

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

Welcome all to the August edition of the Bugeye Burble! The weather looks like it is finally turning towards Spring, which is just as well as we have a bunch of interesting adventures on the near horizon!

Firstly, I'd like to welcome Phil Tregenza, and welcome back Paul Charal, to the club. Phil brings a delectable 1973 MG MGBGT V8 to the club. An original chrome bumpered V8 too no less! An amazing car that could have/should have brought a wave of US dollars into the British Leyland coffers with its small body and US derived all alloy V8, sadly a combination of US regulation changes killed the US sales dream before it started with BL deciding against developing a LHD version of the car and stopping the export of the 4 cylinder GT to America in 1974 altogether. It didn't stop the later V8s and GTs being adorned with the oversized blank 'rubber' bumpers which many would argue never suited the car (nor some would argue the Midget either for that matter). A real shame as the car was every bit the poor man's E-Type or Aston Martin. Paul, whom many of you know, has recently brought a Bugeye back to life and immediately rejoined the Club. Welcome both and we hope to see your cars out on the road soon! If you've joined and I've missed you out, I humbly apologize; please email me and I'll let people know who you are and what you are driving and hopefully we might see you out and about soon!

Thank you to Clive for putting on the Slot Car racing last month. Personally, I think there was foul play as our lane never seemed as fast as everyone else's, but a great day was had by all, including members from ClubbiesSA, the Rover Car Club and the Topless Car Club. I'd also like to thank the club members who came out to support Ruth Otterwill and the Cancer Care Centre fundraiser with an afternoon at the movies. A great afternoon was had by all who attended with proceeds going to a great cause!

Hopefully everyone has seen the notices about the next Sprite and Midget nationals and the information bulletins about costs, accommodation etc. I've had a few questions from members that I'll endeavour to have answered. And remember, the emphasis is on participation. If you don't have a Sprite or Midget anymore or you are a member with another marque of vehicle, you are still welcome to come along and participate in all of the events and share in the camaraderie of the combined clubs.

And if you are free tonight I highly recommend you pop along to the monthly meeting and listen to the guest speaker, Mr Terry Clark as he talks about watching motor racing through the viewfinder of his camera!

Have a look at the events in the calendar update below and happy driving!

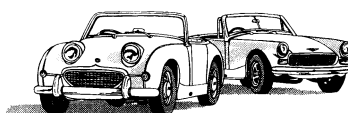
Robin Dunk
President, Sprite Club of SA

Technical Tip (#8)

Spark Plugs. Car suddenly running a 'bit off' and misfiring? Maybe consider giving it a new set of plugs before you strip the carburettors down or start adjusting the timing. Remember to re-gap the plugs to around 25tho before you wack them in (unless you are running modern ignition system, then you may be able to open them up to 30-35tho). And don't get sucked in to thinking you can get a little more power out of running 'colder plugs'. Unless you are racing and therefore running fairly constantly at high revs, all these are going to do is foul up and cause the car to cough and splutter.

If you haven't given them a new set of plugs in a while, treat it to a set. It will reward you!

If you feel like writing some tech tips for coming editions of the Burble, drop me a line!



Coming Events

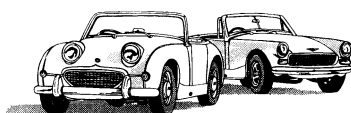
For full schedule, refer to the events calendar

- 6 Aug
Sunday** **ClubbiesSA 1st Sunday of the Month**
Perfect Note Café, 168 Main Road, Blackwood
- 7 Aug
Monday** **General Meeting – Guest Speaker Mr Terry Clark**
Fullarton Park Community Centre, 411 Fullarton Road, Fullarton Park.
Remember to sign in the attendance book! Refreshments will be served.
- 13 Aug (Sunday)** **MSCA SuperSprint (Mallala)**
- 20 Aug
Sunday** **ClubbiesSA 3rd Sunday at the Rezz Hotel**
The Rezz Hotel, 0830
- 20 Aug
Sunday** **SCCSA Ray Pank Hillclimb (Round 4)**
Collingrove
- 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!
- 3 Sep
Sunday** **ClubbiesSA 1st Sunday of the Month**
Perfect Note Café, 168 Main Road, Blackwood
- 4 Sep
Monday** **General Meeting**
Fullarton Park Community Centre, 411 Fullarton Road, Fullarton Park.
Remember to sign in the attendance book! Refreshments will be served.
- 16 Sep
Sat** **51st Annual Dinner**
Hut n Soul, 310 Pulteney Street, Adelaide
\$40 per head for a seven course meal!
More details can be found here: <https://www.spriteclub.com.au/?p=11925>
- 17 Sep
Sunday** **ClubbiesSA 3rd Sunday at the Rezz Hotel**
The Rezz Hotel, 0830
- 20 Sep
Wed** **Russell and Judy's Mid Week Meander Mystery Run**
Meet Tilley Reserve, 0930 for a 1000 departure. Total Run approx. 120km
- 30 Sep
Saturday** **MSCA SuperSprint Rd 4 (The Bend East)**
Sprite Club on flagging duty. Volunteers requested (names to Pat).
If you are not attending the Picnic Run to Collingrove, please consider helping out.
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Upcoming Events to Note:

- 1 Oct
Sun** **Picnic Run to Collingrove Historic Hillclimb**
Entry to Sprite Club Members will be free.
Sprites and Midgets will be part of the featured display cars for the day and, event timing permitting, all Sprites and Midgets will be allowed a controlled run up the track behind the pace car.
More details to follow
- 3 Nov
Fri** **John Blanden's Climb to the Eagle**
Victoria Park to Victor Harbour
<https://www.sportingcarclub.com.au/event-details/john-blandens-climb-to-the-eagle-2023>
- 5 Nov
Sun** **Annual Sprite Club Display Day**
Wigley Reserve – all members and non-club members welcome to come along and display their Sprites and Midgets or Associate Vehicles.
- 22-25 Mar** **Sprite and Midget Nationals**
Wodonga – see Club Website for the latest information



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