

# THE RESONATOR

Official Newsletter of the Austin-Healey Club of Southern Ontario



## “Prez Sez”

### AND AWAY WE GO!

April is behind us and a very successful flea market. Many thanks to Bill and all the volunteers for making this event such a great success. The weather was sunny, but cool & windy and over 300 British cars made for a great display and show.

Once the Flea Market is over we are ready and geared for the driving season. Levina & I have just got back from Hot Springs Arkansas and the British car days show. We drove down in our BJ8 and took in the event where 80% of the participants trailered their cars. The weather in Texas & Oklahoma made life interesting but we escaped any really nasty stuff. After this event we travelled north to Kansas City to visit friends before heading home. We covered 4700km of mostly top down, trouble free driving. This pales in comparison to the intrepid crew who are traveling to Alaska in Healey's and are slated to cover about 3-4 times that mileage (kilometerage?). According to their e-mail postings things are going well. I am just trying to illustrate that these cars are for driving and in decent condition are quite reliable.

Our own Club has several events coming up in the next few weeks and I would encourage you to pick one or two and make plans to attend. Check later in this newsletter or on the website [www.ahcso.com](http://www.ahcso.com) for all the information.

Our pub night move to the Black Bull on the second Tuesday seems to have been well received, as close to 50 people attended the May meeting there. Hopefully we can make this our regular permanent meeting place.

So bolt on those parts that you bought at Ancaster and get out on the road.

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

Bob Yule

## View From the Navigator's Seat

Our Pub night last month was the first meeting at our new location in Burlington - The "BLACK BULL PUB"! We enjoyed a great turnout to check out our 'new digs' and nobody I am sure was disappointed! The staff made sure we were well looked after and I speaking for myself - the meal was excellent - I even went for the homemade apple pie which was delicious - but HUGE!! I think we will share next time!! Room seemed to fit our needs perfectly - parking at back is great - and accessible through the back door - and as I said food was very good - so looks like this was the right decision. It is a very difficult to find a meeting place - which is as central as possible for all of our members - so far this looks like a good fit! Lets get out and support this new location and continue to enjoy and appreciate this wonderful club we have-AHCS - as well as our LBC - which are in a league of their own!!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bob Yule'.

**JUNE 2015**

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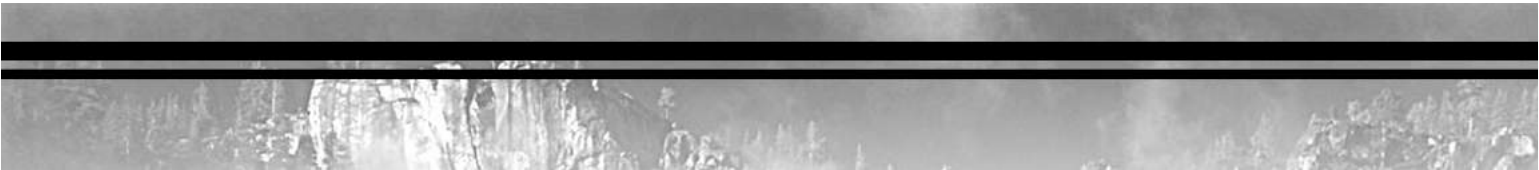
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## RUN FOR THE FOOL SATURDAY MAY 9, 2015

May 9th was our first driving event of the season and it turned out to be a great day! We met at Tim Horton - Burlington, Ont. and headed out around 10:30 a.m. with a good number of cars from AHCSO and a few of our friends from BBC! We headed up north of Burlington through some wonderful Healey roads through the village of Waterdown and Copetown - through beautiful rolling farms and countryside. We wound our way - thanks to Mike McNeely - who organized this event - finally heading east through Binbrook and Stoney Creek - then down the Mountain ending at the "Fool and Flagon" Pub where we enjoyed some thirst quenching libations and a great lunch!! All in All a terrific start to our Healey Driving Season of 2015! So welcome after that ghastly winter we won't soon forget!! Bring it on!!





## IT'S A SMALL WORLD

We all have pleasant memories that we can conjure up, images that for some reason, stick with us and we remember fondly. Some of these memories can bring us back to another time. Something happened today, that allowed me to revisit a memory I haven't had for a while and it made me smile.

Today I attended an AHCSO technical session held at Auto Farm graciously hosted by Bob Yule and his family. I arrived just in time to find the garage filled with, I'm guessing, 25-30 members eager to talk Healey-speak. As Bob began his presentation, I noticed a small elderly gentleman among the crowd. I had not seen him at any other Healey club function. He stood out to me because of his age but also because he seemed familiar to me.

