

THE RESOVATOR



**Austin Healey Club
of Southern Ontario**

Christmas 2016 and The Year Ahead 2017

Happy New Year!

Well Santa didn't bring me that 8 port Arden head with 4 Amal Carbs that I wanted for my Sprite. I hope everyone else got what they wanted under their tree. 2016 is in the history books and I think the Healey Club had a pretty good year with lots of great events. 2017 is looking like another great year, as I know our events committee have been working on the schedule for the spring and summer events, check out the events page. We will have many celebrations for Canada's 150th Birthday!

I want to welcome Scott Morris as our new Newsletter Editor. Scott is taking over the next issue and needs your support with articles and photos. We only had one tech session last year and I am hoping to have a least a couple this year as members are asking for more tech stuff.

Now is the time to fix those nagging little problems on your Healey before the driving season begins in less than 10 weeks.

Cheers,

Mark Doust, President
Austin Healey Club of Southern Ontario



To highlight our annual Christmas Party at the Black Bull, Len Thomas won the 50/50 draw before heading back to Atlanta. Len and Martha Thomas picked up their 2015 Dave Koch Driving Award. Lucille Secord was the lucky winner of the Stain Glass Snowflake. We had 6 lucky winners of wine for them to enjoy over the holidays. Everyone had a great buffet dinner with 55 of us in attendance.







Fall Colour Tour

On Wednesday Oct 12th the Wilford's and Yule's took a trip to Chelmsford Mass in our respective Healey's. The purpose of the trip was to see the colours of the changing leaves and to visit with good friends and Healey owners Rafe & Thalia Loosigian (and to drive the Healey).

We crossed the border at Fort Erie into Buffalo and quickly got off the interstates and onto US 20A. This is a very nice two lane country road that winds its way up and down into the Finger Lakes Region of upstate New York. Almost immediately we were assailed with an unbelievable patchwork of leaf colours. I had never seen colours this vibrant and when the sun caught them in late afternoon it was just spectacular. The attached pictures do not do justice to what we saw. After US 20A we took US 20 still going east and spent a night just west of Albany in Schoharie. The next day we travelled on to Chelmsford through more spectacular colour displays and arrived in the afternoon.



We enjoyed great hospitality with Rafe & Thalia including a tour out to the Atlantic in New Hampshire for lobster and a great dinner joined by Bill & Marlene Byers.

Too soon it was time for us to leave, so we returned almost as we had come on US 20 and already the leaves were not as colourful as on the outward trip.

We have been on "leaf" tours other years but have never experienced the likes of the colours we saw on this most enjoyable trip.

By: Bob Yule



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TRUE NORTH TOUR

On Thursday Sept 8, 2016, a group from the Club, consisting of Yule's, Raposo's, Bill McNaughton & Chapple's met at the Holiday Inn Sudbury. Later, making a grand entrance the Turl's arrived chauffeur driven by CAA. They had a problem on the road which cured itself overnight, or so we thought. The Doust's were also to join us, but Mark decided to rebuild the 100 before he left and they arrived the next morning in time for breakfast, where we were joined by John & Sharon Stefanczyk who live in Lively.



After breakfast, we headed to the nickel mine and took the very interesting underground tour and the obligatory pictures with the "Big Nickel". Getting ready to leave, the Turl's car problem decided to reappear. This time it was traced to some faulty wiring in the fuel pump circuit and with Bert & Mark's expertise (and Ductape) it was soon fixed and never reoccurred.

We then headed to Sault Ste Marie driving through typical N. Ontario scenery of rocks and trees and arrived in The Soo late afternoon, where we were met by the Newton's & Bach's and the Thomas's who had excelled themselves with an itinerary and hospitality that was much appreciated. We had a reserved dinner at a golf club restaurant and we were joined there by the Schwindt's and former AHCSO member friends of theirs (whose names I can't remember) for a great meal.

