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# BURBLE

## March-April 2024

## Official Bulletin of the Sprite Club of SA

Wow, its halfway through March already and I still haven't managed to get the Burble out for reading! I'm that late that now I think this can be the March-April edition!! I've been a bit pre-occupied with (first) a holiday and then a failed clutch in the Midget saw my attention diverted to fixing that 'minor' issue.

Hopefully many of you have been able to get out and enjoy what has been (until the Long Weekend) a mild(ish) summer in your Sprite or Midget, Clubbie or Associate car, be it with the Sprite Club or just with friends. As the year seemingly double marches by, there are plenty club events coming up in the coming weeks and more opportunity to get out and get Spritely!

Which is a nice lead in to reflecting on what it means to be in a great car club. I'm indebted to a number of people in the club to get 'The Little Blue Car' up and running again. As some of you know, several of us are driving our Sprites and Midgets across to the Nationals, me being one of them ... and if you think Adelaide to Wodonga is crazy in 2024, spare a thought for the Faulks' who are driving their Sprite across from Whyalla! As luck would have it, the clutch started acting up on the way to All British Day with a total failure by the time I got home. I resigned myself to pulling the engine out in slow time and heading to Nationals in the 'Big Red Car' (my Alfa), which was ok - slightly disappointing but I was still going to go. That was until Steve Leane popped in on Wednesday night and crawled under the car to help diagnose if it was the Slave Cylinder (an easy fix) or the diaphragm (not such an easy fix). Armed with the information from Gordon and Colin (Dodds), we confirmed it was the clutch cover which, as luck would have it, he had a brand new one I could have. So, at just after 7am on Saturday and despite the predicted 40C temperature, Steve arrived back, pulling an engine hoist along behind him. By 9am two more had arrived in the form of fellow Sprite owner and friend of the club Terry Shipard and Jez Robinson and by just after 3pm the new clutch cover was in and the car (seems) to be mobile. When its slightly cooler I'll take it for a proper test run! I have to say I had offers from at least half a dozen other people to over come and help, as well as other offers of parts to get the car going again, but my shed just isn't big enough! As it was, I was relegated to cooking the sausages on the BBQ and making sure there was a supply of cold water. This to me is what being in a club – any club – is all about. In many ways we are an extended family and we all pitch in and help each other when and if we can.

Stars and their Cars (April General Meeting): A club favourite night, Stars and their Cars returns again at the Sporting Car Club for the April General Meeting. Please note; however, Easter Monday is on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the Month so the meeting has been moved to the SECOND (2<sup>nd</sup>) Monday of April (8<sup>th</sup> of April). The night kicks off from 1830 (6.30pm) at the Sporting Car Club of South Australia (51 King William Road, Unley), wrapping up around 2130 (9.30pm). With costs of everything going up every year, a \$5 per member contribution is requested to help cover the costs for the night. Drinks can be purchased from the bar and tea and coffee and pizza will be provided! Come along and hear (and see) from some of our members about their classic car journey. Its always a great night and one not to be missed!

New members and members who perhaps don't normally attend meetings are encouraged to come along to this one as it's a great opportunity to meet others and have a close up look at some of the members cars! And, if you are reading this and thinking that, as a non-Sprite Club member if you can come along, please do. Friends of the Sprite Club are more than welcome to come along and hear the stories of some of our members and their classic car journey.

Hopefully everyone reads the Burble and notes the change of venue and date for the April General meeting – I'm not sure how to make it more obvious!

**2024 Nationals:** I'm still looking for some photos from Sprite Club events from years past for the Nationals picture boards. If you can help with one or two that highlight the club please let me know! Motor Racing themed pictures would be particularly welcomed. I believe there may still spots for the Nationals if you are keen, even at this late stage!





**Memberships:** I know, I'm like a broken record with this but if you have your car on Conditional/Historic registration through the club you MUST be a financial member. As alluded to in my recent post on the website, the Club has no option but to report those members who are not financial and have a car on Conditional Registration to Services SA at the end of this week. To all those who responded in the past couple of days and have sorted out their 2024 subs, thank you!

Individually Constructed Vehicles: Thank you to everyone who participated in the Constitutional Amendment process this Monday night just passed. As most of you know, the amendment to accept Individual Constructed Vehicles younger than 25 years for Conditional Registration purposes was passed. There is a small amount of paperwork and governance that needs to be completed now; however, I'm optimistic that we will be able to commence offering Conditional Registration to these vehicles in four to eight weeks. The Committee will continue to vet all Associate Vehicle membership applications in the manner it has and every ICV and its owner will be duly considered as to its appropriateness within the Sprite Club of South Australia. Updated membership applications will soon be available on the website.

