



The Resonator

A Word from Our President:



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Here it comes, Sunday May 9th! HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! And now because I have done my civic duty by making this proclamation, peace will rain upon my house.

Let's talk Austin Healey. Our last club zoom meeting was terrific. 33 members attended which is our highest yet. We had an awesome discussion about car maintenance and many questions about the best engine oils/ZDDP/ethanol in motor fuels etc. A big thank you to Michael Salter for leading the discussion, the slide show and his knowledge.

Our next meeting (May 12th, 7:30 pm) will have another great topic and a highly qualified discussion leader. Don't miss it!

If you have been joining in on these meetings, thanks. If you have some club pals who haven't joined a meeting, call 'em up and wake 'em up. They really are missing out.

In this issue we will once again have some member submissions. These are great. Keep sending and sharing your Healey stuff! It is much appreciated.

Later in this Resonator issue I will give you some info about a big

event in July; the Mad Dogs and Englishmen British Car Show in lower Michigan, held on Sunday July 11th. Of course, Covid may prevent anyone from attending, but let's get it on the radar.

Alright, one last thing before I sign out for now, if you have not got your Healey out and blown away the winter dust, maybe the first thing you should do is get yourself out and shake away those cobwebs.

Then, get that Healey ready to run. Hopefully, you will be able to enjoy the open roads soon. BE READY!



Mike

Mike's 1st Drive of 2021

Events & Activities—AHCSO & Of Interest

- AHCSO - Zoom Pub Meeting: Wednesday May 12, 7:30pm
- Conclave 2021—May 16-21, 2020, Big Bear Lake, CA
- Healey Summit—September 19-23, Newport RI
- Southeastern Classic XXXIV—Oct 21-24, Safety Harbor, FL
- ENCLAVE 2022—September 18-23 Pocono Mountains, PA

In Memorium

Sadly, we have learned of the passing of our fellow member, Colin Delacourt Watson. Colin passed comfortably on April 5th at their home in Florida. Colin was 80 years old. Our thoughts and condolences go to his wife Barbara and their family.



Colin in 1963 in his first Healey, a 1962 Sprite



Colin's much loved BN6 and his 1969 Morgan

May “Virtual Pub”

WEDNESDAY

MAY 12, 2021

@ 7:30PM

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

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



Check your emails for a

“ZOOM HOW-TO”

Instruction sheet from Mike!

COME CHECK IT OUT!

A series of articles submitted by Mike McNeely: Chapter 1

‘The Cars and Boats that Donald Built, Little Nuggets, Nuts and Bolts’

In the last issue I promised an article about ‘The Cars and Boats that Donald Built’. That happened because I was looking for something to do to keep me amused during the joy of Covid. The plan evolved after a fair bit of internet research. I am learning a lot about the great life of Donald Healey, his enthusiasm, his achievements and amazing entrepreneurial spirit. Oh, including many incredible cars.

As a result, the article is becoming a ‘series’ that I hope will entertain you and give you pause to reflect on this really great guy who lived life to the fullest.

Following is the first chapter where I learned about the early life of Donald Healey. For the record, this first installment is taken from an on-line story titled Donald Healey, found on Wikipedia. You can easily find this on the internet and do much further research of your own. There are many links that will help you dig into the history of Austin Healeys.

I suppose that as you begin reading through this article you may come to know that it seems Donald was obsessed with vehicles and speed. Also, he may not have been a great airplane pilot as evidenced by his several crashes. Perhaps that persuaded him to take up automobiles and racing where he excelled!

Read on and learn. Here is the first chapter- **‘Young Donald Healey’**

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'The Cars and Boats that Donald Built, Little Nuggets, Nuts and Bolts'

Donald Mitchell Healey

Born	3 July 1898 Perranporth, Cornwall, England
Died	15 January 1988 (aged 89) Duchy Hospital, Truro, Cornwall
Education	Newquay College, Cornwall
Occupation	Car designer, rally driver
Organization	Triumph Motor Co Donald Healey Motor Co Healey Automotive Consultants
Known for	Car designs
Notable work	Winner Monte Carlo Rally 1931
Spouse(s)	Ivy Maud James
Children	Geoffrey, Brian, John
Parent(s)	Emma and John Frederick Healey
Relatives	brother



