us all in somewhere. Suggestions welcome?????

Thank you to Michael and Lynne Benton from the Mini Club who organised this year's run and provided maps and instructions for us.

Who went? Craig Davies (very nice Mini), David Ramage (Sprite), Peter Stanton (Sprite), Paul Lister (Sprite), Ingrid Scharping and Beryle Taylor (MGB GTV8), Sharon Allen and Avis (Subaru), Ron and Margaret Farlow (Toyota) James Andrew-Lund (Sprite)

James comes along every year as he sees the run advertised and brings his beautiful Bugeye out to meet up with the club. Whilst not a member his Mother used to be a member many years ago with her Mk2 which is how he comes to be a Sprite owner. Great to see him enjoying his car and great to meet fellow enthusiasts. (His car was posted with pictures on the Club's Facebook page)



Meet and Greet 2024

Last year's meet and greet was such a success despite the heat we decided have one this year to welcome the start of the New Year.

The run started at McGrath's Hill McDonalds with everyone enjoying a stand and gossip session to catch up on the Christmas Holidays. At the nominated started time we headed off via Pitt Town then along Wisemans Ferry Rd up through to Maroota before heading along Old Northern Rd to Glenorie. Whilst these roads were my daily drive for many years, it's still surprising to see the development that is occurring in Glenorie The block of apartments that is now finished is still a bit of a shock even though I watched the foundations being dug out.

There was a light shower of rain along Old Northern Rd but that didn't slow anyone down and no-one stopped to put their roof up.

Lunch was at Glenorie RSL in 'our' room off to the side. Just enough room without being too big. Sienna and Olivia handed out raffle tickets to those attending with Ryan Allen opting for the Sherpa jacket from the regalia prize pool. It will be great to wear in winter!

It was unfortunate, that Ricky Misha was unable to make it as his car decided it didn't want to run with the fuel and heat causing problems so he headed home. Next time Ricky!

Who went? Les Payne and Dianne Rankin (BMW), Mike Meadows (Sprite), Bryan and Robyn Thompson (Commodore), Donna, Harley and Rod Pringle (Falcon), Bruce and Peter Miles (Sprite), Dennis and Scheryl Maher (Mercedes), Ann (Nissan 370Z), Sharon, Olivia, Sienna Allen (Subaru), Peter Stanton (Sprite), David Ramage (Sprite), Ryan and Kirsty Allen (Assoc), Colin Dodds in his lovely XJS convertible and Elise and Avis in the Mazda CX3.

A shout out must go to Peter Stanton who drives his Sprite from Morrisset to attend our runs.

Also to Bruce, Peter and David who headed out from the inner city to make the run. Sunday traffic and the heat heading home must be fun guys!



Ross' Restorations: MG Midget GAN5/143212G

I sold my bugeye 5 years ago because I wanted to finally buy a Triumph TR6. I did that, and that's a whole other series of stories! Great car though.

It didn't take too long for me to miss the bugeye, its simple cheerful attitude, and the fabulous handling. So, I made it known that if the right car came along, I could be interested.

The 'right' car didn't have to be a bugeye, and preferable wouldn't because of the value of those cars. It also needed to have a reasonable body. I have done major bodywork in the past, and it is hard work that feels like it will never end, so I didn't want major bodywork.

In March 2022, an email that simply started with:

"When you have nothing better to do, you might want to wander up and take a look at a 1973 Round Wheel Arch Midget that you could be interested in".

So, I went for a look. The friend selling that car had purchased it for parts but said it was too good to scrap, and he was right. There is some light accident damage, some minor rust, and the left hand front suspension had a broken bracket for the wishbone.

On the plus side, it's a very late (1974) 1275 round wheel arch Midget. It's complete and looks to be completely original. It's well worth restoring and I couldn't resist it! A deal was done, which involved me paying the asking price and on March 20th 2022, the car was delivered to my home. Very exciting!

