



A Word from Our President:



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AT LAST!

We finally have some good news to report.

That's right!

GOOD NEWS!

Our Club is once again allowed to meet in person. We can go to a pub or other public location and hold a regular meeting. It has been a long time. There are still a few easy rules. Wear a mask when entering or leaving. Wear a mask if you are not seated at your table. Tables should be socially distanced (6 feet apart). There is no limit on how many can be seated at one table.

So, this doesn't mean we are already scheduling a meeting, only that we can if we want. The fact is we are looking at our options. We have learned that the ZOOM meetings are really very popular, especially with our more distant members. Our Executive has been looking at the options such as:

*Meet every second month, possibly in a different place each time.

*Continue with Zoom monthly.

*Do a Saturday morning 'Cars & Coffee' meeting.

*Do a brunch meeting.

*Also have pub lunches, club drives, or other events.

A special note: we need to do our best to get ALL members included. We are kind of spread out so that is hard to accomplish. Maybe we will have occasional zone meetings.

SO, THINK ABOUT THIS, send your thoughts to the Club Executives, call or email any one of us. We want to hear from you. Covid has taught us to think outside of the box. I hope it helps us get out of our shells too!

Other stuff! Mal Bruce just organized a trip to the Steel Wheel Brewery in Brantford. Imagine, WE HAD AN EVENT. YOWEE! It was a great time. We joined up with our friends from the British Sports Car Club of Hamilton. I think we had about 40 people join in. We did a picnic lunch and sampled some excellent local nectars. I am sure you will see more information and pictures of

the event later in this issue. Super! Thank you Mal Bruce!

Well, I am sure you have heard enough from me for now.

We have a great Austin Healey month coming up in August. Have a great time.

See you all at ZOOM on August 11th at 7:30 pm. No slackers, all members should join in. We miss your cute and smiley faces. Well, OK, maybe cute is pushing it into overdrive.

WHAT ELSE IS IN THIS ISSUE??

A story from Roger Bywater

Chris Sainthill has more reading recommendations.

Check out the events team news.

Some personal challenges for 'EVENTS'

What is for sale this month.

Any other stuff no one told me about.

Mike



Events & Activities—AHCSO & Of Interest

- AHCSO - Zoom Pub Meeting: Wednesday August 11, 7:30pm
- Wednesday August 18—AHCSO Lunch—More details to follow
- Wednesday September 8—Pub Meeting—details TBD
- Wednesday September 15— AHCSO Lunch—Ravine Winery-More details to follow
- Healey Summit—
September 19-23, Newport RI
- Southeastern Classic XXXIV—
Oct 21-24, Safety Harbor, FL
- ENCLAVE 2022—September 18-23
Pocono Mountains, PA

2008 Salmon BBQ at the Wilford's



First Event In A Longggg Time! *Submitted By: Malcolm Bruce*

Our first driving event since 2019 was a welcome coming out and a brief return to normality. Approximately 25 cars from the Healey club and the British Sports Car Club, as well as their drivers and navigators, enjoyed the lovely setting.

Our hosts Harold Kuret and Cindy Blair provided the picnic arrangement with table service for the beers they produce on the farm and other beverages.

It was refreshing to participate in unmasked conversations where you actually heard everything said without faking! Good to reconnect with decades old friends and look forward to seeing more of you soon.

Please mark your calendar for the next lunch August 18 (details shortly) and September 15 for our Ravine Winery lunch and tour, also more details shortly.



August “Virtual Pub”

WEDNESDAY

August 11, 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!

Steel Wheel Lunch Pictures Continued...courtesy of Mike McNeely



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Steel Wheel Lunch Pictures Continued...courtesy of Mike McNeely



Bill McNaughton, fresh from his Healey 4000 picture triumph, moved up another notch to John Barron's "Healey 5000" for some very refreshing beer.

Member Share: Original BJ8 Owner: Part 1

Submitted by: Roger Bywater

After seeing many 'Healey stories' in various publications over the years, I've had this thought of sharing part of my Healey story.

