

Welcome to the Jan edition of the Bugeye Burble, the monthly bulletin of the Sprite Club of South Australia. Hopefully by now those with access to a computer will have availed themselves to this years calendar. If we don't have another pandemic to slow everyone down, its looking to be a busy year this year, not least with the return of two staples in the South Australian Classic Car scene, All British Day at Echunga and the McLaren Vale Vintage and Classic, in McLaren Vale and local wineries.

We will be bringing back some old favourites this year and trying out some new things. Wine and cheese nights, guest speakers and a technical evening or two. The ever-popular Sports Car runs and Mid Week Meanders will return for 2023 as well as old favourites including an Ice Cream run this summer and a Fish and Chip run later in the year. And there will be some reasons to get into our cars in late Autumn and early winter and head into the Adelaide Hills and surrounds to sample the wonderful produce South Australia is world renowned for with a winery run and a pub run or two, all with the warming glare of an open log fire! Toss in some Breakfast Runs, Midweek runs and other picnic runs, there is hardly an excuse this year not to pull the Sprite or Midget (or other beautiful classics that might be lurking within the members garages) and go for a run with likeminded owners!

The primary focus of the Sprite Club is to promote, foster and preserve Austin Healey Sprites and MG Midgets. So, if you are reading this and you own a Spridget (or something Spridget-like!) but are not a member, why not drop us a line and come along for a run. You will always be welcomed! Who knows, we might even convince you to join!

I look forward to joining you out on the road at an event soon!

Robin Dunk
President, Sprite Club of SA

Technical Tip (1)

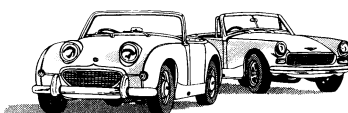
Give your car a cool treat this summer. Give the cooling system a flush and replace with fresh coolant. Whilst you are at it, consider lifting the thermostat housing and checking its condition too. You may not know, but there are several versions of the humble thermostat, one for hot climes, a standard one and one for cooler climates. You would be well served to fit a 74° thermostat (Part No. GTS102) to give the radiator a head start for hot days!

And whilst you are at it, check the condition of the hoses and your fanbelt. Rubber deteriorates and the hoses develop hairline cracks that eventually lead to leaks. Next to the oil, the radiator fluid is a most valuable commodity in keeping your engine cool so keeping it flowing inside the engine is vital for your engine's longevity! Yes, that's right, the second most important part of the cooling system ... the oil doesn't only lubricate, it cools too!

Radiator hoses are not the easiest of things to replace due to space, but the technical requirement is low so it's a great way to get up close and personal with your car! A soak in a bucket of hot water and quick spray of WD40 on the inside of the hoses makes it a wee bit easier to slip them over the radiator flanges to help them along the way. And don't forget the jubilee clamps. It's so frustrating to get the hoses all on and snugged up in place, only to find the jubilee clamps sitting on the garage floor next to your feet. Don't ask me how I know this!!

In fact, if you really love your car, you might want to lift the radiator out and have it serviced. It's not a difficult task to lift it out and offers plenty of meaningful bonding time with your car as you put it back in, but having it professionally serviced will restore most radiators to full cooling capacity and set you up for another 10 years.

Any questions? Don't be shy and ask another club member for advice and assistance! Better to ask and keep your cool, than not say anything and need to vent!



Next Two Months Events.

