THE ROSONATOR



March 2017

Greetings – Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Our annual flea market is fast approaching. This year it will be held on Sunday April 23, 2017 from 9:00am - 2:30pm at The Ancaster Fairgrounds. This is our primary event for our club and the starting point to our driving season. We need you to make this event a success by coming and participating at the event. Also, it is not too late to volunteer for this event, please contact ancaster.flea.market@gmail.com to ask for a volunteer position. We hope to see you there.



In other news, our events committee has planned a full slate of events throughout the year that we hope you will enjoy. So, check out the list of events in this newsletter and for any other information visit our excellent web site www.ahcso.com. We hope that you will mark your calendars and join us on these wonderful events that we have planned for your enjoyment.

The Healey driving season is right around the corner. We are anticipating a great driving year for all of you to enjoy. Hopefully we see you out on the roads very soon with your Healey's. We know that all of you hope that this time will come sooner rather than later.

Cheers, Mark Doust, President Austin Healey Club of Southern Ontario

2016 Dave Koch Award Malcolm Bruce and Erica White received the 2016 Dave Koch Driving Award at March Pub. Below is Mal Bruce with Mark Doust and other members watching in the background.



Editors comments

Good day and welcome to Spring. As your new editor for 'The Resonator' I will try to provide an interesting and readable newsletter. I thank Anna Orr for her many years of service in providing this newsletter to the members.

The approach I plan on taking contains four STEPs; Social, Technical, Events, and Past. Of course each aspect will be dealt with in a very broad way and order. And I also like cutaway art so there will be some of that. ☺

This issue is quite late due to a number of reasons which I will not bore you with. My plan is to provide a issue every other month starting with this March 2017 issue. If you have any comments, please, do let me know. And please provide write-ups and photos that can be shared with the other club members.

--Scott Morris, Editor, The Resonator, Austin Healey Club of Southern Ontario

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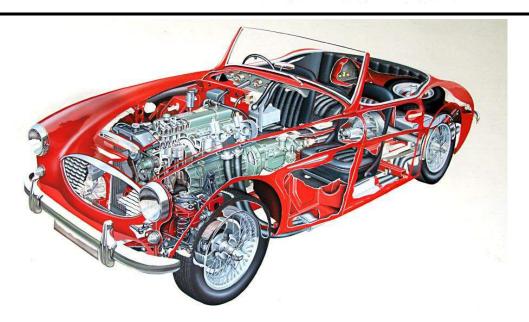


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* A <u>CLUB LOGO</u> (see cover of Newsletter) has been distinctively designed/selected to represent 'THE AUSTIN-HEALEY CLUB OF SOUTHERN ONTARIO' and this will be available by January 1982 as a JACKET PATCH of approx. 6" DIA. in tri-colour format of RED-WHITE-BLUE...ea. \$5.00

In future this LOGO will probably be produced in other forms such as WINDSHIELD DECALS and BUMPER-BAR BADGES...as per majority request.



Austin Healey 3000 MkI BT7

By Paul Bambrick

AHCSO EVENTS 2017

Pub/Meeting Night: Second Tuesday each month: Black Bull, Guelph Line Burlington

APRIL:

April 11 AHCSO Pub Night

April 23 Ancaster Flea Market

April 19-23 Carlisle, PA Flea Market

Join us for Lunch at a Pub: Wednesday, April 26th @ 12:45 p.m. The Cedar House, Broadway St, Paris

MAY:

May 7 British Autojumble, Boot'n Bonnet Car Club, Kingston

May 9 AHCSO Pub Night

May 19-21 Carlisle, PA Import Flea Market

Join us for Lunch at a Pub: Wednesday, May 31st Heaven on 7 Bistro & Pub, Rockwood

JUNE:

London events: June 3 – London British Car Show

June 3 & 4 — Fleetwood Country Cruize-In <u>www.fleetwoodcountrycruisin.com</u>

June 13 AHCSO Pub Night

June 25-29 Summit in Western Massachusetts, USA

Join us for Lunch at a Pub: Wednesday, June 28th @ Rambling Road

Swimming Pool Road, La Sallette (North of Delhi)

JULY:

July 9-14 Conclave 2017, Waco, Texas, USA

July 11 AHCSO Pub Night

July 15 – BARRIE EVENT – details to follow

July 16 Brits in the Park, Lindsay

Join us for **Lunch at a Pub**: Wednesday, July 26th Wundeba, Mount Nemo, Burlington

