



The Resonator

A Word from Our President:



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Let's start with happy Canada Day and for our southern friends, Happy Independence Day to you. It's hard to believe it is already July. And finally, it looks like Covid 19 is starting to take a back seat. We all hope so.

Since last month I have been doing a little AH work. My BJ8 is now sporting a very good-looking Aston type Fuel Cap. The ignition switch has been properly tightened (no longer spins), the mesh speaker grill in the console has been replaced, the tear in the back seat upholstery has been corrected and my final planned repair is to properly re-install the furlflex door seal with retaining clips so it will no longer fall off! Look out local roads, here I come!

What about you? Have you been hitting the road in your Healey? There are now a lot of things you can do. Most restrictions are lifted or at least reduced. Restaurant patios are waiting for you.

For the record, our Events team has been challenged to bring it on, and you can expect to hear from Mal Bruce and Michael Salter about their plans and

activities. Stay tuned for that.

Zooming in on the next meeting. We will get together on July 14th at 7:30 pm. If you have not joined us for one of these meetings you are missing out. So many of our members keep telling me how great and helpful these meetings are. We are planning to continue with Zoom meetings even after we get back to in-person pub nights. As usual we will email you an agenda and instructions for connecting to the meeting. If you have an idea for a discussion topic just send me an email.



Get ready now for the big question. You will think this is way too early but having some time to think is good. Is anyone interested in taking a position with our Executive? How about working with the Flea Market Committee? We never know when someone might step down and it is a

big help to have a volunteer waiting in the wings. As you heard last month, Steve Hall is leaving his position so we need a new Sparky Guru to take on the computer work. The job is up for bids so you better hurry if you want it!

What's in this issue?

-Chapter 3 of The cars and Boats that Donald Built

-Always a little humour

-maybe a photo blast from the past

As always, member contributions are more than welcome. If you're new here, feel free to introduce yourself via a story on how you became involved in Healeys. Or do you have an excellent tech tip to share? Please forward your piece to Amanda to include in the next Resonator!

So, this is it, THE END.....

Somebody turn off the lights!

Mike



Events & Activities—AHCSO & Of Interest

- AHCSO - Zoom Pub Meeting: Wednesday July 14, 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
Pocono Mountains, PA

Insider Info:

Mal Bruce currently has plans underway for an upcoming AHCSO Club Event!!

Stay tuned to your email for all the details.

Space is limited and pre-registration will be required in order to attend!

All the details will be sent out very soon!

Taken From the AHCSO Facebook Page:

Thank you to David Parker for sharing this image of his BT7 that he has been getting ready to enjoy very soon!

What a beautiful colour!



July “Virtual Pub”

WEDNESDAY

JULY 14, 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 JOIN THE FUN!

Club News—Executive Update

By: Amanda Yule

As noted in last month's newsletter, our club is in need of someone to take over the position of Webmaster by the end of the year.

We also need someone to step up and learn the role of Flea Market assistant.

Of course, we will always welcome any person who is interested in helping organize an event or suggest something our club can enjoy!

Basically it boils down to if we don't get the people to help run the club, the club won't run! Many hands make light work and it doesn't need to be a huge commitment!

Please reach out if interested or if you'd like to learn more.



'The Cars and Boats that Donald Built, Little Nuggets, Nuts and Bolts' *A series of articles submitted by Mike McNeely: Chapter 3*

CHAPTER 3 The Donald Healey Motor Company

The Healey Tickford and Healey Abbott

The Healey Tickford Saloon

Once again, a car powered by the 2443 cc Riley 4 cylinder engine. 222 of these 4-seater 2-door saloons were built between 1950-54. It was commissioned by Brooklands of Bond Street (a Healey agent). Healey supplied the running chassis and Tickford fitted the body to it.



The Healey Abbott Drophead Coupe

The Healey Abbott was a drophead coupe (convertible) built between 1950 and 1954. A total of 77 of this model were made. The cars had the usual Riley 2443 cc twin cam engine producing 106 bhp. With a 4 speed gearbox it could reach 104 mph. A 0-60 mph start took a neck wrenching 14.6 seconds.



The front suspension consisted of independent coil springs and trailing links. The rear consisted of a live axle, coil springs, trailing arm and a panhard rod. Healey supplied the rolling chassis and the body was made by Abbott.



Details of the sumptuous interior in the Abbott.

Heavy, Lumbering Cars - Tickford and Abbott

The cars they built in these post-war years — and this is before the Austin connection that resulted in the Austin-Healey going into production in 1953 — were, by today's standards, heavy, lumbering projectiles whose sheer kinetic energy at speed outclassed the brakes and the heart of most drivers. However, the handling was exceptional for the era and they would cruise at 80 mph all day long. While the steering was heavy, they were otherwise pleasant enough to drive and sportier than their appearance might lead you to believe.

The Abbott was introduced in late 1950 — along with the Tickford — as the second generation of Healey cars. With improved chassis and the addition of Girling brakes.

The Cars that Donald Healey Built Continued

The Start of Something Special

Healey Abbotts were built until early 1954. During this period, only 77 cars were produced, demonstrating the small company's limited production capacity — and that it was spread thin with other projects. After all, the Healey Hundred had made its debut at the 1952 London Motor Show and production of the car as the Austin-Healey 100 began in the spring of 1953. By that time, Healey's tiny company had turned much of its attention to development and refinement of the 100. Healey also was deeply involved in record-speed attempts on the Bonneville Salt Flats and entries in selected races, such as Le Mans and the Mille Miglia.

