

THE RESONATOR

Official Newsletter of the Austin-Healey Club of Southern Ontario



“Prez Sez”

Well the 40th Anniversary party is in the history books and I hope everyone had a great time. Mother Nature was on our side. A quick count of 40 Healey's attending made perfect sense for the 40th Anniversary. I would like to thank all those people who helped out to make this a great event. Special thanks to Gil and Maria Mello for opening up their truly wonderful property for this event. If you missed it, you are going to have to wait for the next news letter for full details and photos. The Doust family is scrambling to try and get ready for drive down to The Healey Family Reunion Conclave 2016. We only just got the Innocenti C running for the 40th; Colin and Ashley are finishing up their school work before the end of the school year; and Heather's Healey is still in winter storage mode, so the pressure is on as we are leaving Saturday morning. We still have lots of fun packed events scheduled for the balance of the summer and into the fall. The driving season has only just started, so it's time to get those Healey's out and rolling down the road. Here are a few of the upcoming Club Events:

July 23 – AHCSO – Wine Tour, hosted by Ed & Anna Orr

August 6 – AHCSO – Potluck BBQ, hosted by David Underhill & Marilyn Halbot

August 20 – AHCSO – Salmon BBQ, hosted by Laurie & Diane Wilford

September 8 – 13 AHCSO – True North Tour, organized by Heather Doust and Pauline Thomas

Get rolling and more on Healey news on my return from Conclave 2016!

Cheers, Mark Doust, President

View From the Navigator's Seat

Our 40th. birthday at AHCSO started off with a great (and long) drive. We left Burlington and headed up through Emerald Lake Area – many lovely homes and pristine farms on our route – we stuck to mainly rural roads – this is rural Southern Ontario at its best! Because we see it all the time we don't usually take the time to appreciate the beautiful part of our province we live in! We would around many Healey roads for over 2 hours and ended at the lovely farm of Gil and Maria Melo. Our LBC all lined up were an impressive sight indeed – at last count we had around 50 cars attending this important anniversary of our wonderful Club – it was a perfect setting on a perfect day and after much chit chat we were all ready to enjoy a delicious supper catered by The Fool & Falcon – Stoney Creek (re: Mike McNeely's son in law) and our special dessert was 2 beautiful theme cakes which were just a delightful way to end our meal. I hear from Heather Doust the attendance was around 100 people who came out to participate and celebrate this most important milestone of our Club. We had toe tapping entertainment provided by the New Cumberland Bluegrass Band. Many thanks to the team of organizers for putting together this great day for us.

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HEALEYS TO SOUTHEASTERN CLASSIC MAY 16, 2016

On Monday morning May 16th Diane and I left Cambridge with top down and drove two hours to the Duty Free in Sarnia to meet Bob and Levina Yule. Southeastern Classic is normally held in September or October, but when the Florida club hosts the event it is held in May. This year it was in Crystal River Florida, just North of Tampa.

In order to miss the traffic and horrible roads around Detroit, we drove Sarnia to Flint and headed South down Highway 23. While this adds an hour to the drive, it is worth the time, since there is little traffic and virtually no big trucks on this road. We drove to Florence, Kentucky the first day and met John and Wendy Bridgeman there.

Tuesday was top down but in order to make time we went I75 all the way to Atlanta. Lenard and Martha Thomas from our club as well as Nader and Judy Bagheri from Atlanta club met us for a welcome dinner.

On Wednesday Nader let the way to Florida taking back roads with top down all the way. Because of the slower drive we arrived in Crystal River after dark, but the pleasure of driving off the interstate more than made up for the extra time. Crystal River is on the Gulf, about 100 kilometers north of Clearwater, and is famous for Manatee.

If you have never attended a Southeastern Classic, you should consider coming down. The venue is similar to a small Conclave. The weather is great no matter where it is held, and the hosts clubs are helpful and friendly. We have met many good Healey friends at this event over the years.

