

THE RESONATOR

Official Newsletter of the Austin-Healey Club of Southern Ontario



SEPTEMBER 2016 FALL SUPPLEMENT

SWAN SONG

Well folks – after 16 years as Editor of our club newsletter – this is the final performance!

It is with bittersweet feelings I am passing on this important and I feel, necessary communication between what is going on in our club and those members who depend on this link to keep up with and enjoy, all our activities during the year. I also feel getting the newsletter via email (9 times a year) I know from feedback that members do read it. Potential new members often ask me if there is a newsletter. There is a fair bit of work involved but as in the case of my volunteer duties at our local hospital – it is a rewarding experience and I can tell you that our USA affiliate look forward to getting it and as you can see in the last HEALEY MARQUE MAGAZINE - feature our club as well.

I am sure one or perhaps a couple of our members will step forward and continue this significant part of our club.

See you on the road!

Sincerely, Anna

TRUE NORTH TOUR, SEPTEMBER 2016

The idea of a True North Tour began in July 2015 at the Gettysburg Enclave when Levina Yule hooked me up with Pauline Thomas from Sault Ste Marie. That was the start of Pauline and I exchanging ideas over the internet and telephone. I would work out the travel plans for our trip to and from Sault Ste. Marie. Pauline would work out the details in Sault Ste. Marie. Mark and Rick quickly came on board in the planning of our tour.

Thursday, September 8th, Healeys departed from various locations in southern Ontario and met in Sudbury at the Holiday Inn. Our group included Bob and Levina Yule, Geoff and Carol Turl, Bert and Mary-Lou Raposo, Bill McNaughton, Mark and Heather Doust, and Bob and Valli Chapple.

On Friday, September 9th for breakfast we were joined by John and Sharon Stefanczyk of Lively, Ontario. They contacted me in advance of our tour offering road side assistance if anyone needed it. They drive a dry Texas car, all original BN7. They don't get out to any dub events, so it was nice they could meet us for breakfast and a drive to the Big Nickel. John guided the group of Healeys from the hotel. Thank you John and Sharon!

We had a great tour of Dynamic Earth and then the plan was to gas up and get on the road for our 300 km afternoon drive. Oh did I mention that Geoff and Carol arrived in Sudbury on a hook. Well, their car didn't want to run again. Quickly everyone got their tool boxes out and a bad connection at the fuel pump was fixed. We were back on the road again.



Shortly after 6 p.m. we arrived at the Quality Inn only to find reserved parking, and we were welcomed by Rick and Pauline as we checked in at the hotel with goodie bags, as good as any Condave!

Also joining our True North Tour and meeting us at the hotel in Sault Ste. Marie was Greg and Gloria Newton and Charlie and Grace Bach.

Our itinerary told us that we needed to have a quick drink, change our clothes and head out for a fantastic dinner at Barsanti's. We were met at the restaurant by Austin Healey Club of Southern Ontario members and local residents, Peter and Janice Schwindt in their tribute car.

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Saturday morning we awoke to drizzle. Luckily we had an inside morning planned at the Bush Plane Museum. Great place to see de Havilland's Beaver, Otter, Foxmoth, Dragon Rapide and Fairchild Husky to name a few. We also enjoyed an Imax of the north with a 3d bush fire film.



Unfortunately the only event that did get cancelled due to the weather was the car show at the Casino. Instead some of the group attended the Micro Brewery and had a great tour and pre-lunch liquid refreshments. Mark and I went to see an old family friend who recently celebrated his 90th Birthday. He was thrilled to see us and our Healey.

By the time we met up with group they were all in need of lunch with no alcohol! Again Rick and Pauline found us a great lunch stop of BBQ pulled pork and chicken at the Low & Slow Restaurant.

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Later that evening we walked to the Casino for dinner and a little gambling. Some of us came away with winnings and others left empty handed. Mark and I were happy to get a chance to see a micro-brewery, since we missed the afternoon tour, and also since we were the empty handed ones at the Casino. Pauline managed to get us a private tour and tasting. Thank you again Pauline!



Sunday morning the sun was shining and we headed out for a drive through the Sylvan Valley. We had another couple of local car lovers join us, Don and Diane Plewes, in their Sunbeam tiger. Our tour included a rest stop at a water dam and a stop at S&S Creations, who are a family of artists. Their creations include stained glass, diamond rock cutting, stone jewelry, welding, ornamental iron work and much more. Afterwards we headed to Hilton Beach on St. Joseph Island for lunch. Then Rick arranged a stop for group photos on other side of bridge. Little did he know we would meet up with Kathy Leisti, who is an amateur photographer and was happy to provide us with her great photos. Check out the Club Website for a link to all of her photos.



Sunday evening, Rick and Pauline invited us out to their home for a BBQ dinner. We got to see Ricky's handy work and Pauline's style in their new kitchen. Believe me, it was a kitchen that no one wanted to leave.

Thank you to Rick and Pauline Thomas for making our trip to the True North a wonderful event!

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On Monday, the McNaughton's and the Newton's pulled out on the Algoma Canyon Train, while the remaining 6 Healeys began our drive home. We were happy for the blue skies and drove top down even though it was a little chilly. We arrived in South Baymouth in plenty of time to catch the ferry to Tobermory.

After disembarking the Chi-Cheemaun, we checked into a quaint little motel in Little Tub Harbour. Again with no time to waste, we had a quick refreshment and headed out on foot around Little Tub Harbour to find a place for dinner. Even on a Monday night after Labour Day, the local restaurants in Tobermory were busy. That evening, I believe we had the best waiter of the entire trip, smooth and efficient.

The next morning we all headed south, some on a direct route home, while others enjoyed the Owen Sound and Beaver Valley Scenery. One by one, Healeys dropped off to go in their separate direction. A great trip was had by all!



Submitted by Heather Doust

BRITISH CAR DAY - BRONTE

Austin Healey 100, MK1 • Dean Michael Kowalchuk • Heather Doust • Tom Haubert

Austin Healey 3000 • Steve Hall • Ed Orr • Phil Jarrett

Austin Healey Sprite • Ronald Redshaw • Martyn Ridley • Mark Doust





GREG NEWTON'S TRIP TO BRITISH CAR DAY



AUGUST "HEALEY LUNCH" AT WUNDABAR RESTAURANT IN NORTH BURLINGTON



HEALEY LUNCH AT RAVINE VINEYARDS

First of all a huge 'Thank You' to Martyn Ridley for organizing the Healey Lunch (last Wednesday of month) throughout the summer! Well done Martyn! The final one was September 28th. at Norma Jane and Blair Harbers award-winning restaurant at their winery in St. Davids. 36 members enjoyed a fabulous lunch in that wonderful setting – as these pictures will show.

The Healey Club members send a sincere 'thank you' to our gracious fellow members and hosts, Norma Jane and Blair for just a great day.