Donald Mitchell Healey CBE (3 July 1898 – 15 January 1988^[1]) was a noted English car designer, rally driver and speed record holder

Early Life

Born in Perranporth, Cornwall, elder son of Frederick (John Frederick) and Emma Healey (née Mitchell) who at that time ran a general store there, Donald Healey became interested in all things mechanical at an early age, most particularly aircraft. He studied engineering while at Newquay College.^[2] When he left his father bought him an expensive^[3] apprenticeship with Sopwith Aviation Company in Kingston Upon Thames, Surrey and he joined Sopwith in 1914^[4] continuing his engineering studies at Kingston Technical College. Sopwith had sheds at the near-by Brooklands aerodrome and racing circuit. Barely 16 when WW1 started, he volunteered in 1916 (before the end of his apprenticeship^[3]) for the Royal Flying Corps (RFC) and earned his "wings" as a pilot. He went on night bombing raids and served on anti-Zeppelin patrols and also as a flying instructor. Shot down by British anti-aircraft fire on one of the first night bomber missions of the war, after a further series of crashes he was invalided out of the RFC in November 1917^[4] and spent the rest of the war checking aircraft components for the Air Ministry. After the Armistice he returned to Cornwall, took a correspondence course in automobile engineering and opened the first garage in Perranporth in 1920.^[2]

Donald Healey married Ivy Maud James (she died in 1980) on 21 October 1921 and they had three sons.

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Triumph

Triumph Dolomite

Healey found rally driving and motor racing more interesting than his garage and its car hire business and used the garage to prepare cars for competition. He first entered the Monte Carlo Rally in 1929 driving a Triumph 7 but in 1931 Donald Healey won the Monte Carlo Rally driving a 4½-litre Invicta^[5] and was 2nd overall the next year. Now in demand as a competition driver he sold the garage business, moved to the Midlands to work for Riley but soon moved to the Triumph Motor Company as experimental manager. The next year he was made technical director and responsible for the design of all Triumph cars. He created the Triumph Southern Cross and then the Triumph Dolomite 8 straight-eight sports car in 1935 following his class win, and 3rd overall, in the 1934 Monte Carlo Rally in a Triumph Gloria of his own design^[2]—the previous year a train demolished their Dolomite on a foggy level crossing miraculously saving Healey and his co-driver.^[4] Triumph went into liquidation in 1939 but Healey remained on the premises as works manager for H M Hobson making aircraft engine carburettors for the Ministry of Supply. Later in the war he worked with Humber on armoured cars.^[2] Donald Healey was keen to begin making his own cars, planning post-war sports cars with colleague and chassis specialist Achille Sapietro.^[4]



The 1931 Monte Carlo Winner!

INVICTA, S TYPE 'LOW CHASSIS' 4.5 LTR

Chassis S48, registered PL 3188

Taken from: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Donald_Healey

NEXT RESONATOR- LOOK FOR CHAPTER 2- Donald Healey Motor Company

Globe & Mail Business Section Article—March 31, 2021

Submitted by: Chris Sainthill

Investing in real assets isn't t

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OPINION



INSIDE THE MARKET

One sure sign inflation is back in the spotlight is the flurry of new pitches for investing in “real” assets ranging from vacation homes to vintage cars.

It is easy to see why so many people find this strategy compelling. Bonds and stocks are boring things. Beach houses, vintage cars, fine wine, diamonds and art are not.

Real assets can look particularly attractive right now, when payoffs from more typical investments are low and many people are fretting about a possible return of inflationary pressures. If you can earn as much buying a vintage Bugatti as you can investing in a Government of Canada bond – which is to say, next to nothing – why not go for the classic sports car?

Maybe because things are rarely as simple as they look. When you receive an invitation to invest in real assets – and you will – read it with skeptical eyes.

Consider a new Bank of America report that lists five reasons to diversify into real assets. Those reasons, put forward by chief investment strategist Michael Hartnett, are: 1) real assets are unusually cheap in comparison with financial assets; 2) real assets act as an inflation hedge; 3) real assets diversify portfolios; 4) real assets are “underowned”; and 5) real assets are scarce and more valuable



A man in Paris inspects Mercedes-Benz vintage cars, may seem appealing right

in the coming digital-currency era.

