

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

Welcome all to yet another edition of the Bugeye Burble! Isn't Spring just a lovely time of the year? The Royal Adelaide Show comes to town and the from where we live we hear the excitement of the kids heading to the show, some for the first time (and we see the parents dragging their exhausted and cranky kids home again about 4 hours later!). The rides, the animals, the sideshows and the food and of course the sights and sounds. A brief flashback to simpler times in many ways! A bit like digging the Sprite or Midget out for the first time in a few months and shaking the cobwebs out with a run up to the Clubbies First Sunday of the Month. A nice road, beautiful blue skies over head and the knowledge of good coffee. Simple. Fun. Perfect!

Keep an eye on the calendar as we have some great events coming up! The annual Dinner will hopefully be a lovely night to have a great dinner, reflect on the past 12 months of the club and just catch up with old friends. Russell and Judy have a mystery run to the Northwest planned and we have been invited by the Sporting Car Club of SA to Collingrove for the Historic Hillclimb so pack a picnic and head out for the day. But the events don't stop there. The Bay to Birdwood is on again, the annual Climb to the Eagle and of course our Display Day to cap off the year!

Don't forget to RSVP for the Dinner. At \$40 per head its amazing value!!

I look forward to seeing you all out and about soon! Happy driving!

Robin Dunk
President, Sprite Club of SA

Technical Tip (#9)

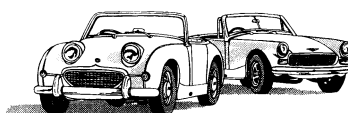
Spring has sprung and now it's time to spring on some fresh oil for your car if you haven't done so over winter! And get your hands on your grease gun and push some fresh grease through all of the grease nipples. Your car will thank you!

But how may of us think of our tyres? We roll our cars out, check they have air in them and some of us even check for tread, but who every thinks about how old they are? And how old is really, well, old, for a tyre that is? Did you know that the year and week of manufacture is stamped on modern every tyre? In the image (below) it's the 47th week of 2014, so late November, early December. It's a safe bet that if its not stamped, its well past its used by date and I'll admit, my spare falls into this category! It's an Olympic tyre and d they stopped making them in 2008!



And how long will they last? Depending on which tyre company you talk to, the replacement age is between 6 and 10 years irrespective of the amount of tread that is left. This is because the rubber degrades over time as its exposed to sunlight, air temperature and even simply the air, and that's before you consider the surfaces that you've driven over and the effects of the pressure that you run you tyres at. From past professional experience, the results of old tyres can be catastrophic.

So spare a thought for your tyres, even your spare and happy motoring!



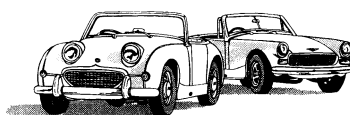
Coming Events

For full schedule, refer to the events calendar

- 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.
- 1 Oct
Sun** **Picnic Run to Collingrove Historic Hillclimb**
Entry to Sprite Club Members will be free if you are in your Sprite or Midget. \$10 otherwise.
Please bring your membership card!
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.
- 1 Oct
Sunday** **ClubbiesSA 1st Sunday of the Month**
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- 9 Oct
Monday** **General Meeting**
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- 15 Oct
Sunday** **ClubbiesSA 3rd Sunday at the Rezz Hotel**
The Rezz Hotel, 0830
- 22 Oct
Sunday** **2023 Bay To Birdwood**
From The Bay To Birdwood!

Upcoming Events to Note:

- 3 Nov
Fri** **John Blanden's Climb to the Eagle**
Victoria Park to Victor Harbour



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Entries open and filling up fast!

<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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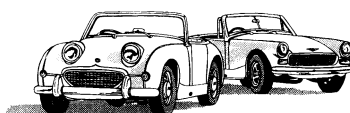
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BAY to BIRDWOOD

22 October 2023



One of the world's great historic motoring events

Sunday 22 October 2023

We've been delighted by the enthusiasm for Bay to Birdwood 2023!

We are proud to announce that motorists from across the nation have rapidly filled our post-1950s spaces. If you missed out, join our [post-1950s reserve list here](#), and we will contact you if further places are made available.

We are still accepting entries for **pre-1950s vehicles**, and Concours de Elegance, Preservation and EV Conversion award categories. [Register here](#).

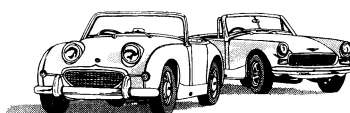
The iconic Bay to Birdwood is one of the world's great historic motoring events and has been a standout fixture on the South Australian events calendar since 1980.

