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Austin Healey Club of Southern Ontario

# The Resonator



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Greetings – Happy St. Patrick's Day!

Our annual flea market is fast approaching. This year it will be held on Sunday April 21, 2019 from 9:00am - 2:30pm at The Ancaster Fairgrounds. This is our primary fundraising event for our club and the starting point to the driving season. We need you to make this event a success! It is vital to the financial health of our Club and the events we hold during the year.

So, if you have been asked to volunteer an hour or two to help on the day, please say YES. If you haven't been asked, then please contact Mike McNeely [mmcneely@gmail.com] and insist that your name is added to the list.

The Healey driving season is

fast approaching! Everyone should make sure that all those maintenance jobs are done before we take to the road! This will ensure a trouble free, and above all, safe driving season.

Cheers,  
Mark Doust, President  
Austin Healey Club of Southern Ontario



## New Club Website Reminder

Just a reminder that as of February 28th, our club website has been transitioned to a new location.

Please look for:

[www.ahcso.ca](http://www.ahcso.ca)

You may need to update your bookmarks, etc!

Many thanks to Steve Hall for moving our site to a more reliable host!

Remember to send Steve any pictures you'd like to share, items you may have for sale or any other ideas about things you might like to see on our new site.

In keeping with documenting our club's history, both Steve and I have downloaded all the wonderful picture memories from the old site...and trust me, there are a few gems in there!





*The fellow said to "look for a boat in the yard"....can you guess how many yards have boats in them in Nova Scotia? A LOT!!*



*We did not see any moose, thank goodness! Lots of deer though.*

## *East Coast Healey Cosmetic Restoration*

*By: Amanda Yule*

If you attended the Tech Day at Autofarm last Spring, you may remember seeing the BJ7 in our paint room.

Let me jog your memory if you don't recall this particular Healey. It was the 'daily driver' we picked up from Nova Scotia and brought back for a cosmetic restoration. When the rear fenders were removed, Tom found 40 pounds of dirt and mud caked inside...yes—we weighed it! The owner truly does drive his Healey every day! I thought you might like to see the finished project. It is unrecognizable from when it arrived! What started out as a bright blue Healey with a mis-matched interior, left with a beautiful

green over white paint job and a coordinated tan and green interior!

Along the way we found a few modifications the owner had done himself, which I'll share below. Sometimes the ingenuity we come across is pretty interesting!

The race was on to get the work done in order to return the car to the East Coast before winter set in. So on a very snowy December 6th morning, we set off for Nova Scotia. The usual horse and buggy traffic in our area quickly gave way to heavy highway traffic as we reached the 401. Luckily the 407 was in sight and we had pretty smooth sailing all the way to Quebec. We stayed in

Montmagny the first night and our plans of hopefully avoiding heavy winter weather were quickly dashed the next morning. We awoke to about 10" of freshly fallen snow!! That was the theme as we made our way down through New Brunswick. The scenery was something else though! We were duly impressed with the large valleys and mountains along the way. We had a meeting planned with a fellow who is just starting a restoration near the NB/NS border, so there was not much time for sight-seeing. We finally made it there just after night-fall...and it had started snowing again. It was great to meet a

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*Some great ingenuity here! A juice can fitted with an electric pump for the washer fluid. And a handmade wooden heater control panel! These did not go back in the car...they are in our collection of Healey memorabilia now.*



*Before...*



*...and after!*



## Ancaster British Car Flea Market



Have you marked your calendars already? Make sure you do—April 21st will be here before you know it!

Mike McNeely and crew have been busy getting all the last details together to ensure yet another successful event! If you haven't volunteered yet, please consider filling part of your day at the market as a volunteer. An hour or two of your time can help make a big difference! It doesn't need to be an all day commitment!

This means, of course, that you should also be preparing to bring your Healey out that day! The car show last year was spectacular! Let's keep our fingers (and toes!) crossed that Mother Nature will yet again co-operate and we'll have another beautiful, sunny day!

The countdown is on!

