

THE RESONATOR

Official Newsletter of the Austin-Healey Club of Southern Ontario



"Prez Sez"

TELL ME THIS IS SPRING!!

Our weather recently has been anything but spring like, what with heavy snow and temperatures in the minus 20 range, but I am assured by the ground hog that spring will come, along with warm sunny days and the snow gone from the winding roads on which we enjoy our Healey's.

Until then, our event guru's, Mark & David have a full slate of things to do to keep that Healey foremost in your thoughts.

The recent tech session at Rich Chrysler's was very well attended, as always, and Rich managed to impart a few nuggets of wisdom for the members in attendance. By the time you read this, the tech session at Autofarm Ltd. will be past and hopefully you picked up a few tips to help you get the season off to a good start and keep things rolling without problems for the rest of the year. The tech session at Jule Enterprises has been rescheduled for April 9th, so please watch for details on the web site, in your e-mail and in the Resonator.

April 17th should be burnt into your minds, this is the Ancaster British Flea Market that our club sponsors and runs, along with the British Sports Car Club. I can't stress enough that this is the clubs major fundraiser of the year, and we need your participation, either as a vendor or volunteer to help things run smoothly. Get in touch with Martyn Ridley, Ed Kesik or Greg Newton for more information and how you can help.

The Formula One season has started in Australia and I don't need to remind you that we have tickets donated by the Quebec Club that we are auctioning for this event. As well as admission to the race and practice, you will take part in the "Parade of Pilots" with your Healey on the track. The bidding will end on April 30th so contact me or any member of the executive and get your bid in if you would like to participate in this once in a lifetime opportunity.

Some major events like Conclave, Encounter, Southeast Classic and many more that a number of our Club members will be driving to are fast approaching, so if you are thinking of attending any of these then get your plans and your reservations into high gear, (maybe even overdrive)

It looks like being a great driving season with lots of great events to appeal to everyone, so....

GET INTO YOUR HEALEY AND SEE WHAT YOU GET OUT OF IT!

Bob Yule

View From the Navigator's Seat

I can feel you "Healey" drivers AND navigators - (don't ever forget the navigators!) are just itching to fire up those LBCs to start off what promises to be a great Healey summer. The Orr's will again host the Wine Tour on Saturday, August 6th - which will be a bit shorter than last time (wineries closer to home) to include celebrating our clubs 35th. Anniversary back here at the Orr ranch. More details will be in the June newsletter so stay tuned for more information on this memorable event.

Our Events Calendar is chock full of summer fun - thanks to David and Mark - so if you don't enjoy a fabulous Healey summer - don't blame us! Roll on those lovely sunny days!

Happy Healeying!

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TECH SESSION - MARCH 12

A BIG SUCCESS

Saturday March 12th began with some big sloppy wet snow flakes but it didn't deter 33 people from coming out and attending what has become Rich and Lyn Chrysler's annual winter Tech session. Rich's newly expanded garage contained the crowd and they were able to look over the current projects he had undergoing the restoration process.

These included a lovely black over red BT7 belonging to Mark Rittenhouse, and a stunningly beautiful black BN1 belonging to Eoin Galvin. Eoin's car features almost all of its original 56 year old interior which has been carefully maintained, cleaned and repaired back to its bright orange and red splendor.

Rich presented and demonstrated a number of small "bite sized" restoration tips to the group. A newly stripped down engine assembly that was in for a full rebuild was also reviewed and discussed. There was also lively discussion, questions and answers were welcomed and lots of good picture and note taking was going on throughout the session.

The happy group broke for lunch at a nearby restaurant, where 27 of us enjoyed more good camaraderie, then those who chose, returned to the shop for more discussion and sharing of Healey gab.

The day was a rousing success, some new members came out for the first time and were warmly welcomed, and many of the old familiar faces from far and wide also made it out.