AUGUST:

August 8 AHCSO Pub Night

August 9-12 Encounter 2017 Princeton, New Jersey, USA

August 12 Edenvale - Classic Wings and Wheels Show

August 13 Brits on the Lake, Port Perry

August 20 British Car Show, Boot'n Bonnet Car Club, Kingston

Join us for Lunch at a Pub: Wednesday, August 30st @ 12:45 Ravine Winery, St. David, Niagara

SEPTEMBER:

September 12 AHCSO Pub Night

September 17 British Car Day, Bronte Creek Park, Milton

September 30 – STRATFORD EVENT – details follow on page 6

Join us for Lunch at a Pub / Winery: Wednesday, September 27th @ 12:45

The Fool & Flagon, 2255 Barton Street East, Hamilton

OCTOBER:

October 10 AHCSO Pub Night

Oct. 12 to 17 SE Classic XXXI – Guntersville, AL – Atlanta Austin Healey Club Event

October 14 Run for the Leaves Driving Tour to Collingwood area – details to follow

October 15 Rockton All British Swap Meet, Rockton

NOVEMBER:

November 14 AHCSO Pub Night

DECEMBER:

December 12 Xmas Event at AHCSO Pub Night



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AHCSO FALL WEEKEND IN STRATFORD

September 30 – October 1, 2017

You may remember the wonderful Fall Wind-ups we enjoyed in Stratford years ago. We're going to do it again! So we hope you can join us in Stratford on the weekend of September 30, 2017. A draft agenda follows below.

While this notice may seem early, fall weekends are the busiest time in Stratford and <u>last-minute bookings are almost</u> impossible.

There are TWO CALLS we would ask you to make NOW.

- 1) We have reserved a block of rooms at group rates for the Best Western Plus for the night of Saturday, Sept 30, 2017. Here are your room choices:
 - a) Standard: (1 king, 1 king with pull-out sofa, or 2 queens)-\$199 plus tax;
 - b) Deluxe: (2 queens) \$209 plus tax;
 - c) Deluxe Suite: (1 king) \$259 plus tax.

Individual guests may qualify for discounts through Best Western Rewards, CAA or AAA etc. at the time they book their individual accommodations. NOTE: All reservations are cancellable if necessary.

PLEASE CALL 1-877-788-8818 AND QUOTE "THE AUSTIN-HEALEY CLUB" NOW TO RESERVE THE ROOM OF YOUR CHOICE.

(Rooms are also available now for Friday and Sunday nights if you want to add nights to your visit.)

2) For those of you who would enjoy a theatre experience, tickets to the Stratford Festival are on sale *NOW*. You have an opportunity to see:

"GUYS AND DOLLS" (recommended for us as a group) or "TREASURE ISLAND" on Saturday at 2 p.m., "TARTUFFE" or "H.M.S. PINAFORE" on Sunday at 2 p.m.

Please call 1-800-567-1600 or go online at stratfordfestival.ca to purchase your tickets—weekend performances will likely be sold out soon (plus tickets get more expensive closer to the date if they are still available), so it's smart to purchase *NOW*.

Please contact us if we can answer any questions. We look forward to seeing you in Stratford!

Roger & Marcia (rcotton@execulink.com)

STRATFORD - DRAFT AGENDA September 30 & October 1, 2017

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30:

Morning: Meet-up and drive to Stratford [meet-up information TBC]

Morning theatre-related events which might be of interest:

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. The Appeal, the annual mock appeal court of Shakespearean characters from a current play. The judges' panel will be led by Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin of the Supreme Court of Canada. Tickets are free but must be obtained in advance. (see below) *.

11:00 a.m. Stratford Festival Theatre garden tour (see below)*

Time TBC: Conceal/Reveal: exhibition of props and costumes at the theatre archives & the Stratford Perth Museum (see below) *

Lunch: Restaurant at the Best Western at your convenience

Afternoon theatre:

2:00 p.m. RECOMMENDED FOR OUR GROUP: Guys & Dolls (musical), location: Festival Theatre, a short walk from the Best Western (see below)*

2:00 p.m. Another choice: Treasure Island (kids' adventure): Avon Theatre (see below)*

Afternoon - other activities other than theatre above:

- 1) Indoor pool at the hotel
- 2) Visit (& shop) historic downtown Stratford
- 3) Walk/canoe/paddle the Avon River

3:00 p.m. CHECK-IN at BEST WESTERN PLUS (formerly The Arden Park Hotel), 552 Ontario Street (check at the desk, you may be able to check in upon arrival)

8:00 p.m. DINNER - LOCATION TBC

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1:

10:00 a.m. – noon: CAR SHOW at MARKET SQUARE (historic downtown square behind City Hall, freshly redeveloped, opening Summer 2017).

