

We Adelaidians like to refer to March as 'Mad March' with the Fringe, WOMAD, the Adelaide Festival, Writers Week and (in the past) the Adelaide 500 all rolling through our sleepy little city for one, mad, month. The 500 may not be in March anymore, but I don't think March as any less manic, with the Adelaide Festival of Motorsport bringing back the sights and sounds of F1 and other delectable forms of racing car to Victoria Park in its stead!

And, the Sprite Club, it was also a busy month, kicking off with the return of All British Day, the Autumn Sports Car Cruise and the first of the Mid Week Meanders, not to mention the return of historic motorsport with Round 1 of the MSCA taking place at Mallala.

Whilst Adelaide may return a quieter, less frenetic pace for a while (until the Supercars roll back into town anyway), the Club doesn't stop to draw breath with an equally busy April ahead of us. The month starts of literally racing up hill, with the Hill Climb season kicking off on the first weekend and it gets busier from there with motorsport, club events and the McLaren Vale Vintage and Classic. I was asked (reminded) about a First Sunday Breakfast Run. Well, someone else might have to organise that one for me as I'm probably digging up a stormwater pipe in my front yard again (DIY tip – don't swing a mattock within 6" of the stormwater...) and the Toastie Westie has its first market for the year on Sunday morning at Gillies on the Grounds so I'm previously engaged!

Volunteers. We always need volunteers and this year we and the Clubbies will again be fielding two teams at the Peter Hall Memorial 6 Hour (7 May) and we need pit support to make the day work! Please let Pat or Sean know!

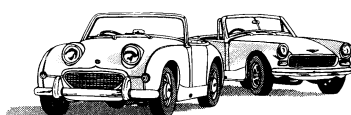
On the membership front we have been fortunate to gain some new members! Judith and Geoff Glasson recently joined with a Mk1 Sprite they bought from Victoria. Not quite yet a runner, Geoff is no stranger to BMC engineering already owning a MGTC and MGB and is well versed in the art of bringing a hibernating classic back to life, although he's busy preparing his MGs for the Nationals here in SA. You may have seen recent posts about parts wanted so stay tuned as I'm sure there will be more small parts needed to bring the Bugeye back to the road! Clive may have sold his Bugeye but we won't have lost the car for long as the new owners, although not members (yet!) they hope to join us for runs in the very near future! And finally, Michael Young and his partner joined with something a little different – an Austin 1800 and it's no ordinary Land Crab! For those with a long memories you may recall the journalist/rally driver Evan Green and the legend Galignite Jack Murray did a 12000 mile figure 8 circumnavigation of Australia to prove the reliability of Castrol Oil with an Austin 1800 and a Mini and then wrote a book about the trip. This is the very 1800 they used! I for one very much look forward to seeing 'DYL 090' out on the road in a run in the coming months! If you've joined us this month and I've missed you (and I'm sure I have), I humbly apologise and please kick me in the shins at a club meeting or run soon!

Happy driving!

Robin Dunk
President, Sprite Club of SA

Technical Tip (4)

My tip for the month ... be nice to your car and it will reward you with hours of happy motoring. Don't think they are not a living thing ... they know if they are being neglected and will reward a neglectful driver with a long wait on the side of the road for a lift home. A clean car is a happy car. A happy car likes a fresh bowls of fuel. And exercise your car regularly as it keeps everything lubricated!



Next Two Months Events.

For full schedule, refer to the events calendar

- 1st Apr
Saturday** **Sporting Car Club of SA (SCCSA) Collingrove Hillclimb Come and Try**
Collingrove Hillclimb Circuit 71 Hill Climb Rd, Mount McKenzie
*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.*
- 2nd Apr
Sunday** **First Sunday Breakfast Run**
Destination to be advised – volunteer to organise required (see above!).
- 2nd Apr
Sunday** **ClubbiesSA 1st Sunday of the Month**
Perfect Note Café, 168 Main Road, Blackwood
- 2nd Apr
Sunday** **Sporting Car Club of SA (SCCSA) Collingrove Challenge Trophy (Round 1)**
Collingrove Hillclimb Circuit
*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?*
- 3 Apr
Monday** **Stars and Their Cars/General Meeting**
Sporting Car Club of SA Clubrooms, King William Road
*Always a fabulous night on the SCCSA 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!*
- 14 Apr
Friday** **Sporting Car Club of SA (Classic and Modern Register) Healey Night**
Sporting Car Club
*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.
Don will be providing his Bugeye 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.*
- 16 Apr
Sunday** **Sporting Car Club of SA (SCCSA) Ray Pank Hillclimb (Round 1)**
Collingrove Hillclimb Circuit
- 16 Apr
Sunday** **ClubbiesSA 3rd Sunday at the Rezz Hotel**
The Rezz Hotel, 0830
- 23 Apr
Sunday** **McLaren Vale Vintage and Classic**
Classic Cars in McLaren Vale. Lunch for the Sprite Club will be at Bec Hardy Wines
More details and entry forms can be found here <https://www.vintageandclassic.com.au/>
- 22/23 Apr
Sat/Sun** **Sporting Car Club Autosport All Historic Race Meeting**
A showcase of nostalgia celebrating over 40 years of this event. Tickets will be available online
or at the gate! <https://www.sportingcarclub.com.au/2023-motorsport-events>
- 1 May
Monday** **General Meeting**
Fullarton Park Community Centre, 411 Fullarton Road, Fullarton Park.
Remember to sign in the attendance book! Refreshments will be served.



SPRITE CLUB OF S.A.

7 May Sun	Peter Hall Memorial 6 Hr Relay Mallala Raceway <i>Along with our friends at ClubbiesSA and we have two teams in this event again. And those pesky Austin Healey Sprite Drivers Club types are all heading over to plunder the silverware yet again. We need volunteers on the pit wall and with the teams. Will the AHSDC notice if we steal their wheels for a few hours during the event to put them off their game? Come along and see the fun!</i>
7 May Sun	British Classics Tour McLaren Vale to Victor Harbor <i>Details ca be found here: https://britishclassicstour.com.au/</i>
17 May Sun	Midweek Run Details to follow.
21 May Sunday	ClubbiesSA 3rd Sunday at the Rezz Hotel The Rezz Hotel, 0830
28 May Sunday	Winery Run Winery and weather TBC!

Upcoming Events to Note:

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>
26th Aug Saturday	Pie and Peas Dinner Fullarton Park Community Centre, 411 Fullarton Road, Fullarton Park. <i>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!</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

