

# The Resonator



## A Word from Our President:



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December is always an interesting time of the year. We sneak up on it in November hoping for NO SNOW SHOVELING! You all know how that worked out. Winter and snow have arrived.

Looking back on 2021, our Club has enjoyed a good year. A few members have moved on but more have joined us and we are growing. Covid held us up for a while but then we got our mojo back with some great events in Muskoka, Ottawa and elsewhere. Great thanks to the Salter's, Bridgeman's, Doust's and our awesome Mal Bruce.

Zooming right along (har har), the Zoom Meetings have really saved us and kept us connected. We've been able to meet, converse, share our thoughts and knowledge and have a few laughs. I am confident we will be organizing some 'in-

person' meetings in the new year too. In 2022 we have the opportunity to do both. (Did I hear anyone say something about a lunch meeting)? Another thing, the grapevine is telling me a few folks think our meetings don't necessarily accomplish much. I suppose we don't always hit a home-run but it helps when everyone is up for the game. If you attend a Zoom meeting, do you participate, or mostly just lurk in the background? Plus, what are the chances of more people attending?

Now, for those of you who have been around for a while, are you helping our new members get involved? Are you mentoring? Hey, new members! Got any great ideas or suggestions for us? Tell us about it. You are our future so thanks for joining.

BIG NEWS, the AHCA (our parent organization) has a new membership

management system from a company called Club Express. We are signed up. You will be hearing and experiencing a lot more about this from Eoin Galvin and others. In fact, the new system goes live today, Dec 1st. Stay tuned! I strongly suggest you join us at the next ZOOM meeting on Dec. 8th at 7:30 pm.

Later in this issue, look for information about the Healey Enclave in September 2022. It is the 70th anniversary of Austin Healey production.

Oh, by now you have guessed we are not doing a Christmas event this year. At our last Zoom the consensus was to leave Covid un-tempted for a little longer. You'll hear more at Zoom.

And now, let me tell you a little of what's in this month's Resonator.

Look for info about the Healey Enclave in September.

Yes, you will find a little more work has been



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

- Wednesday December 8, Virtual Pub via Zoom @ 7:30 Election Night
- January 15, 2022—TBD, more info to follow
- July 17, 2022—Brits In The Park, Lindsay

### **A Look to A Future Event:**

Enclave 2022—September 18-23, 2022

Pocono Mountains, PA

For more information or to register, please visit:

<http://www.enclave2022.org/>

### **IMPORTANT MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL INFORMATION TO COME!**

Please note that due to changes within the Austin Healey Club of America, how you pay for your club dues this coming year is changing!!

You should have received an email from AHC of America already, but stay tuned for more info from Eoin.

Be on the Zoom call on wednesday to learn more.

## *Canadian Owned Pre-Production Healeys to Attend Enclave*



*Blair Harber was kind enough to forward me a picture of AHX12 and AHX14, 2 pre-production Healeys that he is intending to have on show at Enclave 2022*



## December Zoom “Virtual Pub”

WEDNESDAY

December 8, 2021 @ 7:30PM

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

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

NEW IDEAS TO BE DISCUSSED  
DON'T MISS OUT!

## President's Winter Message Continued

By: Mike McNeely

done on my series about the  
cars and boats that Donald built.  
Enjoy I hope.

The Club Delegates Report from  
our very own Bob Yule.

Peter LoRe has a couple of old  
AH prints/ads to share.

There might be something  
funny?

And surely there will be more as  
Amanda gathers up the stuff  
and gets it published.

Time for me to stop my ramble,  
but before I do, Moira and I want  
to wish every one of you and  
your families the safest,