Morning theatre-related events:

9:15 a.m. & 9:30 a.m. Festival Theatre tour (magic of how a show is created—costumes, workshops, backstage) (see below) *

Time TBC: Conceal/Reveal: exhibition of props and costumes at the theatre archives & the Stratford Perth Museum (see below) *

10:30 a.m. Chief Justice Beverley McLachlin speaker: "A View from the Bench" (Avon Theatre) (see below)*

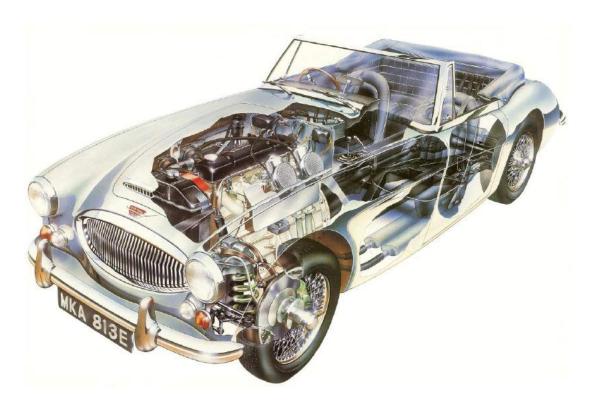
LUNCH: Market Square has several small, interesting restaurants – make your own choice.

Afternoon theatre:

2:00 p.m. Tartuffe (see below)*

2:00 p.m. H.M.S. Pinafore (Gilbert & Sullivan musical) (see below) *

*For all theatre-related events, please obtain your tickets by calling the box office at 1-800-567-1600 or online at stratfordfestival.ca.



Austin Healey 3000 MkIII by Keith Harmer

'Road Trip' by Martyn Ridley

Would I go and have a look at a Healey? (Silly question!) The buyer is in Calgary, his friend (a Healey owner) is in Victoria, the car is on a well known and trusted Ontario web-site, and my contact just wants me to see it as a 'disinterested third party' to ensure that it is what-it-is.

The car turns out to be in Waterdown, Ontario, so with Greg Newton and Scott Morris in tow, I set out to have a look see. I always like to bring a small audience with me. They may see what I miss, fill in gaps of knowledge, and distract the owner so we all can have a really good look. We were asked to do a compression test so the necessary equipment was on board.

It was a nice day but the road to the house was icy and we needed caution when walking. It was brisk outside and knowing the car was in an unheated garage I was prepared to get rather cold. The owner welcomed us and started telling about the car he has owned for well over 30 years. Yes, he used to be a Healey club member, years ago, and went to Fall Windup, but he is getting on in age and doesn't drive the car much now, so its time to pass on the stewardship.

Out we go to see the car, its lovely, everything we could have expected and more. (You don't find that often when you are told its a good driver!) The car is very original, it was re-sprayed 20+ years ago by a Healey expert, and did he do a really good job! The top is original, but showing its age with a tear and stitch ups. The seats have some wear, but not much to complain about, the exhaust is good. Greg realized the car was at British car day. ('I knew that name from somewhere.') Its hard to find fault, the engine bay has a bit of tatty about it, peeling paint, incorrect hose clamps, nothing too, too bad.

At the request to do the compression test the owner piped up and said one had been done a few years back by Richard Chrysler when he serviced the car. Rich had looked after the car for many years. Also provided was an appraisal, and with it proof that the car had done only a 1000 miles in the past ten years. One look at Rich's figures told us we weren't doing a compression test.

Later that day I spoke with both the buyer and his friend and passed on my finding. I do not know, nor am I interested as to what followed. We had a good day, a nice road trip, good company, highlighted by a lovely Austin Healey. What more can you want. My thanks to all those who played a part.



Editor – and yes, it is a real story about the passing on the stewardship of a 1967 Austin Healey BJ8 owned by Roger and Ann Funnell for 36 years.

Eye Candy: How me and a 1961 Austin Healey healed each other

By Ron PostianWheels Reader Toronto Star Fri., July 8, 2016

Reader Ron Postian was heartbroken when his first wife, the lover also of English cars, passed way. So he stashed hers in the garage, for decades, until his second wife gave him an ultimatum.

