

THE RESONATOR

Official Newsletter of the Austin-Healey Club of Southern Ontario



“Prez Sez”

SUN'S UP.....FUN'S ON

After what seemed like a never ending winter, followed by “the mother of all deluges”, it seems that the sun is finally going to shine for us and bring some top down weather. **HOORAY!!**

British Car Flea Market is in the books for another year, ably organized by Ed Kesik and his committee and aided by an army of volunteers, both from our Club & the British Sports Car Club. Although down a little in attendance, mostly attributed to the event being held on Easter Sunday, overall it was the success that we have come to expect. The reins have now been passed to Bill McNaughton and hopefully we will give him all the help he needs, and extend our thanks to Ed for a job very well done.

Laurie Wilford our events co-ordinator has a full slate of fun lined up for us this summer. We started with a very well attended and interesting tech session at Head and Block in Stoney Creek and many of us are just readying our cars and ourselves for a trip to Conclave in Virginia. After this is the Wine Tour, Salmon Bar-B-Que and Brits in the park, just to name few. Check on the website for times & dates for all the events.

Our website is having some hic-ups at present because of a fire in the office of the ISP provider. Things are getting back to normal, but please bear with us. Please make sure that your car is safe and reliable before heading out onto the road, but do head out.....

Drive your Healey. They like it and you will too!

Bob Yule

View From the Navigator's Seat

Last week-end we, along with two of our ‘Healey buddies’ enjoyed a lovely drive up through the beautiful Mennonite Farm country around West Montrose (including the romantic Covered Bridge) and finally ending up in the little hamlet of New Dundee where we stopped at the ‘New Dundee Food Emporium’, a unique and classy eatery which also included a darling little Ladies Clothing boutique shop. Lovely end to a lovely day! Misty Blue behaved very well and we are hoping she will do equally as well on our upcoming trip to Hot Springs, Virginia for this years Conclave. The updates from this beautiful venue in Virginia, promise to treat us to a great week of ‘Healey Good Times’. Will report all the details in the next newsletter, Stay tuned!!

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BRITS IN THE PARK WEEKEND JULY 18-20, 2014

Marie and Gary are pleased that you can join us for this event. For those of you that are coming on the 18th, we suggest that you check in at the motel and call us when you are settled in. We will arrange dinner that evening at a local Chinese restaurant. All registration cards have been completed in advance to avoid any delays. The motel will just need your payment information at check in.

At noon on Saturday the 19th we will host a bar-b-q for all participants at our home in beautiful Bobcaygeon. After the lunch we will go on a short drive stopping at "*The Horseless Carriage Museum*" for an hour or so. Next, we will drive through a unique village called *Sturgeon Point*. Afterwards, we will continue driving around the area finishing at your motel just in time for happy hour and then on to "*The Just for the Halibut*" where reservations have been made for dinner.

On Sunday the 20th, we will drive to Lindsay where we have reservations for breakfast at "St. Dave's Diner". The "Brits in the Park" show is just a short drive from this location.

If you require any additional information/directions please contact us. Marie and I are looking forward to seeing you-drive safe.

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HEAD AND BLOCK TECH SESSION

SATURDAY, MAY 24, 2014

Saturday, May 24th, brought a beautiful warm, sunny day as 20 Healey enthusiasts gathered at "Head And Block Specialty" in Stoney Creek. They broke into 2 groups so everyone could see the different demonstrations which included the many machining operations related to cylinder head and engine rebuilding that HEAD AND BLOCK specialize in. After this very interesting session the group headed to "The Fool & Flagon" in Stoney Creek to enjoy a delicious lunch. Thanks to fellow Healey member, Mike McNally for suggesting this great pub which incidently, is owned by his son, Mark McNally.



HEALEY FIESTA & HEALEY ESCORT

Healey Museum in Holland will have the Healey Fiesta on display from late April to early June 2014

Healey Fiesta

Gary Kohs of Michigan USA, founded the "Marketing Corporation of America" in 1966. Two of his main clients were Ford and VW. He had the idea of promoting the Fiesta through an association with Healey, to produce a Healey Fiesta based on the US specification car built in the Saarlouis German factory.