I was 23 years old when my wife and I bought our Healey. I am now turning 77 years young. The Healey has been our first & 4th child !

I have been retired for 17 years now and have just started to document our Healey life experience.

History:

I am a "Blitz baby" born in London, England. We immigrated to Toronto Canada via Halifax in January 1948 onboard the Aquitania.

My Dad's first ever car was a 1949 Austin A40 purchased in 1950.

I met Lynne in high school at the age 17 at RH King Collegiate in Scarborough Ontario. My first car in 1961 was a '49 Morris Minor I bought for \$110. Added gold painted reverse rims, port-a-walls & a whip antenna (the radio got AM only and had vacuum tubes).

I remember my first glimpse of a Healey was of an older 100-6 model in the early 60's – I liked the scale, the big motor, the big wheels, the open cockpit and the sound. It looked like it was moving while standing still. I was riding a 1952 BSA single lung 350 at that time.

From high school, Lynne went off to teachers college and soon a teaching job while I went off to study electrical engineering at the University of Toronto. Both still living at home our paths crossed in earnest in the late summer of 1966 when we thought "let's get married". Neither had any money but Lynne had a job. Having just finished 3rd year engineering, we married in June 1967 and rented the ground floor of an old house in Toronto's Beach area (our friends seriously thought we had moved to the slums – today the Beach is one of the tony areas of Toronto).

I commuted by street car through my final year at U of T and Lynne continued with her \$3,400.00 per year teaching job. We had a new bed donated by Lynne's Mom and a borrowed couch from my parents plus a 1/3 of an old pool table top on top of a glass aquarium serving as a floor seating height



Member Share: continued

eating table. Rent was \$130/month.

By March of 1968 we were still very broke and final exams were not far off. Winter was starting to let go of its grip and the annual CNE Sportsman show was on at the CNE. It was a weekend and we decided to take the streetcar to the CNE and 'walk around the show'.

Very soon after arriving at the Sportsman's show I spied an Austin Healey BJ8 slowly turning around on a large carpeted turn table. The car was in front of a 'Church Motors' (British United Automobiles 737 Church St. at Yonge Toronto 5 Ontario) sales booth. I immediately engaged a salesman and quickly stated that 'when I get a job that's the car I'm going to buy'. The salesman promptly said 'well you better hurry up they're not making them anymore' followed by 'do you want me to try to find you one?' (I guess they were just using the Healey which I believe was sold as an 'eye catcher'). After a very quick discussion with Lynne I said 'yes'. Lynne wrote out a \$50.00 deposit cheque, we continued our show tour and went home on the street car.

About two weeks passed and the phone rang. It was Church Motors saying that they had found a Healey. It was in a crate somewhere on the Canadian east coast. That's all they knew (we were hoping for British Racing green) and did I want it? The base price was \$3995.00. I said yes, Lynne went to her teachers' credit union and successfully negotiated a 5 year \$5000.00 loan.

About a week and a half later on a Saturday, Lynne & I took public transit to Church Motors and picked up a brand-new Colorado Red Austin Healey 3000 Mk III (HBJ8L/42778G) with 32 miles on the clock.

I was told HBJ8L42778G was likely built in the late fall of 1967 but with the timing of this sale it was registered officially as a 1968 vehicle in Ontario. Based on literature I've read the last Phase 2 BJ8 was number 43026 making my car the 248th from the end of production.

\$4,200.00 later for added charges, I don't recall the details of, + \$50.00 for the radio, we drove away headed to Lynne's parents' house to show off our new purchase. After car insurance and a celebratory meal out at a restaurant the \$5k had basically disappeared!