The next morning it rained a little, but we were visiting the Bush Plane Museum so it didn't bother us much. We spent most of the morning there watching informative movies and looking at different planes and exhibits. Right next to this was a micro brewery so we just had to visit there, before heading out for lunch. In the evening, Pauline Thomas, had made dinner arrangements at the casino and everybody got some complimentary tokens to gamble with. Some came away with winnings, but most just chalked it up to experience.



On Sunday morning, we left on a scenic drive led by the Thomas' and took in some lovely back roads with lunch on the water. We stopped at a bridge on route and were met by chance by a photographer who just had to have pictures of the cars, which she later sent to us. That evening we were treated to a wonderful Bar-B-Q at the Thomas' home where we ate and drank our fill...again.

Monday morning, we said farewell to the Newtons and McNaughton's who were going to take the Canyon train ride and to the Thomas's who had been wonderful hosts and set out for the ferry on Manitoulin Island. We made it with time to spare and after an uneventful crossing arrived at Tobermory for our last evening together. The next morning, we said our goodbyes and Levina and I headed off home in a different direction to the rest.



This long weekend, put together by Heather & guided, hosted and entertained by Rick and Pauline Thomas was a great time that was enjoyed by all who took part, and we owe a big thank you to them.

There is talk of making this an annual event and I for one would certainly go again for the perfect combination of Healey driving, food & drink, interesting visits and true friends in the true north.

By: Bob Yule

AHCSO – PROPOSED EVENTS 2017

Pub/Meeting Night: Second Tuesday each month: Black Bull, Guelph Line Burlington

January:

January 10 **AHCSO Pub Night**

February:

February 14 **AHCSO Pub Night**

March:

March 14 **AHCSO Pub Night**

April:

April 11 **AHCSO Pub Night**

April 23 **Ancaster Flea Market**

April 19-23 Carlisle, PA Flea Market

Join us for Lunch at a Pub: Wednesday, April 26th “To Be Advised”

May:

May 7 British Autojumble, Boot’n Bonnet Car Club, Kingston

May 9 **AHCSO Pub Night**

May 19-21 Carlisle, PA Import Flea Market

May 26 – 28 OTTAWA TOUR – *details to follow*

Join us for Lunch at a Pub: Wednesday, May 31st “To Be Advised”

June:

London events:

June 3 - London British Car Show

June 3 & 4 – Fleetwood Country Cruize-In www.fleetwoodcountrycruisin.com

June 13 **AHCSO Pub Night**

June 25-29 Summit in Western Massachusetts, USA

Join us for Lunch at a Pub: Wednesday, June 28th “To Be Advised”

July:

July 9-14 Conclave 2017, Waco, Texas, USA

July 11 **AHCSO Pub Night**

July 15 – BARRIE EVENT – *details to follow*

July 16 Brits in the Park, Lindsay

Join us for Lunch at a Pub: Wednesday, July 26th “To Be Advised”

August:

August Edenvale - Classic Wings and Wheels Show – *date to be confirmed*
August 8 **AHCSO Pub Night**
August 9-12 Encounter 2017 Princeton, New Jersey, USA
August 13 Brits on the Lake, Port Perry
August British Car Show, Boot'n Bonnet Car Club, Kingston– *date to be confirmed*
Join us for Lunch at a Pub: Wednesday, August 30st “To Be Advised”

September:

September 12 **AHCSO Pub Night**
September 17 British Car Day, Bronte Creek Park, Milton
September 30 – STRATFORD EVENT – *details to follow*
Join us for Lunch at a Pub / Winery: Wednesday, September 27th “To Be Advised”

October:

October 10 **AHCSO Pub Night**
Oct. 12 to 17 SE Classic XXXI – Guntersville, AL – *Atlanta Austin Healey Club Event*
October 14 **Run for the Leaves Driving Tour to Collingwood area – *details to follow***
October 15 Rockton All British Swap Meet, Rockton

November:

November 14 **AHCSO Pub Night**

December:

December 12 **Xmas Event at AHCSO Pub Night**