All these rationales sound somewhat credible. To his credit, Mr. Hartnett has compiled a library of fascinating charts, especially when it comes to his first point. By his reckoning, the long-run price of real assets (real estate, commodities and collectibles) is at its lowest point relative to financial assets (stocks and bonds) since 1925.

But is his argument quite as strong as it appears? Another way to say the same thing is that financial assets have performed better than real assets for nearly a century. That is the major reason why real assets now look so cheap compared with stocks and bonds.

Maybe this long-run trend will now reverse. Investors, though,

he solid bet some suggest



z cars at an auction in 2019. While investing in real assets, such as
ht now, long-term trends aren't in their favour. CHARLES PLATIAU/REUTERS

should be aware of the risks that go along with betting against a long-term trend. You may be lucky enough to catch a turning point. Chances are you won't.

Investors who are tempted by Mr. Hartnett's logic should also consult a 2018 analysis by Elroy Dimson and fellow researchers in the annual *Global Investment Returns Yearbook* published by Credit Suisse. Prof. Dimson, of the London Business School, and his associates looked at the long-run performance of "passion investments" such as rare books, classic cars, jewellery, violins, art, wine and stamps.

Their conclusion? Over 118 years, "the average collectible rose 30-fold in terms of purchasing power." That sounds encouraging. But hold on: "This is

equivalent to an annualized price appreciation of 2.9 per cent."

How attractive that is depends on your baseline for comparison. The returns on passion investments fell far short of the return on a global stock portfolio (5.2 per cent a year) over the same period. They also varied. Art, for instance, went up in value by only 1.9 per cent a year while wine enjoyed annualized price gains of 3.7 per cent.

Real estate suffers from some of the same issues, according to Prof. Dimson's team. Its after-inflation returns in a range of developed countries from 1900 to 2017 look surprisingly mundane. Moreover, the real returns varied hugely among countries, ranging from a low of 0.3 per cent a year in the United States to 2.2 per cent in Australia. The returns within each

country also spanned a wide spectrum, with prices in some cities booming while others withered.

This raises an important caveat: While historical returns on some real estate and some classes of collectibles may look appealing, most investors don't hold a diversified portfolio of those assets. Rather than betting on real estate, vintage cars, art or wine in general, they typically invest in one house, one car, a few artists, or a limited selection of the world's great wineries.

There is no guarantee the return on those focused collections will match the return on the overall asset class. Right now, for instance, it is difficult to argue that Canadian real estate looks cheap.

On top of that, most indexes that track the selling prices of passion investments don't include holding costs or transaction costs. Those range from insurance and storage fees for collectibles such as cars and wine to selling commissions on art.

Many high-end art galleries, for instance, charge a 40-per-cent commission. Buy a painting for \$10,000 and you have a work of art that is now worth \$6,000 to a new buyer. In time, its value may grow past its purchase price, but it has to grow by a lot to offset transaction fees.

Perhaps the strongest part of Mr. Hartnett's thesis is his contention that the yields on real estate investment trusts (REITs) and some infrastructure (think pipelines) now look attractive compared with those on stocks in general. By all means, that is a discrepancy worth exploring. But don't see it as a reason to load up on real assets in general.

Beauty In BC

Submitted by: Pauline & Rick Thomas



MAD DOGS & ENGLISHMEN 30TH BRITISH AUTO FAIRE**Submitted by: Mike McNeely**

A few days ago I received an email from the organizers of this event. Since the featured marque is Austin Healey and the location is within driving distance, it seemed to me that some of our members might be interested. This is a couple of hours west of Detroit, MI. on July 10-11th.

Of course the Covid issue may still be a problem at that time, although there is a chance that most restrictions and cautions may be lifted. Who can predict?

Nonetheless, if you are interested, why not send me an email and I will see if a group of members would like to connect for this event.

I will also forward the email I received to all of you.

DETAILS

Join us as we celebrate our 30th Anniversary, with over 350 motor cars and motorcycles in attendance. 80 awards in 30 categories.

