



The Resonator

A Word from Our President:



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Well, part of our 2021 Healey dream has been realized. Yup, GREAT WEATHER! So, I have made my decision, even with the myriad of cautionary Covid 19 orders, cancelled safety orders, new safety orders ad infinitum from the Ontario 'leadership' (term used cautiously-remember, animals in the wild do not select the dumb ones to be in charge) I AM DRIVING MY AUSTIN HEALEY! Yeah Baby!

Well, enough sarcasm. But realistically I see no reason why we cannot drive our cars, just follow the logical rules-mask-up, 2 meters apart and as Shania Twain says, "Don't Be Stupid". Let's enjoy our hobby. No more hiding in your hovel.

Events people, please find or create something members and their cars can do together. For example, how about a rally where cars depart every 10 minutes and arrive no sooner than 5 minutes before departure!?

WHAT ELSE IS NEW! Zoom-a-doom-doom, last month's meeting was a BOOM! Quite a



few members sent in ideas and comments. That is great. Laurie Wilford did an awesome presentation about long haul travel in a Healey. There were great questions and discussion. My dinner and beverages were great, compliments to the proprietor! Rob Booth, David Parker and others have sent in suggested topics for future meetings and we will get them done. Thank you, gentlemen.

MEMBERSHIP. It is great to report our membership holds strong at 125 people. We will have a few new guidelines going into next year. For example, you cannot pay 4 or 5 months late and still expect member benefits. That is not fair to those who pay on time. And frankly, if you have not paid by now, we are sorry to see you go.

Some old and future stuff of importance. British Car Day at Bronte has been cancelled once again. Ancaster British Car Show & Flea Market was cancelled. But **ROCKTON** British Car Show & Flea Market

might still happen in October. No promises, just stay tuned.

WHAT ELSE IS IN THIS ISSUE? Glad you asked! You might find some funny stuff.

The Cars That Donald Built will continue with the next Chapter.

There might be an instant cash prize challenge.....

Mike's Folly: Read the fine print!

There will be contributed articles from our members at large.

So, for now I'm finished. See you later in this issue. Have a great read.

Finally, let me end with this:

Last one out.....please unplug the earth!

Mike



GORGEOUS!



UNIQUE CUSTOM!

Events & Activities—AHCSO & Of Interest

- AHCSO - Zoom Pub Meeting: Wednesday May 9, 7:30pm
- July 10 & 11: Mad Dogs & Englishmen, Detroit MI
- Healey Summit—
September 19-23, Newport RI
- Southeastern Classic XXXIV—
Oct 21-24, Safety Harbor, FL
- ENCLAVE 2022—September 18-23



Mike asks: WHAT MODEL IS THIS CAR?

A Few More Words from Mike:

OOPS! Almost slipped up. Another big reminder. Father's Day is coming right up on Sunday June 20th. Are you ready for it? Would you like some great gift suggestions? Why not? How about.....

-A 75- inch flat screen TV tuned to the Austin Healey Channel (yes, there is one)
<https://www.austinhealeychannel.com/>

-A day at the man-spa, i.e. bar, golf, ball game, pool hall, you get it!

-Real 'MEAT' for dinner! Real meat defined; T-bone, Porterhouse, Rib-eye. Go big.

-Wash and polish his car. Detail the wheels. Uhh, gas it up?

-BEST IDEA OF ALL- get the whole family to spend the day with him. Dads love it.



A father is neither an anchor
to hold us back
nor a sail to take us there,
but a guiding light
whose love shows us the way.

Unknown

June “Virtual Pub”

WEDNESDAY

JUNE 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!

Santa’s Secret Stash!!

Submitted by Ron & Rosemary Redshaw

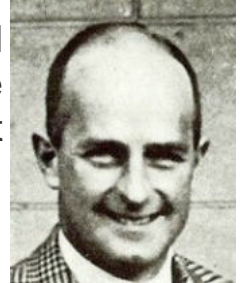


Ron sent this image to me a bit ago and I realized I hadn't shared it! They very wisely use their Bugeye as the secret hiding spot for all their grandchildren's Christmas gifts! Smart idea—so long as the kids don't want to sit in Grandpa Ron's car!!

'The Cars and Boats that Donald Built, Little Nuggets, Nuts and Bolts' *A series of articles submitted by Mike McNeely: Chapter 2*

CHAPTER 2 The Donald Healey Motor Company

In 1945, it was time. Donald's dream of building cars was emerging and soon to be realized. Joining with Sampietro and Ben Bowden, The Donald Healey Motor Company was started in a former RAF hanger at Warwick. They built expensive, high quality cars.