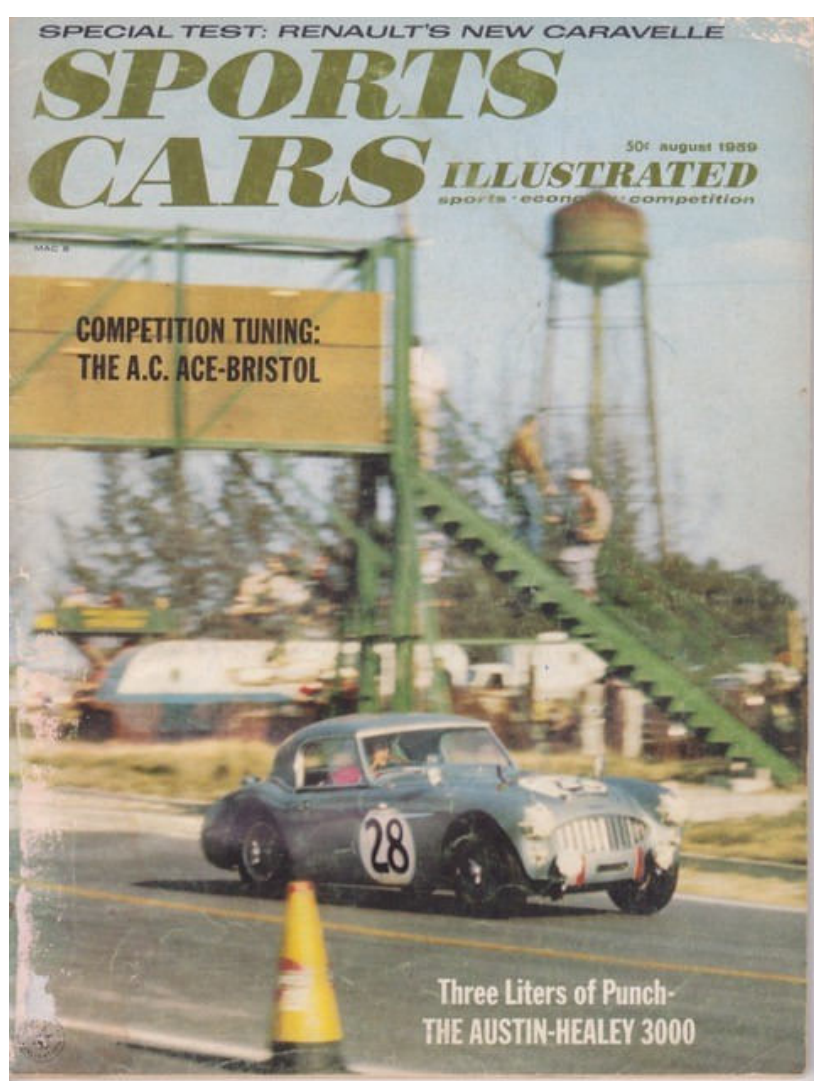
healthiest. and most blessed  
Christmas and New Year!

*Mike & Moira*



## *Blast From the Past—Vintage Healeys in Print*

*Submitted By: Peter LoRe*



## *Executive Changes*

Please make note of the changes to the AHCSO Executive that will be in effect for the next year.

Many thanks to Steve Hall and Ron Redshaw who have served on our Executive and have decided to not continue in their volunteer roles going forward.

Welcome to Peter LoRe in his new role as Regalia representative and congratulations to Geoff Turl for the change in his role.

The listing on the last page will let you know who to contact if you need to get in touch with any of the Executive.

As always, the Executive would welcome you to the group if you should desire to contribute more to your Club!



## AHCA Delegates Report

*Submitted by: Bob Yule, Delegate for AHCSO*

*Because of the continuation of Covid, the meeting held in Indianapolis, was both in person and on Zoom. There were approximately an equal number of Delegates for each.*

*After the welcome by president Gary Feldman, the roll call was taken and the minutes of the previous year's meeting were approved.*

*The area Club reports had been previously submitted, so in the interest of time they were not read.*

Leadership reports were next and were as follows:

- \*The insurance rules for speed events have changed and helmets now have to be inspected and have manufacturers tags stating age etc. Full details of the changes will be on the new website. The liability premium has increased by \$1000 and Gymkahnas etc now have an event premium of \$225.
- \*The AHCA website is now running under Club Express, Local clubs can do the same and there will be templates available.
- \*Membership stands at 2814 down from 2943. (When I started as delegate in 2006 it was 3605.)
- \*There are no new items of regalia and nothing will be done until the new website is fully functional. Then grill badges will be the first item produced.
- \*The advertising rates are due to rise and some concern was expressed by delegates who are also advertisers.
- \*Healey Marque came in at 2.2% under budget. It cost \$110371.92 to publish. Member pictures submitted for the calendar are sold out beyond 2023. The money raised (\$250 per month) is donated to the DMH fund which now stands at \$34519.00. Two \$3000 scholarships were awarded to students attending McPherson College in Kansas for auto restoration.
- \*The Quebec Club offers a seat by auction for the drivers parade that they organize at the Canadian Grand Prix. The seat for 2022 sold for \$4100. \$2800 of that goes to the DMH fund and \$1300 to the Quebec club.
- \*Conclave 2021 in Big Bear organized by the S. California club had 155 registrations. Their silent auction raised \$10,000 and they made a profit of \$3034 after repaying the AHCA seed money loan.
- \*Enclave from Sept 18-22nd in the Poconos has 70 registrations so far and is expecting 160 but hoping for 200+.
- \*There is no site for Conclave 2023 as yet. It was agreed that a committee would be formed by National to come up with a location and have clubs in that area help to organize an event. Branson Mo is being looked at. A future sit being considered is Santa Fe NM.
- \*The Future 50 program has been scrapped due to lack of interest.
- \*Bill Emerson will be told that the trophy for Best of Show that he took it upon himself to present, will not be continued as it is not an AHCA trophy and it is difficult to transport and house etc.
- \*Moss Motors asked if they could donate a trophy for a long distance award at each Conclave for the winner to keep. It was approved.
- \*Clubs with local only members that do not submit the names of these members along with the now \$10 per member for insurance by the Delegates meeting will be suspended until paid.
- \*Clubs must submit their activity and financial reports as per the by-laws before October 1st otherwise they will be contacted by the VP of club support and if no reports forthcoming they will be suspended. This will leave the club and its officers with no insurance. These reports are needed for the insurance company as most claims are for financial mismanagement and fraud.
- \*Edie Anderson was elected to the nominating committee. Other officers were elected as listed in Healey Marque.
- \*A long discussion took place to decide if the dues should be increased, or the Healey Marque go digital or reduce to six copies a year or a combination of all three. It was decided to poll the membership and to pass the budget as written leaving the dues at \$50 for this coming year.
- \*Next year the Delegates will meet in Indianapolis at the same hotel on November 12-13<sup>th</sup>.

## *The Cars and Boats that Donald Built- Chapter 5*

*Submitted by: Mike McNeely*

So, as you know I kept running out of energy & red wine. The result is that I am now a little behind in my commitment to complete this perhaps somewhat adulterated history, but be saddened no longer, for the future has brightened. The pen has 'woked'. Let me explain.

I started out with this grandiose idea that I would write yet another history of our great heroic figure. In my mind it looked easy. Well, once again I proved myself the fool rather than the expert. In fact, how little I really knew and in fact even now, know.

So, along the journey I resorted to skulking around the internet to find the secret stuff, the little nuggets that no one had yet revealed. I had hoped to find that as-yet unknown little nugget of golden knowledge. History has already been well documented. You all know I found nothing! In my possession are several Austin Healey books and histories that became my regular research and reading. Books by none other than Geoffrey Healey himself, Anders Ditlev Clausager and of course, Bill Emerson. Wow, these guys know their stuff. Or do they?

Well, I put a few chapters together and frankly have felt good with the effort to get it ALL into one place so to speak. You have seen this work in prior issues of the Resonator. Amateurish I know, but it kept me out of the pubs!

Now I want to let you know that there was indeed something to be learned. I started trying to find out how many of each model did they make. Those fella's listed above do not agree on the numbers! They are all off by just a few cars but in the real world, how do you miss a whole car? Several cars? Maybe my next big effort will be to try to explain that but not now. (The authoring is still tiring on occasion). I will say that even Geoff Healey got it wrong, and he was the keeper of knowledge, right?

Okay, what do I have for you today? It is a simple chart, based on my research of all the sources I have found to date. (No doubt there is more still to be read, and yet more will still differ).

What can be found in this chart? Down the left most column is a list of every (slight exceptions to be explained later) car and boat that Donald built. At the bottom of the second column, you will see this adds up to a total of 223,397 cars and boats (vehicles). You will also see the total production of each model over it's production years.