Rich Chrysler



The Chryslers 'new baby'



DOWN MEMORY LANE 1956 RACE CARS AT HAREWOOD

I have been going through my files and I came across an entry sheet for a June 1th 1956 race weekend at the old Harewood Acres track near Jarvis, Ontario. Jarvis was the site of a World War II British Commonwealth Air Training Plan airbase from around 1940 or so to the spring of 1945. It lay idle for a number of years until the British Empire Motor Club leased it from farmer Russell Hare for road racing. BEMC ran the track from roughly 1956 to the early sixties when the club turned its sights to Mosport. It lay idle for a time until LASC (London Autosport Club) ran the track until the fall of 1970 when Russell Hare sold the site to Gulf Oil.

At any rate at the June 15th meeting there were twenty Austin Healeys there. Here is a list:

- #7 Austin Healey 100S driven by Allan Millar.
- #18 An Austin Healey 100 driven by Ed Leavens
- #21 an Austin Healey driven by G.C. Lazar
- #23 An Austin Healey 100M driven by Dennis Brown
- # 14 An Austin Healey 100M driven by Rockwell Sheil
- #29 An Austin Healey 100M driven by William R. Lewis
- #35 An Austin Healey 100 driven by George Chapman. I believe that Chapman was from out west and that he later went on to become Canadian road race champion for 1965.
- #37 An Austin Healey driven by George Wood
- # 53 Austin Healey 100M driven by T.J. Pekoe
- #67 Austin Healey 100 driven by Harry Logan
- #71 Austin Healey 100M driven by Harry Bleeker
- # 72 Austin Healey 100M driven by Donald McNaughten
- #76 Austin Healey 100 driven by Howard Franklin
- #85 Austin Healey - no model mentioned, driven by Eric Cassidy
- #95 Austin Healey 100 driven by G. R. Johnson
- #103 Austin Healey 100 driven by Jim Fergusson of Fergusson Motors. Jim and his wife are both in the Canadian Motorsports Museum's Hall of Fame. Jim ran Fergusson Motors for years and also sponsored Ed Leavens in many cars from Healeys to Sebring Sprites etc.
- #105 Austin Healey 100 driven by Alvin Meyers
- #106 Austin Healey 100 driven by George Chisholm
- #120 Austin Healey - no model mentioned, driven by Barry Morton
- #124 Austin Healey 100 driven by Irwin Buxbaum

There you have it. The competition must have been fierce among those Healey drivers. Do any of the names ring a bell for you? Some of these drivers were probably from the USA as the border was not all that far away. If you could circulate these names among your club members and ask any interested people to contact me, I would appreciate it.

Submitted by John Wright

HEALEY SMILE - AREN'T GOLFERS WONDERFUL

The bride was escorted down the aisle and when she reached the altar, the groom was standing there with his golf bag and clubs at his side. She said: "What are your golf clubs doing here?"
He looked her right in the eye and said, "This isn't going to take all day, is it?"

TECH SESSION - APRIL 2

HEALEYPHILLES INVADE MONKTON!

On Saturday April 02 about 35 intrepid souls ventured off the highway and breached the defenses at Autofarm Ltd. Invasion time was set for 11am, but several advance scouting parties were landed before this. After refueling on coffee and chit chat, the group reformed and was shown some points to check on a Healey before putting it onto the road for another season. Items covered included leaking axle seals, wheel cylinders, steering mechanism and exhaust. Particular attention was paid to the tires, and the manufacturing date codes were pointed out. On the subject car, the tires although they looked to be in good condition, were found to be eighteen to nineteen years old which is not a good state of affairs. The invaders then moved onto another Healey and were guided through the items to check and look for in the engine compartment. These checks included hoses, belt, fluid levels and electrical checks.

Spreading throughout the area, the hoard was then shown a selection of items that would be advisable to be carried on upcoming campaigns. These items were the specific Healey parts that could not be sourced at Pep Boys, Canadian tire or Wal-Mart.

Demonstrations of king pin reaming and the operation of the transmission test bed were shown along with some new chassis frames, recently arrived from Europe. The only serious casualty of the day then took place when a huge amount of Chili was slaughtered, accompanied by buns and cake and much munching. After more visiting and general skirmishing, the invaders finally dispersed, made their way back to the highway and were gone.

The defenders at Autofarm Ltd. Bob, Levina, Amanda, Tom Hugh and Leasa managed to survive the onslaught, and hope that everyone found something to make the day worthwhile.

