

THE RESONATOR

Official Newsletter of the Austin-Healey Club of Southern Ontario



"Prez Sez"

TIME IS GOING BY

In case you haven't noticed, this summer is flying by. The CNE will be upon us in no time and that always signals the end of summer.

No worries though, there are still lots of opportunities to drive our Healey's this season and if you missed the Brits on the Lake in Port Perry, try for the Seguin lunch cruise and tour on Aug 24th. Pre-registration is necessary, so contact David Underhill at iscrotie@rogers.com as soon as possible.

There is also British Car Day in Bronte, a Fall Wind Up in Michigan fast approaching, and several other events that your Healey would love to attend. Check the website ahcso.com for all the happenings. While we are on the website, if you have any pictures or events or happenings that are even mildly interesting, send them to [Amanda healeyparts@gmail.com](mailto:Amanda.healeyparts@gmail.com) and she will get them on the site.

Hoping to see you at an event very soon.

Get into your Healey and see what you get out of it!

Bob Yule

View From the Navigator's Seat

Well from where I sit this summer seems to be flying by - but during the Healey driving months we have had I must say a 'super' summer! Conclave Quebec was very enjoyable and we had an outstanding representation from AHCSO - 28 registrations which translates to 33% attendance - it was great having the whole group there! We enjoyed a splendid week end in Bobcaygeon - arrived Friday noon and enjoyed a lovely lunch at Gary & Marie Stokx beautiful home - then Gary took us on a marathon drive through the north country - stayed overnight at a neat little motel and headed down to Lindsay (where we enjoyed a great breakfast at St. Dave' Diner) and on to the 'Brits in the Park' in Lindsay. Surprisingly the Orr's were fortunate to take home a first prize for 'Misty Blue' and Heather Doust took home second for her 'Big Red'! Great event with great folks! Next is "Muskoka Boat Cruise" & Salmon BBQ with a new host, Gord and Julia Kochand the Good Times just keep on a-comin!!!

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CONCLAVE CHARLEVOIX AND GASPÉ TOUR

On Friday June 21, 2013 Fourteen Southern Ontario couples met in Niagara Falls for a drive to Conclave in Charlevoix, Quebec. Nine couples would be heading for a tour of the Gaspé following Conclave while the others were heading back home. A number of cars met at the Orr's in Stoney Creek and then headed for the Rainbow Bridge to meet the others.

The drive started along the Niagara River, continued as close as we could to the South shore of Lake Ontario, and then headed through the Adirondack Mountains into Northern Vermont. Other than some rain Saturday afternoon from Plattsburgh to Newport City Vermont, the drive was top down. That afternoon it rained so hard that Jerry Maguire put his top up after arriving dripping wet into Newport City, Vermont. A quick drive the next day through Quebec City and along the North shore of the St. Lawrence had us arriving at the Fairmont in La Malbaie in three days. The winding roads were so much fun that a couple of our Healeys were warned by the local Constabulary to "Slow Down".

The Charlevoix region has spectacular scenery dominated by the St. Lawrence. Conclave was a good time as always; good friends, good food, and beautiful cars. Southern Ontario members had a very successful show, winning with the Donald Healey Trophy for best percentage attendance (not easy to do with 170 club members) and the Edie Anderson trophy for the largest number of participants in events such as Concours, Rally, Popularity, Gymkhana, Funkhane, and Arts and Crafts. (We should add a list of Southern Ontario Winners here when that is posted). The Fairmont hotel in La Malbaie was a spectacular venue for Conclave. It is grand old hotel with a view to kill and all the amenities.

Friday morning June 28 we said goodbye to Healey friends not touring with us. Seven Southern Ontario couples (Bridgeman, Chapple, Hurdle, Slater, Stokx, Wilford, and Yule) headed east. We were joined by Boston area friends the Beyers and the Loosigians and met the Vardons in their BJ9 who had left Conclave early. We started by driving along the North shore of the St. Lawrence to Baie Comeau. Along the way is a free ferry across the Saguenay River. The river is 400 feet deep in this area so trying to ford this with a Healey is not advisable! We all met at the ferry in Baie Comeau for the two and a half hour ferry to Matane on the South shore. We spent the night in Matane and feasted on the Lobster and Seafood caught in this lovely fishing town.

