

## **Vale Alan Elliot**

11 December 2018 – 52 years after he founded the AHSDC in a Coburg kitchen Alan left us but left a legacy of which he and his family can be proud.

Alan's vision and enthusiasm which recognised the unique attributes of the Sprite as a driver's car still resonates with club members today. In common with all clubs, members are moving towards elderly but a large percentage of them have rediscovered Sprites having owned them in their youth and indeed many were in the club in the 1960/70's.

It's a tribute to Alan's foresight that the club now has 280 members, not bad for a Marque that last produced a car in 1971.

In the early days of the club I enjoyed Alan's company and his outrageous sense of fun and had a drink or three with him – well it could never have been just one.

From these early beginnings and the competition of the day many friendships were forged which endure to this day.

While Alan's interests moved on he never lost his attachment to Sprites and has attended or sent his regards to all our major milestones over the past 50 years.

It was a wonderful movement he created and so many of us thank him for that. It was only fitting that when he took to flying it was in a Sprite.

We will miss his larger than life personality. Rest in Peace Alan.

Mike Dore