Harry Weaks produced renderings of what the original Healey Fiesta might look like based upon the US 1600 cc version at this time not available in Europe until the MK1 XR2 of 1981. This 1600 was very restricted to 66 bhp under US smog regulations, and the idea was to get Healey Consultants to really modify it to compete with the Mini Cooper of the time. Gary Kohs purchased from Ford USA a Diamond White standard model and shipped it to Healey Consultants at Barford, Warwickshire England, between 1978 and 1979.

The car underwent major modifications. It was stripped and repainted in British Racing Green with yellow pin striping, but not before the bodywork was given some major panel beating, flaring the four wheel arches in steel to accommodate the 6" Minilite alloy wheels, a major air dam fitted to the front, and the interior stripped out and a roll cage fitted in the rear seat section and the spare mounted in the rear. Front racing seats, modified suspension and dashboard together with major engine changes carried out by Broadspeed the then leading Ford Escort and Mexico race/rally specialists.

Gary Kohs not only visited Barford to oversee the project, but he also attended a whole years' National Motor Shows, 4 in all at New York, Chicago, Detroit and Los Angeles, where the vehicle was fitted with Trade Plates to get round the LA smog emission controls so that Tony Hogg of Road and Track could road test the car and really put it through its paces. The write up was very positive and the Healey Fiesta featured in the August 1979 edition of R & T can be bought on eBay where it was on the front cover, and of course the MK1 Fiesta won the 1978 Design Council award. This should have been a limited edition run of a further 998 Healey Fiestas as the chassis number is HF-001.

A 24 page brochure will be available from World Wide Austin Healeys www.wwah.org with all the reprints and factory photos and information at the time on both the Healey Fiesta and the Healey Escort. A limited edition of 999. Price £5.00 plus postage, this will enable the Museum to finance the shipping from the USA to Holland and back.

Fiesta clubs of Europe & Ford Classic Magazines will be notified.

Healey Escort

Following the decision by Ford to stop importing the Fiesta, Gary Kohs went ahead with the Ford policy to promote the Ford Escort USA model 1981 which was fitted with the CVH 1.9 engine but had no other body similarities to the European Ford Escort.

By using the information gleaned from the Fiesta modifications, an agreement of sorts to use the Healey name again was proposed, and both Ford and Firestone promoted this modified version with a set of postcards and promotional items. Again renderings were provided, by Harry Weaks, both drawings are in the brochure to follow. Geoffrey Healey made two visits to Detroit to liaise with Gary Kohs on this project, but this time all the modifications were carried out in house under Gary Kohs supervision, but with input via Geoffrey Healey from afar, the Healey Escort was entered in to Pro 100 rallies in the Northern part of the USA and not only won its class but a couple of the events outright, in 1982/3.

All these photos and details are in the brochure which will be available in the earlier Part of 2014. Ford decided in their wisdom that a Healey Escort would not produce increased sales and went their own way offering EFI and Turbo charged versions of the 1.9 litre versions.



Harry Weaks rendering of the Healey Fiesta

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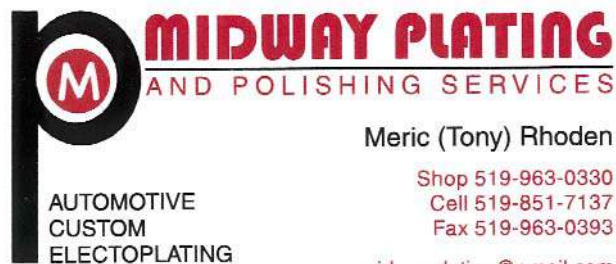


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NEWS & INFORMATION

DAVE & GARRIE SIMPSON HAVE MOVED!

After 49 years, 10 months in the same house, we have bought a condo and now overlook the lake, skyway bridge and the Burlington Bay.

We also have a new e-mail account.

We now are at 1109-1201 North Shore Blvd. L7S 1Z5,

and our e-mail is dsimpson2@cogeco.ca.

It was a timely decision to move and the dog and Healey came with us.

Garrie and David

WINE TOUR UPDATE

Ed and I are looking forward to again hosting our "Wine Tour 2014" on July 26th. I will be in touch with everyone who signed up to join us, with details etc., by the end of June.

Anna

HEALEY STORK

The HEALEY STORK has been busy this Spring, bringing 2 more 'bundles of Joy' to Healey grandparents!