*As a side note, I'm not great at remembering people's names but I have an uncanny memory for faces.*

As the tech session progressed, I noticed the gentleman several more times and was puzzled as to why he seemed familiar to me. At one point, he asked Bob a question but I just couldn't place him.

After the tech session, Bob invited everyone to the new annex building for lunch and more Healeys to view. Included among the Healeys, in various stages of restoration, was a beautiful dark green Mark II Jaguar for sale. As I stood next to one of the more youthful club members, Colin Doust, admiring the Jag, he said "My grandfather has one of these and he's had it since new", motioning to the elderly gentlemen. I thought that was very interesting but I still could not make the connection.

After about an hour, and several discussion groups later, I ended up back at the Jag with a group of members that included both Colin and his dad Mark Doust. I commented to Mark how great it was that his dad still owned his Mark II Jaguar. Mark agreed and commented that his dad had worked on all kinds of cars including Rolls Royce, Aston Martin and Jaguar. At that moment, my memory cleared right up and I remembered precisely where I met the elderly gentleman. "Did your dad work at DRB Motors in Toronto", I asked excitedly. "Yes, he was DRB motors", he replied. It all came back in an instant. Let me explain.

Any car enthusiast will have old car stories of their encounters and experiences with things automotive over the years. Some forty years ago, when I was 20ish, I frequently went for an evening drive in my 1974 Fiat 124, my first new car. My route included driving past DRB motors to see if their garage door was open and someone was working. DRB Motors was a small garage in downtown Toronto, just north of Yorkville, that specialized in servicing foreign cars.

I would stand by the open garage door and enjoy the cars inside. I remember classic Rolls Royces, Morgans, Jaguars and Astons, all in this tiny garage. At the time, these cars were a rare site on Toronto roads and this was one of the few places to see them.

Sometimes I was allowed into the garage – just to talk and watch the mechanic at work. DB5's, XKE's, Rolls and MG TC's were commonplace at DRB and the mechanic was none other than George Doust, Mark's father and Colin's grandfather. I was in awe of the quiet man, in a lab coat, servicing all these wonderful cars. On the odd occasion, I would stand beside him and talk about cars. I remember standing beside an early 70's DB8 Vantage watching him work and chatting. I can still paint a picture of the interior of the garage, with Mr. Doust tending these interesting and amazing cars. That was 40 years ago, and to run into him again, and know his son and grandson, is remarkable.

Mr. Doust is now 91, still driving and working on old British cars. Thanks for the memory.

#### *Postscript*

*Mark Doust provided me with a bit more information about his dad.*

*He was the 'D' in DRB.*

*George Doust came to Canada after serving in World War II. Soon after arriving in Canada, he started English Car Service in London Ontario, a Morris and Austin dealership. In the late 60's he worked with Aston Martin, as the importer. He has a long history in Southern Ontario with British cars.*

*DRB was his last great shop before he retired from active wrenching. He sometimes still helps Mark with the Healey and works on his Jaguar.*



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## NORTH TO ALASKA



With our own Laurie Wilford leading the pack the 'North to Alaska' team fired up their Healeys on Friday, May 29th. - heading to Northern Ontario and then heading due West to the Prairie Provinces and on out to the West Coast. From there they will head up to Alaska ( life-long dream of Len Thomas)! Big thanks to Laurie the 'Alpha Dog' of the team for the great pictures of their journey west. They will have some great tales to tell when they get back home!





# UPCOMING EVENTS

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE EXCITING UPCOMING EVENTS!

- \* JULY 19 – 24TH: 'ENCLAVE' – Gettysburg, Pennsylvania
- \* JULY 19TH: 'BRITS IN THE PARK' – Lindsay, Ontario  
(If you haven't attended this event before, do yourself a favour and go this year!)
- \* JULY 25TH: 'MEET AT THE PUB FOR LUNCH' – St. George Arms, St. George, Ontario  
Lunch: 1 p.m.
- \* AUGUST 9TH: 'BRITS ON THE LAKE' – Port Perry, Ontario
- \* AUGUST 16TH: 'BRITISH CAR DAY' – Kingston, Ontario  
(Sponsored by the BOOT N' BONNET CLUB – KINGSTON, ONT.)
- \* AUGUST 22ND: 'WINE TOUR' – hosted by Ed & Anna Orr, Winona, Ontario
- \* SEPTEMBER 12TH: 'SALMON BBQ' – hosted by Laurie & Diane Wilford, Cambridge, Ontario

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## Healeys on Hallowed Ground **ENCLAVE 2015**

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July 19 – 24, 2015 Gettysburg, PA