The first car was the **Healey Elliot Saloon** powered by a Riley 2443 cc 4 cylinder engine. This car won the 1947 and 1948 Alpine Rallies and the touring class of the 1948 Mille Miglia. Total production was 101 cars built between 1946 to 1950.

At the same time, the **Healey Westland Roadster** was built. Again, with a 2443 cc Riley 4 cylinder engine. In all, 64 Healey Westland Roadsters were constructed. These cars were built from 1946 through 1950.



This moves us on to a unique model, the **Healey Sportsmobile**. This car was not overly popular and only 23 examples were built. Uniquely this was a 4 seater. Again the 2443 cc Riley 4 cylinder engine was used during construction between 1948 and 1950.



Below, another view of the Sportsmobile showing new body lines.



Now we have the **Healey Silverstone** produced from 1949 to 1950. For anyone who cares, this is my favorite Healey. It just has that look and great style!

105 of these cars were produced in two versions. The first 49 were the D Type and followed by the E Type, a slightly broader, roomier model. This was a great handling car ideally suited to road racing. Power is from a Double over head cam 2443 cc Riley 4 cylinder engine developing 104 hp. Other unique features are aluminum frame, spare tire set in rear coachwork as rear bumper, headlights set inside grill to aid streamlining.



Big Healey Heater Valve Leaking Solution

Submitted by: Len Thomas

I have purchased and replaced over a dozen heater shut-off valves on my big 6 cylinder Healeys in the past 50+ years. The last two valves leak right out of the box so there is no need to wait for the leak.

Solution is replacing the valve with a tap style valve found on Sprites, MG midgets, Healey 100s and Morgans. First they are easy to open and close, second they do not leak and third they pass the Laurie Wilford test They are cheap.

Parts Needed: Heater valve, Valve base, fiber washer and gasket.
Which add up to under \$45.00 US.

The base requires a small amount of machining. A course rat tail file and flat file will do.

The holes on the base are 1/32 of an inch too far apart and require being made oblong 1/64 of an inch. The fiber washer and plate will need a small amount of filing to allow the bolt to turn.

I used two lock washers as a spacer under the bolt head to raise it enough to turn freely.

After draining the cooling system, the replacement only took about 30 minutes. One bit of advice, fit of the valve to the head before installing the gasket.



Healey Travelling

Submitted by: Laurie Wilford

How much planning you have to do and how many and what tools and parts you want to take, will depend on the trip length in both time and kilometers, as well as your personal mechanical abilities.

I have been on long trips where the only tools and parts some people took were a cell phone and a credit card! If you have others on the trip with you, this could be OK. You should know that we have been on many long Healey trips, up to 10,000 kilometers, where we had no parts failures. That being said, I strongly suggest, and always carry, a CAA Plus card!

The other essential tool for any group Healey trip is a CB radio! Back in the day, when CBs were the rage, I did not want one. Now I would not be without one in the Healey. They can be a lifesaver as I found during one trip with the Slaters. They can also save the group lots of time and worry, as we have experienced on many occasions. You do not want a hand held unit. Get a good one built in and tested before leaving.

The first thing you have to plan are clothes and suitcases. Most people do not want to store clothes in the boot due to the potential gasoline smell. Diane always takes a pillow with her on our trips. We stored it in a plastic bag in the boot only for the first day on the first trip. I never thought my car had a gas smell in the trunk. Apparently, I was wrong! It went on top of the suitcases after that and the boot is used only for tools, spare parts and shoes.

In four seat 6 cylinder cars, you have around 38" X 18" X 10" for luggage, depending on how far back your driver seat is. We use two small suitcases to fit this area. Soft-sided ones are best, but for a long trip you will have to plan on doing laundry more than once a week. You learn to pack light as some of our Healey trips are longer than a month. There is a fair amount of space behind the seats for extra storage as well.

Trip planning again will depend on time and distance. We have reduced the daily mileage as we became older and wiser. We now plan no more than 500 kilometers per day and on long trips we plan on a maximum of three days driving followed by a day of rest. This gives us some sight-seeing on the way, gives us time for minor repairs and other cars to catch up if needed and reduces overall stress.

While early trips with the Yules and Allisons were planned by maps and phone calls, I have used a program called Microsoft Streets and Trips for the past 15 years. This program is now obsolete since Google maps does a similar job for free. Depending on the number of cars on the trip, we normally make reservations for the whole trip there and back in advance. If we only have a couple of cars together, this is often not required, but we have yet to miss a hotel reservation on any trip. As you travel you will appreciate that our cars really are reliable as long as you maintain them.

