

# THE RESONATOR

Official Newsletter of the Austin-Healey Club of Southern Ontario



## "Prez Sez"

### SNOW! HO! HO!

Returning from the Christmas Party we ran into some pretty miserable weather and the closer we got to home the worse it got. It seems that not only were there no plows working, so the roads were covered in snow, the visibility was non existent in places. But we made it, and can report that a good time was had by all in attendance. Our thanks go out to Anna Orr for organizing this annual extravaganza, and we truly appreciate the work that she puts into this every year. Something a little different was tried this year as we were all treated to a served festive meal, which was very well recieved by everyone that I talked with. The big guy made a welcome appearance and we were all glad to see that he was in good spirits and ready for the big night. We also need to thank all the elves that helped Anna and of course Mrs Clause for assisting Santa.

The November meeting saw the return election of the Club executive with only one change. Laurie Wilford was elected to co-ordinate events in the coming year. Thanks go to David Underhill for his work with events this year and maybe he can be persuaded to come back to the executive in the future. We need to encourage some other people to step up and assist with the running of YOUR club, so give this some serious thought as the year goes on. We especially need a Flea Market Assistant, immediately, as this is our only fund raiser and does a lot towards the finance of the Club.

As is customary at this time of year Levina and I would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Healthy, Happy & Prosperous New Year which involves as much Healey time as possible. If you need a New Years' Resolution, make it this.....

**Drive your Healey. They like it and you will too!**

Bob Yule

## View From the Navigator's Seat

Well here we are ready to say 'goodbye' to the old year and to welcome in 2014! In our December newsletter we have a new article which we will be running titled: "IN THE REARVIEW MIRROR". We are going to take a look at some of our old newsletters - just for fun! I have started off with my first newsletter as Editor - 13 years ago!!! Wow, how time flies when you're having fun!! Thanks for this idea Scott! Ed and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our members a very "MERRY CHRISTMAS", and a HEALTHY, HAPPY, "HEALEY" NEW YEAR!

## DECEMBER 2013

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*Austin Healey* CLUB OF SOUTHERN ONTARIO

## Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, November 13, 2013

Mohawk Inn & Conference Centre

Located at 9230 Guelph Line, Campbellville, Ontario

### Agenda / Minutes

In Attendance: 32

Meeting called to order by Mark Doust at 8:00 p.m.

President Bob Yule commented on the recent AHCA Delegates meeting in Plainfield, Illinois [ details attached ]

**1. Minutes of November 14, 2012 were made available. Motion to accept Minutes**

Made Martyn Ridley

Seconded Ron Redshaw

**2. Business arising from the 2012 minutes**

NONE

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

NONE

**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

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Amanda Yule

Events Coordinator:

Laurie Wilford

Newsletter:

Anna Orr

Healey Marque Distribution

Ed Orr

Regalia Liaison:

Wally Holmes

**Appointed**

Flea Market Co-ordinator:

Ed Kesik

Flea Market Assistant:

-- vacant

Request any additional nominations from the floor.

NONE

Mark Doust thanked David Underhill for his past role as events coordinator.

Motion that the Slate of candidates as presented be accepted.

Made Russ Bamsey

Seconded Martyn Ridley

**3. New Business**

The Vice-President asked if there was any new business to be brought before the club.

- Anna Orr briefly commented on the forthcoming Christmas Party.
- Bob Yule spoke of each executive members contributions and thanked them for their efforts.

Mark Doust proposed the meeting be adjourned, seconded by Martyn Ridley, and agreed by the members.

-- Scott Morris, Secretary, AHCSO

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## A.H.C.A. DELEGATES MEETING Nov 2013 PLAINFIELD ILLINOIS

On Nov 8-10, along with about forty others, I attended the delegates meeting of the AHCA on behalf of the Southern Ontario Chapter. Following is a brief summary of that meeting.

As always the area club reports give an insight into the other chapters' activities, and it seems that events that include food and drink get the best attendance. Although one club reported that their best attended events this past year had been funeral parades.