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_

Street \_\_\_\_\_ Apt.# \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone – Primary(\_\_\_\_)(\_\_\_\_) Alternate(\_\_\_\_)(\_\_\_\_) Is this your 1<sup>st</sup> Event? (Y/N) \_\_\_\_\_

Attending Children's Names & Ages \_\_\_\_\_

Region/Club Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Little British Car(s) (LBCs) You Are Bringing to the Event: Trailer Space Needed? Yes  No

1. Model \_\_\_\_\_ Yr \_\_\_\_\_ VIN(optional) \_\_\_\_\_ 2. Model \_\_\_\_\_ Yr \_\_\_\_\_ VIN(optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival date	Sat 7/18	Sun 7/19	Mon 7/20	Tue 7/21	Wed 7/22	Thu 7/23
✓ check one						

✓ Will you need flea market space?	Yes	No		
✓ Will you need Regalia Room space?	Yes	No		
✓ Participation in rally? # cars _____?	Yes	No		
✓ Participation in Gymkhana? # cars _____?	Yes	No		
✓ Participation in Funkhaha? # cars _____?	Yes	No		
✓ Valve cover races? # cars _____?	Yes	No		
✓ Popular car show? # cars _____?	Yes	No		
✓ Arts/crafts/photo submission?	Yes	No		

### Registration Instructions

1. Complete the registration form
2. Make check payable to: **"ENCLAVE 2015"**
3. Enclose both in an envelope and mail to:

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North Wales, PA. 19454  
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[pwoglom@comcast.net](mailto:pwoglom@comcast.net)

### Registration Fee Includes:

- One show car, 2 adults, and children (under 21) (Additional cars/adults on a single registration are extra)
- Free access to our Hospitality Room
- Free admission to the Charity Auction Reception
- Free outside flea market space
- Free admission to all tech sessions and driving events
- Free ENCLAVE 2015 door magnet with your registration number on it.

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Contact the Wyndham Gettysburg 717-339-0020 or the Marriott Courtyard 717-334-5600 and mention "ENCLAVE 2015" to get the \$129 (excluding taxes) per night room rate. **Deadline for assured room availability is June 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015.**

### Registration Fees

_____	\$ _____
\$130 if postmarked after April 1, 2015	
Extra LBC cars: _____ @ \$30 per car	\$ _____
Extra adults (over 21) _____ @ \$30 per person	\$ _____
Sunday Opening Night Reception at Gettysburg Museum & Visitor Center _____ @ \$10 per person	\$ _____
Monday End of Rally Wine Tasting and Tour _____ @ \$15 per person	\$ _____
Tuesday Fields of Freedom Film & Guided Gettysburg Battlefield Bus Tour _____ @ \$29 per person	\$ _____
Tuesday Evening BBQ _____ @ \$36 per person	\$ _____
Children: less than 4 yrs old: free	
: 4-11 yrs _____ @ \$18 per person	\$ _____
Wednesday Ice Cream Social, Go-Kart & Miniature Golf Competition _____ @ \$15 per person	\$ _____
Thursday Ladies Event _____ @ \$20 per person	\$ _____
Thursday Awards Banquet _____ \$46 per person	
Enter number of entrées:	
Fish <input type="checkbox"/> Pork <input type="checkbox"/> Chicken <input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____
Thursday Night Pizza Party & Movie (for kids) Children (3-12) _____ @ \$12	\$ _____
"Chinese Auction" Tickets _____ @ 7 for \$5	\$ _____
Concours Judging/Awards _____ @ \$60 per car	\$ _____
Regalia Total, from page 2	\$ _____
<b>Total Remittance (\$US)</b>	<b>\$ _____</b>

# NEW MEMBERS

Tom & Megan  
Wright  
Toronto  
Bug eye Sprite

David & Fiona  
Cressman  
Breslau  
1956 BN2

Ron & Helen  
Kielbiski  
Welcome Back  
Bug eye Sprite BJ8

Rick  
Crispi  
Guelph  
1954 - 100

# HEALEY SMILE

## RETIREMENT - TIME MANAGEMENT

Every day, every minute, every breath truly is a gift from God.

A few years ago, my wife and I moved into a retirement development on Florida's southeast coast. We are living in the "Delray/ Boca/Boynton Golf, Spa, Bath and Tennis Club on Lake Fake-a-Hachee". There are 3,000 lakes in Florida; only three are real.

Our biggest retirement concern was time management. What were we going to do all day? No longer. Let me assure you, passing the time is not a problem.

Our days are eaten up by simple, daily activities. Just getting out of our car takes 15 minutes. Trying to find where we parked takes 20 minutes. It takes a half-hour in the check-out line in Wal-Mart, and 1 hour to return the item the next day.

