



# The Resonator

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JANUARY..hmmmm....ho  
...hum.....

So, I have to say that it gets pretty tough coming up with things to write about when we are all cooped up in Covid-land with nothing going on. If it wasn't winter Mr. BJ8 and I could at least do a little cruising, but alas, BJ is hibernating

Well, give me a few minutes and we'll see what might be newsworthy.



Our most recent Zoom meeting on Jan 13 was great. 27 members joined in, this was our best 'night out' so far!! Next meeting is Feb 10. Any chance we can get 40 people Zoomed in? And—just in case you didn't see it in the minutes of the last meeting, we are going to bribe you to attend the next meeting. **That's right, there will be a draw for a \$25.00 gift certificate but you have to 'be' at the Zoom meeting to win.**

### **FYI- All Zoom meetings are BYOB.**

The 'Tech Talk' at our meetings seems very popular so we will keep making time for that. It is easy. Join the meeting and ask your question, someone will answer. Or, email your question to me and I will get you an answer. The questions and answers will appear in the follow up minutes and on our club web site.

We are also looking to have some sort of 'Feature' event at each meeting. Your ideas for a brief feature item or event will really be appreciated. Just email me.

Solutions for lockdown boredom! Admit it. If you are following the rules, you gotta be bored by now. I have been spending some time searching the internet for all things Austin-Healey. I just type a word or phrase into the search field and hit enter. Sometimes it is really amazing what pops up on the screen.

Try these:

### **Internet Searches:**

Austin Healey Restoration

Big on Healey Bugeyes

Austin Healey Racing Success

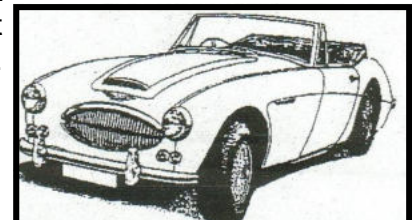
### **Creative Pursuits:**

Write an article for the 'Resonator'

Does anyone want to take up the challenge of writing the Ladies Page?

OK, I have some high praise for our contributing writers/members. Your articles, tech write ups, and histories are terrific. You are really taking our Resonator to the next level. Awesome! Lookin' Good! Keep it up! Kudos! Writers Rock!

*Mike*



## *Events & Activities—AHCSO & Of Interest*

- **2021—Just in case there is some sort of new 'normal' this year!**
- AHCSO - Zoom Pub Meeting: Wednesday February 10, 7:30pm
- Southeastern Classic XXXIV—April 22-25, 2021, Safety Harbor, FL
- Conclave 2021—May 16-21, 2020, Big Bear Lake, CA
- Healey Summit—September 19-23, Newport RI

### *Earliest Austin Memory* *Submitted by: Colin Watson*

My earliest memory of Healey is driving my 1962 Sprite from Vancouver to Ontario after graduating from UBC Mechanical Engineering. Upon arrival, traded it in at Longbridge Motors in Etobicoke for 1962 Tri Carb, pictured below.





## February “Virtual Pub”

**WEDNESDAY**

**February 10, 2021**

**@ 7:30PM**

Check your email for instructions on how to join the meeting.

If you need assistance, please contact someone on the executive!

**COME CHECK IT OUT!**



*If you are looking for the icon to download Zoom—it will look something like this and can be found in whatever 'store' you download programs from on your phone, Ipad, computer, etc.*

## Two Very Different Classics

*Shared by: Chris Sainthill*

**Hemmings**  
AUCTIONS

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Live online auctions. Real human customer support. Real results. The easiest way to buy and sell.

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## *A Look Back At The Days Gone By*

*Taken from Submissions to the Anniversary Celebration Video*



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## *Mike's Funny-bone*

*Submitted by: Mike McNeely*

### **TIME FOR A GOOD LAUGH**

Here are some Newspaper Headlines that should not have made it to print!