Saturday morning we headed east along the south shore. This is a spectacular drive with the river on one side and cliffs and greenery on the other. These roads were winding and hilly; among the best we have ever driven in the Healey. Around four o'clock we rounded a corner to the spectacular sight of Percé rock. Certainly worth the drive! Percé is a very small village, open mainly for tourists during the very short summer season. While French is the only language in this region, the locals tried as best they could to understand our requests. As was said a number of times "Their English is better than our French".

Too soon it was time to head home. The sun came out and the tops went down. We drove to Rimouski along the river and spent two nights there. We visited the Pointe au Pere lighthouse, Submarine "Onondaga", and Empress of Ireland wreck site among other attractions for a very interesting stay. Rimouski is a very pretty city with waterfront attractions right across from the hotel. It is certainly worth another visit.

From Rimouski we continued south along the St. Lawrence to Trois Rivières. Still a pretty drive but the spectacular scenery of the gulf was now behind us. This is a thriving city and we had to cross a busy bridge across the St. Lawrence to reach our hotel. An unwelcome change after the rural driving we had enjoyed for the past ten days. Trois Rivières is still a paper city, although the former seven mills are now down to three and the thousands of mill employees is down to a few hundred per mill. The good news is the smell and pollution is also gone. A tour of the old CIP paper mill was within walking distance of our hotel so as well as enjoying the local food and sunshine beside the hotel pool, we spent one morning learning all about paper mills.

Friday morning we left for Kingston. As we got closer to Montreal the traffic got heavier. We had decided to take the new AutoRoute 30 from Varennes and skirt south of Montreal. It was better than other alternatives but the road was so new that both Microsoft "Streets and Trips" and our Garmin with 2012 updates did not have new sections of this highway included. There was concern from some of our group about getting lost here, but we all stayed close and before we knew it we had arrived on Hwy 338 outside Valleyfield. Now it was an easy drive into Ontario, along Hwy 2 and the Thousand Island Parkway into Kingston.

Until Kingston, there had been very few problems with our cars. Bob Slater replaced a wheel bearing in La Malbaie (not a problem when a couple of us had spares) and Gary Stokx had a headlight switch fail, but we seldom drove at night anyways. Gary said he was getting poor gas mileage and could smell gas the last few hours driving. We checked and could see fuel pouring out of the intake manifold, a sure sign of a failed needle and seat in one of the carburetors. This should not be a problem since we have a spare. After dinner we worked on the carbs and managed to fix that problem but stripped a fuel fitting that seemed to defy sealing. The next morning between John Bridgeman having sealant and Bob Chapple visually a "C" clamp fix, Gary and Marie were back on the road for an uneventful drive to Bobcaygeon. A fitting end to an easy four hour drive (Twice a day for 10 days:).



THE DOUSTS POST CONCLAVE TRIP TO PEI

Heather was driving a 1953 Austin Healey 100 with Colin, 16 years old, as her passenger. Mark was driving a 1966 Austin Healey Sprite with Ashley, 13 years old, as our Navigator.

On the Friday morning after Conclave, we drove east on the north shore of Quebec to Saint-Simeon and caught a ferry across the St. Lawrence to Rivière-du-Loup. There were several other Healeys with us on this ferry. It was a rainy day, so we were happy to have the Healeys under cover in the ferry and us up top inside.

After disembarking the ferry, we travelled east along the south shore of the St. Lawrence, past Rimouski to Mont-Joli and then south on the 132. This route is a great Healey road with mountains on either side of us and crossing many bridges with rivers running below us.

We did a good part of the Acadian Coastal drive in New Brunswick and then over the bridge to Prince Edward Island.

We had a cottage booked for 5 nights with great sunsets and a view of the Confederation Bridge.

We met some wonderful British Car people and had Sunday dinner with a group of them. Mark had contacted a Healey guy in Nova Scotia, who put us in touch with the British Motoring Association of PEI.

Bill and Liz dropped by our cottage on Sunday morning for a visit in their 1959 Triumph TR3, and brought some parts for the Sprite. They told us to meet them at a restaurant in New Glasgow around 6 p.m.

