

February 2023**Official Bulletin of the Sprite Club of SA**

Welcome to the second Bugeye Burble for the year. Good grief, its already February and, for many of us, holidays are but a distant memory, but rest assured, there is a jam-packed calendar of social and motor sport events coming up for the next few months.

So many events, in fact, its hard to know where to go at times. At least we can't be accused of not having a balance between mid week runs, breakfast runs or lunch runs (for those who don't like to wake up early, not that I'll name them 😊). Which is a nice segway into organising runs. Don't be shy – we've done the hard part and dreamt up the themes, but if someone (anyone!) would like to take on some of the planning or organising of one of the upcoming runs, please drop me a line as we'd love some help! Some of the events take care of themselves, others are all hand on deck to make them happen, but you will see some 'TBA' or 'TBD' events sprinkled throughout, and I'd love to hear from people who might like to help or take the lead! As they say in the classics, many hands make the Lucas Lights work (or something like that!)

I'm also keen to hear from members if we have missed something or if someone has a burning desire to bring something back (and help organise it)! I'd love to see some interclub social events, be it an SA based association or one of the interstate Sprite and Midget clubs. And if you are not receiving regular emails, please let us know so we can add you to the Club mailing list.

One event I will flag is the Peter Hall Memorial 6 Hour Relay. In the absence of a National Challenge (or similar cross border excursion), the Peter Hall traditionally brings teams from Victoria to compete so let's get our heads together and turn this into a bit of an impromptu event. Let's also see if we can't get a full Spridget team up for the event so we go into it with three! Unfortunately, there is a hill climb scheduled on the same day which makes life challenging, but where there is a will there is often a way. Three teams would be a good problem to have!

You also notice a couple of calls for cars. I'm 99% certain, all baring a mechanical failure or unseasonal weather, the Bugeye for the Sporting Car Club 'Healey Night' has been answered (thanks Don) and we are currently quietly tapping people on the shoulder for the Stars and their Cars night so, if you have been asked, Mum's the word – don't let the cat out of the bag as to this years' theme!

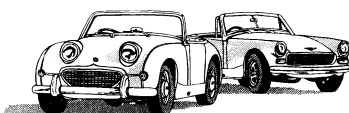
As always, I look forward to joining you out on the road at an event soon!

Robin Dunk
President, Sprite Club of SA

Technical Tip (2)

If you thought last months hot topic of engine coolant was fascinating, then lets talk about oil. After all its the lifeblood of any engine. You can survive for a short while without coolant, but lose the oil and you are likely moments away from something quite catastrophic.

I'm not writing to tell you which brand is best. We all have our favourites, but I will say I highly recommend a full mineral 20W50 or 20W60 oil. You will read raging arguments online about zinc levels and other mineral levels – my recommendation is to look for a reputable brand making a classic car specific mineral oil of the right viscosity. Personally, I'm not 'brandist' and I'll use any one of three or four brands but I do have short arms and deep pockets, so if I will one on special at the autoshop that's what I'll buy. And yes, I have been known to mix brands as well so no doubt I've committed a few cardinal sins here in the eyes of some no doubt!!!



Anyway, to my top tips for the month. Always check your oil before you go out. Always! If its down, always top it up to the full line before you go out and track how much and how often you are putting more in. It's a good early indicator of an issue. Always look at the colour of the oil. The colour of the oil, like the cracks in an old house, tell you a story about what is going on inside the engine. Old oil will be black. If its blacker than black, change it. It's done its job and served its time. If it's been in the car for more than 6 months, I'd be thinking about changing it and if it's been in the car for more than 12, change it as mineral oils break down. When its new it will be the colour of Golden Syrup (don't get the two mixed up when cooking tho) and it will slowly darken up, but if it goes black inside only a few drives, it's a good sign that something else is going on deep inside engine. Might be a good time to check that the cooling system is working properly. And if it's starting to turn milky, don't drive it. Milky equals water in the oil so the earlier that you catch it, the cheaper the repair bill is about to be!

One final tip. Don't just think that because you've only done a few hundred miles this year its ok to leave the filter in for a bit longer. Change it at least once every year. It can be a right buggger of a job but its not technically difficult and, like fitting a radiator, it's a great time to get up close and personal with your car.

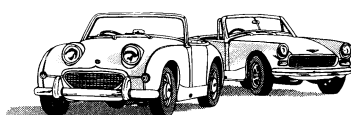
Any questions? Don't be shy and ask another club member for advice and assistance!

Bernie Hands, Resident Mechanical Genius

Next Two Months Events.

