

THE BUGEYE BURBLE

The Official Bulletin of the Sprite Club of SA



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PRESIDENT'S UPDATE

Mumblings from on high...

I started writing this before the Ice Cream run literally melted and was postponed due to hot weather. Fear not lovers of all things ice cream, it will return and with a bit of luck it will still be warm enough to justify eating it! Actually, is there ever a reason not to eat ice cream?

In this edition I hope you will find an update on the 2026 Nationals. If you don't it won't be far away. Nationals might still be some 14 months away but we are getting surprisingly close to locking the program and the costs! This can only be achieved because of the hard work of the Committee and a number of providers getting behind us and locking in prices for next year! This includes an amazing raffle for one of three Solid GPS systems that we are announcing in this month's Burble!!

Over the last few weeks I've had a few MGBs in the driveway getting a once over and a general tune up. Surprisingly the same issues keep cropping up across a number of cars and it's always the same story ... my mechanic can't tune SU's. I think more to the point, classically trained mechanics are becoming a dying breed and it's not that they don't know how to tune a carburettor, many simply have not been taught and, for 99.9% of their client cars, they don't need to know. Heaven help us when EVs become the dominate car on road!

Finally, we've got some great events coming up over the next few months. Have a look at the calendar as some of the dates have had to be changed but I encourage you to get out, support your club and enjoy driving your car whilst the weather remains kind! See you out on the road!

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CLUB NOTICES

Runs and Events

No sooner have we published the calendar and we've had to post pone two of the early events and the keen eyed amongst you will see that I've moved another to a better date.

Why you ask? Postponing the Ice Cream Run was a logical move, although the weather did cool down remarkably in the afternoon, however, on top of the heat, we didn't have a volunteer to be the run leader for the day, which makes it hard to hold the run as we need to make sure people know where they are heading and we also need, for insurance purposes, a record of who was on the run, just in case something untoward happens. We need members to help out with events from time to time so please put you hand up occasionally, otherwise it falls on the same members all the time.

Presidents grumble over...

We've pushed the Stars and their Cars night away from its usual April date. The May meeting will be away from the Clubrooms so we felt it might bring some variety into the later part of the year if we hold S&Cs then. It also gives us some more time to organise things! We've also reshuffled the Midweek Runs a bit to spread them out across the year better. The first MWR will now be in April

And don't forget, if you are a member of another club and think it would be great to combine for a run or maybe join with them, please speak up!!!

Nationals Fund Raising

You've probably heard me banging on about our club corporate supporters and sponsors, and how important their support is to our ability to host the Nationals at an affordable rate. One of those companies is the wonderful team at Solid GPS, an Australian company who manufacture an affordable and reliable GPS tracking system for our cars.

Solid GPS have kindly donated three of their 'mega battery' units to the Club to raffle off. Valued at \$247 each, the Club will soon be selling raffle tickets at \$10 each. There will be 400 tickets up for grabs, with the raffle drawn as part of the Rocker Cover Racing evening in August, unless the tickets are sold out prior! We need to sell at least 250 tickets to support the Nationals but selling all 400 would be just amazing!



Stay tuned for more details on how to enter the raffle and the other prizes on offer!

Don't stop reading here - the first bulletin for the 2026 Sprite and Midget Nationals can be found a few pages on!!

Tech Tip

Our little cars were built as sports cars, so drive them (occasionally) a such! They are light and relatively low geared so don't be scared to occasionally wind it out up the rev range. They actually don't like idling around the city and the occasional spirited run will help it clear unwanted build ups off the pistons or valves. Does your car run on when you switch it off and your mechanic can't diagnose it. It may simply be that the build ups have got to a point where they are creating hotspots and causing the car to ignite the fuel-air mix after its been switched off.

A mechanically minded friend of mine and MGB guru has a simple process for cleaning the internals ... he advocates a run up the freeway from the Toll Gate to the Aldgate turn off, at the speed limit, in 3rd gear. In an MGB that's about 5000rpm for 5-6 minutes. An Adelaide interpretation of the classic 'Italian Tune Up' if you like. I'm not advocating flogging your A Series to death, but the occasional good long run at slightly higher revs may help!



SOLID GPS TRACKERS

Keen readers may remember a member talking about GPS trackers and the peace of mind a new Australian product gave him. You may also recall a short article in last years Sprouting Forth about Solid GPS.

Since then a few of us have followed suit and purchased a Solid GPS unit to help protect our prides and joy. In return, Solid GPS have come on board to help the Sprite Club of SA deliver the 2026 Nationals and have kindly donated three GPS units that the club will be raffling off across 2025 to raise funds for the Challenge - stay tuned for details early in the new year as to how you can get involved and maybe win one of the units.

