

THE RESONATOR

Official Newsletter of the Austin-Healey Club of Southern Ontario



"Prez Sez"

READY?...OR NOT...

The Ancaster British Car Flea Market is in the books for another year and by all accounts it was a very successful event. A huge thank you is owed to the team that organized the event and all the volunteers who worked "on the day" but especially our own Ed Kesik and his team, for ensuring that the day ran smoothly. The event not only had more people through the doors, more British cars on display and more outside vendors, but was profitable and will allow our club to maintain dues at the current level for the current year, at least.

Driving season is just about upon us and as I try and get my BJ8 ready for our tour this summer to the left coast via the southern US and the Pacific Coast Highway, I want to remind you to ensure that your car is not only mechanically able, but safe as well. Double check those tires, brake lines, fuel lines and steering connections. It goes without saying that you should check the cooling hoses and fan belt and all the fluid levels. Stopped on the side of the road is no place to meet people!

It just remains for me to wish you all a safe and enjoyable summer in you Healey, but whatever you do...

DRIVE YOUR HEALEY, THEY ENJOY IT AND YOU WILL TOO!!

Bob Yule

View From the Navigator's Seat

Well the first car of our group travelling to British Columbia to attend "Rendezvous" an event sponsored by AHC USA - has left - they are headed down through US to New Mexico to pick up another Healey couple and then travel up the west coast to BC. The other 3 Healeys will meet in Orillia June 17th. before heading for the West Coast via Canada and the USA. Daunting trip for our little Healeys! But this group of 'Wandering Wrinkles' are always 'up for the challenge' - we know because we have joined them on many previous adventures, ie: East Coast, England, Scotland & Wales, Texas etc. We wish them a another great "Healey Adventure" and look forward to hearing all the news when they get back

Happy Healeying!

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ANCASTER 2012 - FLEA MARKET



HEALEYS IN FRANCE . . . OR NOT

Bonjour mes amis. Ca va? Certainly many of us are ever on the lookout for interesting autos. It just so happened that Gail & I were in southern France for a personal vacation the last two weeks of March near a location & at the same time as a huge car show. It was mere coincidence that of the six days we were in Avignon, this year's show took place on three of them, from March 23-25, 2012. It was the Avignon Motor Festival. City bus from a central location cost 1.20 Euro for a good hour ride & the entrance fee was 11 Euros. The show included ancient to modern, almost anything with wheels, in 5 buildings, 50000 square metres of space plus outdoor fields much larger than Bronte Park. They conservatively estimated 2500 vehicles, 40000 visitors, 140 clubs, and 360 exhibitors. This offered all manner of transport to capture one's interest. The diversity of this 10th anniversary show was beyond that of...how many Marques can you name?

For late March we had magnificent weather with temps in the mid-twenties. It was sunny, hot, and dusty in the car parks, but with great snack bars offering beer & wine what's not to like? The French do it in such a civilized manner. Though very little English is audible in these parts, it never seems to be an obstacle. Crowds of people with a common interest rules the day! As for British, I saw MG As, Bs, older Ts, Minis, more Triumphs 3s, 4s, 6s, Spits, Morgans, Jags, XKEs, Healeys:..NONE! My total view of Healeys was 3...advertised. Two of them were in a booth for a large European collector car distributor with prices of 45000 & 65000 Euros. Just thought you owners would like to know! French cars were of course plentiful. There were many, many Renaults, Citroens, Fiats, rally cars, family cars, both old & new. American cars seemed to lean toward Mustangs, Corvettes, Camaros, Olds, Pontiac, old Ford street rods, Cobras, and a Prowler. One building was just race/rally cars/dragsters. One was new exotics such as Ferrari, Masserati, Lamborghini, McLaren. Another had vintage machinery, tractors and trucks. Yet another had 100s of old to current motorcycles. The fifth building housed the flea market with parts, literature, stuff that spilled to the outside around the building. There were a few ocean-going race boats on display as well. Of course there was the requisite concours d'Elegance sponsored by Meguiars. Delahayes and the like. Overload!

Even though I quite proudly wore my AHCSO golf shirt, no one commented. There was just too much for people to see in all manner of 'iron'. France in March? I'd recommend it. Also, Prince Rainier's car collection Museum in Monaco is worthy. Check out www.avignon-motor-festival.com

Keep 'em on the road, between the lines, and definitely out of the ditch...or the barn! Au'voir.

