

THE RESONATOR

Official Newsletter of the Austin-Healey Club of Southern Ontario



“Prez Sez”

It's Time For A Change

It certainly was with mixed feelings when I let it be known that I would not stand for election as President next year. I had felt for some time that a change was due and that someone else should have a chance to put a fresh perspective on the Club. It's not that I didn't like being President, I truly enjoyed heading up the great group of people that we have in our Healey Club and truth be told, it is the job involving the least amount of work. Everyone brings something to the Club and I had asked for people to step up and take a turn at helping to guide and promote our Club, at least for the next year or so. And step up they did at our recent election night/AGM in November.

But before we welcome them on board we must give a huge thank you to the people who have served the Club and are stepping down this year. Then along with some familiar faces who are returning, we must applaud and thank the new people who have accepted positions on the executive and determine to give them our full support.

Mark Doust has been elected President and I am certain that with our support he will do an excellent job. The others on the executive are a terrific group of people and I am looking forward to a great year in 2016 and beyond. Their names, positions and contact information are all listed on the Club website and later in this newsletter.

It just remains for me to thank you all for allowing me to enjoy the privilege of heading up this club for the last six years and to wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a Happy and Healey Fun New Year.

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

Bob Yule

View From the Navigator's Seat

Looking back over the 2015 driving season we have just concluded (we were able to drive our cars all of October AND November this year and could very well have driven them up to and who knows perhaps later into December!) I was driving down to Grimsby today – Sunday December 6 and met a guy in a beautiful navy blue BJ8 at the light – gave him the ‘thumbs up’ and he grinned and gave it back – that's how special ‘Healey folks’ are – we can communicate clearly without having to speak – its our own ‘LBC’ secret. Maybe we should have T-shirts made with a slogan which says “You wouldn't understand – it's a Healey Thing”!

2015 was filled with great events and much fun was had by all who participated. As you will see (page 4) we have quite a few changes in our executive this year – one of which is Events committee consisting of Heather Doust, Laurie Wilford and John McLaine. I am sure this trio will dream up some pretty exciting things to do in 2016 and I look forward to what they will come up with. We also welcome our new President Mark Doust – (I thought he was never going to step up from VP) – nice surprise Mark – you have some pretty big shoes to fill – and I mean that both ways!! However I am sure you are up to the task and with a great new executive you have to work with – your job will be a ‘piece of cake’!

Let the fun begin! Here's to an early Spring and a super Healey summer!

ED AND I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO WISH EACH AND EVERY ONE OF OUR FELLOW MEMBERS – A VERY “MERRY CHRISTMAS” AND ALL GOOD WISHES FOR A WONDERFUL 2016

DECEMBER 2015

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FALL RUN



Snow streamer in the Hockley Valley left snow on the trees, ground and the windscreens of the cars. Never expected to be driving the JH in a snowstorm with the top down.



Sprites, Healeys, MGC, Jaguar, Jensen and Joyce Wallace's BJ9 ready to go.



"Moses" Ridley giveth the "Commandments"

NOVEMBER SOCIAL

On November 4th., a group of 15 club members gathered at the home of John & Donna McLaine in Ancaster, for a demonstration of 'automobilia' collected by members over the years. John's collection of diecasts, books and other British trivia was on display and we were all very impressed with his hobby. He even has a room in his home dedicated to his vast collection! Everyone around the room had a story of their own to tell regarding their passion; "Little British Cars". It was a fun and interesting evening and our gracious hosts treated us to delicious munchies and refreshments! A sincere 'thank you' to John and Donna for inviting us into their lovely home for a great evening.



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A.H.C.A. DELEGATES MEETING NOVEMBER 6-8, 2015 - PLAINFIELD INDIANA

On the above weekend I attended the meeting as delegate for AHCSO.

Approx 35 officers and delegates attended, although 17 clubs were not represented. A discussion took place on why this was and Gary Feldman the club support chairman was instructed to contact all the absentee clubs and see what can be done to have them attend in future.

All the Clubs present gave reports of their activities with all the usual drives and parties, but the Manitoba Club had published a hard cover book to celebrate their 25th anniversary. It contained all the relevant documents, their officers and many pictures from the last 25 years and was a great keepsake. It cost \$62.00 per copy and was immediately sold out and going into a second printing.

Financially, Clubs reported bank balances on average of \$6-8000, although the Oregon club had a balance of \$40k and the Cascade club topped \$23k.

As of Nov 07 membership increased to 3113. The dues remain unchanged, but now the period from Aug 1st-Sept 30th will cost \$35 and after October first dues will be for the remainder of the year and the following year. Under 25s can get the magazine for 50% dues, but cannot hold any office.

Regalia is still on an order only basis with at least a 30 day turnaround.

The DMH Award supported two Cornish students in engineering this year. Over \$2000 was donated at Enclave and there is \$16k in the fund.

The possibility of supporting engineering students in North America is being investigated.

Enclave this year was a resounding success, both financially and event wise. After donating \$20k to charity, the event profited approx \$30k and after the divisions were made National pocketed \$7600.

Discussion was held on tires, particularly the age of them and Insurance companies getting involved. Likewise on brake fluids and the new fluids that are now available.

Planning & preparation for Conclave 2016 in Cincinnati, is well under way, although no registration numbers were given

There is no event yet for 2017 after the Golden Gate Club proposed an event in Monterey along with the Healey Club USA, which had not been thought through or sanctioned by AHCA, so it was thrown out. There were too many unknowns that had not been discussed to make the event work. The National officers will work with an area club to try and organise an event, but failing that, the officers will put on an event as they did in Colorado Springs.

