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The Resonator



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Heather and I had the pleasure of joining in at the June end of month Wednesday lunch. We drove down from our farm in Kenilworth in our Innocenti C. The sun was shining and it was a nice easy drive. Malcom Bruce is organizing this year's Wednesday monthly lunches and he picked a great spot at the Old Marina Restaurant at Puslinch Lake. We saw 16 people and had a great time.

Can we get attendance like that on a regular basis? We have noticed that attendance at pub night, Wednesday monthly lunches and other events are low. This brings me to our next question and many other questions.

Where are we going as a club?

Are people selling their cars?

What kind of events would you as a club member like to participate in?

We would like your input as to anything we can do to

change monthly meeting attendance. Would a change in venue, location and time make attendance rise? Or are people just not interested in an evening drive and dinner out?

On the positive side, we still have a good number of members that enjoy driving their cars the distance and are attending Conclave this September in Deadwood, South Dakota.

We are all enjoying reading Amanda's great newsletters. If you have a story, short or long with some photos about anything you are doing this summer with your Austin Healey, and your family, tell us about it.

This Canada Day, I took my boat to the cottage and my son Colin, drove his Austin Healey Sprite to the cottage too. We attended the Minden Canada Day Car Show. There we met and enjoyed talking with new Austin Healey owners from Minden, who purchased their car from past members. We hope they will join our club, even though they are likely not going to attend at pub

night!

So with that said, I need your input as to what would you like to see for events and/or meetings. We need people to help organize events - even if it is only for one event a year in your town.

See our newsletter or website for details of further Wednesday Lunches.

I would also like to invite more people to attend the Cowbell Tour in Blyth on Sunday, July 28, 2019 at 2 p.m. I have booked lunch for 18 people and so far we have about 12 commitments. So there are spaces left to be included in this fun day. Please email mark@abarth.ca so we can count you in the final arrangement email as to the pre-event drive.

Mark Doust
President—Austin Healey
Club of Southern Ontario



A Trip of a Lifetime....A Healey Adventure...Part 6

The Grand Finale

By: Pauline Thomas



Days 66-70 July 15-19

Conclave 2018 – French Lick, Indiana

We spent a wonderful week in French Lick/West Baden, Indiana at the 2018 Austin Healey Conclave. We spent many hours every night enjoying the company of our Healey Family, rocking on the front porch and sharing many laughs. Rick & I played the part of true tourists and completed the local Chamber of Commerce challenge to answer over 30 questions and visit various locations. At each spot we had to take a picture and post it to Instagram. We won several smaller prizes for this contest and were entered into a draw for a larger prize.

During the Awards Banquet we won a few prizes there too:

1. Rick was 3rd place in the Gymkhana
2. We placed 2nd in the Rally (with the help of our friends)
3. We placed 1st for the long distance award.



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Upcoming Events

- July 10: Pub
- July 12-14: British Motoring Festival, Windsor, Nova Scotia
- July 21: Brits in the Park, Lindsay, ON
- **NEW: JULY 28: AHCSO Cowbell Brewery 2:00**
- **NEW: July 31: AHCSO Pub Lunch 1:00**
Heaven on 7, Rockwood
- August 14: Pub
- August 18: Brits on the Lake—Port Perry
- August 18: Wellington County Archives 1-5pm
- **NEW: August 28: AHCSO Pub Lunch 1:00**
Ravine Winery, St. David's
- September 6-11: Conclave 2019, Deadwood, SD
- September 11: Pub
- September 15: British Car Day—Bronte
- September 22-26:
Encounter, Ocean City, NJ
- **NEW: September 25:**
AHCSO Pub Lunch: TBA
- October 9: Pub
- **NEW: October 30:**
AHCSO Pub Lunch: TBA
- November 13: Pub
- December 11: Pub



Taking it Down to the Nitty Gritty

By: Tom & Amanda Yule

We have a few projects here that needed cleaned up before moving on to the next steps in the restoration process. After some research and looking around, we decided to give 'dustless sandblasting' a try

Normally we take chassis' to our usual sandblasting guy and he does a great job of cleaning up the metal work and priming it for us.

This time around we had roughly 5 cars worth of sandblasting we wanted done, plus a MGA chassis. Luckily Tom found a fellow who will come to your location with his equipment and do the work you need right there on the spot!

It saved us trucking parts all over the place and gave us the opportunity to see the process being done.

Now, this is not something we would recommend having done in your front yard if you live in a city. The noise and mess will certainly not impress your neighbours. But overall, it was

convenient and easy solution to getting the work done that we needed.

This particular business offers wet (dustless) or dry blasting. They also have a rust inhibitor they can add to the wet blast. This allows time for you to get the parts cleaned and primed before rust sets in again. No warping was noticed while doing this with the wet blast but we thought you could likely get some on larger flat panels.

It was quick, efficient and relatively easy process from start to finish!