Thousands of spectators line the 67 kilometre route to view the passing parade of historic motoring from West Beach through to the National Motor Museum at Birdwood in the Adelaide Hills. Held annually, the Bay to Birdwood is a citizen-collector historic motoring event that draws participants from around Australia and the world to celebrate all things vintage vehicles.

In 2023, we look to welcome over 1500 vehicles manufactured from the early 1900s through to 31 December 1993.

Entrants, spectators and Finish Festival goers are encouraged to wear period clothing as is tradition at the Bay to Birdwood!

Make sure you are subscribed to our email newsletter and follow us on social media for updates.



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JOHN BLANDEN'S CLIMB TO THE EAGLE

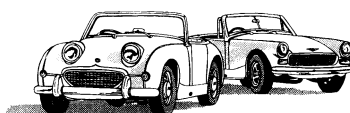
FRIDAY 3RD NOVEMBER 2023

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THE HILL



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SPRITE & MIDGET
- NATIONALS -
WODONGA 2024 VICTORIA

22nd - 26th MARCH 2024 WODONGA VICTORIA

PROUDLY PRESENTED AND RUN BY AUSTIN HEALEY SPRITE DRIVERS' CLUB INC.

INFORMATION BULLETIN NO.2

A big thank you to those of you who have Expressed Interest and Commented after Bulletin No.1 and we have responded to incorporate suggestions whilst at the same time keeping the event costs at a very affordable level with an excellent overall event package as outlined below.

Over the days of the event, the programme will provide you with activities to suit both Competition and Social/Touring delegates. All accommodation, arrival dinner, lunches & dinners, farewell breakfast, competition events for competition delegates and social/touring events for social/touring delegates are all included in the event costs.

Competition Delegate Cost: **\$960**

Social/Touring Delegate: **\$860**

Non Refundable Deposit of \$300 per Delegate **NO LATER THAN 30TH NOVEMBER 2023** to ensure your place. Places are limited so ensure your position by paying early.

Full payment no later than **28th February 2024**

Registration Forms will be emailed out, available on our website or contact Terri below.

IT'S NOW 4 NIGHTS, HERE IS THE OUTLINE OF WHAT WILL HAPPEN!

Friday	22 nd MARCH	ALL:	Arrival BBQ, Meet and Greet.
		COMP:	Registration and Scrutineering
Saturday	23 rd MARCH	ALL:	Show & Shine/Concour at Junction Square, Lunch, Observation Run, Dinner
Sunday	24 th MARCH	COMP:	Sprint & Regularity at Wodonga Motorsport Park, Lunch & Dinner
		SOC:	Regional Bus Tour, Lunch & Dinner
Monday	25 th MARCH	COMP:	Motorkhana, Lunch & Dinner
		SOC:	Regional Bus Tour, Lunch & Dinner
Tuesday	26 th MARCH	ALL:	Farewell Breakfast

Accommodation for the event will be at the recently upgraded **Blazing Stump Motel, Wodonga.**

Evening Meals will be at the **Blazing Stump Hotel** Function room. (The hotel is next door to the motel)

For Competition Delegates your Track Competition will be held at the nearby Wodonga Motorsport Park. The Motorkhana will be held on a private property just north of Albury. This will be a grass surface.

For Social Delegates you will be able to savour the many wonderful touring roads, places of scenic or historic interest, regional produce and wonderful wineries. You have the option of self-drive or travel on the organised bus/s. We have organised some exceptional, invitation & appointment only attractions for your surprise.

For those enthusiasts who showed interest in the *Post Nationals Tour*, we ask you to note that this is now a **PRE Nationals Tour 18th – 22nd MARCH** which will run for 4 days of touring based each night at Yackandandah. On the 22nd MARCH you will arrive at Wodonga for the Nationals Arrival BBQ, Meet & Greet.

The **PRE Nationals Tour** will be run over good sealed driving roads with some winding hills as well as some great river-flat scenery, visiting places of interest such as wineries, food places and historic places.

Further details on the routes and costs will be forwarded to those of you who have expressed interest.

John Fowler is again running this event and we thank John for his great efforts.

PLEASE STAY TUNED FOR THE NEXT BULLETIN WITH MORE DETAIL



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NATIONALS

 WODONGA 2024 VICTORIA

22nd – 26th MARCH 2024

REGISTRATION FORM

EVENT ENTRY CONFIRMED UPON PAYMENT

DELEGATE 1:			
DELEGATE 2:			
ADDRESS:			
	STATE:	POSTCODE:	
CAR CLUB:			
PHONE:			MOBILE:
EMAIL:			
Costs based on 4 nights' accommodation, including evening meals, lunches and entertainment			
Competitor:	\$960	No:	Total: \$
Social /Touring:	\$860	No:	Total: \$
			Total: \$
Deposit of \$300 per delegate no later than 30th November 2023			
		No:	Total: \$
Payment in Full no later than 28th February 2024			

Accommodation allocated upon receipt of deposit/full payment.

