

# THE RESONATOR

Official Newsletter of the Austin-Healey Club of Southern Ontario



## "Prez Sez"



### REFLECTIONS ON A GOOD YEAR

It hardly seems any time at all since I had to write 2011 on letterheads & cheques and now the year is almost done. It has been a busy year for Levina & I, with the Rally in the Rockies leading to Conclave in Colorado Springs, South East Classic in Alabama, Beaulieu & Goodwood in the UK. There were also several one day events in between. The ice cream socials, Ancaster flea market and tech sessions to name just a few. All in all a good Healey year.

AHCSO held the annual elections for office in November and the slate of officers were returned with two new faces. The club's new webmaster/mistress is Amanda Yule and the Flea market co-coordinator is Ed Kesik. I want to thank Bob Slater for his many years of commitment to the web site and hope he can enjoy a well earned rest and to Martyn Ridley for so ably steering the flea market as it continues to be the club's main fundraiser. Many of our activities rely on the proceeds from the flea market, so if you can help with this in any way, please get in touch with Ed and offer to assist. Ed is also looking for an assistant/deputy so if you feel this is a way that you could contribute to the club, please step up.

By the time you read this we will have had our club Christmas meeting, probably the first of many for a lot of us, so I want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy Healey New Year.

**NEXT YEAR, GET INTO YOUR HEALEY AND SEE WHAT YOU GET OUT OF IT!**

Bob Yule

## View From the Navigator's Seat

As this year of 2011 draws to a close and the Christmas Season is upon us, I think all of us at AHCSO can be thankful for a wonderful year especially with celebrating our 35th. Anniversary! What a milestone! Our Events Calendar was full of great Healey driving, and the Holmes family and the Orr family especially enjoyed "Healey's in Paradise" in Pennsylvania - wonderful venue and such friendly hosts.

Ed and I would like to wish everyone a very "MERRY CHRISTMAS" and a "HAPPY HEALTHY, HEALEY NEW YEAR"!

Happy Healeying!

**DECEMBER 2011**

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# 2012 EXECUTIVE



## “RUN FOR THE LEAVES”

The Run for the Leaves finally took place on October 22nd. It was a really great run, only enjoyed by four members in two cars. We met at the Mohawk Inn in Campbellville and from there headed over the 401 to Campbellville Road West. We drove on some great Healey roads, scenic with many twists and turns, and even though we missed out on the sun we saw some colourful leaves. We stopped off in Belfountain and had a look through the stores there, one of them displaying some rather wild necklaces. As well they were offering local honey and home made fudge made by local Mennonites. From there we carried on to the Forks of the Credit Road. This road has been closed for quite a while for repairs, so it was great to find it had finally opened and it was as good as ever.

This brought us out on to Highway 10 which we followed for a short time before heading on to Old Base Line Road. There we passed by the "Cheltenham Badlands" a very strange geographical area of soft rock with absolutely no vegetation, molded into hills and gullies. It is extremely rare in Ontario and it is now part of the Bruce Trail. Lunch followed soon after at the Caledon Golf & Country Club. The club house is set some way off the road and the drive to the Club House was very scenic with a mass of gold and yellow leaves on our left. We enjoyed a really good lunch there before setting off on our final leg.

We drove down Mississauga Road to The Apple Factory which is located at the corner of Highway 7. This is a real treasure trove, with fruit and vegetables of all kinds, specialty meats, pies and tarts etc., and even English goodies.

We said our goodbyes and headed for home. For all that the sun didn't shine, it was a really great drive, and certainly a day to remember. Thank you Mark and Heather.

submitted by Wally & Joy Holmes

## SOUTHEASTERN CLASSIC

Southeastern Classic has always been a special event for us, being that perfect blend of friendly, grand, intimate, well run in terrific locations and above all FUN. With this in mind how could we possibly not attend the 25th version of this most special of events.

This years' location in Guntersville Alabama was true to form and the headquarters was a spectacular lodge in a state park. The views from our room and from the balconies were breathtaking, especially in the early mornings with the low cloud hanging over the water. In April of this year devastating tornadoes had cut a swath right through this area and although the lodge was mostly spared there was still evidence of enormous amounts of damage to the surrounding areas.

Over the years we have made many good friends in the South and as usual, many of them were in attendance, ready to make us feel welcome and to enjoy a good time. All the usual events were included, the fun rally, the funkahna, the fun bar-b-q, (do you notice the theme here??) the car show, gymkhana and banquet were also good fun and there was extended hospitality which is always fun.

Gerry Coker and his wife Marion were the special guests, and as always they were easily approachable and seemed to be enjoying the crazy antics of some of the participants as much as anyone.

Much too soon this wonderful event was over and we all headed for our various homes with happy memories of the weekend and a determination to do it all again next year.

Our family, friends and neighbours think we are crazy to drive 1000+ miles each way in a 44 year old car, just to spend the weekend. But we all know that they really don't understand.



**Host lodge in Guntersville Alabama**



**Spectacular view of Tennessee River**





**AHCSO folks lunch stop in Guntersville, ALA**



**The Healey group - doing their favourite thing-eating!**



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**Levina, Kathy, Sue, Gloria, Joyce**



**View from host hotel - the beautiful Tennessee River**



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## DELEGATES MEETING REPORT 2011

I recently attended the annual meeting of Chapter Delegates for the AHCA on behalf of our club. There were 37 delegates in attendance out of a possible 46. Following is a brief outline of the topics covered.

Conclave 2011 in Colorado City had 170 registrations and turned a profit of \$9500.00

2012 Conclave in Louisville is expected to be a large event and early registrants will be rewarded with a Bourbon Cake upon check-in. We are advised to book the hotel, Crowne Plaza, early to ensure the best room choice. Rates are from \$119.00

In 2013 Conclave returns to Quebec for 'Joie De Vivre' at the Manoir Richelieu in Charlevoix on the banks of the St. Lawrence. A spectacular location about 2 hours NE of Quebec City.