**APRIL 21**

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BRITISH CAR  
FLEA MARKET

## East Coast Healey continued...

fellow Healey enthusiast. From there we headed to a small hamlet on the North-shore of NS. It was down a road with so many bends and potholes, we thought we might have fallen off the edge into the Atlantic! The customer had cleared a path in the snow for us to bring the Healey in and finally, the East Coast Healey was

home! We found our way to a lovely B&B in Malagash—there are not a lot of options in NS in December! The next day we headed to Tatamagouche to visit another Healey owner and had a tour of his shop. We made friends with the several chickens he had around the car! We, of course, visited the brewery in

Tatamagouche before heading back towards New Brunswick for the night. We were up early the next day to head towards home. By dinner time we were in Brockville and figured why not just keep going. We were so close to home!

3800 km's in 4 days, lots of snow & 3 Healey friends!



Another East Coast Healey owner and his chickens that keep the car company!



From mis-matched to coordinated! Barely recognizable!

## Upcoming Events

**More to be added as dates  
become available!**

**If you have any additions, please let us know!**

- March 13: Pub
- April 10: Pub
- April 21: Ancaster Flea Market & Show
- April 27: Brits on the Bay—Pensacola, FL
- May 4/5: AACA Automotive Flea Market—Lindsay
- May 8: Pub
- [NEW](#): May 13-17: California Healey Week, Temecula, CA
- May 18: All British Field Meet—Vancouver, BC
- May 25-June 2: British Car Week
- May 31-June 2: FleetwoodCountry Cruize-In, London
- June 1: Brits In The Village—Blue Mountain
- June 2-6: Rendezvous, Lake Chelan, WA
- June 6-9: Southeastern Classic XXXIII, Little Switzerland, NC
- June 12: Pub
- June 23-27: Healey Summit, Lake Winnepesaukee, NH
- July 10: Pub
- July 12-14: British Motoring Festival, Windsor, Nova Scotia
- August 14: Pub
- Aug 18: Brits on the Lake—Port Perry
- September 6-11: Conclave 2019, Deadwood, SD
- September 11: Pub
- September 15: British Car Day—Bronte
- [NEW](#): September 22-26: Encounter, Ocean City, NJ
- October 9: Pub
- November 13: Pub
- December 11: Pub





## *A Road-trip of A Lifetime: A Healey Adventure*

### *By: Pauline Thomas*

### *Part 2*

#### **Day 11: May 20th**

From Carthage, MO, we crossed through the corner of Kansas and into Oklahoma. In Carthage though, there was an 1895 restored Mansion and the City Center Clock Tower above the Court House. This is where it's said the idea for the movie Back to the Future came from. There is also the 1940's Era 66 Drive-in Theatre that is still operational today. Joplin MO, is the hometown to Will Rogers where we drove down a street named after him. A few miles out of Joplin is the State Line Bar & Grill, we stopped for a picture before getting into Kansas. Crossing through the corner of Kansas, we quickly passed a few small towns; Galena, Riverton and Baxter Springs all appear to be very barren. We only managed to get a few pictures due to heavy rain. Crossing the state line in Oklahoma brings us into the town of Commerce. We found a bronze bust of Mickey Mantle as this was his hometown. On the bust is his nickname "Commerce Comet", after his hometown. After Commerce we enter the town of

Miami, OK where we saw the Coleman Theatre, the Jewel of Miami. Dating from 1929, it was originally designed in Italian style. During it's construction it was converted to Spanish Mission Revival, resulting in a unique piece of architecture. Today it's open to the public for tours. We also spotted the Route 66 Vintage Iron Museum. I spotted a cute little yellow car; it turned out to be a Young. A Subaru 360 that was in dire need of restoration... Maybe next time. Miami is our stop for the night.

#### **Day 12: May 21st Part 1:**

This part of the day deserves its own moment! Unfortunately Oklahoma has very few traces of the original Route 66. But just on the outskirts of Miami, we found some portions of old 66, which are even older than the route itself (pre-1929). In the vicinity are some lane wide sections of concrete roadway paved in the early 20's. It's said that money was tight and there was only half the amount needed to do the job completely. Rather than cover half

the mileage, the decision was made to pave the full distance, but half the normal width. This meant, and of course still means today, that driving it requires being cautious of on-coming traffic.