The first rule of starting on a trip is to make sure your car has proper maintenance. Last month Mike Salter had a complete maintenance program. While I don't follow that for every trip, I do check basics like tires, brakes, suspension, wheel bearings and engine performance before we leave.

1. The tools you may require are fairly basic for most people. A set of wrenches, sockets, pliers, and screwdrivers plus a piece of fine emery cloth and a points gap tool is a good start. Check your spare tire condition and pressure and make sure you have a good jack – not the original one - and a knock off hammer. A set of points, red rotor and condenser are the most common replacement

Laurie's Healey Travel Advice Continued

parts. If you have Petronix you should pack the parts required to convert back to points.

2. For long trips in a group, it is a good idea to plan extra parts among you so that you don't have to carry duplicates. Some will want to have more than necessary (I am guilty of that and have included a list of my trunk parts. They do not take up as much space as you would think) while others see little need. The most common failure is running out of fuel. Healey gauges are notable for running out at $\frac{1}{4}$ tank, so I always carry a gallon of gas in the trunk. The next most common failure is the fuel pump and that can be cured short term with a hammer to the rear bulkhead and longer term by filing the points with emery cloth. Many people suggest taking a spare fuel pump, but be aware that SU fuel pumps are noted for having points corrode if not used for a long period in storage (back to the emery cloth). The next most common failure is flat tires. So I suggest carrying a spare tube and a small plug-in tire pump. Healey tires are not difficult to change yourself, although if you do, a set of Dunlop tire irons, as originally supplied, is required.

The final suggestion is: Don't worry about breaking down. Plan your first few trips with other Healeys until you feel comfortable with the drives. Enjoy the scenery and the companionship.

2016 BJ8 Spare Parts in Trunk

Gas Filler Tube

Rear Wheel Bearing and seal
Front Wheel Bearings
Front Brake Hose
Clutch/Rear Hose
Oil Pressure Hose
BJ8 Brake Master Rebuild Kit
Clutch Master rebuild
Slave Rebuild Kit
Rear Brake rebuild
Front Caliper Rebuild
U joint
Upper and Lower Rad hoses
Heater Hose
Brake Light Switch
Water Pump

Left Trunk Well

BJ8 Generator
165X15 Tube
Voltage Regulator
HD8 Rebuild Kit
Carb Float
Distributor with Cap and Wires
Rear Wheel Bearing Seal O ring paper

Under Battery

Brake Pads
Exhaust mount

Under Spare

Air Pump
Angle Drive
Starter Solenoid
50 Amp Fuses
Low Volt Wire
Wiper Arm and Blade
Thermostat
Rad Cap
Speedo Cable
Fan Belt
Overdrive 3-4 Switch
Overdrive Solenoid
BJ8 Brake Light Switch
Points Rotor Condenser
Spark Plugs (6)
Throttle Springs and Rod mount
Nuts and Bolts
H-4 Bulb, Lucas PL Bulb
Exhaust manifold gasket
Carb Fuel Line, needle and seat

Rear of Gas Tank

Coil
Brake Fluid
Fuel Pump
Clutch Master Cylinder and rod
Brake lines and unions

Club News—Some Big Shoes Will Need Filling

By: Amanda Yule

Recently the AHCSO Executive was made aware that our Webmaster and Zoom Expert, Steve Hall will not be renewing his membership with the club at the end of this year. He recently made the difficult decision to sell his beautiful BJ8 and as such, will be resigning from the Executive.

Steve's expert skills in all things 'tech' will be sorely missed and we certainly thank him for taking on the Herculean task of our website and bringing it back to life! Not to mention being our "Captain" through all the new tech we've all had to learn over the past year!

So, we're putting the call out now to anyone who may be interested in filling Steve's position on the Executive, beginning in 2022.

If you would like more information on what is involved, please get in touch with Mike McNeely!

