

THE RESONATOR

Official Newsletter of the Austin-Healey Club of Southern Ontario



“Prez Sez”

Hot hot hot, what can I say about this hot summer weather, it will soon end before we know it. The CNE is gearing up so this means that summer is winding down, but there are still lots of opportunity to take in a local or not so local Healey event. Even Costco is selling winter coats on one of the hottest weeks of the year.

I missed David and Marilyn's BBQ but from all the feedback that I heard at pub night, everyone had a great time. Thanks for stepping forward and offering to host this BBQ event.

I have been running around naked for the last couple of days because I had no cell phone. My cell phone went into reboot heaven and would not turn on even after it spent a couple of hours in the freezer. I am going to lose some pictures and contacts. I cannot stress the importance of doing a cell phone backup.

On a sad note, we are losing our Editor/Navigator of the Resonator. After 16 years, Anna Orr is hanging up her computer/typewriter, how time flies! Thank you for your many years of service. We will always be able to look back and read your interesting articles in the Resonator.

I know that these are big shoes to fill but we need a new Navigator of the Resonator, please contact myself or Anna, if you wish to volunteer or know of a suitable candidate.

Keep cool and drive that Healey.

Cheers, Mark Doust, President

View From the Navigator's Seat

Well, what a great 'Healey' summer so far - although record heat kept our top up a good deal of the time - this is what we dreamed of back in January and February!

As this is my 'last' issue as Newsletter Editor, I have decided after 16 years of wearing this hat - it was time to hand it off to someone new. I have really enjoyed my years of keeping members up to date with club activities etc. especially for those members who cannot make it to our monthly Pub Night or our exciting list of Club events. Anyway my responsibilities at Grimsby Hospital and also a new venture with HAAO (Hospital Auxiliary Association Ontario) will keep me busy and I look forward to my new volunteer duties there.

Ed and I have so enjoyed all the years we have belonged to AHCSO and look forward to many more years of Healey fun in our great Club. And as our grandson would say: "It's been a Slice"!

See you all at Pub!

AUGUST 2016

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BRITS IN THE PARK, LINDSAY SUNDAY JULY 16, 2016



Austin Healey 100, 3000 - Gary and Marie Stokxx won 1st
- Heather Doust won 2nd

Midget/ Sprite - Mark Doust won 2nd with his Innocenti C



NEWFOUNDLAND & LABRADOR

JULY 10 - JULY 30, 2016

The start of this trip really begins in June 2015 while most of the group was driving back from Alaska. Smith Brody (Smitty) let us know that the last destination on his Healey bucket list was driving to Newfoundland. That of course got the wheels in motion for our 2016 tour.

We ended up with 6 cars; Len and Martha Thomas from Orillia, Mal Bruce and Erica White from Burlington, Diane and I from Cambridge, Nader and Judy Bagheri from Atlanta, and Smith Brody, with John and Leslie McGrath from California. We agree to meet in Cornwall so Judy and Nader drove up to visit us for a couple of days before the trip while the California people shipped their Healeys to Rochester, NY and flew there for the drive to Cornwall.

We have developed a travel plan where we drive around 500km a day for three days and then spend two nights to rest and clean up. We met in Cornwall July 10 and were catching the six hour ferry from Sydney, NS to Channel Port aux Basques by July 15. We spent one night in Port aux Basques and two in Rocky Harbour before taking a ferry to Labrador. Unfortunately the Labrador ferry does not cater to our little cars and the makeshift wooden ramp shifted as Mal embarked. This tore his exhaust off and cancelled his Labrador portion of the trip. The roads in Newfoundland have pot holes that were fairly easy to maneuver. Those in Labrador were horrible; like rough porridge with big craters. And that was the paved roads!

We spent one day in Labrador, then took the ferry back and met Mal and Erica with a repaired exhaust in L'Anse aux Meadows. We then drove to St. Anthony, Twillingate, Bonavista, and St. John's before catching the 16 hour over-night ferry from Argentia to Sydney. Newfoundland and Labrador are spectacular with the Western side including Gros Morne National Park being more rugged and scenic than the East. The weather was mainly sunny and mid 20s. the bugs were virtually non-existent, and we only saw a few Moose in our travels. Ten days in Newfoundland was not enough. We will return.

Mal and Erica left us after Sydney while the rest re-traced our steps and finally parted company in Gouverneur, NY. We were on the road for three weeks, put on over 7200 kilometers and as expected had no car problems. These Healeys are very reliable. Care to join us to California next year?



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SATURDAY AUGUST 6, 2016



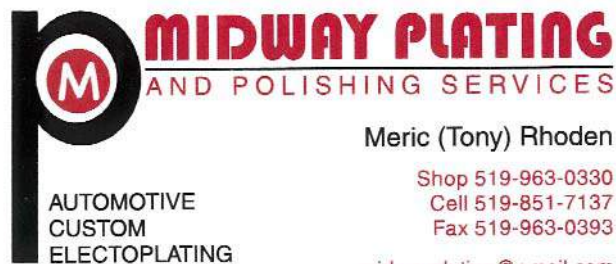


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TORONTO STAR ARTICLE

> EYE CANDY 1961 AUSTIN HEALEY



Under the hood of the Healey — familiar and comfy as an old baseball mitt to some, a distant foreign country to others.



Somewhere mid-project — the point at which, if you are doing it yourself, you'd rather not be.

Ron Postian's Austin Healey Mark II came out looking like a million bucks after some restoration work.