We spent the day touring the Central Coast of PEI, went to the French River and with Ashley's great navigating, went down a red dirt road to a beautiful white sand beach on the Atlantic Ocean.

Shortly before 6, we arrived in New Glasgow, did a short drive to Bob and Sandra's house, or should I say garage, to see their car collection. They have an MGA Coupe and MGA convertible. Plus in the barn was an Austin Healey Bug-Eye Sprite - future project.

We also met Peter and Cora with their custom built car - 1935 Bentley look-a-like. It had a Jaguar engine, Ford truck rear end and custom frame made by Peter. This car was 7 years in the making.

We had a nice dinner at the Preserve Company with 13 of us in attendance, including Bob and Sandy's two grandchildren. From the restaurant, Colin got to ride in Danny Tweel's red MGC GT. Danny is the President of the British Motoring Association of PEI.

After dinner we went to Barry and Judy's house to see their car collection, which included an Austin Healey 100-6 and MG TC.

Prince Edward Island has great Healey roads, which twist and turn and many follow the shore line. We had afternoons at various beaches, drove our Healeys down many red dirt roads.

We did manage to walk around and see the sights of Charlottetown, Summerside and take a lighthouse tour. When it was time to leave PEI, we were all a little sad.

From Prince Edward Island, we went to the Hopewell Rocks in the Bay of Fundy, New Brunswick. There we walked on the ocean floor at low tide and went kayaking during high tide.

We had a great drive through the Fundy National Park and connected to the River Valley section of New Brunswick, which follows the St John River and ended our day in Grand Falls.

After that, we had a 2 day drive home.

As we were at a rest stop in Quebec, Heather had a man come up to her and say, "Hey, were you in northern New Brunswick last weekend, I saw you broken down on the side of the highway. I passed by you, you really have travelled far."

Apparently the Sprite does not like to work between noon and 2 p.m. on Sundays as we had another extended rest stop on our last Sunday.

As we drove down the 427 in the pouring rain, Colin says to the Healey 100, you can make it and tonight you will get to sleep indoors! Before this trip, the Healey 100 spent little to no time outside overnight.

I parked in our neighbour's driveway to move the truck and trailer that was parked in the driveway. When we went back to the Healey 100 to move it, she was done and would not start, so we pushed her into the garage.

Little did we know that was nothing compared to the rain that came down on Monday evening!

In our 16 day family adventure, we covered 4 provinces and 2,863 miles or 4,600 km.





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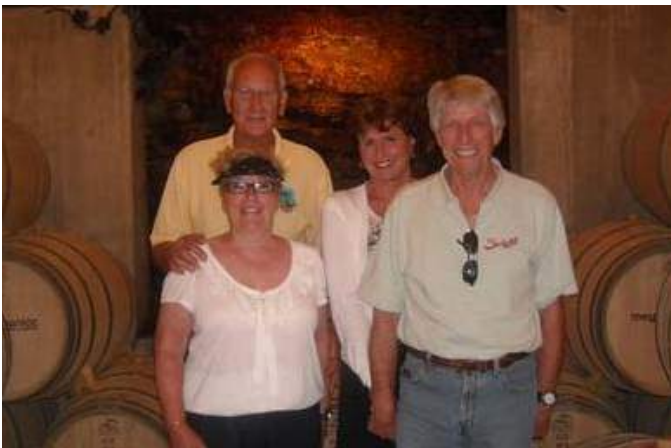
WINE TOUR - JULY 27TH

On Saturday July 27th. AHCSO members gathered at the home of Ed and Anna for this years WINE TOUR & POT LUCK SUPPER. We left at 1:15pm and headed for our first stop; The Foreign Affair Winery in Vineland. Everyone seemed to enjoy the owners description of how they make their wine (by drying the grapes) and enjoyed tasting the result in their excellent wines. Our second stop in Beamsville was CORNERSTONE ESTATE WINERY which is a family operation in a lovely spot and again we enjoyed some excellent wines. Our third stop was MEGLOMANIAC (John Howard Wines of Distinction) in a very unique winery in Vineland. With great view of the lake and great wines, a good time was had by all! We headed back to Orr's house where thankfully, the weather held off - it was cloudy but warm so we were able to enjoy our Pot Luck dinner outside.