"Absentee Votes Can Be Made in Person"

"Man Minus Ear Waives Hearing"

"Man Found Dead in Cemetery"

"Cold Wave Linked to Temperatures"

"Plane Too Close to Ground, Crash Probe Told"

"Child's Stool Great for Use in Garden"



Here it is, the **Austin Smealey**

## Healey #174—Original Dash Paint

*Shared via Michael Salter's Blog May 2012*

In my continuing efforts to accurately archive as many details of this very early Austin Healey 100 as I can I have spent time gently sanding through the paint on the dash in an attempt to determine its original colour.

I want to emphasize that all I am doing here is cataloging what I'm finding as I disassemble this particular car and I am in no way suggesting that this information will be accurate for other Austin Healey 100s of this era.

The dash consists of 2 aluminium pressings. One I call the Dash and the other, which is attached to the Dash I call the Instrument Pod.

The Instrument Pod is mounted onto the surface of the Dash and attached using screws inserted from the rear.

Here are some background points:

1. The back of the Dash is a dark brown with some small areas at the ends having been over sprayed with black
2. The Dash has been apart. i.e. the Instrument Pod has at some time been separated from the Dash and the rubber strip which is meant to act as a seal between them is missing. (I'm absolutely confident that the safety gauge has never been removed from the car and pretty sure that the Dash itself has never been removed from the car. Because the safety gauge has a liquid filled capillary tube running from it to the radiator the Instrument Pod almost certainly has never been moved more than a few inches from its installed position).
3. As every part of the front of the Dash has black primer which has been sprayed over with a brown paint (primer?) which is consistent with the rest of the paint on the inner body, I think it is fairly safe to conclude that the Dash has never been stripped to bare metal. (The outer surfaces of the body have been stripped bare and on them light grey primer has been used).
4. The last paint applied to the Dash was a silver/blue colour which was very poorly done in that there is no paint up over the top of the Dash where it is hidden from view by the rear lip of the front shroud.

*The Instrument Pod*



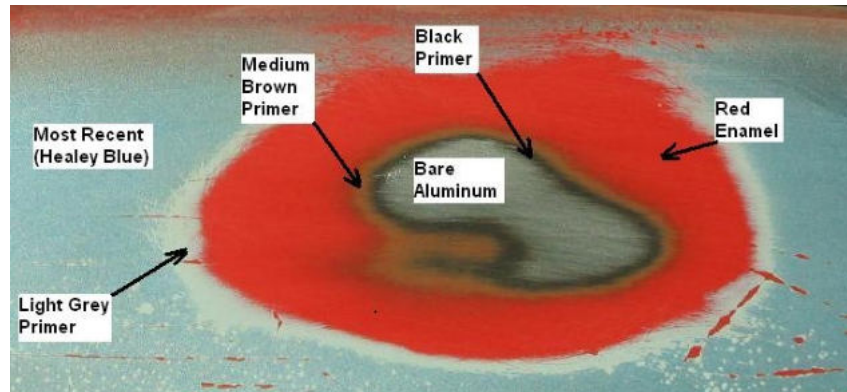
*The Dash*



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The Dash appears to have been painted red originally as can be determined by studying the image to the right of an area adjacent to the grab handle on the right side of the Dash

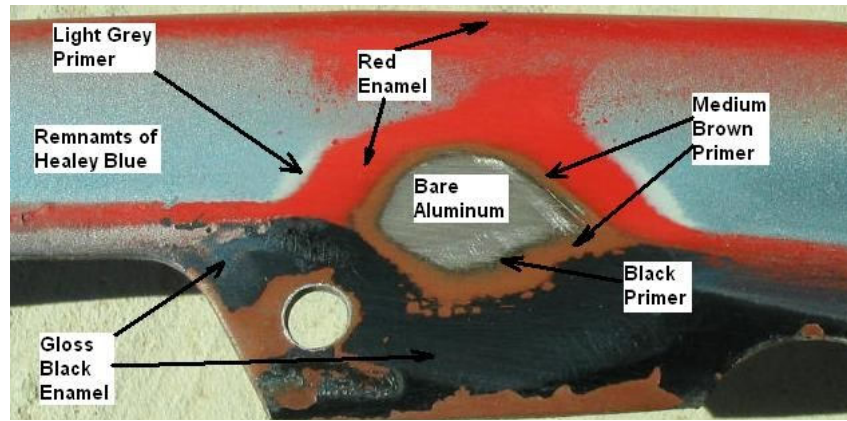


*Close up of of the paint layers on the Dash.*

The next image is from the area of the Dash at the top of where the Instrument Pod is installed.