The Healey Marque editor, Reid Trummell, has been in the job now for eight years and in that time the magazine has gone to full colour and more pages while costing less to produce. Because of damage complaints, the first and last two pages will now be printed on heavier paper. A position has been created as "Tech Editor" and a person is being sought to fill that position. Also needed are people to fill the positions of "Chatter Editor" and advertising co-ordinator. Jammie Daggett from the KC Club has taken on the activities calendar.

2013 Conclave Quebec had 192 registrations and handed \$6,600 to National, being half of their profit.

2014 Conclave at the Homestead Va. from June 15-19 already has 50 registrations. Some of their planned events are a kitchen safari and one offsite meal which has to be restricted to 200 people. The schedule and the daily menus are now on-line.

2015 will be called Enclave (Conclave & Encounter combined) held jointly with the Sports & Touring Club at the Wyndam Hotel in Gettysburg Pa. July 19-25. Room rates will be \$125.

2016 Conclave will be hosted by the Ohio Valley Club June 12-18 at the Marriott Hotel on the south side of Cincinnati where the room rate has been secured at \$99.

2017 Conclave has been proposed by the Golden Gate Club in South Lake Tahoe or Monterey Bay to commemorate the last of the Healey's, just as the event in 2002 commemorated the first Healey.

The membership renewal deadline is once again Jan 15. All S. Ont. dues should be sent to our membership co-ordinator. The "up to one year free" membership program is being continued to help attract new members, as it was very successful the past two years with 74% renewing after the free period. Membership currently stands at 3,054.

A new chapter was sanctioned, the Low Country AHC from Hilton Head, S. Carolina have 14 members currently. Insurance coverage is \$4 million in total. Premium remains at \$9,000.00.

Concours are considering a "Preservation Class" for untouched cars.

There is no further movement on a merger with Healey USA.

There is no provision for membership in more than one local chapter. People who winter in the south are asking for this.

A Healey Hall of Fame was discussed and will be brought up again.

The web site is undergoing more revisions and soon cars and parts for sale can be posted. Also in the works is a magazine archive for members only and the membership directory by password.

Obituaries in Healey Marque will be kept to national officers, lifetime members, and Healey family and others of significance.

A person is needed to look after regalia, as John Elsinger has stepped down due to injuries.

Driving awards program has been taken over by Gary Brierton.

We have a new President, Fred Dabney.

Bob Yule re-elected to the nominating committee.

The 2014 budget was approved at \$190,825.

■ Submitted by Bob Yule, Delegate AHCSO.

# **NEEDED FOR THE 2014/2015 ANCASTER BRITISH CAR FLEA MARKET EVENTS: CO-CHAIRMAN AND FLEA MARKET CO-ORDINATOR**

The successful applicant would be working during the 2014 Season as the assistant to Ed Kesik in his final year as Co-Chairman and Flea Market Co-ordinator. This will enable the applicant to learn what is involved in running the flea market before assuming the responsibilities of the 2015 event.

As Co-Chairman you will be representing the Austin Healey Club of Southern Ontario, and will work with the Co-Chairman representing the British Sportscar Club. Additionally, there are 6 other members of this committee with specific duties as required to run the flea market. The candidate should be available to attend the meetings (approximately 5) which are held in Ancaster on Tuesday mornings between November and May.

This position is a vitally important one as the Flea Market is the main source of revenue for the Austin Healey Club of Southern Ontario as well as the British Sportscar Club. For further information including a job description, all interested persons should contact Ed Kesik at 905-854-1483 or at [edkesik@gmail.com](mailto:edkesik@gmail.com).