Submitted by Sam Wendt (former member)

DEREK JOB'S NEW CAR

Today I took delivery of another Healey and just completed a great 120 mile drive home in it. Inevitably it's a 100-Six, however this one has a MkIII engine built by Jeremy Welch with a DWR8 fast road cam, Cosworth forged 84mm pistons and a few other tweeks. It's running on twin HD8's. It has a centre change box, with straight cut Tulip ratio gears, competition overdrive, and Quaife limited slip diff all put together by Hardy Engineering.

It has an aluminium bonnet and boot and is Healey Blue with a white Works hard top. It's still running with points in the Dizzy hence my questions of yesterday. I'm planning on competing in the Healey Sprint and Hill climb challenge and I'll post some photos of the car on my website as soon as I get chance.

That means my other 100-Six is now for sale. It's a great car and also has a 3000 engine but not Mk111. It's in the UK and if anyone knows of someone looking for a good car please let me know. It's history can be seen here: <http://www.healeysix.net/mynew100six.htm>

The new car is running strong and is pretty quick and the steering is as light as I've driven in a Healey. It's running on Avon ZZs. It hasn't done many miles since the engine was built and only about a 1000 in the last year. It probably needs a bit of a tune up as it's a bit reluctant to idle.

Anyone got experience of the DWR8 cam? Is that normal?

Submitted by Derek Job

HEALEY SMILE

Oil Change Instructions for Women:

1. Pull up to Dealership when the mileage reaches 5,000 miles since the last oil change.
2. Relax in the waiting room while enjoying a cup of coffee.
3. 15 minutes later, scan debit card and leave, driving a properly maintained vehicle.

Money spent:

Oil Change:	\$24.00
Coffee:	Complementary
TOTAL:	\$24.00

Oil Change instructions for Men:

1. Wait until Saturday, drive to auto parts store and buy a case of oil, filter, kitty litter, hand cleaner and a scented tree, and use your debit card for \$50.00.
2. Stop to buy a case of beer, (debit \$24), drive home.
3. Open a beer and drink it.
4. Jack truck up. Spend 30 minutes looking for jack stands.
5. Find jack stands under kid's pedal car.
6. In frustration, open another beer and drink it.
7. Place drain pan under engine.
8. Look for 9/16 box end wrench.
9. Give up and use crescent wrench.
10. Unscrew drain plug.
11. Drop drain plug in pan of hot oil: splash hot oil on you in process. Cuss.
12. Crawl out from under truck to wipe hot oil off of face and arms. Throw kitty litter on spilled oil.
13. Have another beer while watching oil drain.
14. Spend 30 minutes looking for oil filter wrench.
15. Give up; crawl under truck and hammer a screwdriver through oil filter and twist off.
16. Crawl out from under truck with dripping oil filter splashing oil everywhere from holes. Cleverly hide old oil filter among trash in trash can to avoid environmental penalties. Drink a beer.
17. Install new oil filter making sure to apply a thin coat of oil to gasket surface.

18. Dump first quart of fresh oil into engine.
19. Remember drain plug from step 11.20. Hurry to find drain plug in drain pan.
21. Drink beer.
22. Discover that first quart of fresh oil is now on the floor. Throw kitty litter on oil spill.
23. Get drain plug back in with only a minor spill. Drink beer.
24. Crawl under truck getting kitty litter into eyes. Wipe eyes with oily rag used to clean drain plug. Slip with stupid crescent wrench tightening drain plug and bang knuckles on frame removing any excess skin between knuckles and frame.
25. Begin cussing fit.
26. Throw stupid crescent wrench.
27. Cuss for additional 5 minutes because wrench hit truck and left dent.
28. Beer.
29. Clean up hands and bandage as required to stop blood flow.
30. Beer.
31. Dump in five fresh quarts of oil.
32. Beer.
33. Lower truck from jack stands.
34. Move truck back to apply more kitty litter to fresh oil spilled during any missed steps.
35. Beer.
36. Test drive truck.
37. Get pulled over: arrested for driving under the influence.
38. Truck gets impounded.
39. Call loving wife, make bail.
40. 12 hours later, get truck from impound yard.

Money spent:

Parts:	\$50.00
DUI:	\$2,500.00
Impound fee:	\$75.00
Bail:	\$1,500.00
Beer:	\$20.00
TOTAL:	\$4,145.00

But you know the job was done right!

