

THE RESONATOR

Official Newsletter of the Austin-Healey Club of Southern Ontario



Hello Everyone!

Re: February Newsletter you are receiving in March!!!

This February edition of our newsletter will be an abbreviated version due to the following circumstances.

Anticipating the 'polar' winter which was predicted, and especially during the month of February – the lure of the 'Sunshine State' beckoned so on January 27th we flew to Naples, Florida – returning on March 2nd. When we walked out into the blast of cold at the airport on our return – we were glad we had made that decision! However, my newsletter 'guy' told me he had an opportunity to also head down to the sunshine for a week of golf with his buddies – so that is the 'tardy tale' – hence this version will be 'short and sweet' and then back to our regular version in April.

Now that we can be fairly certain that MOTHER NATURE has finally released her icy grip on us here in Ontario – I'm sure we are all eagerly looking forward to our one and only fundraiser event – ANCASTER BRITISH CAR FLEA MARKET on Sunday, April 19, 2015.

Let's all keep our fingers crossed for a nice, warm, sunny day with record attendance – to start our season off with a bang.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a "HAPPY ST. PATRICKS DAY" with my version of this Irish blessing:

**MAY THE ROAD RISE UP TO MEET YOU
MAY THE WIND BE ALWAYS AT YOUR BACK
MAY THE SUN SHINE WARM UPON YOUR FACE
AND MAY YOUR 'HEALEY' NEVER LET YOU DOWN
ON A COLD, RAINY NIGHT – IN THE MIDDLE OF NOWHERE!!**



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Gina'.

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RUSS BAMSEY HEALEY SHOCKS TECH SESSION JANUARY 31, 2015

17 members of the Southern Ontario Club met at Russ and Natalie Bamsey's in Paris to have Russ impart some shock knowledge. This is the first session in a long time where attendance was all male. I guess our better halves find shocks to be less glamorous than other Healey parts?

The "Shock Doc" has been rebuilding Armstrong and Girling lever action shocks for many years and showed us how they worked, what could go wrong, how he re-builds them, and how to fill an empty shock. It was a real eye opener on something that appears simple. Russ explained that while called shock absorbers, these are actually dampers; damping the spring motion that would occur without them.

Russ had an array of British car shocks as well as a cut away display sample and an assortment of components and illustrated why they need to be serviced. Did you know they should have their fluid level checked annually and should be re-filled? I guess most of us have not read the manual carefully enough!

Russ advised that Healey owners who change to tube shocks probably feel the conversion rides better because their old shocks were not working properly. While modern tube shocks do not require re-filling and have rebound variations that lever actions do not, a car with good shocks will be a joy to drive.

After the session 12 of us went to Camp 31 in Paris for sandwiches and libations. A great end to a fun day.







Paul Jeffery
Manager

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MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

To date we have 148 paid members, another 16 to go, usually most renew by April. For this reason starting next year there will be a 20.00 late fee applied after the cut off date which the national club sets. For most of us this will not apply and I thank you for making my job easier. New members are now 35.00 for the first year.

NEW MEMBERS

Jeff & Janet Hughes

Guelph

New BJ8 owners

- the Healey is under full restoration
- hopefully sometime in 2016 we will see the Hughes out in there restored BJ8

Paul & Kate Nemy

Ridgeville

Bugeye Sprite

- owners since the 1970s
- looking forward to joining us this year for some of our events

Rick Crispi

Guelph

1954- 100

AHCSO EVENTS 2015

Events for the 2015 season are well into the planning stages. Suggestions for events are welcomed and all assistance is greatly appreciated. Events are subject to change, please check the web-site on a regular basis.

Martyn Ridley, Events Coordinator

NB: Events not organized by the AHCSO as bracketed <>.
Members are encouraged to support these events.

March:

- 11 Meeting & Pub Night : Mohawk Inn Milton 6:30pm
- 28 Tech session: 11:00 – 13:00
"What to check on a car that has been sitting for years"
AutoFarm - Monkton

April:

- 8 Meeting & Pub Night : Mohawk Inn Milton 6:30pm
- 19 Ancaster Flea Market. Ancaster Fairgrounds

May:

- 3 <Autojumble - Kingston>
- 9 Road Tour "Get out and Drive"
-Depart from Burlington Tim Horton's Plains Road & Waterdown Road.
11:15 start Tour Master: Mike McNeely
- 13 Meeting & Pub Night : Mohawk Inn Milton 6:30pm

June:

- 6 <London British Car Show, London>
- 10 Meeting & Pub Night : Mohawk Inn Milton 6:30pm
- 27 Wine Tour; "When do we go to Niagara"
Limited Entry. Tour Masters: Anna & Ed Orr

July:

- 8 Meeting & Pub Night : Mohawk Inn Milton 6:30pm
- 19-24 Enclave: Yes, the 'Travelling Wrinkles' strike out again with the
"Roundheads and Royalists" Civil War Tour Wrinkled-Roundhead-Royalist
Leader: Laurie Wilford
- 19 <"Brits-in-the-Park", Lindsay>

continued

August:

- 8 "Ice Cream and Evening Drive" to Port Perry
- 9 <Brits-on-the-lake", Port Perry>"
- 12 Meeting & Pub Night : Mohawk Inn Milton 6:30pm
- 15 "Afternoon/evening backroads drive" to Kingston
- 16 <British Car Day, Kingston>
- 29 BBQ "Salmon or Salmon Wanna BeBQ"
Dianne & Laurie Wilford's – Cambridge

September:

- 9 Meeting & Pub Night : Mohawk Inn Milton 6:30pm
- 12 Road Tour: To be advised
- 20 <British Car Day, Bronte Creek>

October:

- 3 <Santa Toy Run to Milton– Tentative>
- 14 Meeting & Pub Night : Mohawk Inn Milton 6:30pm
- 16-18 Weekend Away – Waring House Price Edward County car show,
wine & art tour etc. (With BSCC & Boot & Bonnett?)

November:

- 11 Meeting, Elections & Pub Night : Mohawk Inn Milton 6:30pm
- ? Nostalgia Night. An evening of object d'art, memrobia and of course beer.
Hosted by John McLaine

December:

- 9 Xmas Meeting & Pub Night : Mohawk Inn Milton 6:30pm

AUTOFARM TECH SESSION - SATURDAY MARCH 28

Forget snow, think Spring!

The Healey club will welcome in the season with a tech session that shows you what you need to inspect before you put a car back on the road after it's been sitting for years. And of course that includes all the things you will need to check each Spring.

MEETING PLACE: AUTOFARM IN MONKTON

DATE: SATURDAY, MARCH 28TH

TIME: 11 AM

DIRECTIONS ARE ON THE AUTOFARM WEBSITE