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Happy  
New Year  
To all our  
Club Members!  
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Healeying  
In  
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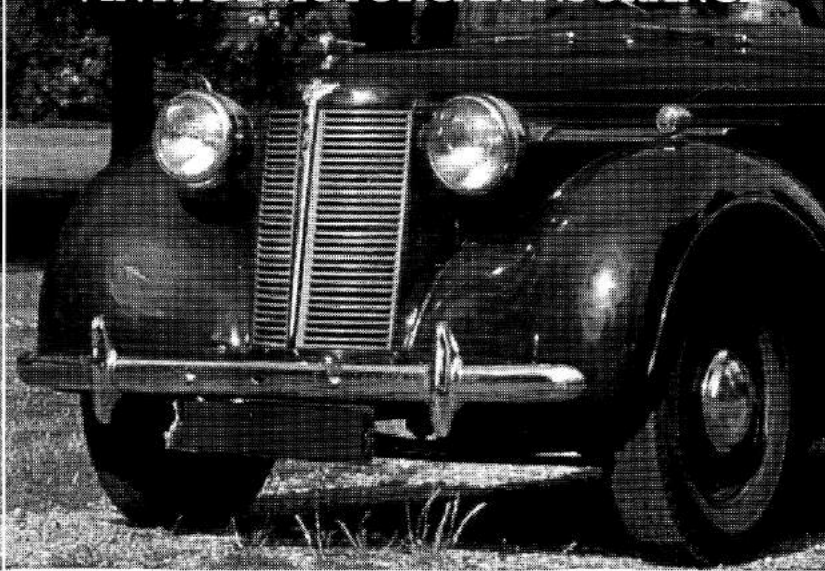
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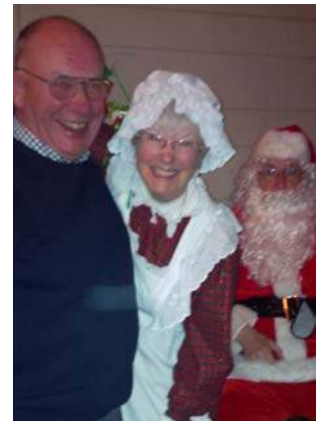
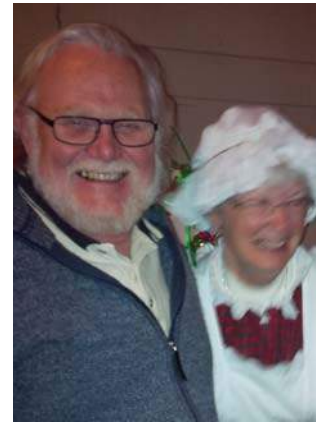
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## CHRISTMAS PUB PARTY





# DECEMBER 11, 2013



## IN THE REARVIEW MIRROR

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Winter 2001

### PREZ. SEZ

Welcome to the first edition of our Healey newsletter and also new editor, Anna Orr. I hope you all had a very happy Christmas or Hanukkah and are enjoying the New Year.

Before I say too much, I'd like to thank those who served on the 2000 executive for their time and the effort they put into the running of the club. I think you will agree they all did an outstanding job. To encourage the current board to reach even higher we will double their pay for the current year (two times zero is still zero, isn't it?).

Thanks must also go to Anna Orr and her merry band of elves for organizing another great Christmas Party. It was every bit as much fun as last year's with the added satisfaction of raising over three hundred dollars which was donated to the Milton Salvation Army to help brighten the holiday season for others.

The new executive met in early December to start planning the coming year's activities. We also welcome our new events co-ordinator, Mal Bruce who is working on a list of fun events for 2001. If you would like to get involved, give Mal a call and offer a hand, you will be glad you did.

Speaking of volunteering -- the Ancaster Flea Market is on April 22nd. this year. If you call me before I call you, you just might be assigned to the very best position in the whole event.

Summer will be here before you know it, so get out the old map books and start dreaming of the scenic alternate routes to your usually traffic snarled destinations. Winding 80 km/hour roads, with the sun on your face and the wind in your hair (or what's left of it). It doesn't get much better than this.

Ron

### View from the Navigator's Seat

As this is the first issue of the 'Resonator' with 'yours truly' as the new editor (due to some arm twisting - thanks Laurie!) I firstly would like to extend 'thanks' and appreciation to former editors, Shawn Chamerlin and Scott Morris for doing an admirable job of putting our publication together - it is far more labour intensive than anyone would believe, however as an important part of our club it is and hopefully will continue to be, an interesting and informative 'read'.

There is no adequate way to put into words the "Once In A Life Time" adventure embarked on with AHCSO's Bob & Levina Yule, Ian & Sue Allison and Ed & Anna Orr, this summer on the UK 2K Tour. I will try in several instalments to describe our "Healey Experience" while in the UK but words can never describe the scenery, places and people.