**Upcoming Events**. To make things simpler, I'm trialling pasting an updated calendar into the Burble. Please take a moment to review the events. We've got some great ones coming up. Old favourites like the Pie and Peas night, hopefully some talks and visits to interesting car-themed locations around Adelaide and the return of some old events like Rocker Cover Racing (if we can get the track up and running) where we can hopefully challenge the Austin Healey Owners Club and the MG Club.

Russell and Judy have two, possibly three, midweek runs in the planning, with the first already checked and written up. All I can say is it is a 'southerly' route, with some amazing views along the way and a lunch location that can only be described as a 'discovery'. Approximately 115km for the run out and about 70 for the direct run home! We also have a pub lunch in the Adelaide Hills planned and a winery lunch run in the early planning stages also. Dean has suggested that the Elephant's Door might be a great destination so stay tuned!

**Moments in History.** Continuing the theme of articles from the past, this month's offering come from the pages of Sports Car World circa September 1961.

Cancer Care Centre. One of our members, Ruth Otterwill is on the Board of the Cancer Care Centre. You may recall last year a movie afternoon fund raiser was held at the with a special screening of the latest Indiana Jones adventure. The Centre is holding another fund raiser this coming Sunday (17 March) with a special screening of 'The Great Escaper', the great Michael Caine's last movie, a true story about a World War 2 veteran who 'broke out' from his nursing home in 2014 to attend D-Day commemorations in France.

If you are keen to see the movie and would like to support the Cancer Care Centre, please follow the link here

https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1182570?

The latest newsletter from the centre is included at the back of this month's Bugeye Burble.

Anyway, that's just about enough from me. See you out on the road!

Robin Dunk President, Sprite Club of SA





## Technical Tip (#13)



Ever wondered why its so important to put the correct oil into our aging cars? The March Tech Tip comes to you from Michael at Lawless Classic Oils (see next page). I don't think it matters if you are using Castrol Classic (as I do), Penrite or another brand, getting the formation correct is the most important thing.

Don't forget, Lawless Classic Oils (<u>www.lawlessclassicoils.com.au</u>) offers Sprite Club members a discount. Order online and use the discount code **spritesa** (all lower case).





# **2024 Sprite Club Calendar of Events**

	2024 Sprite Club
January	
1st	New Year's Breakfast Run
26th	Australia Day BBQ at the Chabrel's
28th	Glen Ewin Estate Hillclimb Revival
February	
4th	(ClubbiesSA) 1st Sunday @ Magic Bean Brew
5th	Monthly General Meeting
18 <sup>th</sup>	(ClubbiesSA) 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday @ The Rezz
24th	Ice Cream Run (TBC)
25 <sup>th</sup>	MSCA Trophy Day
March	
3 <sup>th</sup>	All British Day — Echunga Oval
3 <sup>th</sup>	(ClubbiesSA) 1st Sunday @ Magic Bean Brew
3th	MSCA Super Sprint Rd1 (Mallala)
4 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly General Meeting + ICV Vote
15-17 <sup>th</sup>	Adelaide Motor Sport Festival
16 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Car Cruise/F&C Beach Run
17 <sup>th</sup>	(ClubbiesSA) 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday @ The Rezz
22-26 <sup>th</sup>	Sprite and Midget Nationals (Wodonga)
April	
<b>1</b> s	Easter Monday Breakfast Run
6 <sup>th</sup>	SCCSA Collingrove Hillclimb Come and Try
7 <sup>th</sup>	SCCSA Collingrove Challenge Trophy (1)
7th	Aldinga Airshow
7 <sup>td</sup>	(ClubbiesSA) 1st Sunday @ Magic Bean Brew
8 <sup>th</sup>	Stars and Their Cars @ Sporting Car Club (1830)
14th	McLaren Vale Vintage and Classic Run
21 <sup>st</sup>	SCCSA Ray Pank Hillclimb R1 (Collingrove)
21 <sup>st</sup>	(ClubbiesSA) 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday @ The Rezz
26-28	All Historic Race Meeting – Mallala
May	
5 <sup>th</sup>	MSCA Peter Hall 6-Hour Regularity Relay
5th	(ClubbiesSA) 1st Sunday @ Magic Bean Brew
6th	Monthly General Meeting