How Solid GPS Works



1. Charge It.

Once you receive your tracker, charge it overnight and turn it on.

Then, download the Solid GPS app on the App Store or Google Play Store, or log in to our website.



2. Hide It.

After charging and turning your tracker on, hide it nearly anywhere inside your vehicle.

Such as:

- Caravans: Inside a cupboard or drawer
- Cars: Inside the boot, glovebox, dashboard, etc
- Motorcycles: Anywhere inside your bike
- Trailers: Securely hidden underneath
- Boats: Inside or near the dashboard



3. Track It.

When your vehicle moves, your tracker will detect that movement and update your vehicle's location at its quickest, every 2 minutes. (Or up to every 10 minutes).

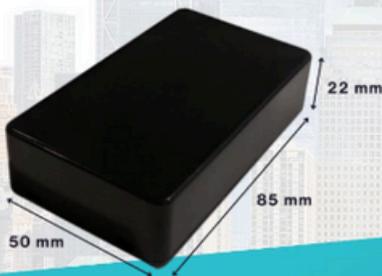
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2025 CALENDAR

AKA WHAT WE THINK MIGHT HAPPEN NEXT YEAR!

February

3rd - Club General Meeting
16th - Clubbies Kick Off
22nd - Annual Ice Cream Run - Postponed
23rd - MSCA Presentation Day

March

2nd - All British Day
3rd - Club General Meeting
16th - MSCA Super Sprint (Rd1)
29th - Come and Try Hillclimbing
30th - Challenge Trophy Rd 1

April

7th - Club General Meeting @ Fullarton Centre
Postponed: Stars and their Cars @ Sporting Car Club
11th-13th - All Historic Mallala
16th - Midweek Mystery Run #1
27th - Ray Pank Winter Cup Rd 1
27th - Jaguar Drivers Club 'Just British Picnic'

May

3rd-4th - Peter Hall Memorial 6 hr
5th - Club General Meeting
at Classic Boutique
18th - Gordon's Mystery Run
18th - Challenge Trophy (Rd2)

June

1st - Ray Pank Winter Cup (Rd2)
2nd - Club General Meeting
15th - Winter Warmers Pub Run
22nd - MSCA SuperSprint (Rd2)
29th - Challenge Trophy (Rd3)

Clubbies

1st Sunday of every month - Coffeed
3rd Sunday of every month - The Rezz
All members welcome and encouraged to join in!

July

7th - Club General Meeting
16th - Midweek Run #2
20th - Ray Pank Winter Cup (Rd3)

August

3rd - MSCA SuperSprint (Rd3)
4th - Club General Meeting
16th - Come and Try Hillclimbing (2)
17th - Ray Pank Winter Cup (Rd 4)
30th - Pea and Pie Night plus
Interclub Rocker Cover Racing Challenge

September

1st - Club General Meeting
13th - 53rd Annual Dinner
18th - Midweek Run #3
21st - MSCA SuperSprint (Rd4)
28th - Challenge Trophy (Rd4)

October

5th - Picnic Run to the Barossa Vintage Collingrove
Hillclimb
6th - Club General Meeting
11-12th - Australian Hillclimbing Championships
15th - Mid Week Run #4
18th - Australian SuperSprint Championships
31st - SA Hill Climb Championships

November

2nd - Annual Display Day (with the Austin Healey
Owners Club of SA)
3rd - Annual General Meeting
7th - Climb to the Eagle 40th Anniversary
15th - AROCA Advanced Driver Training
16th - Collingrove Finale
16th - MSCA SuperSprint (Rd5)
22nd - Sports Car Cruise

December

1st - Club General Meeting + Christmas BBQ

To Be Planned:

An Overnight Adventure - Proposed Sep or Oct

ICE CREAM CRUISE

Watch this space!

It might happen in March!

Join us for one of the club favourite runs, the annual Ice Cream Run.

Starting at the Fullbrook Community Centre, the route will be through St Davids Elbow and past the Eagle on the hill, through Crater and Summertown, across to Norton Unit and down the new road to 48 Flavours Trinity Gardens

Meet at the Club rooms at 1800 (6pm!), departing at 1830

Perhaps you might like to make a night of it and grab Fish and Chips to eat before we depart in the Gardens at the Community Centre.

Postponed!

ALL BRITISH DAY

2 March 2025

Echunga Oval



MARCH GENERAL MEETING

3 March

Clubrooms, from 7:30pm onwards

Come along and mingle with Club members and hear the latest news from recent events and what's coming up!

Guests and new members always welcome.