Of particular note is the gloss black which was the top surface of the Dash under the Instrument Pod.

When Peter Svilans and I first looked at that black we thought it may be a dark blue, but we have concluded that it is definitely black.

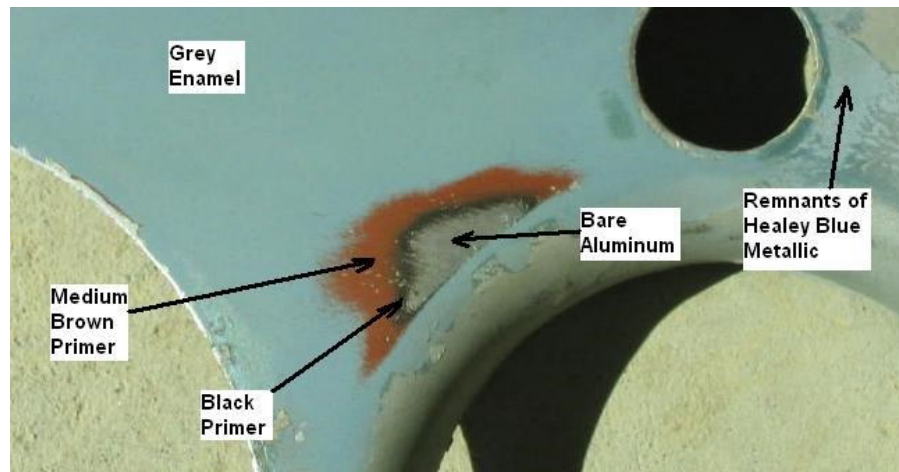


*Paint layers at the Dash to Instrument Pod transition area.*

There is no sign of red under the part of the Dash originally covered by the Instrument Pod or anywhere on the Instrument Pod itself.

The grey on the instrument pod (1st coat on top of the medium brown primer) is very similar, if not identical to the blue/grey (Healey Grey?) that I have concluded was the original colour of this car.

Although most of the original interior was missing from the car some remnants remained and they appear to confirm that the interior was trimmed in dark blue.



*Paint layers on the Instrument Pod*

This one really has me scratching my head as the conclusions that I have come to are completely out of line with what is “accepted” as the usual.

Anyone who hasn't fallen asleep so far and would care to comment your thoughts are very welcome.

**For more information or other Healey topics, please visit Mike's blog:**

**<http://www.netbug.net/blogmichael/>**



## A Flashback Article

Submitted by: Mirek Sharp

Taken From The Toronto Star Monday July 14, 1980

D4/TORONTO STAR, MONDAY, JULY 14, 1980



FRANK ROONEY/TORONTO STAR

**Gasoline alley:** More than 150 aficionados of the classic British sports car — the Austin-Healey — showed up on the weekend to talk cars, swap stories and gossip about their cars, which one fan

said were "prettier than other sports cars. They've got more pizzazz." Austin-Healey owners have been known to get — and refuse — impulsive offers of up to \$10,000 for their machines.

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# Hearts keep pounding for Healeys

By John Munch Toronto Star

They gleamed like thoroughbred colts on Kentucky Derby Day.

They arrived with a throaty exhaust roar, in burnished reds and creams and British Racing Green, with wire wheels and leather upholstery evoking an era 20 years ago, long before Japanese auto makers vowed to take over the world.

More than 150 enthusiasts from across North America chose Toronto this weekend to continue their love affair with one of the classic British sports cars — the Austin-Healey.

## Costly hobby

It was the fifth annual get-together of the Austin-Healey Club of America, the first held outside the United States and the biggest homage yet to this vintage model.

And there to greet everybody at the Inn on the Park was Donald Healey, the British engineer who created the original Healey in the 1940s.

Healey, still sprightly and bright-eyed at 82, confessed he's had nothing to do with motor cars directly since 1968, when he retired to his Cornwall birthplace.