2014 Conclave is tentatively set for the SE states.

Membership as of Nov 04 stood at 3062. Still in a downward trend.

Concours had eight cars judged this past year. Five at Conclave and three at Encounter.

The club insurance premium will remain the same for the next year.

Advertising revenue was above budget, and long time advertising chairman, Bob Gilliland will quit at the end of this year.

Club regalia is very slow moving. The web site reorganization should be completed by Sept of next year. An index of Healy Marque/Chatter is still being prepared and should also be finished late next year.

A delegate's handbook is being prepared by President Gary Brierton, outlining the delegate's duties and responsibilities, along with minutes of meetings and other pertinent information.

A proposal to reduce the number of delegates to nine, and have them represent regions instead of individual clubs was floated and discussed at length. Canada would have been one region. At the end of the discussion the proposal was thrown out, as it was felt that each club, regardless of size should have their own representation.

It was also proposed that the membership directory be printed every other year, starting in 2013. It cost \$14000.00 to print and mail this booklet. It was turned over to the delegates to poll their own club members for guidance on this issue and to report back by March of 2012. Delegates split into three study groups to consider membership retention, future 50 activities and marque registries. The recommendations of these groups will be considered at the officers meeting in March of 2012.

The budget was approved as presented and showed very little, if any change from this year. The nominating committee proposed that the current slate of officers be re-elected and they were. My term on the nominating committee had expired, but I was re-nominated and re-elected to that position for another two years.

The venue for the next delegates meeting was set for Chicago in November of 2012 before the meeting was adjourned.

This report submitted by AHCSO delegate Bob Yule.



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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2012

<b>JANUARY 14</b>	<b>DETROIT AUTO SHOW 2012</b> CAR POOL PLEASE CONTACT <a href="mailto:MARK@ABARTH.CA">MARK@ABARTH.CA</a>
<b>JANUARY 28</b>	<b>POT LUCK GET-TOGETHER AT DAVID UNDERHILL'S - TOTTENHAM</b>
<b>MARCH 17</b>	<b>AHCSO TECH SESSION WITH RICH CHRYSLER</b>
<b>APRIL 22</b>	<b>ANCASTER FLEA MARKET</b>
<b>MAY</b>	<b>AHCSO TECH SESSION WITH AUTOFARM WITH BOB YULE</b>
<b>JUNE</b>	<b>AHCSO DRIVE TO FLEETWOOD CAR SHOW IN LONDON, ONT.</b>
<b>JUNE 15-17</b>	<b>VARAC WEEKEND AT MOSPORT, ONTARIO</b>
<b>JUNE 17-22</b>	<b>AUSTIN HEALEY CLUB OF AMERICA CONCLAVE - LOUISVILLE, KY</b>
<b>JULY 17</b>	<b>BRITS IN THE PARK - LINDSAY</b>
<b>JULY</b>	<b>BBQ AND DRIVE</b>
<b>AUGUST 5</b>	<b>BRITS ON THE LAKE - PORT PERRY</b>
<b>AUGUST</b>	<b>WINE TOUR AND POT LUCK SUPPER</b>
<b>SEPTEMBER 16</b>	<b>BRITISH CAR DAY</b>
<b>OCTOBER 13</b>	<b>AHCSO "RUN FOR THE LEAVES" (RAIN DATE - OCTOBER 14)</b>

## REMEMBERING 2011

This will boggle your mind, I know it did mine! The year is 1911 - One hundred years ago. What a difference a century makes! Here are some statistics for the Year 1911:

The average life expectancy for men was 47 years. Fuel for this car was sold in drug stores only. Only 14 percent of the homes had a bathtub. Only 8 percent of the homes had a telephone. There were only 8,000 cars and only 144 miles of paved roads. The maximum speed limit in most cities was 10 mph. The tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower! The average US wage in 1910 was 22 cents per hour. The average US worker made between \$200 and \$400 per year. A competent accountant could expect to earn \$2000 per year, a dentist \$2,500 per year, A veterinarian between \$1,500 and \$4,000 per year, and a mechanical engineer about \$5,000 per year. More than 95 percent of all births took place at home. Ninety percent of all Doctors had NO COLLEGE EDUCATION! Instead, they attended so-called medical schools, many of which were condemned in the press AND the government as "substandard." Sugar cost four cents a pound. Eggs were fourteen cents a dozen. Coffee was fifteen cents a pound. Most women only washed their hair once a month, and used Borax or egg yolks for shampoo. Canada passed a law that prohibited poor people from entering into their country for any reason. The Five leading causes of death were: 1.Pneumonia and influenza 2.Tuberculosis 3.Diarrhea 4.Heart disease 5.Stroke. The American flag had 45 stars... The population of Las Vegas, Nevada, was only 30!!! Crossword puzzles, canned beer, and iced tea hadn't been invented yet. There was neither a Mother's Day nor a Father's Day. Two out of every 10 adults couldn't read or write and only 6 percent of all Americans had graduated from high school. Marijuana, heroin, and morphine were all available over the counter at the local corner drugstores. Back then pharmacists said, "Heroin clears the complexion, gives buoyancy to the mind, Regulates the stomach and bowels, and is, in fact, a perfect guardian of health!" (Shocking?) Eighteen percent of households had at least one full-time servant or domestic help ..... There were about 230 reported murders in the ENTIRE U.S.A.! I am now going to forward this to someone else without typing it myself. From there, it will be sent to others all over the WORLD - all in a matter of seconds! Try to imagine what it may be like in another 100 years.