The Riley 2443 cc Twin Cam Engine-106 bhp. In various forms, the standard in all Healey cars produced to date.



Next Month- The Nash Healey's - Here's a teaser



Healey Marine

PS: I didn't forget the boats!

Mike's Funny Bone

Submitted by: Mike McNeely

The Bacon Tree

Two Mexicans are stuck in the desert after crossing into the United States, wandering aimlessly and starving. They are about to just lie down and await death when all of a sudden Luis says.....

"Hey Pepe, do you smell what I smell? Ees bacon, I theenk."

"Ees, Luis, eet sure smell like bacon."

With renewed hope they struggle up the next sand dune, and there, in the distance, is a tree loaded with bacon.

There's raw bacon, there's fried bacon, back bacon, double smoked bacon ... Every imaginable kind of cured pork.

"Pepe, Pepe, wees saved! Ees a bacon tree!"

"Luis, maybe ees a meerage? Wees in the desert don't forget."

"Pepe, since when deed you ever hear of a meerage that smell like bacon...ees no meerage, ees a bacon tree!"

And with that, Luis staggers towards the tree. He gets to within 5 metres, Pepe crawling close behind, when suddenly a machine gun opens up, and Luis drops like a wet sock. Mortally wounded, he warns Pepe with his dying breath....

"Pepe... Go back, man, you was right, ees not a bacon tree!"

"Luis, Luis mi amigo... what ees it? "

"Pepe.. ees not a bacon tree. Ees....

Ees.....

Ees....

Ees....

Ees...

Ees....

Ees..... a ham bush...."

SORRY. I know there's something wrong with me for sending you this. Just couldn't help it!

Little voices made me do it !!!

And I bet you tried to do the accent too, didn't you?

I know you did!

You are grinning.....aren't you! Hehehe..... Mike



Members Garage Projects—from Facebook



From the Doust stables

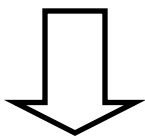




John Bridgeman's
Restoration Project

Our (Tom & Amanda) BN7
currently resembling a
Flintstone vehicle. →

New floor is waiting to go in
once Tom puts the finishing
touches on this BN2 full
restoration that is nearly done!



Items For Sale

Be sure to keep an eye on the "For Sale" page at www.ahcso.ca too!

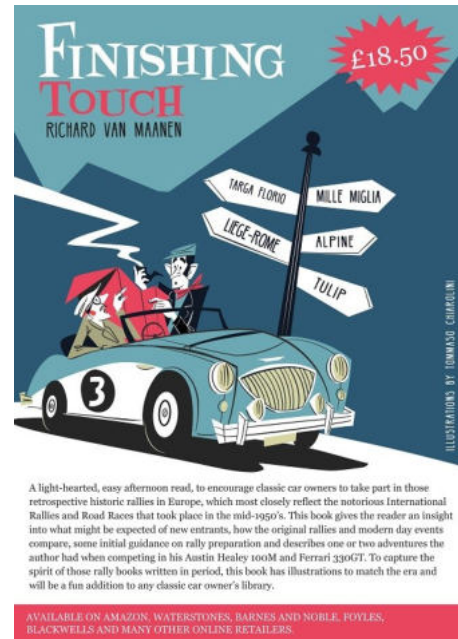
New Healey Book on the Market

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.

NEW PRICE: \$47,400.00 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

Knock-Off Spinner Tool

Please contact stevehall@cogeco.ca

This high quality tool allows the installation and removal of the eared knock-off spinners common to the Austin Healey 3000. Use your torque wrench to remove and install your wheels without bashing your chrome knock-offs with a lead hammer. This tool is very easy to use and will not harm your chrome knock-offs.

This kit comes with the tool, and adapter for 1/2" sockets and an aluminum carry case. I paid \$500 for it 12 months ago. Asking \$350.



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

A beautiful example of the T series MG's, this TC is looking for a new home! Restored throughout the 1990's in the US, it has been driven very little since coming to Canada.

Finished in black with a tan interior and top, it comes with all the documentation pertaining to the restoration. 22615 miles showing on the odometer. Comes with the original UK registration plates. Recently serviced and had the brake master cylinder and fuel sending unit replaced, this piece of automotive history is ready to be enjoyed.

Please contact Autofarm at 519-356--2427 or email at: healeyparts@autofarm.net

Asking price: \$38,500



Items For Sale Continued

Assorted Healey Parts

Please contact stevehall@cogeco.ca for these listings:

Rebuild kit for Girling Brake Servo – new. Retail price is \$80, asking \$40.

HD8 Carburetor Overflow Pipes – new. Retail is \$50, asking \$25 for both.

Top Cowl – used in good (but not concourse) condition. \$125.

Top Cowl Bonnet Grille – used in good (but not concourse) condition. \$45.

Foam for seat backs – new. Both left and right seats \$50.



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.***

Find us online at: www.ahcso.ca

Facebook:

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

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



Remember this meme poking fun at the current prices of wood from our last issue?



Well—this exact 1969 Porsche was found and bought by Richard Rawlings of Gas Monkey Garage Fame!!

How neat is that?