"I'd forgotten the cars until seeing them here and recently in Europe. The thing that is most pleasing to me is that I never thought I would make so many friends in life through this sports car."

Healey, who flew into Toronto Friday night with his son, Geoffrey, had come from similar Austin-Healey get-togethers in Germany, Switzerland and Austria. "The Germans probably spend more on refurbishing their Healeys than anyone else. They're ready to pay out \$20,000 for someone to reconstruct their cars. It's even more than in the U.S."

## Prettiest sports car

Not that anyone could accuse the enthusiasts gathered in Toronto of treating their Healeys with anything less than the passion lavished on a mistress.

"They're prettier than other sports cars. They've got more pizzazz and others don't have their classic lines," said Tom Busch, president of the Austin-Healey Club of America.

And he should know. He's had seven of the lithe, long-nosed machines. The latest acquisition is a 1961 model that he bought last Christmas for \$5,100 (U.S.).

But the Healey isn't the kind of car you drive to work daily. So Busch, a 32-year-old engineering parts salesman from Fort Wayne, Ind., has a

1980 Oldsmobile Toronado. He also has a 1934 Auburn.

Austin-Healeys, defined as "collectibles," fetch up to \$8,000 in the specialized used car market. "Someone offered \$10,000 for a friend's Healey on the hotel parking lot. But she said 'No,'" Busch told The Star.

One Toronto enthusiast says he's refused a \$13,000 offer for his Healey, which he's raced at Mosport, Harewood and Watkin's Glen.

But Healey freaks are not in it for the profit. Most admit they're indulging extended childhood fantasies and their highly-polished machines are extremely sophisticated and lovable toys.

"I've been into boats, and aircraft and I love cars too," said Robin Sloan, who only had to drive from Willowdale for the Healey bash.

## Healey popular

Sloan, who had his 1959 Austin-Healey renovated after buying it two years ago, also has "Mgs, Porsches and a Jaguar. I rent 16,000 square feet at an industrial unit to keep them."

Mike Jaycock, of the Hamilton Austin-Healey Club, which organized the get-together, says there are 800 to 900 of the cars in Canada that "we

know of and there could be three or four times that number in fact.

"When this got under way we got calls from people in London, and Windsor who'd seen the cars and wanted to know where they could see the Healeys. This car has that kind of effect."

More than 73,000 were produced in Britain and 80 per cent were exported to North America, most to California.

## Auto romance

Convoys of Healeys came from as far as Dallas, Tex., as well as Ohio, Missouri, Connecticut and throughout New York state for the Metro gathering.

Dave Gibson, a Transport Canada flight service specialist, came from Yellowknife in the North West Territories. But he didn't drive all the way. "I picked up my Healey at my father's place in Winnipeg. The only thing was when I got here the electrics burned out," he said as he tinkered anxiously with a wholesale re-wiring repair job.

Sometimes in the pursuit of auto romance you have to suffer.

But originator Donald Healey doesn't drive a Healey any more.

"I have a Mini. The Healey's a bit awkward to get into when you're my age."



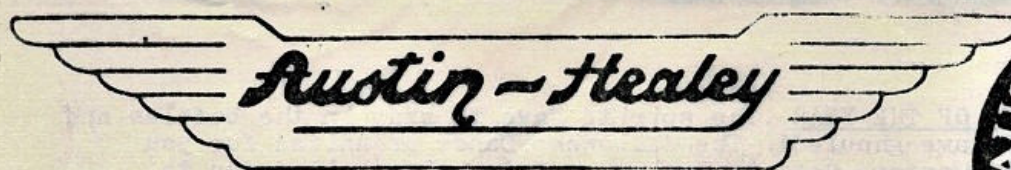
FRANK ROONEY/TORONTO STAR

**Bug-eyed monster:** Linda Hurst (left) and Dave Daniels came to Metro from Columbus, Ohio, in their Sprite to join other North American Austin-Healey owners for their weekend get-together, the first held outside the United States.