I included the boats. Donald loved to waterski and he loved boats. Somewhere along the line he decided to build boats. That becomes more important because I have learned the boats were quite profitable. Not so much the cars because the British government levied killer taxes on automobiles. By the way, this whole story is about the cars and **boats** that Donald built.

Remember I mentioned the total was not the whole story. Why, there were as many as 350 more or less special construction/prototype/ race models/custom builds that were a big part of Donald's fascination with racing/speed/endurance/ record setting. Donald loved to go fast, and

## *Donald Healey Continued*

he was very, very good at it.

OK, moving on. Please refer to the chart shown on page 8.

Now you might notice some blue squares/cells with an 'S' (start of production year) or an 'F' (finish of production). FYI, I refuse to explain the dash.

Here is my big revelation for this chapter. If you glance down the columns, especially in the years 1950 through 1960, you can see just how many different projects and vehicles Donald had to focus on at any given time. Now check the production numbers for those models. And now, think about all the time Donald and Geoffrey spent travelling to various speed venues, races and other events to promote our favorite cars and their brand.

My conclusion...these guys were incredibly busy and the sum-total of their achievements is truly astonishing and nothing less than remarkable.

They still found time to waterski! Wow!

\*\*\*Turn to page 8 to view an illustration representing the production numbers and models.

## *Mike's Funny Bone*

*Submitted by: Mike McNeely*

#1

*So, let's face it! We all know about political correctness, right? Well, check it out!*

To: D A MacArthur/C H Nimitz

From: H S Truman

Political Correctness is a doctrine, recently fostered by a delusional, illogical minority and promoted by a sick mainstream media, which holds forth the proposition that it is entirely possible to pick up a piece of shit by the clean end!



#2

*Be sure to look for the photo on the last page. It is extremely rare that anyone would be lucky enough to observe a Falcon nesting in a tree. Even more rare to actually get a photo! The image is posted at the end of the Resonator.*

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## *Flashback To A Fabulous Trip*

*Submitted by Geoff & Carol Turl*



Picture from the South Dakota trip...a stop at Lake Superior. Sept 3, 2019  
Thought it was a good reminder that we actually do, do things together. Lots of us.  
Better times will come again.

## *Head's Up—EVENT COMING!!!*

**Please mark your calendars for an upcoming  
event on**

**SATURDAY JANUARY 15, 2022**

**More details regarding times, locations etc  
will follow.**

**Watch your email!**



## Items For Sale

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

### Knock-Off Spinner Tool & More

I have several Healey tools for sale:

Click-adjust wrench – used to set rocker clearances – \$60.00. Moss part number 386-205.

Front Pulley Socket – 1-11/16" from Dennis Welch Racing fits 1/2" wrench- \$25. Fits BN1-BJ8.

Socket for Rear Bearing Nut – 2-3/16" fits 1/2" wrench- \$25

SU Carb kit – \$20. Moss part number 386-300.

Wrench for removal of Overdrive oil drain plug – \$20. Fits BN7 to BJ8.

Knock-off Spinner Tool: 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.

Pickup is in Oakville.

Please contact [stevehall@cogeco.ca](mailto:stevehall@cogeco.ca)



### 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](mailto:eddog@sympatico.ca)

### 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)





## *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)

## *1967 Austin Healey BJ8*

Just in time for Christmas and fresh on the market!

Restored in the 1990's, this BJ8 has not had many miles put on it in recent years. It is finished in beige metallic gold over cream white with a nice, black interior.

We have just reviewed the mechanics on this car and have replaced what was necessary. There are some items that could use finishing like the boot and the interior aluminum and kick panels to take this car to the next level.

It shows nicely, has a solid frame and is in overall great condition. We are open to offers.

Asking price: \$55,000.00

Please contact Autofarm for an appointment to view.

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



## 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  
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through continued use,  
mutual enjoyment and  
sustained support.***

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### *Mike's Funny Bone Continued....*

The much anticipated  
punch line from page 7....



*Merry Christmas*



### *Editor's Note:*

I hope you have enjoyed another year of The Resonator! Many thanks to the contributors over the past months that have helped us get through another year for the books.

Just a note that there will not be a 'normal' Resonator for January, but I will send out a supplemental to include any updates for upcoming events.

Wishing you and yours a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Amanda