APRIL GENERAL MEETING

3 March

Clubrooms, from 7:30pm onwards

Please note, with the Club visiting Classic Boutique for the May General Meeting, the Committee has decided to postpone the traditional April 'Stars and their Cars' has been postponed to a date later in the year.

As a result the April meeting will be held at the Club Rooms as normal

Come along and mingle with Club members and hear the latest news from recent events and what's coming up!

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RUN THROUGH THE NIGHT TO THE 2026 SPRITE & MIDGET NATIONAL CHALLENGE!



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NATIONAL 26 CHALLENGE



2026 Sprite & Midget National Challenge Murray Bridge, South Australia April 27th – 1st May 2026

Bulletin 1 - February 2025

Welcome to Bulletin 1 for the 2026 Sprite and Midget National Challenge!

As it has been 25 years since the last SA based National Challenge, there has been a lot of discussion and planning for this event by the Organising Committee, so we would like to keep you updated on the latest information.

As you can see by the title block the National Challenge will be held in Murray Bridge during Late April-Early May in 2026 and will provide the attendees the opportunity to enjoy the surrounds and attractions of this Riverland town.

While there are more details to follow here is an overview of the events planned for the Challenge:

- Display Day/Show n Shine
- Social Drives and Observation Run
- Motorkhana
- Super Sprints
- Welcome and Themed Dinners
- Final Dinner/Presentation Night

The Accommodation will be at the Bridgeport Motel in Murray Bridge . where there are a number of room options for guests, plus secure underground parking for vehicles:

- Twin share - single travellers who wish to 'bunk in' with another single traveller.
- Single – for those travellers who would like a room to themselves
- Couples - they get the full room for themselves.
- These options will be priced accordingly – more information to follow

For those with a “need for speed” the competition part of the event will be held at The Bend Motorsport Park at Tailem Bend, located approx. 30 minutes drive from Murray Bridge.

Here we will combine with another Car Club for two days of events:

- Motorkhana on the Skid Pan
- Super Sprints on the West Circuit

And not forgetting the Social side of the event with many local attractions to visit and view during the event. These include:

- Display Day on the banks of the River Murray
- Observation Run – approx. 100 – 120km
- Social drives to wineries, car museums, and other points of interest in the area
- Themed Dinners
- Presentation Dinner

With a number of expressions of interest registered so far the 2026 National Challenge is starting to gain momentum, so these bulletins will keep you updated with the latest developments.

Pricing for the accommodation, meals, social and competition events will be available soon.

Here are a few other points to note:

- Secure trailer parking will be available for those towing Sprites and Midgets or Race cars
- Themed merchandise will be available to commemorate the event

Here are some links that might help stir your interest in the event

- https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Murray_Bridge,_South_Australia
- <https://bridgeporthotel.com.au/>
- <https://www.thebend.com.au/>
- <https://strathalbynmotormuseum.com.au/>
- <https://motor.history.sa.gov.au/>
- https://www.spriteclub.com.au/?page_id=12814

For more information contact with the organising committee at 2026NationalChallenge@spriteclub.com.au



EOI 2026 National Challenge

2026 Sprite and Midget National Challenge - Expression of Interest

Note – this is an EOI to help us with event planning. You can change your mind!

Name (s)			
Name (s)			
Home Club			
Address			
Phone		Mobile	
Email	<i>Note – your email address will be the primary point of contact for the event</i>		
Vehicle	Sprite	Midget	Other
Accommodation	Couple	Twin Share	Single
	<i>Note – event costing is based on a twin share basis. Members travelling along and wanting a room on their own will be liable for full room costs</i>		
Parking/Garaging	Car only	+ standard car trailer	+ large/outsized car trailer
	<i>Please indicate your likely parking/garaging request</i>		
Events	I/we are interested in participating in the following events (circle/tick):		
Social	Display/Concours	Observation Run	Regional Touring
	Sprint	Motorkhana	Both
Competition	<i>Likely Competition Vehicle</i>	Sprite/Midget	Other/Associate
	Post-Tour Tour	Yes / No / Maybe	
Post Tour Event Interest?	Peter Mall 6Hr @ Mallala	Yes / No / Maybe	
General Comments?			

If you could please complete and email Sue Stephenson *at the email address below* at your earliest convenience it will help greatly as we look to reserve accommodation.

This is not a commitment – an official registration form will be forwarded separately!

Email Address 2026NationalChallenge@spriteclub.com.au

Post: Sprite Club of SA, PO Box 21 Fullarton, South Australia, 5063

'Challenge 26' Contacts Sue Stephenson (0408 858 046) and Robin Dunk (0431 247 746)

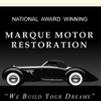
An event webpage at www.spriteclub.com.au will soon become active for all your Challenge updates!

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