Our beautiful "Misty Blue" performed perfectly and covered over 3,000 miles of British roads admirably - a few people experienced problems but nothing of a serious nature other than one car being hit by a bus in a roundabout and having to drop out. We were very pleased to have our Club - AHCSO so well represented with 3 cars from our own club and Roger & Lise Hamel from the Quebec club - showing Canada is a real presence in the world of Healeys. The local Healey Clubs who were so gracious to us made the mistake of referring to our group, more than once, as 'our American friends' but we quickly but pleasantly reminded them of the Canadian contingent!

If the opportunity ever arises again, I would urge you to take this wonderful trip. It was the best decision Ed and I ever made!

Happy Healeying! Spring is just around the corner!

Anna Orr

# FIRST ISSUE - WINTER 2001

## 32 Healeys Tour The U.K.

This photograph and write up were taken from *The Chronicle of Chester, England* - Sept. 8, 2000

A group of North American visitors, about to tour Britain in classic sports cars, was given last minute instructions by a traffic officer - on the art of negotiating roundabouts.

The 63 tourists had shipped their 32 Austin Healey cars into Seaforth, Liverpool, for a three-week "UK 2K" Tour. They then flew in to be reunited with their beloved British-built vehicles at the docks, and were met by Dave Haslam, vice-chairman of the northern branch of the Austin Healey Club.

The visitors made their way to the Abbots Well Hotel, outside Chester, for an overnight stop and last-minute preparations. This included a visit by a traffic officer who showed the visitors a video about the rules at roundabouts.

"They don't have roundabouts in North America, so the officer very kindly came and explained all about them," said Dave's wife Doreen. She added that, besides being unfamiliar with roundabouts, about half the visitors had never been to the UK before, and all were in left-hand drive vehicles.

"We sent them copies of the Highway Code three months ago, but we were a bit worried about them when they set off," Doreen admitted. "We hope everything will be all right."

The group set off last Saturday for Cornwall to see a memorial to Donald Healey, who built the classic Austin Healeys in Coventry before retiring and moving to the south coast.

From there, the tourists are heading on to Bath, York and Scotland before returning to Abbots Well, although a few have opted for a side-trip to the continent instead of going to Scotland.

They are all meeting up again in Chester for a banquet at Ruthin Castle and a final night at the Abbots Well on September 23.



**North American car buffs set off on tour, in a roundabout way.**  
Visitors Rick Shoemaker (California), Wayne Ward (Cleveland), Stella Gilland (Texas) and Ed and Anna Orr (Canada) plan their tour of the UK in their Austin Healeys at Abbots Well Hotel, Chester, England.

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## "Medieval Feast"

In days of olde, when knights were bold and the woman wore tin panties.....we will stop here!!!

However, there are people even today who don a suit of steel each weekend for a jousting weekend... a Medieval Feast, held at the C.N.E. grounds in Toronto.

At the present time 5 couples have indicated an interest in attending this event. The standard fare is \$49. per person, plus taxes and tip, but if we can get 15 or more people as a group, the price of \$46.95 is the fare, BUT - NO REFUNDS.

We are looking at St Paddy's Day, Sat. March 17, 2001. It should be a fun evening of food and entertainment. For reservations, call Ian Allison at 905-727-8115



## HEALEY SMILE

### Tell Your Husband You Love Him

A group of women were at a seminar on  
"How to live in a loving relationship with your husband."

The women were asked, "How many of you love your husband?"  
All the women raised their hands....

The women were then told to take out their cell phones and text their husband:  
"I love you, sweetheart."

The women were then told to exchange phones with another person,  
and to read aloud the text message they received, in response.

Here are some of the replies:

1. *Who the hell is this?*
2. *Eh, mother of my children, are you sick or what?*
3. *Yeah, and I love you too. What's up with you?*
4. *What now? Did you crash the car again?*
5. *I don't understand what you mean?*
6. *What the ---- did you do now?*
7. *?!?*
8. *Don't beat about the bush, just tell me how much you need?*
9. *Am I dreaming?*
10. *If you don't tell me who this message is actually for, someone will die.*
11. *I thought we agreed you wouldn't drink during the day.*
12. *Your mother is coming to stay with us, isn't she??*