> THE AUSTIN HEALEY THAT'S HEALING ME

The car: 1961 Austin Healey Mark II 3000

The owner: Ron Postian, London Ont.

The story: My wife Nancy loved English cars. In 1964 she purchased a 1961 Austin Healey Mark II 3000 from an Air Force officer who bought it brand new while stationed in Germany and had brought it back to Canada. Nancy had previously owned a 1954 Triumph TR2, purchased in 1958.

It was through cars that we'd met. I was driving to Cleveland House in Muskoka in a 1959 Mercedes Benz 190 SL — the two-door sport convertible, a magnet for girls, especially if they are sports car nuts. We married nine months later, in 1960.

Our daughter Pam arrived in 1961. Because of business requirements we got a station wagon. It didn't help that there was a dearth of mechanics

with knowledge of English cars, creating operational problems.

But Nancy loved them. We had a total of eight Jaguars during her lifetime. In the early '60s, we got a 1959 MG Twin Cam. We found the '61 Healey via some friends, and that car really got us into it. We drove everywhere: Muskoka, Ottawa, Quebec's Eastern Townships.

It had approximately 85,000 miles (137,000 kilometres) on it when Nancy died. Lacking the desire to drive it, and affected by the memories, I stored the car from 1988 to 2012 — 24 years. I'd driven it into the garage, turned the engine off, locked the doors and covered it.

At some point, my second wife, Sue, delivered an ultimatum: she insisted I either sell the Healey, or drive it. I pumped up the tires, occasionally uncovered the car, and sat down

remembering. A number of people were interested in purchasing, but I just couldn't part with it.

So I located the keys, in the garage, and took a closer look. The spokes were broken away from the steering wheel.

The rear end, where the battery is stored, had rusted through. The rubber throughout had deteriorated. The wheels wouldn't turn, as the brakes had seized. The folding vinyl top seemed OK, but stubborn.

Sue, who's not a sport car enthusiast, suggested I start working on the engine and body.

But believe me, I am not a mechanic or body man. So I reached for my cellphone and called a restoration shop in Clinton, Ont., that my neighbour recommended. A few days later, the Austin Healey Mark II 3000 was taken away on a flatbed truck.

From time to time I'd drive the 50 kilometres to watch the fellows slowly restore her. Thousands of dollars later, it was on to a mechanic, Auto Farm Ltd. Austin Healey in Moncton. And then a transmission shop. Until one glorious day it was time to once again start enjoying.

Recently, I purchased a horn assembly combination, with turning signals, from England. A sign I'm back into it. The signal that, along with my Healey, I have healed.

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This year we have undertaken a series of luncheon events in an attempt to get out those members who do not want to drive their cars at night. To give as many members as possible the chance to attend we have run our 'movable feast' from the shores of Lake Erie to the Hockley Valley and points in between. While the summer is winding down, we are not. We have booked our last two locations for this season. August 31st will see us meet at "Wundaba", on Mount Nemo (north of Burlington-Guelph Line) and we finish the season on a high note with lunch at "Ravine Winery" in St. Davids (Niagara). My thanks to Jane Kesik for the suggestion of Wundaba and to Anna Orr for arranging our lunch at the end of September.

As per usual, you will receive a notice a few days in advance. Please mark your calendars and plan on joining us.

I have been very pleased with turnouts to date and I hope that next year's executive will seek to keep this event going. I am sure there are more places to visit, if you have a suggestion please do not be shy. All we require is good food and a place to park.

LUNCH IN HOCKLEY VALLEY



UPCOMING EVENTS

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LAURIE AND DIANE

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- August 20: TOUR & SALMON BBQ – hosted by Laurie & Diane Wilford
August 21: BRITISH CAR DAY – Kingston, ON (sponsored by Boot N' Bonnet Club)
August 31: PUB LUNCH – MARTYN RIDLEY (Location TBA)
September 8-13: TRUE NORTH TOUR – Organized by Heather Doust/Pauline Thomas
September 13: PUB NIGHT - THE BLACK BULL
September 18: BRITISH CAR DAY – BRONTE, ON (see ad Page 9)
September 28: PUB LUNCH – RAVINE VINEYARDS, ST. DAVIDS, ON
(Anna Orr & Martyn Ridley)
October 1: SANTA TOY RUN – MILTON, ON
October 15: FALL COLOUR TOUR (Mark Doust)
November 5: TECH SESSION – AUTOFARM – MONKTON, ON (The Yules)
November 8: PUB NIGHT (ELECTIONS)
December 13: CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION PUB NIGHT

HEALEY SMILE

IT'S SO HOT IN ONTARIO THAT

-the birds have to use potholders to pull the worms out of the ground.
-the trees are whistling for the dogs.
-the best parking place is determined by shade instead of distance.
-hot water comes from both taps.
-you can make sun tea instantly.
-you learn that a seat belt buckle makes a pretty good branding iron.
-the temperature drops below 90 F and you feel a little chilly.
-you discover that in July it only takes two fingers to steer your car.
-you discover that you can get sunburned through your car window.
-you actually burn your hand opening the car door.
-you break into a sweat the instant you step outside at 7:30 A.M.
-your biggest motorcycle wreck fear is, "What if I get knocked out and end up lying on the pavement and cook to death"?
-you realize that asphalt has a liquid stage.
-the potatoes cook underground, so all you have to do is pull one out and add butter.
-the cows are giving evaporated milk.
-farmers are feeding their chickens crushed ice to keep them from laying boiled eggs.