Gary Feldman is now the 100/6 registrar, John May Jensen Healey and Russ Heap for the Nasty Boys.

Some by-laws were cleaned up including one that now says the president of a local club must be a member of AHCA, as are the membership chairman, delegate and treasurer.

Future 50 is in for a big shake up including a name change. Details are sketchy to nil at this time.

A ladies award has been proposed, for the best lady driver. Details to be worked out. The award will be named the Pat Moss, Ann Wisdom Riley Award.

The nominating committee, has added a third member from the delegates and these three will all serve 3 year terms which have annual staggered expiry dates. The current members are Bob Yule, Jim Richmond and now Bruce Gearn along with the past presidents.

The President was given authority to appoint assistants to all the National officers, so that at least somebody could step in if needed.

Clubs are reminded to keep their websites active and up to date and to send a copy of their newsletter to the President as well as the Healey Marque. Clubs were also reminded to participate in their communities and to do philanthropic work and make donations.

Healey Marque came in on budget for the 10th year in a row.

The budget was presented and approved.

The 2016 meeting is scheduled for approx. the same time and place.

Submitted by Bob Yule Delegate AHCSO



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CHRISTMAS PUB NIGHT - DECEMBER 8

Our Christmas Party at the "Black Bull" Pub in Burlington (our new home) turned out to be another great "Healey" event with 74 people in attendance. We were in the banquet hall (instead of our usual spot) where everyone enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner of salad, mixed vegetables, roasted potatoes, pasta, creamed chicken, and roast beef & gravy. A lovely spread which also included dessert squares with tea and coffee. Our out-going "Prez" Bob announced the winner of the "Dave Koch" Trophy is: Len & Martha Thomas – who were not in attendance since it is too cold in Orillia this time of year! Bob Yule was presented with the Past President Plaque and the winner of the 50/50 draw was David Cressman! Congratulations to everyone!! As you can see a good time was had by all!





On December 8 the annual Christmas meeting was held at the Black Bull. The evening was spearheaded once again by Anna & Joy and they were helped on the night by Dianne and Jean. Several others pitched in and the evening was a huge success. Some seventy two people enjoyed the evening, The Bull served up a great meal and the staff looked after us royally. A huge thank you is in order to Anna & Joy for putting this all together again. We should also give a very big thank you to Wally & Joy who are giving up the regalia portfolio after many years of stalwart service. Thank you guys, take a well deserved rest.

MARGOT HEALEY (WIFE OF LATE GEOFF HEALEY)

We are writing to inform you that Margot died on Monday 30th November. She had been suffering from Motor Neurone Disease for sometime. Motor Neurone Disease is a horrible disease but we made sure she was loved and cared for until the end, with the help of some wonderful nurses and carers.

Cecilia & Kate (daughters)

News

The Times, Scotland, November 25, 2015

Deep pockets needed for Donald Healey's coupé

An Austin-Healey prototype owned by the boss of the company for nine years is expected to fetch more than £600,000 at auction.

Donald Healey asked his chief designer to come up with a coupé version of the Austin-Healey 100 convertible, and was so taken with the result that he kept it.

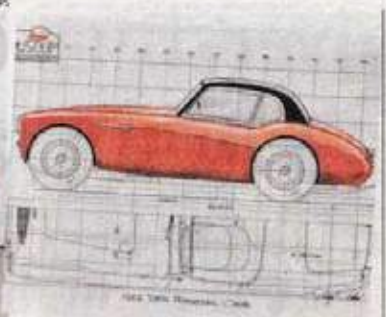
The former rally driver and First World War pilot whose motor company grew out of a garage in Perranporth, Cornwall, used the two-seater for almost a decade before selling it in 1962 for £850 (about £17,000 in today's prices). A spokesman for Bonhams, the



Donald Healey, who owned the company, liked the prototype so much he kept it for himself



auctioneers, said: "Within the classic car movement, it is generally regarded as the ultimate Healey to own. Austin-Healey prototypes often featured a higher level of finish, innovation and performance because



they were usually sought by and sold to Donald Healey's friends."

The sale is on December 6 and will also include a gold Rolex inscribed Donald Healey, Perranporth, which is expected to sell for £12,000.

HEALEY SMILE WHAT IS CELIBACY?

Celibacy can be a choice in life, or a condition imposed by circumstances.

While attending a Marriage Weekend, My wife and I, listened to the instructor declare, 'It is essential that husbands and wives know the things that are important to each other..'

He then addressed the men, 'Can you name and describe your wife's favorite flower?'

I leaned over, touched my wife's hand gently, and whispered, 'Robin Hood - All-Purpose, isn't it?'

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LAURIE'S NEW TOY

Blue over white – BN1 – 1954
What a beauty!! Great job Laurie!!
I wonder what your next one will be????



EVENTS

Events are a very important part of the Austin Healey Club, with our well attended annual summer Wine Tour and Salmon BBQ supplemented by tech sessions, day or weekend trips, and member long drives to Conclave, and Southeastern Classic.

In 2016 the club will have a three person events committee with Heather Doust heading the group consisting of Heather, John McLain, and Laurie Wilford. We will meet and publish a list of club events for the year.

Laurie and Diane Wilford are please to announce the completion of their newest ride; a January 1954 production Austin Healey BN1. The car was purchased in Quyon, Quebec from former club member Richard Wegner in 2002, trailered home with help from Graham Secord and Scott Morris, and was a long term project while we drove our BJ8. We look forward to getting the restoration bugs out early in 2016 with a number of club drives.