For full schedule, refer to the events calendar (

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| 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 the clubrooms at the Fullarton Community Centre, the route is a highly guarded secret known only to Michael McLaren and will likely be more fun 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 |
| 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> |
| 5 Mar
Sunday | ClubbiesSA 1st Sunday
Perfect Note Café, 168 Main Road, Blackwood |



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6th Mar Monday	<p>General Meeting Fullarton Park Community Centre, 411 Fullarton Road, Fullarton Park. <i>Remember to sign in the attendance book! Refreshments will be served.</i></p>
12th Mar Sunday	<p>MSCA SuperSprint (Round 1, including the MSCA Come and Try Day) Mallala Raceway <i>The Marque Sports Car Association SuperSprint series returns once again for 2023 with five action packed rounds between March and October. For more information, refer to the MSCASA (MSCASA - Event Calendar). The first event includes the MSCA Come and Try Day.</i></p>
18th Mar Saturday	<p>Sports Car Cruise #1 Details to be confirmed <i>One of our favourite events will return again in 2023. Don't miss out on what will surely be another fabulous run up/down the coast on what will hopefully be a mild Autumnal evening!</i></p>
19th Feb Sunday	<p>ClubbiesSA 3rd Sunday at the Rezz Hotel The Rezz Hotel, 0830</p>
25/26 Mar Sat/Sun	<p>Adelaide Motor Sport Festival Victoria Park, Adelaide <i>Held the week prior to the Melbourne Formula 1 Grand Prix, the Adelaide Motorsport Festival is a museum in motion, displaying historic, rare and significant racing vehicles in the Adelaide Park Lands and beyond. Refer to the website for more information (ADELAIDE MOTORSPORT FESTIVAL)</i></p>
1st Apr Saturday	<p>Sporting Car Club of SA (SCCSA) Collingrove Hillclimb Come and Try Collingrove Hillclimb Circuit 71 Hill Climb Rd, Mount McKenzie <i>The 2023 SCCSA Hillclimb season kicks off with the first of their Come and Try days! If you have never experienced the challenge of a hillclimb and want to give it a go - this is a great event to be part of. Head to Motorsport Downloads Sporting Car Club of SA, complete the entry from and return it to motorsport@sportingcarclub.com.au.</i></p>
2nd Apr Sunday	<p>First Sunday Breakfast Run Destination to be advised <i>Stay tuned for more information</i></p>
2nd Apr Sunday	<p>Sporting Car Club of SA (SCCSA) Collingrove Challenge Trophy (Round 1) Collingrove Hillclimb Circuit <i>The ever popular (and hotly contested Collingrove Challenge Trophy returns for 2023. Can Peter Stanley find less than half a second and win the series for his class this year?</i></p>
3 Apr Monday	<p>Stars and Their Cars/General Meeting Sporting Car Club of SA Clubrooms, King William Road <i>Always a fabulous night on the SCSA calendar and a general meeting with a distinct difference, come along to the Sporting Car Club and see who's cars are up on stage this year. Guaranteed they will all be interesting cars with fascinating stories from their owners!</i></p>
14 Apr Friday <i>*Change of Date*</i>	<p>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 will be providing a Bugeye for the 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 wish to attend.</i></p>



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Upcoming Events to Note:

- 7-11 Apr**
Fri - Mon **MG Car Club National Meet 2023**
South Australia
Head to <https://natmeet2023mgcc.com.au/bulletins.html> for details
- 16 Apr**
Sunday **Sporting Car Club of SA (SCCSA) Ray Pank Hillclimb (Round 1)**
Collingrove Hillclimb Circuit
- 23 Apr**
Sunday **McLaren Vale Vintage and Classic**
McLaren Vale
More details and entry forms can be found here <https://www.vintageandclassic.com.au/>
- 7 May**
Sun **Peter Hall Memorial 6 Hr Relay**
Mallala Raceway
Details to follow – can we field three teams in 2023??
- 28 May**
Sunday **Winery Run**
Winery and weather TBC!
With so many wineries to choose from its harder to plan than you might think!
- 18 Jun**
Sunday **Winter Solstice Lunch Run**
A Spritely Run to a pub in the Adelaide Hills to celebrate the coming Winter Solstice!
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??!
- 16 Jul**
Sun **Sprite Club Slot Car World Championships**
Scalex World
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.
- 26th Aug**
Saturday **Pie and Peas Dinner**
Fullarton Park Community Centre, 411 Fullarton Road, Fullarton Park.
Pie and peas. Who would have thought it was a classic South Australian meal. Rumoured to have originated in Port Augusta of all places, the Sprite Club has well and truly embraced this culinary institution with a night dedicated to pies, floating upside down, in a bowl of peas!
- 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