## From the Archives—A Look Back at the Club's Newsletters

Submitted by: Mirek Sharp



AUSTIN-HEALEY CLUB OF SOUTHERN ONTARIO

NOVEMBER 1978

**OCTOBER MEETING:** The Austin-Healey Club Auction was a record breaking event from every angle. The club treasury netted a total of \$235.03 from the days events. When the auction itself was getting underway, the head count was 250 people. Wow, what a turn out! We obtained 9 new members and numerous other inquiries to boot. It was nice to see so many members involved in the preparation of the days activities. How can we begin to thank Mike Jaycock, our gifted auctioneer, for his contributions and hard work towards the auction. Mike was also responsible for the extensive publicity for the event. Thanks to Sandra Jaycock for making coffee and doughnuts available to us all afternoon, and to Carol Simpson for selling \$42.00 in tickets for the motor oil raffle. British-Leyland was a great help, and offers a good deal of encouragement for the possibility of making this an annual event. They donated the property, private parking, washrooms, electricity, and numerous gifts to be auctioned off to the benefit of the club. Also donated by British-Leyland were two lovely plaques which were given as prizes. One, for Best Healey, won by Jim Kerr, who drove his Silver-Grey '65 Healey, and the other for Best Sports Car Other Than A Healey, won by Ron Feraldo for his sexy red MGA. Here's hoping our club has gained more than financial benefit from our Auction. I can't see how a super event like this one could help but strengthen our ranks.

Lynn Chrysler

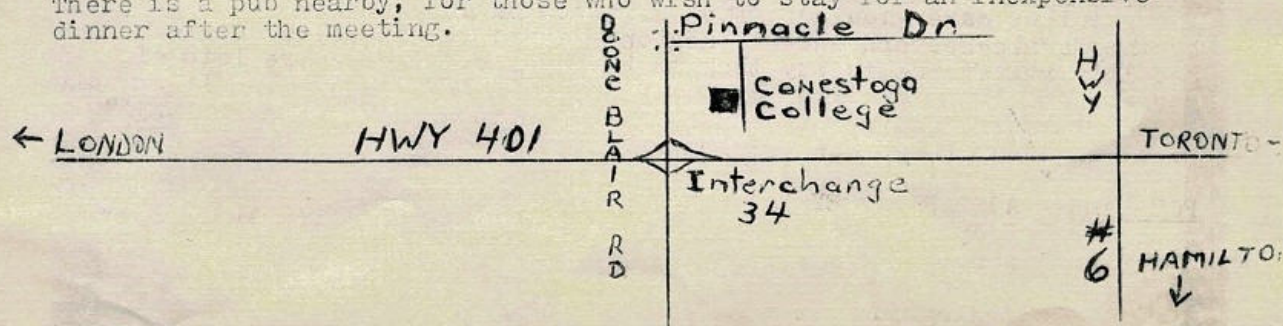
**NOVEMBER MEETING:** Date: Nov. 26  
Time: 2 p.m.  
Place: Conestoga College-signs will be posted to guide you to the correst room.

This will be a general discussion meeting. Its aims-to determine the leadership, goals and needs of the club. It is to your advantage to attend! This is your chance to voice your opinions. We want to know what the club can do for you and we need your contributions. Please, set this date aside on your calendar! This may be the most important meeting of the year.

### AGENDA

1. Negotiate officers' positions and responsibilities.....
2. Discuss programming of events.....
3. Discuss aims of the club.....

There is a pub nearby, for those who wish to stay for an inexpensive dinner after the meeting.



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THE NON EVENT OF THE YEAR The spirits have to stay in the bottles and the ghoulies have ghouled! The Halloween Dance organized for you by the Sarnia-Western Ontario Region, had to be cancelled due to people's reluctance to buy tickets in advance. There were lots of promises but you can't rent rooms and set up bars on promises!! Nobody is more disappointed than the organizers Ray (Good news Man) Scott and John (Wagonmaster) Lomax.

FOR SALE AUSTIN-HEALEY 3000 - 1965  
Body very good condition - new 20 gauge galvanized rocker panels.  
Interior completely redone.  
Brakes just redone  
New top.