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5th	(ClubbiesSA) 1st Sunday @ Magic Bean Brew
6th	Monthly General Meeting
15 <sup>th</sup>	Russell & Judy's Southern (Midweek) Run
19th	(ClubbiesSA) 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday @ The Rezz
26th	SCCSA Collingrove Challenge Trophy (2)
26 <sup>th</sup>	Winery Lunch Run (Wirra Wirra or Penny's Hill)
June	
2nd	(ClubbiesSA) 1st Sunday @ Magic Bean Brew
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Monthly General Meeting
16th	SCCSA Ray Pank Hillclimb R2 (Collingrove)
	(ClubbiesSA) 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday @ The Rezz
19th	Winter Solstice Midweek Run
19th 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Winter Solstice Midweek Run  MSCA Super Sprint Rd 2 (Malalla)

## **Colour Coding Legend**

Sprite Club Event or Club Sanctioned Run ClubbiesSA Event
MSCA/SCC-SA Competition Event
Other events of note

Monthly General Meeting (Wine & Cheese)
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Winter Warmers Breakfast Run
(ClubbiesSA) 1st Sunday @ Magic Bean Brew
SCCSA Collingrove Challenge Trophy (3)
Pub Run!
(ClubbiesSA) 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday @ The Rezz
SCCSA Ray Pank Hillclimb R3 (Collingrove)
Rocker Cover Racing

Aug	
4 <sup>th</sup>	(ClubbiesSA) 1st Sunday @ Magic Bean Brew
5th	Monthly General Meeting
11 <sup>th</sup>	MSCA Super Sprint Rd 3 (Mallala)
14 <sup>th</sup>	Russell & Judy's Midweek Run
18 <sup>th</sup>	(ClubbiesSA) 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday @ The Rezz
24th	Pie and Peas @ Fullarton
24 <sup>th</sup>	SCCSA Collingrove Hillclimb Come and Try
25 <sup>th</sup>	SCCSA Ray Pank Hillclimb (R4, Collingrove)

September	
1st	Spring has Sprung Breakfast Run
1 <sup>st</sup>	(ClubbiesSA) 1st Sunday @ Magic Bean Brew
2nd	Monthly General Meeting
8 <sup>th</sup>	MSCA Super Sprint Rd 4 (Mallala)
8 <sup>th</sup>	SCCSA Collingrove Challenge Trophy (4)
6-8 <sup>th</sup>	The Bend Classic
21st	Annual Dinner
22 <sup>nd</sup>	(ClubbiesSA) 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday @ The Rezz

October	
6 <sup>th</sup>	SCCSA Historic Hill Climb
6 <sup>th</sup>	Picnic run to Collingrove Historic Hillclimb
6 <sup>th</sup>	(ClubbiesSA) 1st Sunday @ Magic Bean Brew
13th	Gary's Fish and Chip Run
14 <sup>th</sup>	Monthly General Meeting
11-13 Oct	SA Hill Climb Championships (Collingrove)
20 <sup>th</sup>	(ClubbiesSA) 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday @ The Rezz
20th	Bay to Birdwood
20 <sup>th</sup>	MSCA Super Sprint Rd 5 (The Bend - East)
27 <sup>th</sup>	Collingrove Season Finale

November	
1 <sup>st</sup>	John Blanden's Climb to the Eagle
3rd	Sprite Club Annual Display Day (Wigley Res)
3rd	(ClubbiesSA) 1st Sunday @ Magic Bean Brew
4th	Annual General Meeting
9 <sup>th</sup>	Classic Sports Car Cruise
14-17 <sup>th</sup>	Adelaide 500
17 <sup>th</sup>	(ClubbiesSA) 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday @ The Rezz
28 – 1 Dec	Rally Adelaide

December	
1st	One Last Breakfast Run
1 <sup>st</sup>	(ClubbiesSA) 1st Sunday @ Magic Bean Brew
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Christmas BBQ General Meeting
17th	(ClubbiesSA) 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Xmas @ The Rezz
21th	Christmas Fish and Chips Beach Run



# LE MANS SPRITES

Works prototype could be forerunner of a new production GT coupe, reports GORDON WILKINS. Le Mans version has low weight, 75 bhp.

THIS special Austin Healey Sprite coupe was built by Donald Healey Motors at Warwick for the Le Mans 24 Hour race.