AHCSO June Pub Lunch

From Mark Doust's FB Post

Looks like the June Pub Lunch was a great success!

Let's keep the participation up for the July Lunch on the 31st!

See Page 5 for details.





Heaven on 7

Ravine Winery



2019 PUB LUNCH DATES

PUB LUNCH:

WHEN: July 31

TIME: 1:00

WHERE: Heaven on 7
262 Main St S
Rockwood, ON

PUB LUNCH:

WHEN: August 28

TIME: 1:00

WHERE: Ravine Winery
1366 York Road
St. Davids, ON

****Advance Tickets required for this event*

PUB LUNCH:

WHEN: September 25

TIME: 1:00

WHERE: TBA

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!



INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTENDING:

Please RSVP to Malcolm Bruce

905 338 8492 OR

email: malcolmbruce11@gmail.com

If you plan on attending and the number of persons.

A Healey Adventure....The Grand Finale

Day #71 July 20

So hard to believe we are starting our journey home after a great time at Conclave. Today we are traveling from Conclave with 5 other Club members on our way to Auburn, Indiana. We plan to visit the Duesenberg Museum and spend the night. We travelled through some intense rain storms and even a tornado siren in one small town!



Day #72 July 21

Auburn, Indiana
Today we spent the day going through two local museums. The Duesenberg as well as The National Auto and Truck Museum.

Day #73 July 22

Well after 73 Days & 11,300 miles we are finally home! We absolutely loved our adventure and are so happy that we can share our experience with you all.

As a side note: on this journey we traveled a total of

73—days

3 – Provinces

15 – States & 11,300 miles!!



AHCSO Trip to Cowbell Brewery

Mark & Heather have secured 18 spots at
Cowbell Brewery in Blyth.

Please RSVP to either of the following
options if you haven't already:

Mark's email: mark@abarth.ca

By phone: 416-252-7059—please leave a message

DETAILS:

Location: Cowbell Brewery Co.
Blyth, Ontario

Date: Sunday July 28th

Time: 2:00

*Maximum capacity is 18 people, so seating is limited!
6 spots currently still available*





Items For Sale

If you've ventured to our club website in the recent months, you will have noticed Steve has a few listings for Healey related items as well as Healey's for sale!

I will include a brief listing of each of the items here - just in case you haven't been on the website in awhile!

Everflex Top: BN1

Black Everflex vinyl top for BN1
Paid over \$600 US for it will take \$400.

Call [519 396 2356](tel:5193962356) or email sjohns@tnt21.com.

Portable Travel Garage: BJ7-BJ8



I have a parking cover (similar to tonneau) that covers the interior of my BJ8, using the factory snaps.

Excellent for keeping debris out of your Healey while parked.

Black vinyl with AutoFarm logo, perfect condition.

May fit cars other than BJ8.

Free to any club member.
Pickup in Oakville.

steve.hall@cogeco.ca

Miscellaneous Healey 100 Parts

BN1 Universal Laminations hardtop – asking \$3,500 CAD. Healey 100 intake manifolds, carburetors, air cleaners, two early Healey radios, and an original Drake Healey 100/6 manual

Please contact
Paul Mann

p.d.mann@rogers.com



1954 Austin Healey BN1

Offered for the first time in 57 years, this BN1 is new on the market. This is a 2 owner car having only changed hands once in it's life, in 1962.

The current owner had a full, frame-off restoration completed in 2009. A new after-market frame was installed at that time. A new Dennis Welch alloy cylinder head was installed in October

2009 and the rad was re-cored at that time as well. A new premium quality chrome bumper and over-riders were installed in October 2018.

The car has been driven and enjoyed through years, having completed several long trips. It comes with the original owners & shop manuals as well as a copy of the Heritage Certificate.

Asking price: \$68,500. Please contact Autofarm to arrange a viewing appointment:
healeyparts@autofarm.net or
[519-356-2427](tel:519-356-2427)



1963 Austin Healey RHD BJ7

This BJ7 has a well traveled history, having crossed the Atlantic 3 times in it's life. It was built to German specs, had UK specs added in the early 90's during it's restoration and has been well take care of since.

Mechanically this Healey is sound with repairs and rebuilds being done on most of

the major components. A gear reduction starter and electronic ignition have been installed.

The car retains it's original engine, transmission, over-drive, frame and body panels. The Heritage Certificate is available as well as a well-documented history.

Asking price: \$48,500.00.

Please contact Autofarm at:
healeyparts@autofarm.net or
[519-356-2427](tel:519-356-2427)



The AHCSO is on Facebook!

Social Media is a great way to stay in touch!

Are you on Facebook?

Please take a moment to find our club's page and give it a 'like'.