#### **Day 12: May 21st Part 2:**

In Chelsea, OK there is an original Sears Roebuck Pre-cut House. It was purchased in Chicago in 1913 for \$16.00 and delivered by railway car. The "Hogue" House is the only known example west of the Mississippi that is still owned by descendants of the original purchaser. There are so many interesting towns with so much history. From historical homes, cool roadside signs, amazing old architecture, a blue whale, and a giant oil worker to the largest gas pump we have ever seen (66 feet tall to be exact). There is never a shortage of photo opportunities. Oh and the largest McDonalds Restaurant in the United States.

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the Thomas'  
as they make  
their way on  
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*Part 2  
starts here!!*



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## Healey Adventure Continued...

It's in an unusual structure, formerly operating under the name Glass House, that actually spans the Turnpike just outside of the town of Vinta, OK.

### Day 13: May 22nd

Today we travelled from Bristow to Weatherford, OK. In the town of Bristow we found the original Chrysler Dealership sign. As we pass through the small town of Depew we got a feeling that it's more of a ghost town. Most of the buildings having burned down, leaving only the facades of some magnificent architecture. Something right out of movie scene.

In the town of Stroud is the Rock Café. The stone used for this building was unearthed during the construction of Route 66. The owner Dawn Welch is said to have been the inspiration behind the character Sally the Porsche in the 2006 movie Cars! We were also lucky to run into Jerry McClanahan, who is the author of the Route 66 Travelers Guide "EZ66". He invited us into his gallery and autographed our copy of the guide!

The town of Arcadia has the Round Barn, a world famous

Route 66 landmark. This was built in 1898 and restored a few years ago. It now has a wonderful display of memorabilia on the ground floor with the upper level available for special events. As we leave town, a new attraction adorns the roadside - a 66' illuminated pop bottle, including the straw.

We managed to capture a few pictures as we battled traffic through Oklahoma City which include, the ruins of the Owl Court, a giant milk bottle, the Gold Dome, which was once a bank and now serves as office spaces and much more.

In the town of Yukon we saw "Yukon's Best Flour" adorned on the side of a grain storage facility & the Yukon Motel. We arrive in the town of Weatherford and stopped at the 1941 Lucille's Dinner before retiring for the night.

### Day 14: May 23rd

From Weatherford, OK to Amarillo, TX there is so much more to share that I've broken the day down into parts.

#### Part 1

We had a great photo opportunity in front of the National Route 66

Museum in Clinton, OK. Also in Clinton is the Trades Wind Motel. This was one of Elvis Presley's favorite places to stay, having over-nighted in room 215 on many occasions. Elvis was a creature of habit and Clinton was just a good days drive out of Memphis for him. Room 215 is available by reservation!

#### Part 2

Elk City, OK is home to the Cotton Boll Motel and is now a private residence. But the sign still stands tall as the owners appreciated its significance. Also still operational is the 1931 Casa Grande Hotel, which hosted a Route 66 conference back in 1931 shortly after it opened. Also in the center of town is a 17 story drilling rig #114. Elk City also has storm shelter entrances that were originally built as a safe way for locals to cross the road back in the day when Route 66 was busy. Now with the new bypass highway, they have put these walkways to good use as storm shelters. Along the way we find more opportunities to drive on original parts of the old route, downed trees and all. It felt as though we were driving to the cottage.



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**Part 3**

We arrive in the town of Eric, not much happens here, however there is one very special character by the name of Harley. Harley is quite the collector of old Route 66 antiques and much, much more. He sits in his chair happy to greet everyone who walks through his door. He's very settled in his ways, drinking his Jack & Coke and smoking, decked out in his overalls. It was a real treat to meet old Harley.