Coachwork is in light alloy on a standard Mark II base structure and the car weighs only 1175 lb. Cylinder bores have been increased by .20" to raise the capacity to 994 cc and with a compression ratio of 10.5 to 1 the engine is capable of delivering about 75 bhp.

Tyres are 5.25-13 and the reduction in weight and wind resistance has allowed a high axle of

3.9 to 1 to be installed. Even so the engine should pull 6500 rpm on top and maximum speed is calculated as 117 mph.

Immediate objective is a good performance on performance index and thermal efficiency index as the low drag and high gearing should give a very low fuel consumption at high cruising speeds. If the prototype proves satisfactory a batch may be put in hand for production. Panels would then be produced from press tools and winding glass instead of plastic windows would be fitted.



Works car shows great sales potential. Note single wiper, wire wheels and petrol filler cap recessed into the fixed hardtop.



Another Le Mans coupe built for Ecurie Ecosse shows a different line of thought. General lines aren't as pretty as works car. SPORTS CAR WORLD, September, 1961 19







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MESSAGE FROM JENNY



Well I can't believe that we are already in mid-February and Easter is looming - aaahhh!

We have had a hectic, but very positive start to 2024 at the Centre. On behalf of Sue Ross, Chairperson of the Cancer Care Centre Board, I am pleased to announce that Andrew Russo, who has had 20 years experience working in the retail and hospitality industries and is currently the Retail Operations Manager at the Adelaide Oval has joined our Board, along with Juliet Wright who comes with 25 years bookkeeping experience and runs her own small complementary therapies business - 'Pamper Your Senses'. We are so very grateful for them choosing to offer their skills and expertise to our Board and really look forward to working with them and our other wonderful Board members to create a sustainable future for our Centre.

We also welcome Gen Bright who has very kindly joined our Fundraising Committee and Manju Khadka, a Masters Social Work Student at Flinders University who commenced a a six month placement with us last week. Manju will be at the Centre Wednesday - Friday each week and will be involved in a range of Centre activities in addition to completing a major research project. Please say hello if you cross paths.

As you will read in this newsletter, we have lots of new programs and fundraising activities planned for the next few months, which we hope you will engage with in whatever way possible. Of course, we are always open to receive ideas and feedback on other programs and activities you would like us to organise, so please don't hesitate to call me or another Board member for a chat.

Finally, we are really desperate at the moment for additional volunteers to help run our office and/or to offer specialist, professional expertise to conduct new programs or offer new services e.g. a physiotherapist with specialist skills in working with clients with Lymphoedema. So if you are able to help out in any way, or know anyone who is looking for a very rewarding volunteering opportunity, even if it is just half a day once a week or fortnight, we would love to hear from you.

Until we next converse, take care and please don't hesitate to reach out to us if you need support, Jenny

#### NEW CENTRE PROGRAMS

We are pleased to announce that in the next few months we are offering a range of new programs for Cancer Care Centre members and their families, friends and carers. Members of the broader community are also very

welcome to participate. If you would like more information or would like to enrol/register your interest please call the Centre on 8272 2411, or email <a href="mailto:volunteer@cancercarecentre.org.au">volunteer@cancercarecentre.org.au</a>.



Gentle Yoga with Lauren

Join experienced and passionate yoga teacher,
Lauren Green to take a break from your busy
schedule and immerse yourself in the peaceful and
rejuvenating practice of Hatha, Yin and Restorative
Yoga.

**Venue:** Mitcham Institute Hall, 103 Princes Road, Mitcham

Dates: Every Thursday commencing on March 7,

2024 with a FREE Come 'n Try Day.

Time: 11.30am - 12.30pm

**Cost:** \$15 per session or buy seven sessions and get

your eighth session for free.



Manage Pain and Fatique and Regain Your Mojo with Edwina

Fatigue and pain can be a big barrier to returning to your valued activities and lifestyle. It can be challenging to work out what you want to do and how to do it. Join experienced Occupational Therapist, Edwina Shannon as she explores ways that you can manage pain and fatigue more

effectively and feel better in order to regain your mojo!

Venue: Cancer Care Centre

Dates: Every Tuesday commencing on March 12,

2024

**Time:** 1.00 - 2.00pm

**Cost:** CCC Members - \$10 per session, Non-Members - \$15 per session, or buy seven sessions and get your

eighth session for free.



Cyanotype Art Workshop with Jo

Whether new to cyanotype or printmaking, this workshop offers an exciting opportunity to engage with a simple sun-printing medium, rooted in the alternative photographic process developed in 1842.