The car has not been registered since 1998 and was running when parked. The owner at that time removed a few parts as the start of a tidy up and then lost interest—for over 20 years! He then gave up and sold it to my friend. My first thought was to replace those parts, fix the broken suspension bracket and drive it! But it quickly became clear that it really needed to be stripped and have a full restoration. I now have it stripped in my shed and have started the restoration process.

The fun has started, but I'll tell those stories another time!



Article written and photos supplied by Ross Reichardt



Drive to Survive

“The defensive driving course ran by Steer Safely was an educational, fun and enjoyable experience. From this course I learnt many new skills that I now use in my everyday driving. For example, the course demonstrated how to hard brake and safely manoeuvre around obstacles that may be encountered when driving. With the steer safely instructors’ help and practicing throughout the day, I have become more comfortable in using these skills when necessary. I would recommend this course to anyone who is learning to drive and building their knowledge on safe driving.” - Maddison Joines

Maddie was nominated by Avis Fowler, as a high-level rower who trains early mornings across Sydney. Recently, Maddie has been invited to join Sydney Rowing Club who train at Abbotsford, and selected as part of the NSW State Team. She attends training camps all over, recently driving all the way to Jindabyne for training. Maddie competed at the State Championships last week in numerous events, and won many of her races over the weekend.

“Steer Safely’s defensive driving course was an early start, but well worth it. We arrived nice and early at 7:30am, and of course had to wait around for the gate to open at 8am, oops. Once we were in and signed on, it became clear that I was already known to the instructors, as Dad had messaged Stu to warn I was coming. Our two instructors both had connections to the club, Stuart Nicholl’s parents being members of SCCA a while ago, and Ben Ruggles having rallied with our members years ago. We began with a theory session, learning the foundations for what we were about to put into practice. After a quick morning tea, we headed outside onto the paddock area of the dragstrip. This session was all about braking distances at speeds from 70km/h to 100km/h. We all had fun guessing where we’d end up, luckily all but one of us had ABS. One guy had an old Hilux without ABS, so the instructors were trying to explain how he could imitate ABS himself. We had a bunch of fun without the restrictions of public roads, even though we weren’t too wild. It was great to see the other club members enjoy the day and improve. Dennis took us all for lunch at the pub down the road, which was much appreciated. In the afternoon we learnt about the impact of obstacles and vision on braking distance. We practiced swerving and looking ahead of the blockage, rather than looking directly at it. Overall it was a great day, building our knowledge and helping us in our day to day driving. Big thank you to Dennis Maher for organising the day, I know it wasn’t easy finding a date that suited us all. Another thank you to Steer Safely and their two instructors who made the day so engaging and enjoyable” - Elise Manewell



Images taken by Dennis Maher and Stuart Nicholls



The Sprite Car Club of Australia will be sponsoring people to attend Stewart Nicholls' Steer Safely "Defensive Driving Program". This course is for P Platers and intended to teach them how to stay safe while driving on our roads.

If you know someone who would benefit from attending, please send a nomination to the contacts below. Nominations should be 1/2 A4 page, include your name, phone number, email address, and the relationship between you and your nominee - eg: self, daughter, nephew, friend, neighbour, workmate.

SEND NOMINATIONS TO:

Sprite Car Club Drive to Survive Program
P.O. Box 696
Kingswood
NSW 2747

or via email:
treasurer@spriteclub.com



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SPRITE & MIDGET
NATIONALS
WODONGA 2024 VICTORIA

22nd – 26th March 2024

INFORMATION BULLETIN NO.4

A friendly reminder folks that your **FINAL PAYMENT** is due by **28th February 2024**. It can be paid to the AHSDC Account: BSB: 033 337 Account No: 129572. Please notify Terri at terri@gregcorbinarchitects.com.au of payment.