Let me take you through a typical day: We get up at 5:00 am, have a quick breakfast and join the early morning Walk-and-Fart Club. There are about 30 of us, and rain or shine, we walk around the streets, all talking at once. Every development has some late risers who stay in bed until 6:00 am. After a nimble walk, avoiding irate drivers out to make us road kill, we go back home, shower and change for the next activity.

My wife goes directly to the pool for her underwater Pilates class, followed by gasping for breath and CPR. I put on my 'Ask me about my Grandchildren' T-shirt, my plaid mid-calf shorts, my white socks and sandals and go to the clubhouse lobby for a nice nap. Before we know it, it's time for lunch.

We go to Costco to partake of the many tasty samples dispensed by ladies in white hair nets. All free! After a filling lunch, if we don't have any doctor appointments, we might go to the flea market to see if any new white belts have come in or to buy a Rolex watch for \$2.00.

We're usually back home by 2:00 pm to get ready for dinner. People start lining up for the early bird about 3:00 pm, but we get there by 3:45 because we're late eaters.

The dinners are very popular because of the large portions they serve. We can take home enough food for the next day's lunch and dinner, including extra bread, crackers, packets of mustard, relish, ketchup and Splenda, along with mints.

At 5:30 pm we're home, ready to watch the 6 o'clock news. By 6:30 pm we're fast asleep. Then we get up and make five or six trips to the bathroom during the night, and it's time to get up and start a new day all over again.

Doctor-related activities eat up most of our retirement time. I enjoy reading old magazines in sub-zero temperatures in the waiting room, so I don't mind.

Calling for test results also helps the days fly by. It takes at least a half-hour just getting through the doctor's phone menu. Then there's the hold time until we're connected to the right party. Sometimes they forget we're holding, and the whole office goes off to lunch.

Should we find we still have time on our hands, volunteering provides a rewarding opportunity to help the less fortunate.

Florida has the largest concentration of seniors under five feet and they need our help. I myself am a volunteer for 'The Vertically Challenged Over 80.' I coach their basketball team, The Arthritic Avengers. The hoop is only 4-1/2 feet from the floor. You should see the look of confidence on their faces when they make a slam dunk.

Food shopping is a problem for short seniors, or 'bottom feeders' as we call them, because they can't reach the items on the upper shelves. There are many foods they've never tasted. After shopping, most seniors can't remember where they parked their cars and wander the parking lot for hours while their food defrosts.

Lastly, it's important to choose a development with an impressive name. Italian names are very popular in Florida. They convey world travelers, uppity sophistication and wealth. Where would you rather live: Murray's Condos or the Lakes of Venice? There's no difference -- they're both owned by Murray, who happens to be a cheap bastard.

I hope this material has been of help to any retirees and any future retirees. If I can be of any further assistance, please look me up when you're in Florida. I live in the Leaning Condos of Pisa in Boynton Beach.

**MEANING OF LIFE IN 13 WORDS –  
INSIDE EVERY OLDER PERSON IS A YOUNGER PERSON WONDERING WHAT THE HELL HAPPENED!**

## EVENTS

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

### June:

- 6 <London British Car Show, London>  
Location: Crossings Grill and Pub, 1269 Hyde Park Rd., London Ontario
- 9 Meeting & Pub Night : BLACK BULL, Guelph Line BURLINGTON  
NB: No event planned for June yet, but come to pub night and see.....
- 27 Wine Tour: see revised date: August 22, 2015

### July:

- 7 Meeting & Pub Night : BLACK BULL, Guelph Line BURLINGTON
- 19-24 Enclave: Yes, the 'Travelling Wrinkles' strike out again with the "Roundheads  
Leader: Laurie Wilford  
NB: for those not making the journey south,
- 19 <"Brits-in-the-Park", Lindsay>  
<http://www.victoriabritishcarclub.ca/index.php/events/events/2015-brits-in-the-park>
- 25 "Meet at the Pub for Lunch"  
St. George Arms, St. George, ON, 1pm (recommended parking is south  
east of the pub, bottom of the hill, south side, on the grass.)


### August:

- 9 <Brits-on-the-lake", Port Perry>"
- 11 Meeting & Pub Night : BLACK BULL, Guelph Line BURLINGTON
- 15 "Afternoon/evening backroads drive" to Kingston
- 16 <British Car Day, Kingston>
- 22 "Wine Tour Niagara", Details to follow

### September:

- 8 Meeting & Pub Night : BLACK BULL,  
Guelph Line BURLINGTON
- 12 BBQ "Salmon or Salmon Wanna BeBQ"  
Dianne & Laurie Wilford's – Cambridge
- 20 <British Car Day, Bronte Creek>

Monthly Meetings  
2nd Tuesday of each month:



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