Cyanotype, or sun printing, is a captivating photographic printmaking method known for its simplicity and remarkable results. Utilizing the sun as the UV light source, the process involves sensitizing beautiful paper in darkness, creating a design with acetate negatives, plants and textures, exposing it to sunlight, and washing the cyanotype in tap water to reveal the image. In this workshop you will create a series of cards and artworks for yourself, or as a gift for someone special for Easter.

Venue: Cancer Care Centre

Dates: Tuesday March 12, 2024

Time: 9.45am - 12.15pm

Cost: CCC Member - \$30 per session, Non-Member -

\$40 per session.

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

Fundraising activities are critical to ensuring that the Cancer Care Centre can continue to provide programs and services to Members and their

families, carers and friends. We therefore hope you can support us by

participating in one or more of the following fundraising activities.

Easter Raffle

We have organised a fantastic Easter Fundraising Raffle. Tickets are now on

sale for \$2.00 per ticket or six tickets for \$10.00. You can buy tickets at the

Centre, or over the phone with your credit card. If you would be willing to

sell one or more books of tickets (for which we would be most grateful) we

can post them out to you. Raffle winners will be announced on Wednesday

20 March, 2024.

**Prizes:** 

First Prize: Easter Basket (\$175) & Hugh Hamilton Wine Tasting

Voucher for Two (\$70)

Second Prize: Adelaide Family Zoo Voucher (\$107) & bottle of Grant

Burge 2005 Shiraz (\$80)

**Third Prize:** Easter Basket (\$80)

Fourth Prize: Events Movie Voucher (\$50)

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Movie Fundraiser Afternoon: 'The Great Escaper'

What better way to spend a Sunday than to join us for a fabulous movie fundraiser afternoon in the comfort of the wonderful Capri Theatre. Tickets are now available for purchase from the Centre via cash, credit card or EFT and can be collected at the theatre on the day.

Tickets can also be purchased online via TryBooking at <a href="https://www.trybooking.com/CPHJM">https://www.trybooking.com/CPHJM</a>, but please note that the Centre incurs significant fees for tickets purchased this way. We would love to sell at least 100 tickets for this event so please spread the word and/or treat your family and friends to a great afternoon out.

Venue: Capri Theatre, 141 Goodwood Road, Goodwood

Movie: 'The Great Escaper' starring Michael Cain and Glenda Thompson

Date: Sunday 17 March, 2024

**Time:** Bar opens at 2.30pm. Movie commences at 4.00pm.

**Cost:** \$30 includes movie, free welcome drink and nibbles upon arrival and

one FREE Lucky Door ticket.

Easter Raffle tickets also available for purchase on the day with cash or via EFTPOS.



2024 All British Day

The Cancer Care Centre is delighted to have been invited to have a stand at

the All British Day and we would love to see you at this fun, colorful family

picnic day, showcasing vehicles that are predominantly designed and/or

built in Britain.

To be held at Echunga in the picturesque Adelaide Hills, you will be able to

wander the grounds and admire up to 900 British vehicles and motorbikes

and talk to their passionate and proud vehicle owners. The day also

includes children's entertainment, food and drink stalls, trade exhibits and

award presentations.

At our stand we will be selling preserves and chutneys, succulents, honey

and a range of other products. We will also be having a Lucky Donut

Competition, Guess the Number of Lollies in the Jar Competition and selling

Easter Raffle and Movie Afternoon tickets. So if cars are your thing, or you

just want to have a Sunday outing, please come and see us at what

promises to be a great event.

Venue: Echunga Recreation Grounds, Echunga/Hahndorf Road, Echunga

Date: Sunday 3 March, 2024

**Time:** 10.30am - 3.00pm

**Admission:** Adults - \$10, Children up to 18 years - \$5.00

Family ticket (2 adults & 2 children) - \$25.00

For more information go to: <a href="https://www.allbritishday.com/spectators">https://www.allbritishday.com/spectators</a>

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Please make a note of the following events in your diary. More information will be available soon.

- 1. **Tuesday 9 April: Art Workshop II with Jo** Pop Up Cards for Mother's Day
- 2. **Thursday 18 April:** 'Herbalism, Cuisine and Clay' a one day workshop with Herbalist Sue Lohmeyer, Chef Jennifer Walsh and Ceramicist Gus Clutterbuck at the Mitcham Institute Hall from 9.00am 4.30pm.
- 3. Tuesday 7 May: Art Workshop III with Jo Collage

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