PLUS: a wrecked '55 for parts  
Call John Lerowe - 659-7342

FOR SALE AUSTIN-HEALEY BUGEYE SPRITE - 1960 - Price \$1350. no safety Engine 1098 - 5,000 miles - Transmission excellent - soft top - Tonneau cover - new tires all round - 1 Weber DCOE 40 - color red - Really good shape - lots of spare parts - call Jay Saslove, before 8 in the morning at 527-0679

CAR PARTS FOR SALE John Vollmer, 2520 Barton St. E. Apt 615, Hamilton  
Call 561-6188

One of each: Put-it-together transmission \$25., complete exhaust system \$5., cracked windshield \$5., left front fender-excellent cond. \$10., left door-roadster style \$5., front chrome bumper \$5., rear chrome bumper \$5., trunk lid \$5., AM radio-6 or 12 volt \$20., differential \$25., head light housing and ring \$2., fuel gauge \$2., tail light ring-cracked \$.50, lower half tail light lense #1., voltage regulator \$2., speedo-mechanical type \$5., starter solenoid \$2., key ignition and starter switch complete with key \$1., heater core \$5., blower motor \$10., leather steering wheel \$2., clutch pressure plate-needs work \$2., clutch plate \$2., generator \$5.00

To the Toronto member, whom I met at the MG T Register meet in Cambridge, who needs reflector lights for a '58 or '59 Healey--please contact David Simpson, 637-8760. I have them!!

For those who enjoy Mork and Mindy on TV Thursday nights, there is good reason you may not be aware of: Mork from Ork (Robin Williams) drives a 1959 Austin-Healey.



## Items For Sale

Be sure to keep an eye on the "For Sale" page at [www.ahcso.ca](http://www.ahcso.ca) too!

### New Healey Book on the

After more than ten years of working on it, I finally got it out there. It's not polished, but I suppose that is all part of its charm. It has been a huge expense and I am unlikely to recover the costs, but putting down some of my experiences in a book has been a long standing ambition of mine, and which will hopefully encourage other Healey owners to have a go. How would it be best to get the ad to your members? Would it possible to mention it in on your webpage? The book went online a couple of days ago and can be purchased at Amazon etc.

Please bear with the printers as they are just gearing up the supply chain.

"A great fun read" – *Robert Coucher INTERNATIONAL EDITOR – Octane Magazine*

"... if you've ever wondered about where the time goes on such events as the Alpine Rally, Mille Miglia, Targa Florio and more....here's your answer." – *Books Review Issue 210 December 2020 – Octane Magazine.*



A light-hearted, easy afternoon read, to encourage classic car owners to take part in those retrospective historic rallies in Europe, which most closely reflect the notorious International Rallies and Road Races that took place in the mid-1950's. This book gives the reader an insight into what might be expected of new entrants, how the original rallies and modern day events compare, some initial guidance on rally preparation and describes one or two adventures the author had when competing in his Austin Healey 100M and Ferrari 330GT. To capture the spirit of those rally books written in period, this book has illustrations to match the era and will be a fun addition to any classic car owner's library.

AVAILABLE ON AMAZON, WATERSTONES, BARNES AND NOBLE, Foyles, BLACKWELLS AND MANY OTHER ONLINE RETAILERS

### 1959 Austin Healey Bugeye Sprite



This one-of-a-kind Bugeye has gone through a no-expense spared, nut & bolt restoration. Completed in 2013 and only driven 800 miles since completion.

Several upgrades were done during the process. This Bugeye now sports a 1275cc engine and a 5-speed Datsun gearbox. It comes with a new tonneau, soft-top and hard-top.

Please contact Autofarm Ltd to set up a viewing appointment and learn more about this exceptional Bugeye. [healeyparts@autofarm.net](mailto:healeyparts@autofarm.net) or 519-356-2427

### 1965 Jaguar E-Type Series 1 4.2 Litre Roadster



A car this special doesn't come along every day! The second owner of this Jaguar is ready for it to find a new home. With the exception of new paint in 1987 (re-painted the original colour), this beautiful example of a Jag is all original. It is rust-free and all numbers match.