There has been months of planning at this end and the Austin Healey Sprite Drivers' Club is looking forward to welcoming everybody to Wodonga for their participation in the Sprite & Midget Nationals 2024 Program of events.

Your support of this event has been amazing and the scene is set for those of us from Victoria, Queensland, New South Wales & South Australia to create wonderful memories as we enjoy each other's company across the days and activities that are planned.

We have quality, recently refurbished accommodation for all at the **Blazing Stump Motel** which is immediately adjacent to the **Blazing Stump Hotel** in whose function room we will enjoy quality evening meals, special presentations, entertainment items/activities, prizes & Rocker Cover Racing. A couple of important things to mention about our evening meals:

Saturday Night - Rocker Cover Racing is scheduled.

Monday Night - is our Gala/Presentation night and the dress theme is 'The Roaring 20's' – interpreted as you wish!

THE BLAZING STUMP MOTEL is located at 4327 Anzac Parade, Wodonga, Victoria, Australia 3690

The Wodonga region offers great touring roads, places of interest and local produce. Over the social days of the event we will be taking you to some great 'by invitation only' destinations at Albury, Beechworth & Corowa.

THE COMPETITION VENUE – Wodonga TAFE Motorsports Park is eminently suited to our Spridgets. It is 1.6km in length, 11 metres wide, has 9 technical corners and it adheres to Motorsports Australia's industry and safety standards as a Category C – Sprint Licence.

OUR SHOW & SHINE will be held at Wodonga's Junction Square, part of the Junction Place development on the site of the historic railway station and rail yards. It gives us an opportunity for a glimpse of Wodonga's central business district which was doubled as a result of the Junction Place development. Please bring a drip tray, carpet piece or something that can catch any oil leaks if your car has any! As if!

We are excited that you are all attending and we are looking forward to greeting you on arrival.

REGISTRATION is Friday 22nd from 5pm at the Blazing Stump Motel, specifically at the Blazing Stump Motel Embers Dining/Breakfast Room and adjoining deck area.

THE ARRIVAL DINNER will be at the same location on **Friday Night 22nd 6.30pm – 8.30pm.**

If you are coming later or encounter delays please let us know: **Terri: 0414 988 641 or Greg: 0418 179 327**

COMPLIMENTARY PRE DINNER DRINKS AND NIBBLES will be served on the subsequent nights at the Embers deck area thanks to your participant clubs who will be your hosts. Thanks to their generosity, drinks and nibbles are being supplied and they will be there to serve you - and have for sale their club regalia.

Saturday Night **SCCA**

Sunday Night **SCCQ**

Monday Night **SCSA**

For your convenience the following services are very close to the Blazing Stump Motel: Good Price Pharmacy Warehouse, Alpha Medical Centre 2.2kms, Wodonga Hospital 3.8Kms, Supercheap Auto, Bunnings, Ampol, 7 Eleven, BP, McDonalds & KFC.



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IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

FOUR THINGS WE ASK YOU HELP US WITH RIGHT NOW PLEASE as we get to the pointy end of things in the lead up to our event:

- 1 It is important that, if you haven't already done so could Competition people please return their completed **ENTRY FORMS** for Sprint & Motorkhana – **THEY ARE TWO SEPARATE FORMS!**
- 2 We also ask for Competition people to **take note of the SUPPLEMENTARY REGULATIONS for the Sprint Event** which are attached herewith.
- 3 Can everybody please fill in the attached **CONFIRMATION FORM** and return to Terri as it is **VITAL** for us to understand details to enable us to finalise bookings to match your expectations.
- 4 This year we are trying to make things more accessible so we are asking you, encourage you, to download the **WhatsApp** application onto your phone or iPad as we'll be using it to communicate with the group and visa versa over the days of the event. If you have any queries about this please contact Terri.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL AT WODONGA AND IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO CONTACT TERRI OR GREG ON THE ABOVE MENTIONED PHONE NUMBERS.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Social Events

10th March 2024

Breakfast Run to Bicentennial Park

We will be taking a short drive to Bicentennial Park for bacon and egg rolls, as well as tea and coffee. Bring along a chair to enjoy breakfast supplied by the club.

