

THE RESONATOR

Official Newsletter of the Austin-Healey Club of Southern Ontario



"Prez Sez"

THIS IS WINTER?



Don't get me wrong, I enjoy the mild weather and lack of shoveling as much as the next person, but in the wake of all the predictions of a "real" Canadian winter, this seems a bit of a let down. Maybe it's yet to come.

At the November pub, the annual general meeting was held and the election of officers was conducted. The same slate was returned with the addition of Tom Yule as Flea Market Assistant. I want to thank everyone for allowing their name to be put forward and for accepting the nominations and subsequent election. All officers' names are recorded on the website.

All the executive positions in your Club are manned by volunteers, who give of their time to ensure the smooth running, financial health and the variety of activities and events that we have come to expect and enjoy. However, there is always a need for new faces to step up and relieve some of the stalwarts who seem to continue from year to year.

With this in mind, why not offer to host an event next year, a drive in an area that you have enjoyed, a visit to an attraction that you feel might have some interest to others in the Club or really anything that you think may be of interest to our members. This year we had two very well attended one day events, hosted by David & Marilyn at their Tottenham home. Their hospitality was perfect for the occasions and everyone who attended had a great time. We owe them a huge thank you, for not only extending an invitation once, but twice to their home during the year. While it is not necessary for everyone to host events at their home, or more than once a year, it is really appreciated by those of us that took advantage of it. So how about it? Just ask any executive member, but particularly David Underhill our events co-coordinator and you will get all the help and encouragement you need and who knows, you might even enjoy it

Shortly after the AGM we held an executive meeting at which a great number of subjects were discussed not least of which were the suggestions for events in the coming year. So if you think you can host a get together please speak up.

By the time you read this edition of the Resonator, we will have had our annual Christmas party, probably the first of many for a lot of us, so it just remains for me to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a healthy, peaceful and fun filled New Year.

Make a resolution to get into your Healey and see what you get out of it!!

Bob Yule

View From the Navigator's Seat

Well here we are almost ready to say 'goodbye' to 2012. Where did the year go?? but on that note looking ahead - at our Executive meeting last week - I am thrilled to see the year that is planned for our Healey folks via AHCSO. You will be impressed with what we have in store!

The Orr's would like to wish each and every one of our members a wonderful Merry Christmas and may the coming year be your best one yet!
'Healey Blessings' to all!

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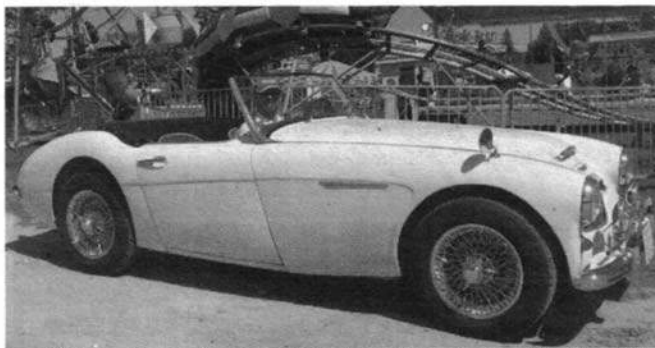


ANDREW OLIVER & HIS 1961 BT7

Some of you may have seen the photo of Andrew Oliver and his 1961 BT7 at the Port Perry Fair Classic Car Show in the October 15 edition of Old Autos. [see below] Just in case you wondered about the story behind this car, Andrew heard about the car through a friend and AHCSO member, Roger Cotton, and bought the car in 2005 from Dominico Fragomeni of Bolton. Dominico was the person who had truly bought the car when it was in sad shape [photo below] and did an excellent body rebuild as a professional car body guy. This restoration was done prior to 1992, but Dominico had driven the car very little in the interim period up to 2005. Dominico also encouraged Austin Healey enthusiasm in his nephew, James Fragomeni, a current AHCSO member.

As Andrew drove the car home for the first time, he found that, with a hot engine, it hardly had any oil pressure. It was taken immediately for an engine rebuild with Dan Gulka, who has a one-man business rebuilding British cars in Hampton, just north of Bowmanville. Even then Andrew wondered if he had a good car as it broke down several times in the first year; it turned out to be a faulty brand new coil. Several upgrades have since taken place such as replacing steel wheels with wire wheels and a rebuilt hard top thanks to Bob Yule. Andrew is now very happy with the car [photo below], although he is always looking for improvements in safety and reliability.