**Part 4**

After a few more cool pictures along the way we land in Amarillo, TX for the night. But another treat today was a little hidden gem, or I should say the only hidden gem in Texola, OK, was the Tumbleweed Restaurant. We were hot and hungry by the time we reached this cool little ghost town and decided to pull in to check it out. As it turned out we were pleasantly surprised by not only the exceptional customer service, but also the quality of food and personal touch. As we were chatting with the owner we learned that only 36 people lived in this little town, with most of it's building being abandoned and run down. But we did manage to find the original one room jail house!

**Day 15: May 24th**

From Amarillo TX to Tucumcari, New Mexico

We spent a few hours driving around taking pictures in Amarillo before moving on and found that yes, everything is bigger in Texas. We made a quick stop at Cadillac RV Park before arriving at Cadillac Ranch for a few photos. It's amazing how many people we saw spray bombing the cars. We arrived in the small town of Adrian, TX and found ourselves at the halfway point of Route 66! We stopped for pictures and ate at the famous Midway Point Café before moving along to Tucumcari, NM for the night.

**Day 16: May 25th**

As we departed Tucumcari we followed 66 and just out of town, we drove through a narrow tunnel under I-40. We took pictures of old ruins along the way as we passed through virtual ghost towns before arriving in Santa Rosa. This town has a unique collection of artesian springs in the area and is nicknamed the City of Natural Lakes. The most famous being the Blue Hole, which attracts scuba divers from far & wide to ply their trade, it's more than 80' deep and 60' wide, with water temperatures hovering around 64F. Our stop for the night is Las Vegas, NM.

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### Day 17: May 26th

We stopped in the town of Pecos at the Pecos National Historic Park, which includes the ruins of two Spanish Colonial Missions, as well as ancient Pueblo features. Arriving in the town of Santa Fe, where we decided to spend the night, we were just in time to check out a car show in the downtown square. All the cars were low-riders; I think the Healey could fit in the trunks! After a great afternoon of walking we found a great local family run restaurant. Tortilla Flats is where we met our new friend Benito. We usually find ourselves sitting at the bar because this is where we meet the coolest people! Tonight wasn't much different! Benito not only gave us excellent menu suggestions, but by the time we were done eating, we were

escorted & treated to a new local attraction called Meow Wolf. It was by far one of the coolest interactive exhibits I've ever seen. After spending an hour or so with us, Benito left us to enjoy the experience and when we returned to our car we found a note and a CD that his son's band created.

### Day 18: May 27th

#### Part 1

Following Benito's recommendations we head North to the Rio Grande Gorge, finding breathtaking beauty with each turn we took. We then visited an historic Adobe that was over 1000 years old in the town of Taos. The Adobe was a brick made of earth, straw and a water mixture, then formed and sun-dried. Upon completion a coating of the same material is applied. The coating is continuously maintained to sustain the impacts of weather

and deterioration. Multi-story Adobe homes known as Hlaauma (North house) and Hlaukkima (South House) are the most notable structures of Taos Pueblo. Apartment like, each home is owned by a family and passed from one generation to the next. Adobe architecture has allowed for these structures to maintain stability and longevity for over 1000 years.

#### Part 2

After a wonderful night we end up at Tortilla Flats for another wonderful meal where we meet up with Benito again. This time he presented us with three jars of his fresh homemade salsa (that he made that morning for us) from his old family recipe and a beautiful lithograph from one of his cousins who does beautiful native art.

*To be continued next month!*

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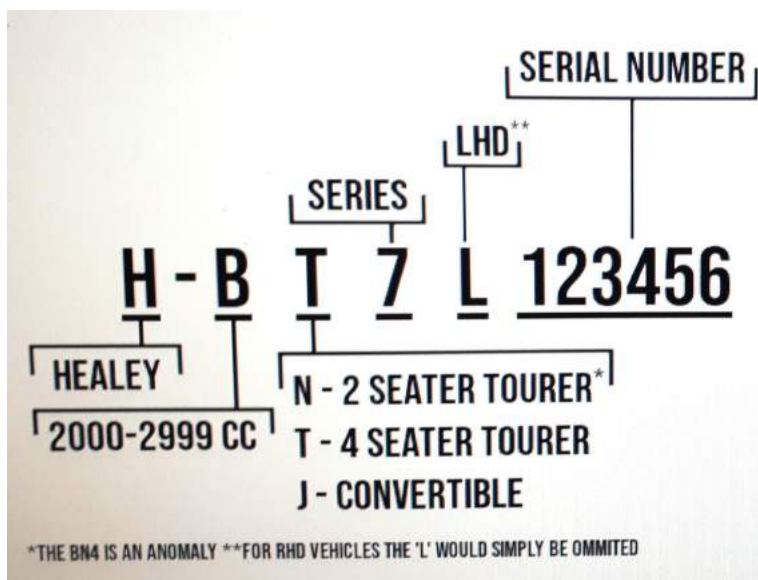