The car: 1961 Austin Healey Mark II 3000

The story: My wife Nancy loved English cars. In 1964 she purchased a 1961 Austin Healey Mark II 3000 from an Air Force officer who bought it brand new while stationed in Germany, and had brought it back to Canada. Nancy had previously owned a 1954 Triumph TR2, purchased in 1958.

It was through cars that we'd met. I was driving to Cleveland House in Muskoka in a 1959 Mercedes Benz 190 SL — the two door sport convertible, a magnet for girls, especially if they are sports car nuts. We married nine months later, in 1960.

Our daughter Pam arrived in 1961. Because of business requirements we got a station wagon. It didn't help that there was a dearth of mechanics with knowledge of English cars, creating operational problems.



The owner: Ron Postian, London Ont.

But Nancy loved them. We had a total of 8 Jaguars during her lifetime. In the early Sixties we got a 1959 MG Twin Cam. We found the '61 Healey via some friends, and that car really got us into it. We drove everywhere: Muskoka, Ottawa, Quebec's Eastern Townships.

It had approximately 85,000 miles (137,000 kilometres) on it when Nancy died. Lacking the desire to drive it, and affected by the memories, I stored the car from 1988 to 2012 — 24 years. I'd driven it into the garage, turned the engine off, locked the doors and covered it.

At some point my second wife, Sue, delivered an ultimatum: she insisted I either sell the Healey, or drive it. I pumped up the tires, occasionally uncovered the car, and sat down remembering. A number of people were interested in purchasing, but I just couldn't part with it.



Mission accomplished.

From left, Clinton Body
Shop restoration crew
Robert Smith,
Korey McKinnon, and
Devon Kiss.

So I located the keys, in the garage, and took a closer look. The spokes were broken away from the steering wheel. The rear end, where the battery is stored, had rusted through. R rubber throughout had deteriorated. The wheels wouldn't turn, as the brakes had seized. The folding vinyl top seemed okay, but stubborn.

Sue, who's not a sport car enthusiast, suggested I start working on the engine and body.

But believe me, I am not a mechanic or body man. So I reached for my cell phone and called a restoration shop in Clinton, Ont., that my neighbour recommended. A few days later the Austin Healey Mark II 3000 was taken away on a flatbed truck.



"I'm back into it. Along with my Healey, I have healed."

From time to time I'd drive the 50 kilometres to watch the fellows slowly restore her. Thousands of dollars later it was on to a mechanic, Auto Farm Ltd. Austin Healey in Monkton. And then a transmission shop. Until one glorious day it was time to once again start enjoying.

Recently I purchased a horn assembly combination, with turning signals, from England. A sign I'm back into it. The signal that, along with my Healey, I have healed.









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Encounter 2017



Encounter 40 will be held in the Princeton, NJ area

August 9-12, 2017.

This will be the 40th consecutive Encounter meet.

The car show will be on the village streets with food, music & more!!

Events will include: "Higher Education" Rallye • 40th Anniversary Cocktail Party • Special Guests • Tech Sessions • Charity Auction • Gymkhana • Funkhana • Kiddiekhana • Valve Cover Races • Wine tasting • BBQ • Car show and Concours • Awards Banquet • Much More!!!

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201 Village Boulevard Princeton, NJ. 08540

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http://www.austin-healey-stc.org/general-events/encounter-2017

http://www.austin-healey-stc.org



In case you don't recognize it, that's the famous corner 5 at Mosport.

On 16 to 18 June 2017, it will be the scene of VARAC's Vintage Grand Prix with over 200 classic race cars, including a full grid of historic Formula 1 cars. On Thursday, 15th June, we have a Test Day for race car drivers to practise and set up their cars. And again this year, we're opening the Test Day to street cars!