For full schedule, refer to the events calendar (

26 Jan Thursday	Australia Day Picnic and Throng Throwing Competition Des and Penny Chabrel, 2 Dorset Lane, Oakbank, 1200 onwards <i>The annual Sprite Car Club Australia Day BBQ and Thong Throwing competition returns to the Chabrels for 2023!</i> <i>BYO chairs, drinks and picnic lunch, Des and Penny will be providing sweets!</i>
29 Jan Sunday	Glen Ewin Hillclimb Revival Glen Ewin Estate, 1200 onwards, \$5 entry fee https://www.glenewinestate.com.au/events/glen-ewin-hill-climb-revival-2023
5 Feb Sunday	Breakfast Run to Uraidla Bakery Perfect Note Café to Uraidla Bakery <i>Meet at the Perfect Note Café to say hello to the ClubbiesSA crew and grab a coffee for a 0830 departure for Uraidla Café, via Upper Sturt Road, Stirling and Carey Gully, arriving at approximately 0900 for a late breaky. Stay and natter or head straight off and start your day!</i>
5 Feb Sunday	ClubbiesSA 1st Sunday Perfect Note Café, 168 Main Road, Blackwood
6th Feb Monday	General Meeting Fullarton Park Community Centre, 411 Fullarton Road, Fullarton Park. <i>Remember to sign in the attendance book! Refreshments will be served.</i>
18 Feb Saturday	Ice Cream Run Summer run to 48 Flavours, Unley Road <i>Starting out at very secret location at a highly classified time, this will be better than the Beatles Magical Mystery Tour, ending at 48 Flavours on Unley Road for an ice cream!</i>
19th Feb Sunday	ClubbiesSA 3rd Sunday at the Rezz Hotel The Rezz Hotel, 0830
26th Feb Sunday	MSCA Presentation Trophy Day Virgara Wines, 143 Heaslip Road, Angle Vale <i>Refer to the MSCASA website for more information</i>

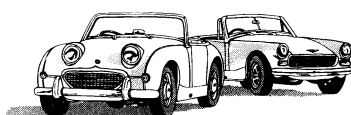
Upcoming Events to Note:

5th Mar Sunday	All British Day Echunga Oval, Echunga. <i>After several false starts and the threat of cancellation, All British Day returns to Echunga in 2023. Details to follow; however, the Sprite Club will have a designated area.</i>
18th Mar Saturday	Sports Car Cruise #1 Details to follow <i>One of our favourite and best patronised events will return again in 2023</i>
3 Apr Monday	Stars and Their Cars/General Meeting Sporting Car Club of SA Clubrooms, King William Road <i>Who will be a Star and what is their car – come along and find out!!!</i>



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7-11 Apr Fri - Mon	MG Car Club National Meet 2023 South Australia <i>200+ MGs of all shapes and sizes descending on SA for a long weekend of car shows and competition. Head to https://natmeet2023mgcc.com.au/bulletins.html for details</i>
23 Apr Sunday	McLaren Vale Vintage and Classic McLaren Vale <i>If the return of All British Day wasn't enough, MVCC is back on again! More details and entry forms can be found here https://www.vintageandclassic.com.au/</i>
5 May Sun	Sporting Car Club of SA (Classic and Modern Register) Healey Night Sporting Car Club <i>The Sporting Car Club of South Australia (Classic and Modern Register) will be having an Austin Healey night and has invited members of the Austin Healey Club and the Sprite Club to attend. The Club has been asked if we can assist with a Bugeye for the stage for the evening! Numbers are limited to approximately 15 and a \$5 cover charge per person is requested to assist with the costs of the supper. Please RSVP Robin or Peter if you are attending</i>
7 May Sun	Peter Hall Memorial 6 Hr Relay Mallala Raceway <i>Details to follow – can we field three teams in 2023??</i>
28 May Sunday	Winery Run Winery and weather TBC! <i>With so many wineries to choose from its harder to plan than you might think!</i>
18 Jun Sunday	Winter Solstice Lunch Run A Spritely Run to a pub in the Adelaide Hills to celebrate the coming Winter Solstice! <i>Easy Mid Winter's run up into the Adelaide Hills, ending at a nice warm pub for a counter lunch and a natter. Who will brave the cold and drive up in style, top down??!</i>
16 Jul Sun	Sprite Club Slot Car World Championships Scalex World <i>Think you've got quick reflexes and hot wheels? The most hotly contested racing event on any calendar is back in 2023, bigger and better than ever. Meet at the Rezz Hotel for a coffee with the Clubbies and the meander over to Ridgehaven where the rubber will hit the road at Grant's Scalex World complex. It's rumoured that one member has pulled their slot car track out of the attic to practice and is building a special car for the event. \$25 charge per person.</i>
16 Sep Sat	51st Annual Dinner Venue TBA
1 Oct Sun	Picnic Run to Collingrove Historic Hillclimb Run details TBA
3 Nov Fri	John Blanden's Climb to the Eagle Victoria Park
5 Nov Sun	Annual Sprite Club Display Day Wigley Reserve



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