**Port Perry Fair Classic Car Show
September 1, 2012**



1961 Austin Healey 3000 of Andrew Oliver from Port Perry. Always a local car, it was in sad shape when Andrew got it.

*Andrew Oliver won a prize for being the 1st registered participant
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Then



Now



NEWS & INFORMATION

MEMBERSHIP

We ended the year (2012) with 168 members, last year (2011) we had 162 members, nice to see an increase. If you see a Healey and stop to talk please tell them about our club. The only change to dues this year is the January 15th cutoff date - if you do not pay by then the national club will not include you in the membership directory book. The Marque magazine will stop after February, the national club is serious about keeping cost down and late payments are a frequent cost.

Please send cheques to me and make sure the cheque is written out like this:

"Austin Healey Club of Southern Ontario" - do not use the nationals online payment site as this is only for USA members. My address is on the renewal form you will receive in the mail or you can find it on our website under membership.

Thanks Phil, AHCSO Membership

HEALEY SMILE - A SCOTTISH CHRISTMAS

A man in Scotland calls his son in London two days before Christmas and says, "I hate to ruin your day but I have to tell you that your mother and I are divorcing; forty-five years of misery is enough." 'Dad, what are you talking about?' the son screams. "We can't stand the sight of each other any longer" the father says. "We're sick of each other and I'm sick of talking about this, so you call your sister in Leeds and tell her." Frantically, the son calls his sister, who explodes on the phone. "Like hell they're getting divorced!" she shouts, "I'll take care of this!" She calls Scotland immediately, and screams at her father "You are NOT getting divorced. Don't do a single thing until I get there. I'm calling my brother back, and we'll both be there tomorrow. Until then, don't do a thing, DO YOU HEAR ME?" and hangs up. The old man hangs up his phone and turns to his wife. 'Sorted! They're coming for Christmas - and they're paying their own way.'

SEND YOUR PHOTOS

Don't forget to send in your pictures from any exciting trips you've taken with your Healey, your project car in the garage or just your car "posing" to be included in our online album at www.ahcso.com. We'd also love to see pics of you, our members! We have several different albums and would love to include you and your Healey! We'd also love to hear from you with any types of ideas on what you'd like to see on your club website. Please feel free to forward any submissions to me at healeyparts@gmail.com

Thanks in advance, Amanda

CARS FOR SALE

Year & Model: 1959 Concoors Gold BN7
Colour: Ivory white exterior, puppy red interior
Condition: A1 - also a good runner
Location: Morin-heights, Quebec
Contact Info: Line Brisson,
Email: linebrisson@mac.com
Website: http://www.healeyfan53.ca/healeyfan53/BN7_1959_1.html

Year & Model: 1957 A-H 100-6 BN4

Condition: Purchased from original owner
- have all paper work. Car is in mid restoration
- completely disassembled. Body has been dipped and primed; shrouds in excellent condition; many brand new parts including NOS OEM Smiths' gauges, s/s exhaust, many new body panels; hardtop included; very good 'bright' work pieces.

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DELEGATES MEETING NOVEMBER 2012

Along with 41 other delegates and officers, I recently attended the AHCA Delegates Meeting in Indianapolis on behalf of the Club, and a brief report of the weekend follows. Conclave 2012 in Louisville had 275 registrations, 230 Healey's and 521 people in attendance. Out of the clubs 64 members 52 of them were involved in Conclave. They attracted \$12000 in sponsorship and made a profit of \$21944, half of which was donated to National.

Conclave 2013 June 23-28 in Charlevoix Quebec has already attracted 46 registrations, so this looks like being another large event.

Conclave 2014 is to be held in Homestead Va June 15-19 and organized by the Carolinas Club. Room rates are \$129 which is half of their regular rate.

Conclave 2015 is slated to be a joint meet with the Sports & Touring Club but this has yet to be finalized.

Membership has increased slightly and now stands at 3105. Renewal date cut off is now Jan 15 so hopefully the handbook can be mailed earlier.

The website has been revamped and is now functional; access to the members section can be gained by using your membership number, which can be found on the label of your Healey Marque.

Amalgamation with the Healey Club USA is again on the table. A committee from AHCA made up of Gary Brierton, John May and Gary Feldman, met with counterparts from USA Club and negotiations are ongoing. A merged Club would have a net increase in membership of about 590. This would in turn lower the operating costs of the magazine, which would be renamed and insurance premiums per member would decrease.

It looks at the moment as if this amalgamation is going to go ahead and the delegates approved a motion to continue discussions.