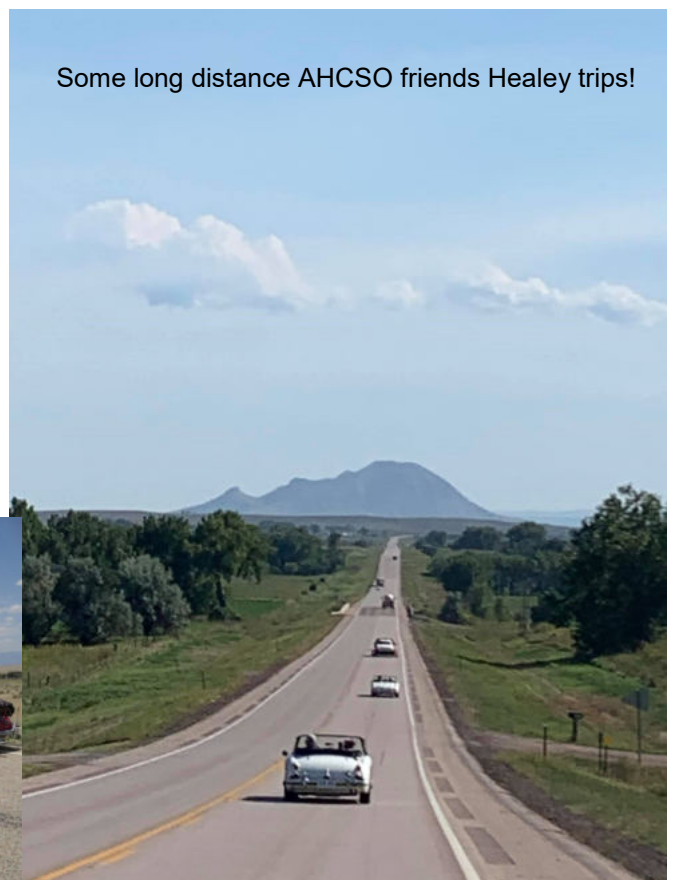
Many, many thanks to Steve for his time in our club. You will be missed!



Laurie & Diane's Healey in Scotland, Eileen Donan Castle



Some long distance AHCSO friends Healey trips!



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 BT7



RED & READY TO GO!!

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

\$58,000.00. Open to reasonable offers.

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

Items For Sale Continued

1967 Austin Healey BJ8—Fully Restored

Having just completed a full nut and bolt restoration in 2018 at Autofarm, this Healey is as close to being a Concours car as you can get without being Concours. Every detail has been meticulously handled with Concours guidelines being followed. No detail has been over-looked.

Full engine, gearbox and overdrive re-build, all original chrome has been re-chromed, a beautiful new interior installed, new wheels and tires. **EVERYTHING** has been done to a high standard on this Healey. The car was stripped down to the chassis, all metal work professionally done and then painted a beautiful dark BRG, this very late production BJ8 is top of the line!

Please contact Autofarm to set-up an appointment to view this Healey with the owner.

Located in Angus, ON

Asking Price: \$97,000.00

Contact: healeyparts@autofarm.net or 519-356-2427



Petronix Flamethrower Distributor

New Flamethrower Electronic Distributor (Moss 143-135) and a spare replacement module (143-118). Slightly used for testing purposes only.

Distributor: \$425 CDN

Spare Module: \$155 CDN

Both together: \$500

Contact: Jeremy Clarke: intlclarke@hotmail.com

1947 MGTC—Coming On the Market Soon

Stay tuned for more info...sneak peak!

Please contact Autofarm Ltd if you're interested in hearing more about this beauty!



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The Healey Duncans. Once again another special story. As you review all of the various early Healey models, you learn the names almost always were a result of combining the Healey chassis with bodywork supplied by a coachbuilding company. This resulted in Healey models named Elliott, Westland, Tickford, Abbott and Duncan.

Only 39 Duncans were built in 1947-48. On the left below is the Healey Duncan Sports Saloon and on the right is the Healey Duncan Drone.

The Sports Saloon featured a two door pillarless design and was well streamlined. Power was provided by the 2443 cc Riley 4 cylinder twin cam engine. Unique to this car was suicide doors and no front or rear bumpers.

The Drone was built to escape British luxury tax of 66% on cars valued over 1000 pounds. It was again a Healey chassis with Riley power. But, to keep costs down came with no passenger seat or spare tyre.



Now, I need a rest. So, the remaining pre-Austin Healey cars will be featured in Chapter 3, to be found in the next issue of the resonator.

Until then go drive your car! By the way, I have not forgotten the boats.

Mike's Folly.

Did you read the fine print? Did you find the question? If you know the answer, the first email I receive at mmcneely@ymail.com will win the \$25.00 prize from our last Zoom meeting!

RECAP

You must email me the exact correct answer. You must be the first to send it to me. Winner will be announced at the next Zoom meeting, June 9th, 7:30 pm.

FYI, this promotion is not available to the Club Executive and the Executive will not tell anyone the correct answer!

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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UNBELIEVABLE! Man opens shed on newly acquired property and discovers a mint condition sheet of plywood



A "Funny" from Mike

And to accompany Tom's "funny", let me introduce you to the 'newest' Healey in our stable! Our 2-seater BN7.

We were fortunate enough to be able to purchase this beauty from a club member who needed to find a new home for it.

While it's going to need a restoration at some point, we're very close to getting it on the road to enjoy this summer!

Now we can keep up with the big Healeys, at least until the Bugeye is done!

Amanda



And a "Funny" from Tom