Bob Yule



Alexander Yule helps Grandad get ready for the Tech



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JANSEN TECH SESSION

Martin Jansen is hosting a Tech Session on Saturday, April 9th, starting at 10 am.

For directions & details please contact Martin by
phone (905)854-3555 or email: jule-enterprisesah@yahoo.com

GRAND PRIX AUCTION TICKETS

The bid for this fantastic week end stands at \$800. at the present
- don't miss a wonderful opportunity to attend this great week end of racing -
contact Bob Yule or any of the executive and put in your bid now.
Bidding closes April 30, 2011 - give us a call with your bid!!

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"SUMMIT & SAND" - JULY 20 - 24TH, NORWICH, CT

The AHCA New England region has planned an excellent extended
long weekend of Healey events on the RI and CT shorelines.
We at AHCA New England would like to invite you to "Summit & Sand" 2011,
to enjoy New England History and Healey hospitality.
contact: Peter Sturtevant at healeybn4@aol.com

ENCOUNTER 2011 - "HEALEYS IN PARADISE" - AUGUST 10 - 14TH, PARADISE, PA.

A number of our members are registered to attend this event in Pennsylvania -
why not join us for a great Healey weekend! See you there!
contact: Chuck Ott @ email: chucknsueo@aol.com

FALL RUN TO CREEMORE AREA

Four hardy club members decided to take their cars out for one last time before the end of the 2010 driving season. The drive was up through the Creemore area and of course a mandatory stop at the local brewery! The group consisted of David Underhill drove his MGB, Phil Jarrett in his Sprite, Mark Doust in his big Healey and Bill McNaughton in his Bugeye. As you can see after the 'Healey Gang' hit the Creemore Brewery the refueling truck made a stop to top up the tanks! The group thoroughly enjoyed this final driving tour for the season, Roll on Spring 2011!

Submitted by Bill McNaughton



1967 Austin Healey: BJ-8 3000 Mk III



I'm offering my 1967 Austin Healey BJ8 Mk III for sale. I know that we share a keen interest in Big Healeys, so I thought that you or someone you know might be interested. Please call or email if you would like to test drive this fine car or have any questions. Car is located in Chicago, Illinois. Contact Robert Armband @ 773-960-5336 if interested.

Club member Phil Jarrett stands beside his newly acquired project car - a 1963 BJ7.

Photo taken in Kansas City, Kansas, just before the car was loaded onto the transport to take it to its new home in Canada.





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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2011

APRIL 2	AHCSO TECH SESSION WITH BOB YULE
APRIL 9	AHCSO TECH SESSION WITH MARTIN JENSEN
APRIL 17	ANCASTER FLEA MARKET - MARTYN RIDLEY, ED KESIK
MAY 1	AUTOJUMBLE KINGSTON - BOOT 'N BONNET CLUB
JUNE 4	AHCSO DRIVE TO FLEETWOOD CAR SHOW IN LONDON, ONT.
JUNE 18-19	VARAC WEEKEND AT MOSPORT, ONTARIO
JUNE 20	THORNHILL CRUISERS - BRITISH CAR NIGHT
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JULY 17	BRITS IN THE PARK - LINDSAY
JULY 24	AHCSO ICE CREAM SHOP MEET & BBQ - TOTTENHAM, ONTARIO
AUGUST 6	AHSCO WINE TOUR & 35TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION
AUGUST 7	BRITS ON THE LAKE - PORT PERRY
AUGUST 14	AHCSO ICE CREAM SHOP MEET - LOCATION TBA
AUGUST 27	AHCSO SALMON BBQ
AUGUST 28	AHCSO ICE CREAM SHOP MEET - LOCATION TBA
SEPTEMBER 12	AHCSO FULL MOON GO KART NIGHT
SEPTEMBER 18	BRITISH CAR DAY
SEPT. 30 - OCT. 2	FALL WIND UP - MICHIGAN
OCTOBER 15	AHCSO "RUN FOR THE LEAVES" (RAIN DATE - OCTOBER 16)
OCTOBER 20-23	SOUTHEASTERN CLASSIC
NOVEMBER	AHSCO MOVIE NIGHT
JANUARY 2012	BUS TRIP TO HENRY FORD MUSEUM & DETROIT AUTO SHOW