There are 54,000 miles showing on the odometer and it is accident and damage-free. The car has been very well maintained and sports a stainless steel exhaust and new clutch. The original tool kit and jack as well as a never-used spare wheel are included.

This excellent vehicle drives and shows very well.

Asking Price: \$150,000.00

Contact Autofarm for an appointment to view.

[healeyparts@autofarm.net](mailto:healeyparts@autofarm.net) or 519-356-2427



## *Luggage Rack for BN4-BJ8*



Luggage rack for BN4 through BJ8 for sale. Moss Part Number 644-730.

Moss Price is \$439.99 USD

Asking \$325.00 CDN.

Contact Gary Stokx at (705) 738-4851 or

[gwstokx@nexicom.net](mailto:gwstokx@nexicom.net).

## *Badge Bar for BN4-BJ8*



New badge bar for 100/6 & 3000

Asking \$150.00

Contact: Mal Bruce

289 242 0485 or [malcolmbruce11@gmail.com](mailto:malcolmbruce11@gmail.com)

## *Luggage Rack & Vintage Competition Seat Belt*



Reproduction of the original factory optional rack. (Does not have the original hardware and is secured directly to the trunk with the hardware provided).

Very good condition, no rust.

Asking \$220 CDN.

Vintage Competition Seat belt (driver).

Good Condition. Asking \$100 CDN.

Please contact Jeremy Clarke

[intlclarke@hotmail.com](mailto:intlclarke@hotmail.com)

## *Miscellaneous Parts*



Two chrome roll bars that are ~15inches high for sale. Asking \$50 for the pair and can be picked up in Guelph.

A set of 1 1/8 inch SU carbs, manifold and heat shield for sale. Asking \$400 for everything OBO. Can be picked up in Guelph.

Head for 948 for sale and asking \$100 OBO for it. Can be picked up in Guelph. It is complete to the best of my knowledge.

For any of these items, please contact: Bud Hepburn – phone or text 416-949-2778, or [rdhepburn@yahoo.ca](mailto:rdhepburn@yahoo.ca)



## Healey Pic of the Month:



*The Previous Yule BJ8*

## Austin Healey Club of Southern Ontario

**Monthly Club Meetings: (Being held virtually)**  
**2nd Wednesday of each month**

**Meeting Time: 7:30PM**

**Where: Via Zoom in the comfort of your own home**

**\*\*Stay tuned for the return of 'real' pub nights!**

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We dedicate ourselves to the **PRESERVATION** of the marque through continued use, **MUTUAL ENJOYMENT** and **SUSTAINED** support.

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

## *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!!)*

Happy New Year!

The first month of the new year is already at the end and while the world continues to be caught up in the virus, life still has a way of moving on doesn't it?

At our house we're knee deep in online school for our younger 2 students. Have you ever lamented that the math they taught us in school was something we'd never use again?? Well, let me tell you, I'm using that math again!! Youtube and Google have been very helpful in the refreshing I've had to do!

Has anyone been tinkering away in their garages now that winter has really set

in? I have seen some posts on our club Facebook page, which is nice to see!

This month's newsletter has a few reminders of the days gone by. I feel that in the times we're living in right now, where you may feel as if you're missing out on the things you love due to the lock-downs, it's a good thing to reflect back on the happier days and remember the good times! I've included an article shared by Mirek Sharp as well as an interesting newsletter from 1978!

Also in this edition I've transcribed an article written by Michael Salter from his blog (with permission of course!). This particular article is interesting for us

here at Autofarm because we are currently restoring 2 earlier cars and it's always interesting to learn something new! Be sure to check out Mike's blog page if you're looking for some great Healey information!

The club's website is a great source of information as well! Be sure to check out the "For Sale" pages that Steve puts together via input from the membership. I've squeezed as much as I could into the newsletter as well, all from the website.

Be sure to check out the next Zoom Pub Night on February 10! Staying connected is especially important during these difficult times so why not drop in and say hi and get your monthly dose of all things Healey!

Until next month, stay safe & take care!

*We're avid car collectors here...the little ones that is! We have a special "British" Collection that we recently added this gem to!*



*Amanda*