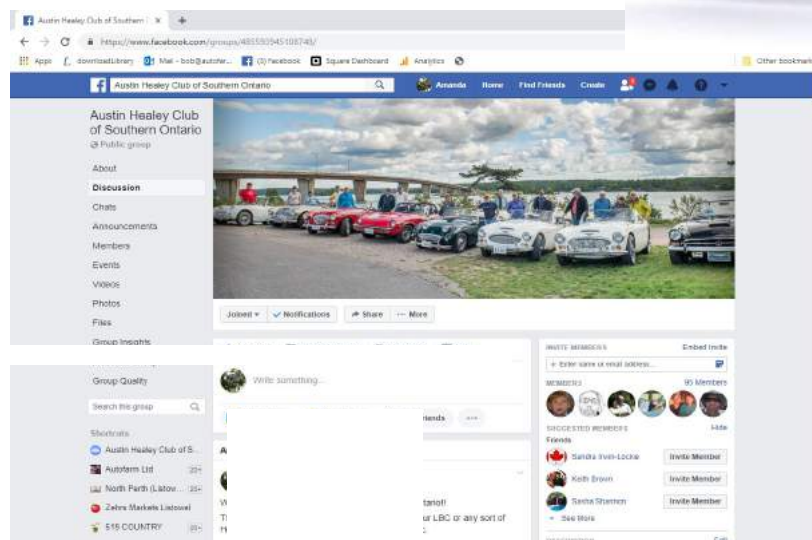
It's a great place to share pictures of your Healey adventures, learn about upcoming events or just share something you found interesting.

A great place to set-up an afternoon drive too!!

Hope to see you there!

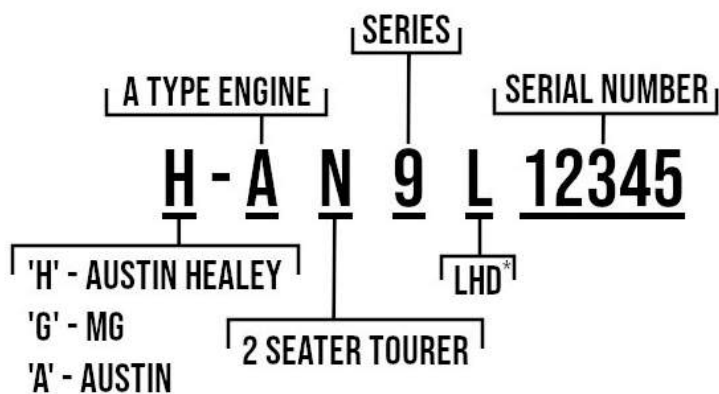


<https://www.facebook.com/groups/485593945108748/>



Spridget Edition of Chassis Numbers and What They Mean

As found on A-Head-4-Healeys website.



*FOR RHD VEHICLES THE 'L' WOULD SIMPLY BE OMITTED

Colin Doust's Sprite



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:

AUSTIN HEALEY BJ8

OWNED BY: RICK & PAULINE THOMAS

BACK HOME AGAIN

AFTER THEIR EPIC 2018 ADVENTURE



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!!)

By: Amanda Yule



Happy Canada Day!

2019 is flying by at our house it would seem. We're either busy at the local baseball diamonds or taking our kids to their 4H meetings. Never a dull moment around here!

We attended the first-of-the-summer Cruise Night in Kincardine on June 28. The weather had been stormy all day so we weren't quite sure what the turn-out would be, but we went anyway. The numbers were down for sure, but it was still lots of fun! These cruise nights happen on the Friday night of every long weekend through the summer if you're ever interested in attending!

We're fortunate in our line of work to meet many different Healey owners. We do meet some that are not members of our Club. When that happens, we spend time telling them about the Club and the various events and opportunities that come with membership. We're hoping by spreading the 'good word' we can help keep the AHCSO alive and thriving. In this day and age everyone is busy—we are the first ones to admit it's difficult for us to attend Pub night & mid-day lunches—but really & truly we would love to be able to be there! The truth is as well, is that the dynamics of the club will keep changing and evolving as our membership changes over

the years. Members sell their cars or move on to new hobbies. But at the end of the day, the Club is an important part of many of our lives and we should all try to contribute something so that the Club can keep moving forward. Whether you can join the Facebook page and share a local cruise night or suggest a great driving route that a few people might like on a Sunday afternoon, it would be great to hear from you! Maybe scope out your local pubs and see if there might be a good venue for a lunch or pub night? Most importantly, your attendance matters. If you can make it out to Pub or the lunches, please try to be there!

We're a pretty spread out group of people, but there are bound to be Healey folk in your area that would love to meet up. It doesn't need to be a big formal affair, an afternoon drive & ice cream is sometimes all it takes! Share your ideas! I'll happily put them in the newsletter or on Facebook and I'm sure Steve will get it on the website & Phil will send out the group email! We're looking forward to the Cowbell visit ourselves—so glad the Club is coming our way! Hope to see you there!