Insurance was discussed at length and it seems that all clubs and members of local clubs, including AHCSO, are covered under the \$4 million umbrella, soon to be increased to \$5million. This raises a situation whereby clubs that allow local only members, and this is about half the clubs, are providing insurance to those local members for which they are not paying. It was decided to ask all clubs for a list of their local only members and then to bill these clubs \$5 per annum per local only member. This would bring in about \$4000 per year under current conditions. Our club is not affected by this, since we have no local only members. Also since the Sport Boat & Nasty Boy chapters do not pay separate dues, they both volunteered to unaffiliate and become registers only.

Long distance award is being reactivated by Bonnie Ayer.

Angies list which compiles information on companies which you may deal with, has a new section for classic cars and is now eligible to be used in Canada. For each report that they receive, AHCA will get \$5. This is a limited time offer until their database is large enough to be useful.

Events info. For inclusion in Healey Marque needs to be sent to Gary Feldman at least six weeks in advance of the month of publication. So needs to be sent by Nov 25 for inclusion in January issue.

Future 50 is now run by Elliot Flaws taking over from Ben Moore

Promotion run by Ben Moore taking over from Greg Glauser

Advertising run by Robbie Cook taking over from Bob Gilliland

Conclave VP is Jo Switzer taking over from Jim Frakes

Secretary is Anne Johnston taking over from Jo Switzer

Concours liaison is Bruce Gearns taking the position vacated by Rich Chrysler.

The treasurer reported that there was \$67000 in the bank and that the DMH award fund, run by Baird Foster has over \$13000 in its account.

The Healey Marque editor, Reid Trummel reported that the magazine would come in slightly under its budget of \$95000.

A new area club was admitted to AHCA. The Oregon AHC has been in existence since the late 70's and has 125 members.

The Healey museum outside Amsterdam NL will open to the public on Nov 24 2012. AHCA has donated a complete edition of Healey Marque & its predecessor, Chatter to the museum.

Future 50 emphasis is now changing to focus on 35-40 year olds as people most likely to join AHCA. Some of the ideas under consideration are:

Subsidizing younger people to attend events

Donating to a 2nd year community college student to buy tools

Having each club donate \$100 to Future 50 to help finance

Setting up a scholarship fund.

Some bits and pieces:

One club ran 24 events last year.... planning meeting for events was the best attended event...one club ran 5 events per month in summer.....nearly all clubs make charitable donations....most clubs adopt an institution to work with e.g. Ronald Macdonald house or hospice.

Submitted by Bob Yule. Delegate AHCSO

Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, November 14, 2012
Ned Devine's Irish Pub Inc
575 Ontario St. S, Milton L9T 2N2

Agenda / Minutes

In Attendance: 43

Meeting called to order by Mark Doust at 8:20 p.m.

1. Minutes of November 9, 2011 were made available. Motion to accept Minutes

Made: David Underhill **Seconded:** Russ Bamsey

2. Business arising from the 2011 minutes - NIL

3. New Business – Meeting open to questions and/or motions from the floor - NIL

4. Executive Committee Elections

Slate of candidates for the AHCSO executive positions to date.

President & Delegate:	Bob Yule
Vice President:	Mark Doust
Secretary & BCCI Rep:	Scott Morris
Treasurer:	Heather Doust
Membership:	Phil Jarrett
Web Master:	Amanda Yule
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Flea Market Assistant:	-----
Regalia Liaison:	Wally Holmes

A request was made for any additional nominations from the floor. None were received except for the position of President. Hence, the slate of candidates presented was acclaimed except the position of President.

For the position of **President**, Ian Allison was nominated by Charlie Bach and seconded by Uwe Schaub to run against Bob Yule. Both candidates gave a brief speech to the members present. Ian and Sue Allison and Bob and Levina Yule left the room and, by a show of hands, Bob Yule was elected President.

Amanda Yule indicated that her husband, who was absent this evening, would consider standing for **Flea Market Assistant**. A request was made for any additional nominations from the floor. None were received and Tom Yule was acclaimed.

5. Further New Business

- Question of having additional events around the province was raised and discussed. No conclusions were reached but the points made were noted by Events-David Underhill.
- Question was raised about the need to book the pub on a monthly basis. President-Bob Yule will look into it.

The Vice-President asked if there was any further business to be brought before the club. None was raised.

Gerry Maquire proposed the meeting be adjourned and agreed to by the members.

-- Scott Morris, Secretary, AHCSO

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