ESCAPING REALITY FOR A MONTH

We just returned from a vacation that began in Ft. Lauderdale, followed by a 16-day Trans-Atlantic cruise, and a week in the U.K. I surprised Pat with this trip on Valentine's Day (should count as brownie points for quite some time!!). We have never cruised before so of course I start us off crossing the Atlantic Ocean - nice guy!

Sue and Ian Allison were gracious enough to show us "newbie's" the art of cruising. We boarded the Princess Emerald on April 26th. Pat and I were in awe of this beautiful ship. After a few days we were able to navigate around the ship quite comfortably.....and eat, and eat, and eat!

After 5 days at sea, we arrived at our first port on May 2nd - Ponta Delgada, Portugal. We decided to pass on all ship excursions and get a feel for each port we visited on our own. Another two days at sea and on May 5th we arrived in Cobh (Cork) Ireland. The next day we arrived at Falmouth (Cornwall) U.K. where we were taken to shore via tenders. Residents of Falmouth organized a group of volunteers to meet the cruise ships and they extended the most gracious welcome to their lovely town so steeped in history. May 7th brought us in to Le Havre, France. We took a taxi into the fishing village of Honfleur. Walking the cobblestone streets and admiring the beautiful old buildings and street-lined cafes made for an amazing day. May 8th brought us into Dover - first sight - The White Cliffs of Dover (bringing Pat to tears!!!). We took the train into Canterbury and were overwhelmed with its beauty and history. May 9th brought us in to Rotterdam followed by a day at sea and into Oslo, Norway on May 11th. The cruise ended for us on May 12th in Copenhagen. Sue and Ian went on to the Baltic.

Pat and I flew to London for a few days and on to Liverpool so that we could visit my dad's family in St. Helens. We took the train up to Rainhill and met relatives for the first time. We spent the last night in a lovely hotel in Manchester near the airport.

We met the most wonderful people along our journey and memories to last a life time.

Submitted by Jim Phythian



Figure 1 White Cliffs of Dover



Figure 2 Falmouth (Cornwall) England

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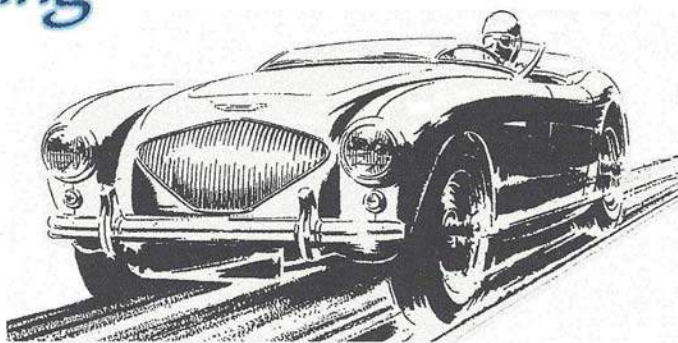
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JULY 11	PUB NIGHT
JULY 15	BRITS IN THE PARK - LINDSAY
AUGUST 8	PUB NIGHT
AUGUST 12	BRITS ON THE LAKE - PORT PERRY
AUGUST 18	AHCSO 36TH ANNIVERSARY DRIVE & BBQ * Come celebrate the 36th year of our club - we have a fun day planned. We will start the day with a drive / tour and finish up the day with a BBQ at Gerry Maguire's house in Oakville. This will be pot luck supper - Gerry will provide main course and Anna Orr will call the girls to arrange salads, desserts, etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none">- To start the tour we will meet at Mohawk Inn parking lot located at the n/w corner of Highway #401 and the Guelph Line Exit, 20. We will meet at 10:00 am and we will be leaving at 10:30am sharp.- To sign up please contact Mark Doust at mark@abarth.ca or 417-779-0967
SEPTEMBER 8	SALMON BBQ - HOSTED BY THE WILFORDS
SEPTEMBER 12	PUB NIGHT
SEPTEMBER 16	BRITISH CAR DAY - BRONTE PARK
OCTOBER 10	PUB NIGHT
OCTOBER 13	AHCSO "RUN FOR THE LEAVES" (RAIN DATE - OCTOBER 14)
NOVEMBER 14	PUB NIGHT
DECEMBER 12	CHRISTMAS PUB NIGHT

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