- Greg & Gloria Newton welcomed grandson, Clarke Stuart Newton on May 20th
- Laurie & Diane Wilford also welcomed their first granddaughter, Katherine Elizabeth Watson on June 7th.

CONGRATULATIONS TO
BOTH FAMILIES ON THEIR NEWEST ADDITION TO THEIR FAMILY TREE!!!

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HEALEY SMILE

WHY GOD MADE MOMS

Answers given by 2nd grade school children

Why did God make mothers?

1. She's the only one who knows where the scotch tape is.
2. Mostly to clean the house.
3. To help us out of there when we were getting born.

How did God make mothers?

1. He used dirt, just like for the rest of us.
2. Magic plus super powers and a lot of stirring.
3. God made my mom just the same like he made me. He just used bigger parts.

What ingredients are mothers made of?

1. God makes mothers out of clouds and angel hair and everything nice in the world and one dab of mean.
2. They had to get their start from men's bones.
Then they mostly use string, I think.

Why did God give you your mother and not some other mom?

1. We're related.
2. God knew she likes me a lot more than other people's mom like me.

What kind of a little girl was your mom?

1. My mom has always been my mom and none of that other stuff.
2. I don't know because I wasn't there, but my guess would be pretty bossy.
3. They say she used to be nice.

What did mom need to know about dad before she married him?

1. His last name.
2. She had to know his background. Like is he a crook?
Does he get drunk on beer?
3. Does he make at least \$800 a year? Did he say NO to drugs and YES to chores?

Why did your mom marry your dad?

1. My dad makes the best spaghetti in the world. And my mom eats a lot
2. She got too old to do anything else with him.
3. My grandma says that mom didn't have her thinking cap on.

Who's the boss at your house?

1. Mom doesn't want to be boss, but she has to because dad's such a goof ball.
2. Mom. You can tell by room inspection. She sees the stuff under the bed.
3. I guess mom is, but only because she has a lot more to do than dad.

What's the difference between moms and dads?

1. Moms work at work and work at home and dads just go to work at work.
2. Moms know how to talk to teachers without scaring them.
3. Dads are taller and stronger, but moms have all the real power 'cause that's who you got to ask if you want to sleep over at your friends.
4. Moms have magic, they make you feel better without medicine..

What does your mom do in her spare time?

1. Mothers don't do spare time.
2. To hear her tell it, she pays bills all day long.

What would it take to make your mom perfect?

1. On the inside she's already perfect.
Outside, I think some kind of plastic surgery.
2. Diet. You know, her hair. I'd diet, maybe blue.

If you could change one thing about your mom, what would it be?

1. She has this weird thing about me keeping my room clean. I'd get rid of that.
2. I'd make my mom smarter.
Then she would know it was my sister who did it not me.
3. I would like for her to get rid of those invisible eyes on the back of her head.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June 15-20:** Conclave 2014, Virginia at The Homestead <http://www.homesteadconclave2014.com/>
We have a number of cars driving down. Contact [Laurie healey3000@sympatico.ca](mailto:Laurie_healey3000@sympatico.ca) to join us.
- June 23-27:** Rendezvous 2014 by AHCA, Bend, Oregon www.healey-oregon.org
- June 27-29:** Mosport Glory Days of Speed. Canadian Tire Motorsport Park modeled after Goodwood Festival of Speed. <http://glorydayscelebrationofspeed.com/>
- July 19-20:** Brits in the Park, Lindsay, ON. AHCSO event contact Gary Stokx gwstokx@nexicom.net
- July 26:** AHCSO Wine Tour. Hosted by Anna and Ed Orr in Winona. Anna Orr healeygal@cogeco.ca
- August 6-9:** Encounter by Sports and Touring Club, Lehigh Valley, Bethlehem, PA.
www.austin-healey-stc.org
- August 10:** Brits on the Lake Port Perry, ON. www.britsonthelake.com/
- August 30:** AHCSO Salmon BBQ & Tour – at the Wilford's in Cambridge. healey3000@sympatico.ca
- September 11-14:** 2014 September Roundup - Hamilton, OH (hosted by Ohio Valley AHC)
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- September 19-21:** Southeastern Classic, Little Switzerland, NC <http://www.healeysoutheasternclassic.com/>
- September 21:** British Car Day, Bronte Park, Oakville. <http://www.torontotriumph.com/BCD/>