Start time: 7:00am

Start: McDonalds Rydalmere (314 Victoria Road, Rydalmere, NSW 2116)

Arrive: 8:00am at Bicentennial Park

RSVP by the 8th of March to Sharon

social@spriteclub.com or 0407941640

22nd–26th March 2024

Sprite and Midget Nationals—Wodonga

There is a range of events over the weekend for all to enjoy, from the welcome dinner, show and shine, competition events and much more.

Contacts:

Greg Corbin: greg@gregcorbinarchitects.com.au
0418179327

Terr Corbin: terri@gregcorbinarchitects.com.au
0414988641

28th April 2024

Western Sydney Airport Tour

We have organised a group tour of the new Western Sydney Airport experience centre. Enjoy breakfast before hand, then a short drive towards the new airport. The experience centre tour should take approximately 1 hour.

Breakfast location to be confirmed, keep an eye on emails and Facebook.

Start: 8:30am for breakfast

11:30am at experience centre

RSVP by the 25th of April to Sharon

Social@spriteclub.com or 0407941640

State Motorkhana Events

3rd March 2024

State Motorkhana: Westlakes Auto Club—Awaba

23rd-24th March 2024

State Motorkhana: New England Sporting Car Club—Armidale

21st April 2024

State Motorkhana: Hills District Car Club—Nirimba

19th May 2024

State Motorkhana: Renault Car Club of Australia—Nirimba

2nd June 2024

State Motorkhana: Thornleigh Car Club—Nirimba

30th June 2024

State Motorkhana: MX5 Club NSW—Nirimba

Contacts for these events can be found at:

<https://www.motorkhana.com/wp/calendars/>

CSCA Events

23rd June 2024

CSCA Round 2: JDCA—Sydney Motorsport Park North Circuit

27th July 2024

CSCA Round 3: MGCCN—Pheasant Wood Circuit or One Raceway (to be confirmed)

24th August 2024:

CSCA Round 4: CLA—Sydney Motorsport Park Brabham or GP Circuit

19th October 2024:

CSCA Round 5: MGCCN—Pheasant Wood Circuit or One Raceway (to be confirmed)

For further information, contact David Baigent
0407137776 or captain@spriteclub.com

Attendance at any of the club events listed in the calendar is not required to be entered into your HVS/ CVS logbook.

GEAR Events

Monday 25th March 2024

GEAR—Sydney Motorsport Park (South Circuit)

Monday 6th May 2024

**GEAR—One Raceway (formerly Wakefield Park)
alternatively Pheasant Wood Circuit**

Monday 1st July 2024

GEAR—Sydney Motorsport Park (North Circuit)

Wednesday 25th September 2024

**GEAR—One Raceway (formerly Wakefield Park)
alternatively Pheasant Wood Circuit**

Wednesday 4th December 2024

**GEAR—One Raceway (formerly Wakefield Park)
alternatively Pheasant Wood Circuit**

Further details for these events can be found at:

<https://www.gearclub.com.au/calendar.html>

HSRCA Events

8th-9th June 2024

HSRCA Sydney Classic—Sydney Motorsport Park

30th November—1st December 2024

HSRCA Summer Festival—Sydney Motorsport Park

Further details for these events can be found at:

<https://hsrca.com/calendar/>



Image taken by Elise Manewell at the 2023 Northern Beaches Breakfast Run



Don Bartley: Image taken by Steve Koen at the 2023 HSRCA Sydney Classic



Matt and Sienna Pearce: Image taken by Chris Warwick at the HDCC Motorkhana 4/2



Ray Fahey: Image taken by Ken Beatty at GEAR day 7/2



Image taken by Elise Manewell at SCCA Supersprint 21/1



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