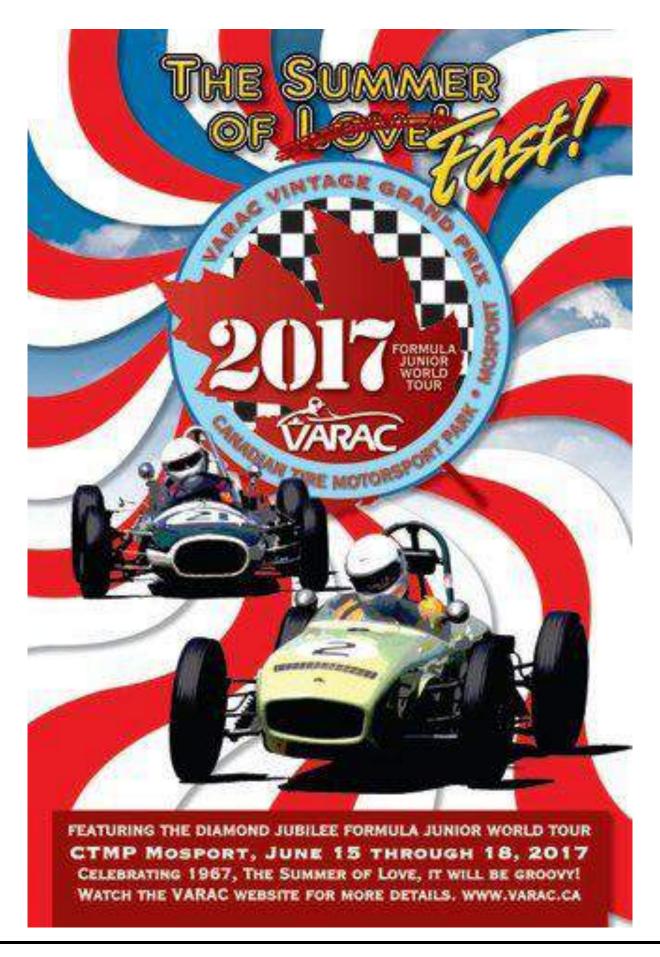
So if you've wanted to take your "baby" on the track at Mosport, dig out your helmet and grab this rare opportunity. We invite members of Car Clubs to join us - the track will be open from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. We'll run 3 separate groups - open wheel race, closed wheel race and street cars - in 30 minute sessions.

You can expect around 2 ½ hours on track - you'll sleep well that night!

If you've not had race training, or haven't driven Mosport, don't worry. We'll team you'll up with an experienced VARAC Mentor to show you the "line" until you, and he, feels comfortable you can handle this amazing track on your own. Then it's up to you to have the best day of your life

The cost is \$300 for the day.

Contact Walter.Davies@Me.Com for more info and to reserve your place - Corner 5 is waiting just for you....





June 25-29, 2017 Sunday - Thursday

The Austin Healey Club of New England will be celebrating its 20th anniversary annual **Summit** event in the Berkshire Mountains of Western Massachusetts. We will be returning to the Jiminy Peak Resort where we hosted Summit in 2010. This year's event will be spiced up by the Roll Back in Time Sock Hop and Dinner with Wolfman Steve as guest DJ plus two events designed just for the ladies. AHC-NE cordially invites all Austin Healey club members to participate in this annual event. One bedroom suites will be at the Jiminy Peak Resort. Double occupancy rates are \$125/night plus tax including breakfast. Two bedroom (\$169 & \$229 Deluxe) and three bedroom condos (\$229 & \$349 Deluxe) with breakfast are also available in adjacent buildings. After registering with the Club call 413-738-5500 option 2 to make your reservations. Mention *Austin Healey Summit 2017* to get these special rates. For further details and to download a registration form visit:

http://www.ahca-newengland.org/summit-2017---healeys-in-the-berkshires.html or contact Linda Hakala at *linda.h.hakala@gmail.com*

Preview of Summit 2017 Schedule and Events

Sunday, June 25, 2017

- Arrival and Registration
- Welcome Reception
- Dinner on your own at John Harvard's restaurant or local eateries
- Hospitality after dinner

Monday, June 26, 2017

- Berkshires Blast Rally
- Tech Sessions
- Ladies Only Event Healey's and Hollywood Celebrities
- Valve Cover Racing and Ice Cream Social
- Roll Back in Time Sock Hop featuring Guest DJ Wolfman Steve
- Hospitality

Tuesday. June 27

- Scenic Tour of the Berkshires with Picnic lunch and Ending at the Clark Museum
- Time to Explore
- Hospitality
- Dinner on your own in one of the many great restaurants in the area

Wednesday, June 28

- Gymkhana and Funkhana at Jiminy Peak
- Tech Session
- Ladies Event Paint Party-Paint your own 12x16 canvas with instructor
- Car Show & Lunch at the Hancock Shaker Village
- Banquet Dinner and Awards Ceremony

Thursday, June 29, 2017

• Bid farewell to a great week and your Healey family and friends.