## *Interesting Healey Tidbits on the Internet Recently:*

### *Chassis Numbers & How to Read Them*

*From our friends at A-Head 4 Healeys*



### *From the February Auctions...*



This former Ontario-owned BN1 crossed the block in Arizona at the Gooding & Company auctions recently. This Healey was restored by Rich Chrysler and then Tom Yule worked with the owner after Rich's passing. A new owner came into the picture not long after and Autofarm prepped the car for Concours, where it received a Silver medal.

Hammer price: \$82,500.00 USD

Photo Credit to Ray Donovan of the AHSTC

### *From the Austin Healey Museum*



From 1957 all BMC sports cars were built at Abingdon. The combined body-chassis shell for the Austin-Healey 100/6 was supplied by Jensen Motors. These shells were fully wired, with instruments in place, and partially trimmed – so little work had to be done before the shells could be lowered onto the Abingdon assembly line



## Austin Healey Club of Southern Ontario

Monthly Club Meetings:  
2nd Wednesday of each month  
Social Hour: 7:00PM  
Meeting: 8:00PM  
Where: Ned Devine's Pub, 575 Ontario St S, Milton

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## Healey of the Month:

1967 AUSTIN HEALEY BJ8



Send in your Healey pic to be the next  
Healey of the Month!  
[smileygirl322@hotmail.com](mailto:smileygirl322@hotmail.com).



We dedicate ourselves to the preservation of the marque through continued use, mutual enjoyment and sustained support.

## The View From The Navigator's Seat

(In keeping with Anna's contributions to our club, I will continue sharing the view from the passenger side of the car....unless of course I'm driving!!)

**Come On Spring!!!**

By: Amanda Yule

February has come and gone. March Break is quickly approaching. 2019 is flying by! Here in the "far North" we have been experiencing sub-zero temps for what seems like forever.

Bob & Levina, along with quite a few Healey folk, are busy planning their trip to

South Dakota for Conclave, which by the way, is sounding like a fabulous event. Hearing all the details just makes us wish the snow would go away already!

The countdown is on for Ancaster though, which signals the unofficial start of the driving season for

many. Let's hope the sun is shining that day!

To re-iterate Mark's message, now is the time to be planning your Spring tune-ups and checking those tires! Don't miss out on an early opportunity to get out driving if by some chance, the groundhog was right!

## Your Healey Back Page Funny...

Submissions gratefully received if you have a story, an event or anything Healey related to share with our members!

## What stops the driver of an Austin Healey from getting cold, damp and angry?



**Hoods that fit. Heaters that heat. Windows that wind up.**

If you're the kind of motorist who positively enjoys the icy glare, read no further. You probably own a sports car already, and drive with the top down all four seasons of the year.  
Most Austin Healey owners take a less Spartan view. They actually drive with hoods and windows up, and seal out winter completely.  
Austin Healey hoods are tailored for a snug fit. So when you wind up the windows and take on the heater, you're fully ensconced in comfort. Raincoat-er comfort. In the summer, you've got up when the sun shines. Two up, when you think of the thrilling, 128 mph power of the Austin Healey 3000, or the light-hearted maneuverability of the sports.  
The Austin Healey 3000 Sports Convertible costs \$1,397.50. The Austin Healey Sports, \$1,115.50. Year-class tax included. The two-door heater is a non-optional extra. Email prior to pay for central heating on wheels!

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