Saturday July 10—30th Anniversary Rally

A fun afternoon of driving, completing tasks and searching for your next destination. Meet at 11:00 at DeNooyer Jaguar for the driver's meeting and start of the rally. The day concludes with a dinner. (Pre-registration appreciated by July 5.)

Sunday July 11 On-site registration 8 am—Noon

Car Games on the oval track, Valve Cover Racing, British Tea in the afternoon.

Access to the Museum Grounds, Parts Vendors and Cars for Sale.

Voting in 30 categories. T-shirts, hats for sale. All British Cars, trucks and motorcycles welcome.

Pre-registration is encouraged. Registration also available at the gate on show day.

Registration form on the website at www.maddogsandenglishmen.org or call 269 344 5555 for more information. email- britishcars@maddogsandenglishmen.org

This year the Featured Marque celebrates Everything Healey - a Tribute to Donald Healey. The early Healeys—Nash Healeys—Jensen Healeys—the Big Healeys—Austin Healeys—Austin Healey Sprites

Special Guest author Bill Emerson will be at the show on Sunday, with a talk and stories at 10:00 and 2:00. He has written several books on Austin Healeys and has produced Healey DVDs. He was a personal friend and associate of Donald Healey. Stop and chat with Mr. Emerson—he will also be available to autograph his books

Press Release

Provided by: Jean Caron

PRESS RELEASE:

AHCUSA COLLABORATING WITH ROGER MOMENT FOR NEW BOOK ON RESTORING AND REPAIRING HEALEYS

The Austin-Healey Club USA, in collaboration with well-known restoration expert, author, and Concours Registry founding member Roger Moment, is pleased to announce that a book containing a compendium of articles written by him that have appeared over many decades in the AHCUSA magazine is now in the works. It will contain Roger's 37-part restoration series covering topics on restoration, repair, and maintenance of the Big Healeys, now with almost 100% color photos. In addition, there will be many other technical articles written by him that were not part of this series, plus a number of new ones covering topics not found in other publications. This book, with approximately 375 pages and over 500 color photos, aims to assist the home restorer and those who maintain their cars themselves. It will be the perfect companion to your tool box while your car is under restoration or in for maintenance.

Knowing the popularity of the previously published Restoration Guide by Roger Moment and Gary Anderson and its sales on the second market, the Austin-Healey Club USA wants to ensure that this book is made widely available to Austin-Healey owners.

As of this news release, the launch of the book is anticipated in late fall 2021. For more news about it, follow its development in upcoming issues of the Austin-Healey Magazine. In order to obtain an estimate of interest for this book and help in planning for publication, we ask that you please send an email to yelaeh@outlook.com should you have an interest in purchasing a copy.

Jean Caron
Membership Director, AHCUSA



Time for Some Fun with Headlines

By: Mike McNeely

Not sure when or in which newspaper, but these little gems were really printed.

“Killer Sentenced to Die for Second Time in 10 Years”

“Juvenile Court to Try Shooting Defendant”

“Statistics Show Teen Pregnancy Drops Off Significantly After Age 25”

“Volunteers Search for Old Civil War Planes”

“Two Convicts Evade Noose-Jury Hung”

And lastly, here is a good reason to avoid family gatherings:

“Students Cook and Serve Grandparents”



Are you talkin' about me?

Items For Sale

Be sure to keep an eye on the "For Sale" page at 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.*



1960 Austin Healey Bugeye BT7



RED & READY TO GO!!

Restored in the late 80's, this Healey is still a real head-turner. Bright chrome, restored factory hardtop (with a portable storage stand), original tool kit & jack, this one is ready to be enjoyed.

Please contact Autofarm Ltd to set up a viewing appointment.
healeyparts@autofarm.net or 519-356-2427

Miscellaneous Parts



100/4 louvered bonnet: \$500
 100/4 Grille & Surround \$120
 Late BJ8 Rear shocks: \$200
 BJ7/8 Windscreen Glass
 Contact:
 John Barron
eddog@sympatico.ca

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

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

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

Austin Healey Club of Southern Ontario

Monthly Club Meetings: (Being held virtually for now)
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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the preservation of
the marque
through continued use,
mutual enjoyment and
sustained support.***

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John Bridgeman's 1st drive of 2021



Chris Sainthill ready to roll this Spring!