We have two bedroom units available for those who would like to share with other delegates, if you could please specify names:

Please specify any special needs or dietary requirements per delegate: _____

Please indicate/circle if you wish to participate in the PRE RALLY TOUR: Yes No

PAYMENT METHODS:

Direct Debit: **Westpac** **BSB: 033 337** **Account No: 129572**
 Please use your SURNAME as the reference number and email terri@gregcorbinarchitects.com.au your deposit details once transfer is completed. This makes it so much easier to send receipts.

Cheques: To be made payable to: **Austin Healey Sprite Drivers' Club Inc.** and send to below address

PLEASE NOTE BY ELECTING TO ENTER THIS EVENT YOU AGREE TO ABIDE BY THE DECISIONS MADE BY THE ORGANISING COMMITTEE



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2024 'Nationals' Pre-Rally Tour

Tuesday 19th, Wednesday 20th, Thursday 21st & Friday 22nd March

*NB: Participants could join the Pre-Rally Tour on any day if necessary.

*Participants will stay at Motel Views Yackandandah as required from Monday night onwards at \$140 /room /night – no breakfasts available, so bring supplies (Book only when advised).

*Evening meals only are catered for - at your expense, and all other meals and refreshments are your choices and at your cost.

*On Tuesday morning the Rally will start from 8 Manor Place - north of Yackandandah – Bob & Glenys Lomas place.

*Trailers & tow cars could be left at the Lomas's (preferably) or the Motel.

*Copy & Paste the tinyurl's (below) into your browser to view the routes. (note – minor changes could occur) to the routes prior to the event if circumstances change.)

DAILY ROUTES

Tuesday 9.30 Drivers Briefing at Lomas's, then tour via Lake Hume Village, Bellbridge Boat Club toilets, Kurrajong Gap lookout, Bethanga Store (m/t), Wymah Ferry, Granya, Koetong, Shelley Park Toilets, Walwa (lunch), Mt Alfred Gap lookout, Granya, Tallangatta Bakery etc, Motel Views, Star Hotel (meal).
<https://tinyurl.com/w8y9a2j6>

Wednesday: 8.15 DB, then *Optional Scenic Tour* - via Kiewa Park, Eskdale, Mitta Mitta, Lightning Creek, Witches Garden (Dartmouth Rd), Dartmouth, Dartmouth Dam, Mitta Mitta, (lunch), Eskdale, Tallangatta Bakery etc, Huon Reserve, Motel Views, Graces Place (meal).

<https://tinyurl.com/4dbexkmm>

OR 8.15 DB, then *Optional Drivers Tour* – via Kiewa Park, Eskdale, Mitta Mitta, Lightning Creek, (then winding Omeo Hwy. downhill to:) Glen Valley Hall, (then winding uphill to:) Lightning Creek, Mitta Mitta, (lunch), The Witches Garden (Dartmouth Rd), Eskdale, Tallangatta Bakery etc, Huon Reserve, Motel Views, Graces Place (meal).

<https://tinyurl.com/mryn7vv5>

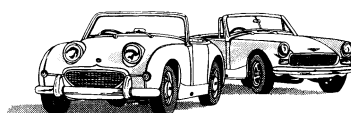
Thursday 8.15 DB, then tour via Kiewa Park, Huon, Gundowring, Mongans Bridge, Tawonga Memorial Park, Mt Beauty café, Sullivans lookout, Bright, Mt Buffalo Chalet (byo lunch), Porepunkah Ringer Reef Winery (opt), Rosewhite, Mudgegonga, Stanley, Beechworth Bakery etc, Star Lane Winery (different process's) (Yackandandah) – opt, Motel Views, Bottom Pub (meal).

<https://tinyurl.com/9pa4sxbk>

Friday – *Pack up*, 8.15 DB then tour via Indigo, 'Out of Town Nursery' (opt), Woolshed Falls (opt), Eldorado Store (opt), Eldorado Dredge, Nth Wangaratta, Peechelba, Wangandary Rd, Warby Ranges, Tamnick, Baileys of Glenrowan (Pizza etc lunch, winery, historic buildings etc), Brown Bros Winery, (opt), Milawa Cheese factory (opt), Beechworth Bakery etc, Finish at 'Blazing Stump' Wodonga – for 'Nationals' start – the Registration, Reunion & Accommodation.

<https://tinyurl.com/2o93mkc4>

Contact John Fowler on 0400 278 375 for Expressions of Interest and Accommodation Booking Info.



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