Thank you to all the wonderful food everyone brought - it was a wonderful group of Healey folks and an end to a great day!



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NEWS & INFORMATION

**Sunday, August 18th is "British Car Day" at
Boot N' Bonnet Club in Kingston
- featured Marque is "Austin Healey"
(60 years since 1st. production) - don't miss it!!**

**Saturday, August 24th is the "Muskoka Boat Trip"
- looking forward to a great lunch
and a fun day in Gravenhurst
- Call David Underhill so you can join in the fun!**

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY - WALLY AND JOY HOLMES!
July 25th marked a very special occasion
for our members Wally and Joy Holmes.
It was on that day 60 years ago in England that they
"tied the knot" and thus began a journey
of 60 fun-filled happy years!
We all join in wishing them our
congratulations on such a happy milestone!

**Laurie & Diane Wilford's son
Ian & his new Bride, Julie!
CONGRATULATIONS! to the Wilford family!
Their beautiful outdoor wedding took place
August 3, 2013 in Kitchener.**



EVENTS 2013

AUGUST

- Wednesday 14th PUB NIGHT
- Saturday 17th AHCSO
- ICE CREAM SOCIAL
- Sunday 18th British Car Day -
Kingston, Ont.
BOOT N' BONNET CLUB
Lois Logan
- Saturday 24th "MUSKOKA BOAT CRUISE"
(Lunch on board the
"SEGWUN")
David Underhill

SEPTEMBER

- Wednesday 11th PUB NIGHT
- Saturday 14th SALMON BBQ -
hosts - Gord & Julia Koch
Aberfoyle, Ont.
- Sunday 15th BRITISH CAR DAY -
Bronte, Ont.
- Saturday 21st AHCSO
- ICE CREAM SOCIAL
- Friday 27th - Fall Wind Up -
Sunday 29th Michigan, USA

OCTOBER

- Wednesday 9th PUB NIGHT

NOVEMBER

- Wednesday 13th PUB NIGHT

DECEMBER

- Wednesday 11th CHRISTMAS PARTY

HEALEY SMILE

Whatever you may look like, marry a man your own age.
As your beauty fades, so will his eyesight.

Housework can't kill you, but why take a chance?

Cleaning your house while your kids are still growing up
is like shoveling the walk before it stops snowing.

A smile is a curve that sets everything straight.

The reason women don't play football is because 11 of
them would never wear the same outfit in public.

Best way to get rid of kitchen odors: Eat out.

A bachelor is a guy who never made the same mistake
once.

I want my children to have all the things I couldn't afford.
Then I want to move in with them.

Most children threaten at times to run away from home.
This is the only thing that keeps some parents going.

Aim high, and you won't shoot your foot off.

Any time three New Yorkers get into a cab without an
argument, a bank has just been robbed.

We spend the first twelve months of our children's lives
teaching them to walk and talk and the next twelve
telling them to sit down and shut up.

Burt Reynolds once asked me out. I was in his room.

If it weren't for hockey, many kids wouldn't know what a
millionaire looked like.

You know you're old if your walker has an airbag.

I'm eighteen years behind in my ironing.

What I don't like about office Christmas parties is look-
ing for a job the next day.

The only time I ever enjoyed ironing was the day I acci-
dentally got gin in the steam iron.

I've been asked to say a couple of words about my hus-
band, Fang. How about short and cheap?

His finest hour lasted a minute and a half.

Old age is when the liver spots show through your
gloves.

My photographs don't do me justice - they just look like
me.

There's so little money in my bank account, my scenic
checks show a ghetto.

I admit, I have a tremendous sex drive. My boyfriend
lives forty miles away.

My cooking is so bad my kids thought Thanksgiving was
to commemorate Pearl Harbour.

My mother-in-law had a pain beneath her left breast.
Turned out to be a trick knee.

Tranquilizers work only if you follow the advice on the
bottle - keep away from children.

I asked the waiter, 'Is this milk fresh?' He said, 'Lady,
three hours ago it was grass.'

The reason the pro tells you to keep your head down is
so you can't see him laughing.