Lynne's parents were not impressed to the extent that they did not venture out to the driveway to take a look but did suggest that \$5k would have made a nice real estate down payment. After a short in house visit we said our goodbyes and Lynne and I got into the Healey parked in the driveway. As I attempted to engage reverse gear I ended up with the entire gear shift lever in my hand. The lever had completely parted from the transmission as the engine purred at idle. Lynne and I returned to her parents' house. I called Church Motors (it was still Saturday). Church sent out a technician who proceeded to basically remove the interior of our new car, seats and all, outside in the driveway. After a long time the shift lever was reinserted with retaining screws in place and finally the interior was replaced allowing us to escape.

It was now into April with my thesis review and final exams spread over 2 weeks I needed to avoid distractions. Somehow (it made total sense in 1968) I drove the Healey to the University every day to and from our house through all the final exams and thesis reviews and parked it all day on public streets like St. George. There were no parking rules or costs in those days. I was also a key organizer of our engineering off campus grad ball. It never occurred to me that I would not graduate or find a good job. Thankfully I did both!

To be continued -----including trips across the Country, the US, corporate move to Calgary, winter ski trips (studded snow tires), 3 children & a major rebuild 1987-89 -----



Me with youngest daughter Sarah & 3 of 6 grandchildren in 2019

Flashback: 2009 Southeast Classic



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 ~15 inches 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.



Items For Sale Continued

1959 Austin Healey Project Car

This is an early model 3000, 4 seater, 4 speed with electric overdrive. It has dual carburetors.

The original owner owner decided to sell as he was short of cash and my husband Bill (working at a gas station at the time) scooped it up and planned to restore it and drive it. Needless to say, life got in the way. It has been stored inside all this time. At 70 Bill has decided to let someone do it justice. The price is \$6500. We are located in Arnprior, ON 40 minutes west of downtown Ottawa. Contact **Judy Gardiner** at: admin@treedoctor.ca



1960 Austin Healey BT7

Here's a Healey that is a little bit different, but in a great way!

This BT7 has been lovingly cared for for many years by it's owner. During the restoration there were some modifications that add to the driveability of this car. The engine and gearbox have been changed to a BJ8 set-up as have the carbs. The seats are also BJ8. It has a brake booster and matching hardtop as well. The 4 fenders are fibreglass and while not original, the build was done very well!

Mechanically sound and ready to enjoy.

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

Asking price: \$45,000.00



President's Challenge

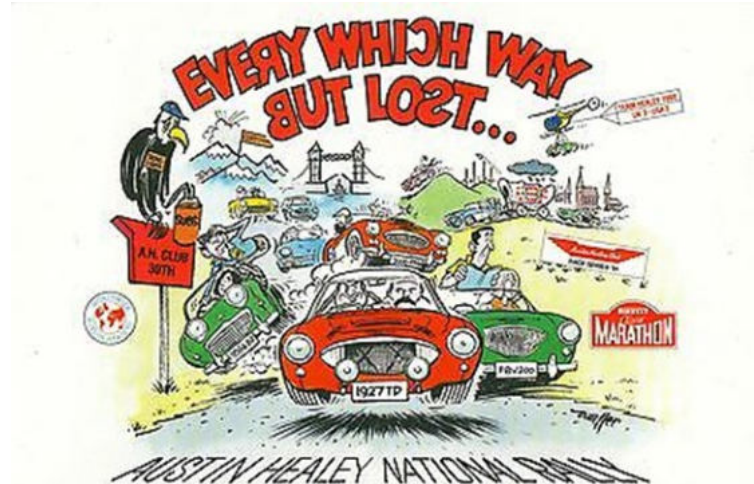
From: Mike McNeely

Hey Mal and Mike S.

Any chance you guys could organize an East and West Healey run soon?

Maybe a proper Rally?

M.M. the nagging President!



How about a Sprites only run?

Anyone for a picnic!?



And finally. Due to unfortunate time constraints and the incredible thirst of the author, the next chapter of the Cars and Boats that Donald built will be published in the September issue.

(Just for giggles, this is an authors delay tactic to increase your interest in the story and to drive you into a mad craving for more, har, har!).

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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who knew
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