Thursday after registration was the Seven River Scenic tour in the Manatee rivers around the area followed by an ice cream social. We were rewarded with a bright sunny day and temperatures around 30 degrees. What a welcome change from the weather back home! The rest of the week consisted of Gymkhana and Funkhane as well as a Popularity car show. The Bridgemans won the long distance award while the Yules and Wilfords took home prizes for Funkhane.

On Sunday morning the Yules and Wilfords headed for North West to Pensacola while the Bagheris and Bridgemans drove north together until John and Wendy veered east towards Ontario. Our drive to Pensacola was all back roads and top down until we turned on the Healey air conditioning (Hood up, side and rear windows all down).

The Yules and Wilfords spent three days in Pensacola and had a great time. We had never been here before and we were very impressed with the miles of soft white sand beaches and the calm, clear, warm waters. As with many places in Florida, the only down side was the amount of traffic. We visited the Naval airplane museum and had a guided tour of historic old Pensacola. Before we knew, it was time to head home. In total we put just over 5,000 kilometers on the car and of course, had no mechanical issues. These Healeys are reliable.

We took three days to get home; driving top down on back roads most of the first day towards Nashville. In the afternoon we had some of the very little rain encountered. We were on the Interstate by this time and we had sufficient time to get prepared. The second day was a fairly long drive on I75 to Findlay, Ohio and that meant the third day was an easy drive home.

The next Southeastern Classic will be held in Lake Guntersville, Alabama on October 12-15 2017. We would love to have you join us for an easy drive South.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

BRITS IN THE PARK - JULY 17th, LINDSAY

We at the Victoria British Car Club would like to take this opportunity to cordially invite your membership to join the fun at the 22nd annual "Brits in the Park" Car Show, Sunday July 17th 2016 in Lindsay in the beautiful Kawartha Lakes tourist region of Ontario.

UNDERHILL BARBEQUE - AUGUST 6th

David and Marilyn have graciously offered to have a BBQ at their home on Saturday, August 6.
Hopefully we can organize a drive to Brits on the Lake in Port Perry the next day.

BRITISH CAR DAY - AUGUST 21st, KINGSTON

Held in Kingston City Park, right downtown under the trees.
It's definitely our best day! Featuring Lotus.
This past August we had a record attendance with more than 165 British cars registered.
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June 12 to 17** – Conclave 2016 – A Healey Family Reunion
- June 14** – Meeting and Pub Night – BLACK BULL, Guelph Line, Burlington
- June 29** – PUB LUNCH - The General Store - Hockley Valley
- July 12** – Meeting and Pub Night – BLACK BULL, Guelph Line, Burlington
- July 17** – Brits in the Park, Lindsay, Ontario
- July 23** – AHCSO – Wine Tour, hosted by Ed & Anna Orr
- July 27** – PUB LUNCH - St. George Arms - St. George ON
- August 6** – Potluck BBQ, hosted by David Underhill & Marilyn Halbot
- possible drive to Brits on the Lake next day - details to follow
- August 7** – Brits on the Lake, Port Perry, Ontario
- August 9** – Meeting and Pub Night – BLACK BULL, Guelph Line, Burlington
- August 20** – AHCSO - Salmon BBQ, hosted by Laurie and Diane Wilford
- August 31** – PUB LUNCH - Winery? more info to follow
- September 8** – 13 AHCSO True North Tour organized by Heather Doust
and Pauline Thomas
- September 13** – Meeting and Pub Night – BLACK BULL, Guelph Line, Burlington
- September 18** – British Car Day, Bronte Park
- September 28** – PUB LUNCH: Fool & Flaggon - Stoney Creek

HEALEY SMILE

TICK WARNING



Please send this warning to everyone
on your e-mail list.

If someone comes to your front door saying they are
checking for ticks due to the warm weather and
asks you to take your clothes off...
and dance around with your arms up,

DO NOT DO IT! - - THIS IS A SCAM!

I wish I'd seen this yesterday... I feel so stupid.